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From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 09:03:20 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 12:17:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Brock

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 06:04:19 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

>Well, how many times does this has to happen over the past 50+  
>years before we "get it" and see the pattern? Credible seeming  
>scientists, ranking military officers and others who suddenly  
>spout off about crashed saucers, alien bodies, or live alien-  
>government "meetings" or captures??

Hi, Brad,

I would like to address the above comment. Regarding other elements of your latest response to me, I have no comment, as yet.

I haven't sat down and made a list of "credible seeming scientists, ranking military officers," etc., " who suddenly spout off about crashed saucers," etc...., i.e., who have "done the dirty deed" over the last fifty years. If you have such a list, lay it on me. I don't say that cynically, but seriously. If you have such a list, I'd like to see it sometime, and hear your rationale as to why each individual is on the list.

Let's make this explicit: You're seriously suggesting that these are people who are deliberately concocting falsehoods so as to discredit "serious ufology," and are (presumably) in the payola of some government entity? If so, it still doesn't really sound right - I mean, "ufology" is quite adept at doing a hack-and-slash job on itself, considering the proliferation of starry-eyed New Age types (the "anything goes" crowd), the ufologist "posers", the "gold diggers," the "probably insane," the "pathological liars," etc., ad nauseum. I'm not going to start naming names, because that will just open multiple cans of worms. Visit the "UFO Hall of Shame:"

<http://www.ufowatchdog.com/hall11.html>,

and consider that the people listed here are probably just the tip of the iceberg, and are listed mainly because their idiocy is so blatant.

Understand that my comments here are not intended as "debate," or to be condescending. They are simply my honest reactions and thoughts in regard to the matter you have set forth.

Best,

Rod

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# UFO Updates

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This newsletter would not be possible without the contributions of the authors and the research of our staff members, especially Louise Lowry (WOTS founder and co-owner). Many thanks to you all.

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#1. New attempt to unravel Tunguska mystery

New attempt to unravel Tunguska mystery

18:04 2004-07-23

A new expedition has headed from Krasnoyarsk to Evenkia (central part of the vast Krasnoyarsk territory) to see into the real nature of the phenomenon widely known as the Tunguska meteorite.

Researchers will seek material evidence denying the main version of the century-old events. According to this version, a huge meteorite fell down in the taiga on June 30, 1908.

"We intend to find proofs that not a meteorite but an extraterrestrial spaceship clashed with the Earth," expedition chief Yuri Labvin, heading the Tunguska Space Phenomenon public foundation, told journalists.

Using metal detectors, 14 members of the expeditions want to examine the taiga near Poligus township and the Stony Tunguska River.

The search area is located 500 km to the west of the site where previous expeditions were looking for the meteorite's remains.

According to Mr. Labvin, space photographs of this region show the presence of metallic debris, which can be related to a technogenic catastrophe, which occurred here 100 years ago.

The expedition will return to Krasnoyarsk on August 5.

Web link:

<http://newsfromrussia.com/science/2004/07/23/55206.html>

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#2. Special Announcement(s)

Due to popular request, we have added a new Video Download feature to the WOTS website

Video Downloads section. In an effort to preserve our bandwidth, full access to this section is available to site members. Non-members are welcome to browse and read the descriptions, but in order to download the files, you must be a signed in member. Remember, Membership is absolutely FREE.

Many thanks to those who requested this feature and to Louise for her persistence in seeing that it was implemented.

If you have something that you would like to share with the WOTS community, please let us know. If you send us a Video clip, we can post it to the site and give you full credit for it.

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#3. UFO History Has Come Full Circle (By Larry W. Bryant)

...During our documentary show-and-tell, the businessman passed around photo-copies of a heretofore unpublicized, two-page, "RESTRICTED" USAF telegram, dated Dec. 21, 1952. (The date has special meaning for the businessman; for in that same year, he and a couple of fellow students had witnessed a classic "flying saucer" in the skies of Tennessee.)

Since the teletype message retains the identity of the two fighter-pilot witnesses to the nighttime encounter, we can conclude that the printout of this raw-intelligence report somehow escaped the privacy sanitization that occurred upon USAF Project Blue Book records' transfer to the U. S. National Archives and Records Service. Indeed, according to the businessman, he'd acquired his copy from a former communications NCO of the 4418th Communications Group at Donaldson Air Force Base in Greenville, S.C. Apparently, the airman had purloined this copy as a souvenir from the worldwide UFO "flap" of 1952.  
For more, see:

<http://www.worldofthestrane.com/nlv1661.html>

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#4. Poll - Why don't we go back to the moon?

Why don't we go back to the moon?

Cost too much  
There is nothing else to see there  
Aliens told us to stay away  
We have been sending secret missions all along  
We never went in the first place  
Don't know

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Vote on this and other polls

If you have a poll question that you would like hundreds of people to answer, please send feedback to us and we may use your question next month.

Web link:

<http://www.worldofthestrangle.com/surveys.html>

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#5. Feeling Is Believing? (By Lee Dye (ABCNEWS.com ))

Researchers at Harvard University called on aliens from outer space to help them solve a problem that surfaces frequently in everything from therapeutic sessions to criminal trials, or even just chatting with a friend. How do you know if someone is telling the truth when he or she recalls memories of childhood abuse, or being raped by satanic cults, or some other traumatic insult?

One clue that many of us rely on is the emotional reaction of the person telling the story. If the victim breaks out in sweat and becomes extremely emotional while recalling those memories, it's more difficult to dismiss them as false.

But all that really means is the person truly believes his or her memories are true, not that they really are, according to the researchers.

"The person really believes something happened," says Richard McNally, a clinical psychologist and professor of psychology at Harvard, lead author of a study in the July issue of Psychological Science. "But that doesn't necessarily mean it did."

For more, see:

<http://www.worldofthestrangle.com/nlv1667.html>

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We do not resell or share our user information with anyone. The information is maintained only to allow you access to the premium features for the website.

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#6. New crater revives Moon mystery

A mysterious flash on the Moon caught on camera 50 years ago is

still provoking disagreements about its origin. Astronomer Bonnie Buratti says her new results show that the flash was caused by a 20- metre asteroid hitting the Moon.

If Buratti is right, such impacts may be more frequent than thought - about once every 30 years on the Earth, and every 500 years on the Moon. But other asteroid watchers think the flash was due to a small meteor burning up in Earth's atmosphere.

For more, see:

<http://www.worldofthestrane.com/nlv1659.html>

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#7. Website Of The Month - The Why? Files Network (By: Neal - WOTS Staff)

"UFOs exist-like it or not very few people now deny their existence" ----The Why ? Files Network

The Why? Files Network is a website, which dances with electricity. The instant you enter the home page you become dazzled and dizzy by the amount of information that this website offers.

Established in September of 1999, The Why? Files main goal is to introduce and orient the public to the UFO phenomenon. Through first-hand accounts, theories and research, this site offers all of the latest and up-to date information.

=46rom first-hand accounts of veteran pilots to those people most familiar with some of the most controversial UFO stories, The Why? Files Network is a compilation of writers, researchers and photographers whose work will tantalize the palette of Ufologists and drive the dedicated researcher into a paranormal frenzy.

=46rom alien abductions to V-Shaped UFOs, The Why? Files is an educational asset as well as useful tool to the UFO community and her investigators.

----- c.Neal McLaughlin July 2004 - WOTS Editorial Staff

At 4-47 p.m. the object impacted in the woods close to the village of KECKSBURG, Westmoreland County in south-western Pennsylvania, about forty miles south-east of Pittsburgh. A number of KECKSBURG residents became aware of the object crashing when they observed a column of blue smoke ascending from the woods near the small town.

A seven year old boy who actually witnessed the object crash described it as "a star on fire". His mother remarked: "There was a column of blue smoke rising through the trees=E2=80=A6 there was another brilliant object hanging above the tree line and to the left of the smoke column, resembling a four-pointed star".

-----The KECKSBURG Incident  
The Why? Files Network

Web link:

<http://www.thewhyfiles.net/>

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#8. Discussion Forum Focus

Come join in on our discussion forums. These are a few of the topics you can find there.

my opinions on what crop circles may be i believe some are not faked. if anyone has read the bible codes will know:

2004: there will be a guided missile attack on NYC (maybe september again)

2005: there will be a smallpox attack on israel

2006: there will be a nuclear holocaust in jerusalem

the 'visions' of nostradamus collide spectacularly with the

bible- code and his ultimate vision was of the visitation of life 'elsewhere'.

Read More...

Plus hundreds of postings (the forum is searchable)

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#9. UFO WAR (Robert A. Goerman)

I cordially invite you and your readers to follow my latest novel, "UFO WAR," for FREE as it is created online at:

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ufo\\_war](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ufo_war)

My sci-fi thriller details how our "secret war on nonhumans" originated in 1975.

Please spread the word and tell your family and friends.

Thank you for your time and patience.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Goerman

[http://profiles.yahoo.com/robert\\_a\\_goerman](http://profiles.yahoo.com/robert_a_goerman)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Born March 3, 1952, Robert A. Goerman is a native of New Kensington, Pennsylvania. You've seen him on Unsolved Mysteries and The Unexplained on the Lifetime and A&E television networks. The History Channel found him working on both sides of the camera for History's Mysteries and Incredible But True? His writings have appeared in national magazines and served as source material for several popular books on the paranormal. One FATE article on UFOs was reprinted in Extraterrestrial Life, (ISBN 0737704616) a Contemporary Issues Companion anthology for the high school level published by the prestigious Greenhaven Press. Racking up 5-STAR reviews, his debut novel, Himmler's War, (ISBN 1591297370) unleashed "the most thrilling UFO action since... ever."

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We are seeking to bring back the WOTS Award Of Excellence program that was started several years ago by Louise Lowry (the founder of WOTS). With the huge number of really great web sites available today, It is becoming more difficult to select those sites that deserve recognition for their efforts and excellence. The goal of this program is to seek out, evaluate and/or judge paranormal related web sites to determine a single monthly web site that will be awarded the prestigious World Of The Strange Award Of Excellence. Be a part of the team that accomplishes this.

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#### Graphics Work

=46rom time-to-time we are in need of some graphic logos and icons for the website. If you have the ability and time to create some of these items, please let us know.

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#### #10. Miscellaneous Commentary (By C.A. Honey)

At the time of this writing I have spent over seventy-four years trying to understand this planet. I give up. It seems humanity in general hasn't learned a thing in all these years. This commentary on various subjects from smoking, to crop circles, to flying saucers, and to other pertinent subjects, will give you who have followed my writing for over 40 years, a better perspective as to the present situation occurring on this planet.

For more, see:

<http://www.worldofthestrangle.com/nlv1660.html>

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#### #11. Anomalies Found in Roswell Metal (By: David E. Twichell)

In 1996, Linda Moulton Howe, UFO investigator and author, submitted a piece of metal to biophysicist W. C. Levengood, of Grass Lake, Michigan, for analysis. The metallic fragment is alleged to have come from the debris field of the famous Roswell, New Mexico UFO crash of 1947.

(\*). "From Electron Microscope and EDS (Electron Dispersive Spectroscopy) studies it was shown that the metal was composed of contiguous layers of pure bismuth (Bi) and layers of magnesium (Mg) containing between 2-3 percent zinc (Zn). The Electron Microscope images disclosed that Bi layers are in the range of 1-4 microns thick and the Mg layers 100-200 microns in thickness. When examined in cross section, it was apparent that the layers were not smooth and straight but rather contained micro-undulations.

"One of the visits during Linda's Odyssey was at the Carnegie Institute, Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, where she arranged for an Ion Microprobe - Isotope analysis of the Bi/Mg sample. In the final report by Dr. Erik Hauri, there are two findings, which stand out as being highly anomalous. For more, see:

<http://www.worldofthestrangle.com/nlv1668.html>

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#### #12. Why Don't Pilots See UFOs?

These arguments offered by James McDonald in 1968 are as relevent today as they were then. James wasn't of the opinion that UFO were necessarily interstellar craft, he simply felt that the question of the existence of unidentified aerial phenomena had not been adequately examined and deserved the attention of science.

James was, by the accounts of his co-workers, a tireless scientist who was interested in just about everything. Though he worked for the Atmospheric Physics department at the University of AZ in Tuscon, he was known for delving into many diverse studies of the physical universe. His interests ranged from determining if a lighter baseball bat swung faster would cause a baseball to fly farther, to trying to identify the source of a UFO report. He was a dedicated scientist who was widely published both inside and outside of his discipline of choice, atmospheric physics. For those interested in learning more about Dr. James McDonald, NARCAP recommends reading "Firestorm: Dr. James E. McDonald's Fight for UFO Science" by Ann Druffel. For more, see:

<http://www.worldofthestrangle.com/nlv1665.html>

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#13. Fatima Prophecies

On May 13, 1917 a luminous Apparition of the Virgin Mary appeared to three peasant children and delivered a prophecy that would change the world.

Investigations into the Fatima event have proved that the miracle of October 13, 1917 was seen over an area of 32 miles by 20. An area of over 600 square miles.

The three children - Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco took their flock of sheep to a natural hollow in the ground known as the Cova da Iria to graze, just outside the town of Fatima in Portugal. While the sheep were grazing the children began to play. Suddenly there was a flash of lightening. The children looked up, bewildered into the sky. The day was quiet pleasant and there was no sign of a storm. They started to gather the sheep thinking a storm was brewing in the distance when there was a second flash that caused total concern. For more, see:

<http://www.worldofthestrangecom/nlv1666.html>

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#14. The Atlantis Tesla Connection on CD-ROM Disc

We are posting this message here because Doug is a long-time contributor of quality newsletter articles for our newsletter. I know that for me, it is much easier for me to read books on the computer than in a printed format. Please consider purchasing the signed CD-ROM disc...

HI. I am Doug Yurchey; author of 'The Atlantis Tesla Connection' and I am pleased to announce (before its publication) a signed cd-rom disc of my entire manuscript. This could be a big collector's item as I believe I've written the New Chariots of the Gods. I am selling the disc for \$10.00 which includes its case, cover-art, mailer and postage. It is nearly 300 pages in Microsoft Word that contain revolutionary and unique ideas never before published. The disc also has photographs, graphic illustrations and beautiful artwork.

If you are interested in purchasing this informative collector's item, simply send \$10.00 cash, check or M.O. to: Doug Yurchey - 18615 Bryant Street - Northridge, CA. 91324.

The following is a list of concepts covered in the manuscript: A new view of Tesla, Atlantis and their incredible relationship; Tesla's wireless system is the system of the future and solves the mysteries in the distant past; the locations of Atlantis are illustrated as well as what powered this long lost empire; Human History is completely rewritten; personal letters from the man who may have been Tesla's son!; the most extensive study of High Technology in the BIBLE; a new look at Nostrodamus and how he has predicted current events; the reality of the work of Edgar Cayce, reincarnation and the Shroud of Turin; new views on space or how things we assume are natural are really artificial and the result of ancient intelligences; personal experiences and an exclusive interview of Uri Geller; my prediction of the 10th planet's distance came true!

(There are e-mails from a number of you who will receive this e-mail in a large E-mail Section). There is also an expanded interview of me where I describe my Close Encounter back in the 70s and a number of amazing experiences and information.



Finally, there are my Grand Conclusions of the ancient past and the far future; how they could be exactly the same. In these pages, there is the possible Purpose of the Human Race! These are unique and positive revelations. 30 years of research has been synthesized into a convincing theory that THE PAST WAS THE FUTURE AND THE FUTURE WILL BE THE PAST. No other book will ever teach you more. Thank you...

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Submission deadlines: We typically finalize the preparation of the newsletter 1 week prior to it being published. All submissions for the next newsletter need to be submitted prior to that time.

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## Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Brock

From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 09:56:23 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 12:32:14 -0400  
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>From: Alfred Webre <[EcoRadio.nul](mailto:EcoRadio.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 02:04:42 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races

>Here is Dr. Michael Salla's email to me: "As far as the UFO  
>updates message from Errol is concerned, I'm glad it resolved  
>itself well, and was only an innocent case of mistaken  
>identity. I'm sure it will happen from time to time so we'll  
>just have to educate the public about our respective  
>websites."

"Educate" the public, indeed.

>My website is:  
>[Exopolitics.com](http://Exopolitics.com)

Interesting. The two exopolitics guys cross paths on the UpDates List. What do you think, Brad? ;-)

Please, bear with me through the following. I tie it together at the end. Basically, the following is being thrown out for discussion.

I had a look at Mr. Webre's webpage. Very curious. It seems that the Earth is under "quarantine." Consider the following brief description of this "quarantine" from that page:

"Earth is isolated because it is under intentional quarantine by a structured, rational Universe society. There are signs around us of a Universe initiative to reintegrate Earth into interplanetary society. It is possible that Earth may be permitted to rejoin Universe society, under certain conditions, or at a future time certain."

Now, consider the following synopsis of C.S. Lewis' famous novel, "Out of the Silent Planet." As background, "Ransom" is a middle aged professor, Elwin Ransom, who ends up on Mars with some gold-hungry thugs:

"Ransom eventually is sent (or called) to meet the guardian angel of the planet, its Oyarsa. From the Oyarsa he learns much about the spiritual structure of the universe: about spiritual hierarchies, about the pervasiveness of spirit life throughout the heavens (which, he discovers, is the proper name for what we call "outer space"), and about a war in heaven in which the guardian angel of our planet rebelled against the Old One [God], was defeated, and was hurled back to Earth, or Thulcandra. After that occurred it was called the "silent planet", because it was fallen, out of touch and communication with the rest of the universe. From Ransom the Oyarsa learned the strange story of how the Old One sent his son, Maleldil [Christ], to the Silent Planet, to renew his communication with it."

Source: Literary Encyclopedia: Peter Schakel, Hope College

<http://www.litencyc.com/php/sworks.php?rec=true&UID=12301>

Now, let us consider that most of the contactee cults of the 1950s shared certain characteristics:

1.) Central figure makes contact with extraterrestrials who are concerned about us and the problems we are engendering by misuse of technology on our planet. Then, the central theme was "the bomb." The aliens wanted to help us; to "save us from ourselves."

2.) Most incorporated Christian philosophies in a hodgepodge mix with various "mystical" eastern/Theosophical ideas.

I recall, from a course I took in college, studying the concept of a "rejuvenation," or "revitalization movement," in the religious sense. One possible way to view the apparition of Christ was as such a movement: Judaism at that time had become utterly bound up in its traditions to exclusion of spirituality (or, at least this was Christ's accusation) and when Christ came he "revitalized" that religion, which went on to actually form an offshoot religion, Christianity.

Viewing the contactee movements in light of this, they seem to have been, in a sense, failed (horribly) attempts at revitalization movements. Christianity proper, in cooperation with the secular government, having sanctioned the overrunning of North America through the proliferation of the concept of "Manifest Destiny," may be perceived as having become "stale," or rigid. Needing of revitalization. Aspiring charismatic latches onto the UFO furor, creates benevolent aliens who are Christians and/or Mystics and want to save us from the bomb. Instant 20th century religious revitalization movement.

Leap ahead now to the early 21st century, and Alfred Webre's "exopolitics." Note how the "quarantine premise" resembles C.S. Lewis' Christian allegory in "Out of the Silent Planet." Note how Webre, on his webpage, represents "renewal of communication" as a favorable thing, and refers to pressing ecological, among other, problems:

"Open interaction with Universe society could yield fairly rapid results in forestalling our ecological crisis, and elevating human society. New energy non-polluting energy sources - of human design and application could at last be made available without their inventor's fearing assassination by petroleum and nuclear interests. Our petroleum civilization would be stalemated and made obsolete. Universe society's laws and institutions prohibit war as a conflict resolution mechanism. The ruling terrestrial elites - and the permanent war economy - have historically used war as a key means of production and power."

From: exopolitics.com

Considering all the factors I have discussed here, I suggest that "exopolitics," be it the philosophy of Salla or Webre, is essentially a highly secularized version of a contactee cult. Among the differences from the fifties cults are: generalization of the alien leader(s) of the fifties into either a Universal Society (Webre) or 57 different races of aliens which interact with the black government (Salla). Ergo, "Orthon" is now the "Universe Society." The blatantly religious elements (e.g., Van Tassel singing hymns with his followers, etc.) have also been dropped, but the concept of the "world in quarantine," needing to be "saved" by the benevolent Universe Society remains. Similarly, in Salla's version, there are certain races which are capable of "saving" us, although there are certain other ones that are less benevolent.

It makes even more sense when we consider that Salla's professional career in teaching was concerned with the political aspects/problems involved in the implementation of world peace.

Finally, the couching of all this in the language of academia is deliberate; an attempt to lend credibility to, as well as soften the shock of making bizarre and unproven statements about multiple alien races with their sights set on Earth.

Best,  
Rod

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THE MAGONIA EXCHANGE LIST  
Collecting and sharing accounts  
of anomalous aerial phenomena  
from antiquity up to 1947.  
[http://nocturnal\\_lights.tripod.com/magoniax](http://nocturnal_lights.tripod.com/magoniax)

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## Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30 - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
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>>>All Martian meteorites traveled here via very long elliptical  
>>>routes (much longer than the 52 million miles to which you  
>>>refer) with no protection from cosmic rays and solar wind, as  
>>>evidenced by their cosmic ray exposure ages. The Cosmic Ray  
>>>Exposure (CRE) age of a Martian meteorite is the length of time  
>>>from ejection off Mars until its fall onto the Earth's surface.

>>There may be a large uncertainty in our understanding of where  
>>some of these meteorites, discovered mostly on Antarctica, came  
>>from. As I understand it, there are 5 or 6 times as many found  
>>from Mars as from the Moon. Why isn't the ratio at least that  
>>much the other way around, considering the Moon's lesser gravity

>Jim,

>The moon is much smaller than Mars. It attracts far fewer  
>objects. Mars attracts many more objects with which to impact  
>than the moon. Earth shields the moon from many objects which  
>might have impacted it. For any impact debris to travel from the  
>moon to Earth, it would have to leave the moon in a very narrow  
>range of incident angles. For impact debris to travel from Mars  
>to Earth would not require a direct angle, since it's so the  
>debris could just float aimlessly until attracted by Mars'  
>neighbor... Earth. ...

Kyle,

I rather doubt that line of reasoning, which implies that a huge  
amount of debris should be shed from Jupiter that would end up  
on neighboring planets!

It would be good to hear from a planetary astronomer about this.

Jim Deardorff

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Sparks

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>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>Hi, Brad,

>>I don't think it is fair that I should have to self-censor  
>>myself to word things in such an butt-kissing way that it is  
>>utterly dull,

>I think you've identified the problem right there, confusing  
>courtesy to colleagues with "butt-kissing". I do know that under  
>no circumstances would I make sweeping, self-righteous charges  
>against all ufologists - not if I expected to be heard.

<snip>

Hi Jerry,

I think we've isolated the source of the problem alright, it's that you rankle at the "sweeping" nature of my mild technical comments on UFO methodology and you call them "self-righteous" (and previously you accused me of calling people "fools and idiots" when I made very mild criticisms of technical methodology and never used any words even suggesting personal slurs like "fools and idiots") If they were "self-righteous" that would mean that I am "righteously" pursuing that which I claim others to be failing to do. Well I'm not doing the ETH modeling either, so your "self-righteous" slur at me is invalid and you really need to stop this kind of ad hominem just because I make "sweeping" criticisms that are dead on-target.

I stand by my "sweeping" criticisms and challenge you once again for about the 4th or 5th time to quote me the UFO researcher who has done actual numerical modeling of ETH in a testable way so that we are not vulnerable to the biases of SETI doing it "for us" and coming up with predictable anti-UFO results. I have said I know of no such quantitative testable ETH modeling by the UFO community and that "interesting writing on ETH" is palpably not the same thing.

I have also said repeatedly that I would be delighted to find some overlooked body of literature on ETH model building. This could be the foundation of scientific study of UFO's. Your response seems to be that this would somehow ignore the UFO observational data. I keep pointing out that is not how theory and observation interact in science (extreme empiricists shun theory and extreme theoretists shun data, both extremes are improper science). And I keep having to reiterate again and again that if you want to ensure that UFO observations are not



given the shaft in theoretical work then you (the editorial "you") in the UFO community need to do your own theoretical work and make sure that does not happen, that UFO data are not ignored or given short shrift!

Remember this thread started with a SETI advocate (Shostak) debating a UFO advocate (Friedman). I responded by pointing out that SETI has been doing our work for us by trying to model ETH for us, but we in the UFO community refuse to do it at all. SETI I said has done "negative campaigning" and a few in the UFO community such as Friedman have done some counter-negative campaigning, but what we need is "positive campaigning" where the UFO community does a better job at ETH modeling than SETI has done. I cannot see how you can argue against that except with "extreme empiricism" that improperly rejects theoretical work, using an array of invalid excuses (e.g., that theory work would wipe out data, just because debunkers attempt such phony arguments, that "magic levels" of alien technology always trump any modeling of say 22nd century technology levels even before anything is tried, that aliens will always have to be assumed to be so "alien" and non-human that human thought can never be used as a model and we can never understand alien thought -- even though "aliens" have humanoid bodies, yet they cannot have "humanoid thoughts"???)

You seem to act like there are some "colleagues" out there who would be offended by even the mildest of methodological criticisms who would be upset at my "sweeping" all-inclusiveness, because I missed them, excluded them and their ETH modeling. But I don't see anyone in the UFO community doing the positive testable ETH model building who could be offended that I overlooked them. They would have to exist first before they could get "righteously" offended that I said they did not exist! You keep bringing up Ashpole who is a SETIian, who is not even in the UFO community! Where has Swords proposed a testable quantitative ETH model? Where has he or anyone else followed up and tested it and/or built on it further? Vallee critiqued ETH but no one has followed it up with any model building. If you don't like his assumptions then propose your own and do a better job. This is model building. I use the word "offended" here somewhat tongue-in-cheek because just overlooking someone should not really "offend" them when I keep saying if you know someone I am overlooking then please let me know!

Brad Sparks

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## HBCCUFO Research Recently Reported - 07-31-04

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HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

Lethbridge, Alberta Three Disks Flying In V Formation

Date: Late July 1976

My sighting of UFOs has baffled me for more than 25 years. The first sighting was in 1976 late July I seen three disks flying in V formation. They were grey in color with a touch of lead. The size of the objects was 30 meters by 20 meters. I scale seemed larger as they hovered 20 meters ahead of me when I notice them. I was on a dirt bike going east as I approached the crest on the hill near my friends house I looked up and seen the three disks they were going northwest in formation. I turned to look at my friends location they were behind me coming over the hill were in shock and stopped I speed towards the UFOs was directly below the objects. I stopped my bike and heard nothing. I turned to towards the UFOS and began chase. The chase didn't last more than 1 minute the closer I got the further they moved silently towards the Belly Buttes lactated on the Blood Reserve and disappeared over the horizon several minutes later. Later that night we heard on the radio there was a report of an Large orange ball of light appeared and speed off into the sky from someones back yard in Lethbridge.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Lethbridge, Alberta Dozens Of Objects Moving

Date: 1977

I spent many nights on my parent's roof star glazing. And one night year later in Lethbridge late October I was about to see something truly unbelievable dozens of what appeared to be stars began to change their positions very fast in the night sky they stopped on a dime and move very fast to other positions in different formations. This lasted for a few minutes then they just disappeared. the next night I took a friend and we waited no longer then 5 minutes then the same objects appeared out of nowhere and began to dance in formation again this lasted for 20 minutes then stopped again we waited for hours and nothing happened again I was looking at the night sky for months after that but never seen them again Until 1982 and 1992 .

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Woodbridge, Ontario Unusual Bright Light

Date: 2001

I had a telephone call from an fellow who told me of a sighting his two brothers had back in 2001. The two brothers had just come home from seeing a movie, they were standing on the families driveway talking to one another when one looked up and saw an extremely bright light and of course pointed this out to

his brother. I was told the light had moved across the night sky rather quickly and thought it was a shooting star because it disappeared really fast. The brothers thought it was pretty neat seeing this and as they watched the light reappeared in another part of the sky but closer to the horizon. It then moved in the opposite way from when it was shooting downward. The light moved to the right, then left and then came to a complete stop. From it's stationary position it then shot straight upwards and disappeared. It was the last time they observed it. It was a steady light, nothing flashing on it at all. It never left a trail behind it at anytime in the sighting.

Thank you to the person for this report.

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Louisiana, USA Lights And Mississippi Unknown Over My Home

I have had several experiences with lights in the past several years. I lived in Louisiana when I first saw the lights. Maybe "orbs"...? I don't know what they were. I can best describe them as balls of light/energy which streaked across the sky at close range. The first time I saw them they were near rooftop of the building where I lived which was a single story building. I thought they might have been roman candles, but bigger and not colored. They flashed across the yard, over the rooftop and vanished, fizzled out. No sound, smell, nothing...They had to be at least 20 feet off the ground. I can't say exactly, but not way up in the sky. Then a year of so later, at another location in (near New Orleans) Louisiana, I, my son, and another friend saw them one night. Same thing. Close to ground, fizzled out. Like streaking light in a ball. Hazy, not solid.Fast. Silent. And in Mississippi, near here, I saw them on two occasions. Same thing.

Interesting thought...When I saw the L.A.ones witnessed by my son and friend, the thought came to me that they reminded me of almost like a flash bulb going off on an old camera. Not that it was a direct flash, but that it might be photographing us..some surveillance thing.

We also had something fly over our house when we moved to MS. 6 yrs. ago. We lived in a wooded area, somewhat secluded. About 2:00 a.m. something buzzed the house, with a big "whoosh". Then the shrubs beside the house were bending over and swaying back and forth for a few minutes. A strange vibration and sound followed causing the glass in one window to rattle. I got the sound on my camcorder. Unfortunately, it was too dark to get the image of the shrubs which I tried to film rocking and rolling. The bad thing is that the tape cartridge spinning can be heard somewhat. If someone with the right equipment would like to enhance the sound, they could get the "whuh,whuh,whuh,whuh...." sound I think. It was a vibrational sound. If you want to know more about that I can write it later. This was about 6 yrs ago. I reported it to some UFO investigators. I can't remember their name. I may still have the letter somewhere.

We don't know what to make of all this... I personally think that with the frequency of sightings, crop circles, etc., we may soon see some unbelievable events occurring very near...That they are not hiding , and becoming more obvious. Those craft do NOT fly themselves. Intelligence is behind them. What form of Intelligence???

Additional Information:

Q. - Could you please describe the area in which you made the sighting. Is it near an airport? An Air Force Base? A military or research installation of any kind?

A. - Yes, about 5 miles South off Interstate Hwy.59 is Stennis Space Center. Near there is an airport. East of here is Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Ms. about a 50 minute drive. There is also an Airport at Gulfport, Ms.near Stennis. Stennis has several facilities on it's site. <http://www.gulfcoast.org/gpt/>  
<http://www.keesler.af.mil/>  
<http://maps.yahoo.com/py/maps.py?Pyt=3DTmap&csz=3DPicayune+MS+&Ge>  
t%AOMap=3DGet+Map Looking at the map- the location where we saw the object was on Memorial Blvd.It was near the Interstate 59. Stennis is in the lower right corner of the map to the Eastat Nicholson, Hwy 607. Also in Chalmette, La, a suburb east of New

Orleans, is Michoud which is a space facility.  
<http://www.lockheedmartin.com/michoud/>

Q. - Were there any wings, or anything like this visible on the craft ?

A. - Absolutely no wings or blinking lights or anything visible.

Q. - As it moved, did it make any unusual maneuvers or did it follow a straight flight path ?

A. - Straight path,moving swift and steadily.

Q. - I am not 100 per cent on how far it was away, but did you or the others hear any sound ?

A. - It was high up, did not hear any sound. Definitely no contrails what so ever.

Q. - Was the sky perfectly clear or were there clouds in the area ?

A. - The sky was clear,no clouds visible.Maybe way up there was some haze,not cloudy.It was practically dusk.

Q. - Also did you happen to notice any aircraft in the skies just after the sighting ?

A. - Yes, on my way home,I saw a plane. It did not appear to be a military jet.It was a few minutes afterwards.Maybe 10 minutes later.

If you can think of anything else would you please add it to the follow up.

A. - The only thing is that when the sunset or whatever it was reflected on the object for a few seconds, it was a beautiful reflecting light. It then seconds later disappeared. It was almost like when a mirror is reflecting the sun, and moved quickly away. The object just appeared at a steady pace, moving more horizontally than upwardly climbing. I cannot say how high it was. It was high enough that a clear and concise view was not possible, but it was highly visible.

The incident in Spring 1998 I think it was..I will find it. Pretty sure I still have it.

Ok, here goes..We had just moved into a house which had huge live oak trees on the east side of the driveway. About 80-90 year old trees--big! We had also just gotten a Panasonic camcorder. So my then 13 yr.old was having fun filming and using the camera. I was not too familiar with it. The house was in the country, lots of pine woods here, and very dark outside at night. On two sides of the house were very tall pine and some oak trees, on the East side were three huge oaks. The yard had huge (maybe 5-6 foot.) azalea bushes, some of which were directly under the kitchen window and pressed up to the house(brick). For a few nights before the Whoosh thing, my son said he saw "lights" in the big oaks. Hmmmnn..I thought maybe some spiders or night bugs which were iridescent. I did not see the lights. There were no street lights or house lights in that area. It was very dark at night there. I passed it off, maybe he saw lights, maybe, not.. So I said, next time you see them, call me. We then took the video camera and waited for the lights to appear in the trees...Nothing., Then, the next night..some little glowing lights..which I still thought might be some type bugs or insects. They were not fireflies. They appeared to be going in a circular spinning motion in the trees. Ok, I am not convinced that these were not bugs... so we just waited and watched.

This particular night, my son had gone to bed. So I decided to go to the kitchen where it was dark and watch with the camera in case the lights appeared. I had windows in a corner (both sides) above the counter. So I could see very well outside and it was next to the driveway where the oaks were. I was getting a little bored and just about to call it a night. All of a sudden, this loud" Whoosh" comes out of nowhere. No wind blowing, clear night, and the whoosh comes over the roof and seemed to come right over the corner of the kitchen where I was . It seemed practically on top of the roof. Close.

My first thoughts were "tornado"..But there was no bad weather that night. Then "little tornado" dirt devil or whatever those things are.. I must tell you it scared the heck out of me! I had the camera on the counter, so I hurried and turned it on. I did not want to use the light to attract attention and all there was outside was a dim outside light on the front of the house about 12 ft. to the right. It barely lit up much area. At this point, I was trying to film the azalea bushes which were violently rocking and swaying. The one right beside the window was going left and right bending way down. The ones about 4 ft. away were too. BUT, the big trees in the front yard, about 25 or so ft. away were not. It was as if a "downward draft" was concentrated at the corner of the house where it whooshed. On the opposite side of the kitchen was a small single pane window which had had a small window unit ac. The glass was not snug, but it was fixed in a frame. Within seconds or a minute after the whoosh, the glass started to rattle rapidly. Also, came a sound from outside which was like "whuh, whuh, whuh, whuh"..Like a droning, and vibrational sound. It lasted several minutes.

I was disappointed that there was not enough light to get the bushes on film, although you can make out some movement. It's pretty vague, though. But, the sound of the whuh whuh can be heard faintly. We left shortly after that occurred for vacation.

Thank you to the witness for the reports. This witness will remain unknown !

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Duberger-Les Saules Park, Quebec

Date: June 20, 2004  
Time: 11:40 pm  
Location of Sighting: Duberger-Les Saules Park  
Number of witnesses: 1 witness  
Number of Object: 1 object  
Shape of object: Lights: 1 yellow, 1 brilliant flashing light, 1 white light.

I was meditating near the St. Charles river when I saw a craft (I thought it was a helicopter) flying low just above the trees. It surveyed the whole parks ystematically. It took a sharp turn at the western limit of the park, which made me think it was a drone. It was 2 to 3 meters long, silent. When it flew over me, my eyes started to sting as if it was spraying something over the area. What have I been exposed to? Why?

A few days before I was at the same spot for a relaxing meditation and I felt like I was under observation. Intuitively I scrutinized the opposite shore and after a few minutes I detected a dark figure among the trees. I stared at this presence intensely for a few minutes. At some point it went backward from the shore towards the woods. When it reached the walking path it suddenly "ran" out towards the right. It took me a few minutes of introspection to make sure this was real.

I don't know what the "drone" sprayed or why. Was it to get this thing out?. If so, I don't know what I was exposed to. If someone can tell me what this thing was, I'd like to know. I'm worried.

Thank you to the witness for the report.  
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Drumheller, Alberta Bright Light After Thunderstorm

Date: July 19, 2004  
Time: Approx: 10:00 p.m.

A close friend of mind who resides in Houston, B.C. rang me up and said he had a story for me and did I want to hear it. I said yes of course so the fellow came up to our home and we sat and he told me what the two of them saw while on holiday in Drumheller, Alberta.

The couple both had some time off from work and had made plans to drive to Saskatchewan for a quick visit. After their stay was over they started back and were driving through the province of

Alberta taking in a few of the sights. At one point the skies were turning dark from the cloud cover so they decided to stay at the small community of Drumheller, Alberta. They pulled into a campground to get a spot to stay for the night then went and looked around the town. As the evening approached the weather had turned really bad as the thunder storms rolled through the area. They got out of their camper and moved into the cab of the truck so they could sit and watch the lightening as it was so intense. My friend said at one point a blue lightening bolt shot down from above and hit the highway which of course lit up the entire area. He said it was a bad storm and amazing to watch.

Eventually as they watched the storm passed over and at the back end of it some stars were peeking through the cloud cover. All of a sudden they spotted a very bright light which seems to be falling towards the earth. They first thought it may have been a falling star, but due to the length of time they observed it (approx: 10 seconds) they started questioning themselves about it. The bright light seemed to fall straight down and as it went through or behind a cloud and became visible again they lost sight of it on the horizon. My friend explained that there was a dike of sorts which blocked their view so they were not able to see if the light actually hit the ground, or whatever became of it. He was so puzzled that the fellow got out of his truck and climbed up the back of his camper to get a better view. He was able to see over the dike which had blocked there view, but at this point he saw nothing at all.

Thank you to the witnesses for their report.

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Peoria, Arizona Oval

Date: July 25, 2004  
Time: 3:30 a.m.

Number of witnesses: 2  
Number of objects: 1  
Shape of objects: Oval

Full Description of event/sighting: Hello! I found your website from yahoo. Thought you might be able to help us. We are not sure what we saw that night. But at first it appeared to be a very bright star. We were driving home from L.A. and spotted this bright star in the sky about 40 miles from our home in Peoria. We both focused in on this bright light which we believed at the time was a helicopter or an airplane. As we got closer to home the bright light appeared to be moving very slowly to the North. We parked our car in our driveway and continued to watch this bright light. At this time it appeared to be hovering over the valley. My mother (who has always been very skeptical) and I were able to focus better now. The light was very bright and very close to us. We began to realize there was no possible way it was a star. It was an oval shape that the light was shining out of very brightly. There appeared to be a red light coming from the center of it. It began to maneuver very slowly in different directions. I have never been so excited and scared in my life. At one point my mom and I were covered in Goosebumps. I took a picture of it with my digital camera. When I zoom in on the first few photos the object appears to be in the shape of a red ball. But several pictures later it appears very white and in the shape of a pill and in another photo it is red and in the shape of a parallel oval. We are still not sure what we saw but I thought I would tell you about it and you could let me know. Thanks alot for your time. Sincerely.

Thank you so much to the witness for this report.

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Phoenix, Arizona More Amazing Footage Taken Of An Unknown ?

Date: July 29, 2004  
Time: Daytime

HBCC UFO Research Note: I would like people to know that I have been talking to the gentleman for a while now and he got caught up in something he never expected to find himself. Right in the middle of the UFO phenomena ! This fellow is an excellent eye

witness, he is a very credible witness who is seeing some remarkable things over the Phoenix area. I would also like to point out, he and two other have been filming objects for sometime, getting some excellent still shots and footage. I also would like to point out that a bright flash was seen just before the object was observed. If the flash was associated to the object it is hard to say for certain. But another interesting point to this story. Also one other interesting point that the witness mentions, and that is some 30 to 50 people stopped to look up and must have wondered what this object was. When anyone takes a little extra time to look up they might be rewarded with a remarkable sight. I and all of the fellows who are catching these objects on film would like others from the Phoenix area to come forward to tell of what they have been witness to. If you have seen something recently or from the past each report is very important and we would very much appreciate hearing the stories. Thank you, Brian Vike Director HBCC UFO Research.

Hello Brian. I am beside myself. I am lost for words. I just can't tell you enough how unbelievable the video I captured today was. I woke up today feeling great and had a feeling I was going to see something awesome. I work in downtown Phoenix which is South of me about 15 miles or so and on my way to work I saw a flash in the sky so bright I had to pull over and see what it was. I had my camera with me, as you know, and I looked around for about 10 minutes and saw nothing. I thought I might have seen a reflection off someone's windshield or something reflective, so I continued on to work. I called a friend to tell him about the flash in the sky and since we have both seen them he agreed that I wasn't seeing things and it was probably something entering our atmosphere or our dimension. The only reason we are talking about other dimensions is because of all the sightings and shooting stars we have been seeing lately at night. So the thought is out there to ponder. Who knows right?

I mean, last night I saw 3 orbs, 6 flashes, and 13 shooting stars. Sounds crazy but it's true. My friend came over to skywatch (the guy who taped the Estrella Lights) with me for the first time last night, saw the flashes and shootings stars and the orbs and he couldn't believe it either. Anyway, back to today. I am parking in the parking garage at work, 4 floors up, and in my line of sight (west) a white cluster of orbs heading in my general direction tumbling and turning. Also it was hovering, weaving, moving about, changing shape and was glowing from the inside making a reddish hue. Even when it hovered it was rotating.

Through the viewfinder it looked white because it is a black and white screen you see through but when I played it back it was a reddish color. I moved East in the garage to get to another open area to tape it and I easily spotted it. It was only 1500ft.-2000ft. in altitude, no breeze and I have buildings in the background for a great reference. The object looked like a bunch of orbs clustered together and it looked like the letter "E" but without the center line which makes it look like a thick "C" but with edges or a right angle-shaped design like armrests on a chair. It could also look like the letter "U". It went in all directions causing me to chase after it on foot and the object never changed altitude yet. You can tell because when it was in sight with the buildings I used the windows to determine how many floors it was in line with.

It went behind one building and when I spotted it the object went back where it came from out of sight behind the same building. I found it again behind that building and it moved behind another building. It went back and forth several times and this went on for about 1/2 hour. The people walking around at lunchtime on the street (sidewalk) noticed me videotaping this and about 30-50 people gathered around to watch in the 100 degree heat. I could hear someone saying that they have been watching it because I was watching it and that it has been hanging around a long time. I didn't think about talking to those people to get their comments on tape but that would have helped make the story even more important. Not that this isn't big but having other people seeing this at the same time is newsworthy. Especially during the day. Anyway, I went back up to the roof of my parking garage and it was right there up in the sky hovering around 1500ft.-2000ft.. I zoomed in really close and as I am panning back another white, but smaller orb, went right by the cluster at a fast rate.

I didn't have the tripod with me this time so the video is shaky but the objects are easy to see. No doubt about it, there are 2 objects in the area and I taped it. It's unbelievable! I kept on taping for about 10 min. more but the object started to get farther away and the taller buildings were in the way plus I was real late to work. It was heading towards Mesa which is Southeast from my location picking up speed and ascending.. I could have went all the way to my car and probably followed it again but I was out in my work clothes in 100 plus degrees with humidity, for 45min, sweating so bad that I had to buy a new shirt at the store so I can go to work which I was going to be 1 hour late for. I hope someone else reports this because the video is unbelievable and it should have some importance due to the location of the object and the time it was out there and the other people seeing it. Also the fact that another object flew right by it at a high rate of speed. Good Good stuff and I will be sending clips to you tonight.

Thank You and say hello to all.

Thank you to the witness for these pictures and the report.

Photos and video clips are =A92004RichG.

To view the photos and video clips, please visit the following URL:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1661>

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Post Falls, Idaho Black Object

Date: July 30, 2004  
Time: 8:00 or 8:01 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 1  
Number of objects: 1  
Shape of objects: Oval

Full Description of event/sighting: I just got done seeing a object on my back porch as I went out onto it I looked up as I do alot. And I noticed a black object that was moving at a slow speed, like slower than a Jumbo Jet but at that same height that planes fly maybe a little lower. I watched it as it flew directly over me at the same altitude and then it seemed as it got over me to change directions a little to the North-East a little bit. I ran into my house to find my binoculars it took me like 30 seconds to find them, I ran outside to see it closer but it completely was gone? I was so mad because I knew it was flying slow and it was low and so black and obvious against the blue sky with hardly no clouds either. I searched the sky very good and after I had got my binoculars but there was no sign of the black object, and the way it was going either North Eastern. Maybe someone today will have noticed this as well.

Additional Information:

Hello Brian thanks for wanting to know more about what I saw.

The Shape was a Diamond shape. The size was at least the size of a small plane size like a twin engine plane. And the distance was actually low, lower than the height that commercial Jumbo Jets usually fly at it was a little bit lower. Ok the color is what was the weirdest thing it was "pitch black" color all over it, no other color was visible on it. The texture I could not make out but as I focused my eyes I noticed a disturbance around it as if a energy field was around it disturbing the air around it. And no sound. Ok the area was in my backyard on my back porch I live in Post Falls, Idaho which is near Spokane, Wa. Post Falls is the first town you come into after crossing the Washington/Idaho border. The nearest Air Force base is located there in Spokane, Wa. The nearest airport is in Spokane. I noticed no aircraft at all afterwards I watched to see if a military jet or helicopter would fly in the area but nothing did.

No Flashing lights at all on it just a Black Diamond. I watched it for 1 minute or a minute and a half until I ran inside to grab the binoculars and after noticing the field of energy that surrounded it. I made sure it wasn't a Bird I looked to see wings and I made sure it wasn't a balloon ether. So before I ran



inside I watched it for a minute or 2. Ok it flew directly north until it got to over my area of Post Falls when it got directly over where I was my house it changed directions a slight bit to North-East. Last of all no tail at all. After it was gone I even ran into my front yard to see if maybe I could see it out there, nope it was completely gone there was no clouds during the time I saw this thing too which is weird for it to just disappear. Well I went right away onto your site Brian and reported it and then went into the archives to see if maybe recently someone else has seen this same thing sure enough July 10, 2004 Portland, Oregon that's right next to me this guy took pictures of the same thing I just saw I got so excited after finding that and I'll post the link to his pictures he got a few different picture of it too. And read his description of it, it is exactly the same as mine!!

Heres the Link

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1539>

Thank you to the witness for their excellent report.

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Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Smoke Ring And Grey Dot

Date: July 30, 2004  
Time: 12:30 CST

Earlier today, I decided to take advantage of sunny conditions to go work outside, so I took my notebook computer out to the back patio and set it up. Although the day had started clear, thunder clouds started building up before noon. Much of the sky to the north was cloudy, but the sky to the south was clear. The storm clouds were well defined. There wasn't much overcast or haze, just storm cloud or clear blue sky. I need to take frequent breaks when working on the computer outside, because of glare reflected from the display. So, at one point (about 12:30), I leaned back and looked straight up into the sky. I noticed that there was a very well defined thundercloud to the north, scattered cloud overhead and blue sky west and east. Directly overhead, there was what looked like a smoke ring, about the size of my thumbnail held at arm's length. It was perfectly circular and appeared to be swirling inward on itself. In the center of the smoke ring was a grey dot or small circle. At first, the dot was almost as large as the area inside the smoke ring, about the size of a fingernail at arm's length. Over the next several seconds, the grey dot appeared to get smaller, then disappeared. The smoke ring remained, but gradually (over about a minute or so) dissipated.

Additional Information:

Q. - Did the dot to the best of your knowledge appear to have any structure to it ? Maybe a solid object ? I know this may

A. - Be a tough one to answer if you didn't get a great look at it. It was just a grey dot, actually a somewhat blue-grey, not contrasting very highly against the sky and without sharply defined edges or features. It had the appearance of being very high, with the atmosphere obscuring details and definition.

Q. - Also did the grey dot appear to move around at anytime within the circle ?

A. - It just seemed to get smaller. Bear in mind that the smoke ring appeared cloud-like, same white color as surrounding cloud, in blue sky (there were clouds near it and a "perfect" thunder cloud off to the north very highly contrasted against a clear sky). Inside the smoke ring, the sky seemed grey, but then it seemed that the grey was getting smaller and the color of the sky outside the ring became more apparent inside the ring. The grey area, or dot, continued getting smaller and the area between it and the edge of the ring took on more of the color of the surrounding sky. Whether perhaps the dot wavered around inside the ring wasn't apparent. It was a bit like watching someone's pupil constrict.

Q. - Were you able to hear any sound at all ?

A. - There was no sound.

Q. - Did you happen to observe any aircraft in the area while this event took place ?

A. - Actually, during the entire time I worked outside, there weren't any aircraft. Not a very busy time at the airport, I guess.

Q. - Did the dot happen to reflect any light back towards your direction as if the sun had hit it ?

A. - I didn't see any reflection, no detail, no definition. Just a grey dot. I wouldn't describe it as fuzzy, but the edges weren't well defined, perhaps because of lack of contrast.

Q. - Was there any thing that looked like wings, or something to this effect on the dot ?

A. - No other shape at all. For all I know, it could have been a solid object or it could have been a column of smoke or cloud.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Mesa, Arizona White Orb And Another Strange Object

Date: July 30, 2004  
Time: 3:35 a.m.

Number of witnesses: 2  
Number of objects: 2  
Shape of objects: One round (orb), and the other was shaped like an infinity symbol.

Full Description of event/sighting: I arrived home from work at approx 0335 and upon getting out of my car, was stunned by a luminous white orb approx 1.5 miles and hovering still at I would say about 2000-3000 feet in the air. Naturally I questioned my senses and thought this must be a star, but, when compared to every other star in the sky, I would estimate that this object was at least 15X brighter and 10X the size of anything else visible. Continuing to question my observation, I went into my house and insisted my roommate take a look at it. We went back out and while wondering what this was, my roommate exclaimed, "FORGET THIS THING, WHAT THE HECK IS THAT THING TO THE LEFT?"

To our shock, we saw to the east of the white orb (directly NE from my position) and much lower altitude (500-1000 ft?) what appeared to be a much brighter (10X the white orb, lighting up the sky) white object shaped somewhat like an infinity symbol with a pulsing yellow light spinning rapidly around what would be the equator of the object. We were now questioning our sanity. We watched this spinning object for about a minute then suddenly, all at once the object dimmed down to a single white point of light with a red hue and began moving to the NW of it's original position. We then lost sight of it over houses. The white orb remained in it's original position. I looked at this through binoculars and could determine that it was round in shape and definitely not a star. The light it was emitting was quite bright, but not like a spotlight. The quality of light was very much like a bright white LED. Imagine a white LED as big around as a hot air balloon hovering in the night sky. I'm glad to know that I have not gone mad, and that this was seen by others in the area. Something strange is going on over the Valley of the Sun. Something very strange, indeed.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 11:07:48 +1000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 12:58:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 14:57:37 EDT  
>Subject: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>I just recalled that I had read several references wherein it  
>was suggested and noted that artists were often the target of  
>abduction. That the only common denominator for abductees was  
>that the majority were artists of some sort.

>If anyone has data on this please let me know.

Hi Greg,

I have found that many of the abductees I have spoken to here in Australia (maybe 250- 300 by now) are artistically inclined, seemingly more so than the average person.

They either play musical instruments, sculpt, paint, sing, write (particularly poetry) and follow many other artistic pursuits.

As well as being artists, there seems to be another group within experiencers that are interested in inventing new gizmos, and yet another group that develop an interest in healing.

I have not undertaken a controlled study into this but the preponderance of artistic or creative tendencies is so strong that I would be surprised if this did not show up in such a study.

I would be interested to hear from researchers or experiencers who may have noticed this trend or other trends as well.

Sheryl Gottschall

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From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 12:22:36 +1000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 13:04:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 15:07:52 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>>Subject: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>I just recalled that I had read several references wherein it  
>>was suggested and noted that artists were often the target of  
>>abduction. That the only common denominator for abductees was  
>>that the majority were artists of some sort.

>That is simply not so. Every so often some ill-informed or  
>misguided person makes ridiculous claims like that, which are  
>not justified by any facts or statistics. At one point Kevin  
>Randle (though he is a serious and respectable researcher)  
>argued - quite falsely in my judgment - that a high percentage of  
>abductees were homosexuals.

>In my experience and that of every serious colleague, the  
>"aliens" (if that is what they are) have proven to be equal  
>opportunity abductors. No social, educational, racial,  
>intellectual, or other biases.

How do any of us know what is "simply not so"?

Have any of us spoken to every abductee on the planet? Asked the  
right questions? Seen it all clearly?

I don't think so.

Sheryl Gottschall

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## Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Scheldroup

From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 21:51:46 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 13:09:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Scheldroup

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 00:51:17 +0100  
>Subject: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>If there was one UFO photo, out of the thousands, which one  
>would it be that you would put forward as the nearest to an  
>unexplained, structured object unknown to this earth?

Please read Bob Pratt's column

FLEEING IN TERROR  
<http://www.bobpratt.org/prettiest.html>

I have made some confirmation to a story to be found at this page.

In a bottom paragraph entitled 'Basket Case' I first read it, one name mentioned sounded kind of familiar to me 'Hunker'. Being that it was a supposed local story by the author Bob Pratt, I decided to send an email to a woman that I knew that had the same maiden name that I knew about. So anyway this aforementioned 'Deputy Hunker' is this a relative I asked? Yep, that's my nephew John. I showed her the above link and she seemed to remember him telling her the same episode.

Well that was fall of 03 so later in the year I had this aunt come to a Christmas party of mine December 03 when I had to asked her about it again. The aunt tells to me when asked do you remember your nephew Deputy Hunker and this story that I emailed to you so and so months ago about what took place when your nephew was on patrol?

While now in her mid 80's, she accounted the same picture as the story goes...

"Oh yeah that's how I remember he told it to me too, a young woman he stopped stepped out from the car, and said a ufo had landed right on the freeway directly in front of her so frantic in a panic that's why she had her accelerator to floor-board speeding, so my nephew caught up with her and stopped her."

The aunt laughed when she told the story to me and few in the room but talk about weird excuses to get out speeding tickets... <G>

Back in my college days fall/autumn of '1991' I was sitting on a lawn chair in my front yard around 2 am if memory recall with my telescope. To make a long story short, what passed over my head shortly thereafter around several hundred feet that I cannot know the exact altitude of but it seemed like a few hundred feet overhead,... you would not have believed with your own eyes... nor did I for a few seconds.<g>That I can only describe to you what is a classic disk-hub shaped spacecraft traveling do south.

The object that I make account about now had a very silvery metallic appearance all around and traveled do south. The object

appeared to my eyesite to be at some kind of inclination like around a 30 degree angle relative to my perspective and my view so on so forth.

The bottom of the disc at my perspective of view while in those early hours, was a brightly lit object, although only bright at the bottom of the disk. While the effect of luminous had a glow which cast or caused a shadow with light that depicted the top hub portion of the disk. An image which by the way is still strong and vivid in my minds eye, just to bad everyone I accounted told it to at school the next morning didnt buy a bit of it.....

John

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## Dr. Poher's Mexican Airforce UFO Video Analysis

From: John Elliott <[townsville3.nul](mailto:townsville3.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:47:04 -0400 (GMT-04:00)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 13:15:18 -0400  
Subject: Dr. Poher's Mexican Airforce UFO Video Analysis

As anticipated in a post by someone else, last month, Dr. Claude Poher has published an analysis of this case (in French).

"ANALYSE SCIENTIFIQUE ET IDENTIFICATION  
DE L=92OBSERVATION FAITE PAR UN =C9QUIPAGE  
DE L=92ARM=C9E DE L=92AIR MEXICAINE"

[http://www.premiumwanadoo.com/universons/ovni\\_gbFr/observation\\_mexicaine\\_fr.=pdf](http://www.premiumwanadoo.com/universons/ovni_gbFr/observation_mexicaine_fr.=pdf)

Conclusion translated using Babelfish:

"Although this analysis was made from 5% of the enregist=E9es data aboard plane, the results confirm the account of the crew, but not his interpretation.

Flir is most probably assembled on the plane in such way that the angles of azimuth and site posted by the system are erroneous a few degrees. If that undoubtedly does not have a crucial importance for the mission entrusted to the crew, this error returned the interpretation of the Flir recordings long and difficult. These loop alignment effects are perfectly verifiable a posteriori, even on the ground.

Detections radar do not have any relationship with the observations of Flir, and they are banal.

The author thinks that because of the very probable error of chock of Flir of rise, the most plausible interpretation of the recorded images is the detection of flares of oil exploitation in the Gulf of Mexico, at 100/150 km of distance of the plane. The photometric study reveals that the crew could not however observe these sources of light with the naked eye because of the luminosity of the diurnal sky in the visible one.

In this connection the photometric analysis centers/edge of the images proves to be a very powerful tool to highlight the nature of sources of light observed at long distance, by an electronic camera.

By its exceptional characteristics and the sum of multi-field checks that it was necessary to implement in order to identify the phenomenon observed, this case constitutes an educational model of which it would be convenient to diffuse the details."

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## Re: Filers Files #32 - 2004

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 6:45:04 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 13:21:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: Filers Files #32 - 2004

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: 2004/07/31 Sat PM 12:07:18 GMT  
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Filers Files #32 -- 2004

Hello George, List,

I'm a bit puzzled about the following report:

<snip>

>Secret Papers Tell How RAF Hunted Aliens

>THE OBSERVER -- Paul Harris reports, "They have been the subject  
>of derision for claiming aliens have visited Earth from outer  
>space, but believers in the existence of UFOs were this weekend  
>excitedly poring over newly released military documents that  
>show how fighter aircraft were scrambled to intercept strange  
>shapes in Britain's skies.

It appears to be a new article in the newsletter, but was  
originally published on 6th July last year, see:

<http://tinyurl.com/g7mn>

Am I right in presuming it was included in error due to some  
confusion about the date?

Cheers,

Joe

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## Investigator Takes Comfort In "We Are Not Alone"

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 13:29:45 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 13:29:45 -0400  
Subject: Investigator Takes Comfort In "We Are Not Alone"

Source: The Woonsocket Call - Woonsocket, Rhode Island

[http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=12567164&BRD=1712&PAG=461&dept\\_id=24361&rfi=6](http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=12567164&BRD=1712&PAG=461&dept_id=24361&rfi=6)

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UFO Investigator Takes Comfort In The Idea That We Are Not Alone

Jo C. Goode  
Staff Writer

CUMBERLAND -- For more than 50 years Daved E. Rubien has been investigating UFO and extraterrestrial phenomena and knows full well what the skeptics say about the topic that has impassioned him for most of his life.

But despite the naysayers and critics, Rubien is happy to get the word out that in this huge universe, we are not alone.

"I'm not here to prove anything. My purpose is to spread the information around so maybe when the word finally comes out you'll understand it a little better," Rubien said.

Rubien founded the Rhode Island Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) back in 1976 and until recently was the organization's president.

He said his interest started back in the 1950's when he read in a newspaper account of a priest who claimed he saw a UFO. Another report a few years later of two local police officers claiming a similar sighting cemented his interest.

"Back then, right away you were considered nuts if you made those kinds of claims," Rubien said.

If you think this UFO tracker is one of those Star Trek devotees, think again. "An educated guy," Rubien said he owned and operated a successful construction company for many years.

He's investigated scores of reported UFO sightings in New England over the years and admits that most cases aren't UFOs and some claims are just "baloney."

"About 90 percent of sightings can be explained. They aren't UFO's. But about 10 percent are," Rubien said.

Taking the word of just one witness is not enough is not enough to verify a true UFO or ET encounters. In order for a sighting to be deemed a true UFO, Rubien said.

"In order to record a UFO sighting, three or four unrelated people have to be telling exactly the same thing, then there may be something there," Rubien said.

A majority of sightings take place in rural areas, Rubien said, and space ships come in all sizes and shapes. Showing slides of

what Rubien calls authenticated photographs of UFO's and artists renderings, there are ships that look like giant cigars, some that resemble gargantuan thimbles, and of course the "flying saucer."

A military pilot first described that particular type of UFO in 1947 who claimed to see a disk shape vehicle skimming the horizon in Washington state.

And the descriptions of types of extraterrestrial that Rubien calls highly evolved and communicate through telepathy, prove to be just as varied. Rubien shows drawings of the "Swedes" who reportedly live here among humans. With pale white skin and blonde hair, they look human save their long, tear-drop shaped ears. Rubien said they are a kind species who care about humans and don't interfere with the human culture.

Then there are the Zeta Reticuli, or Greys that standing three-and-a-half, to four-and-a half-feet tall, with large heads on thin bodies. They're rumored to be the species that crash landed in Roswell, New Mexico in the 1940's and the also the aliens thought to abduct human beings and extracting eggs and semen to create a human-alien hybrid. While most of the Greys are good, Rubien said there is a subspecies that totals 350

"But don't be afraid. I really don't have any fear. There is good and bad in everything, and the gross majority of ET's are benign and helpful in many instances," Rubien said.

He gave an example of one woman he interviewed who claimed aliens cured her of an advanced case of ovarian cancer. According to Rubien, the woman describes an out of body experience where she remembers floating over her body, watching ET's operating on her with a wand-like implement. He said she later went to the doctor and discovered she was cured.

These days Rubien is retired from investigating UFO sightings, but he does still help people in distress who believe they've been abducted. A trained hypnotherapist, Rubien can sometimes help people remember if they've had those experiences through hypnosis.

He admits that a lot of what he's discovered is hard to believe, but there is something he is sure of.

"You've got to remember, our galaxy is so vast. How can we say we are the only living beings in that tremendous area."

c. The Call 2004

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## Re: UFO Mystery Hovers Over And Divides Quiet Town

From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 23:41:08 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 13:13:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Mystery Hovers Over And Divides Quiet Town

Source: The Plain Dealer - Cleveland, Ohio

<http://www.cleveland.com/living/plaindealer/index.ssf?/base/living/1091180171288690.xml>

08-01-04

UFO mystery hovers over and divides quiet town

Michael Sangiacomo  
Plain Dealer Reporter

Kecksburg, Pa. - Except for the possible visitation by a UFO in 1965, Kecksburg does not see a lot of strangers.

You can't blame the tourists for staying away.

The only thing to distinguish Kecksburg from hundreds of other tiny, western Pennsylvania towns is a mock-up of a Volkswagen-size, acorn-shaped thing that sits atop a rickety tripod in the gravel parking lot of the Kecksburg Fire Station.

The thing fits the description of what some people say they saw being removed by the military after a spectacular fireball crashed into the woods of the town many years ago.

That's about all there is to see in Kecksburg.

The village is home to fewer than 300 people. There are no gas stations, grocery stores or souvenir shops. Just acres and acres of acres and acres.

The mysterious incident that put the town on the map as Pennsylvania's answer to Roswell, N.M., also divides the town. Even now, 39 years after the crash, there are Kecksburgians who won't speak to other Kecksburgians over disagreements on what fell from the sky.

Unlike the town of Roswell, which embraces an alleged 1947 UFO crash and encourages tourism, most of Kecksburg does not want the notoriety.

There is no doubt that a huge fireball screamed out of the sky early the evening of Dec. 9, 1965, and crashed in the woods. It's what happened after that has people fussing.

Soon after the crash, thousands of rubberneckers drove in from all over western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and northern Virginia. They were met by dozens of military people. According to reports, the Army, Air Force and National Guard were there, as well as NASA.

More than a dozen people said they got close enough to see the military removing a giant, copperish object on a flatbed truck from the woods. The military denies that anything was recovered. They also deny reports that the mysterious object was taken to Columbus and later to the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton.

A coalition of curiosity seekers, backed by the big money of the Sci Fi Channel, has sued the federal government for information about the object. The suit is pending.

Meanwhile, curious folks from around the world contact the man who has been investigating the crash for most of his life, Stan Gordon, and ask about arranging tour buses to go to Kecksburg.

"I have to honestly tell them that they will be disappointed," he said. "Besides the woods along Meteor Road [which is indistinguishable from the miles of farmland that stretches in all directions] and the replica, there is no recognition that anything happened here."

The replica was given to the town in 1990 by the producers of "Unsolved Mysteries" following a show about the crash.

"They stuck it on top of the firehouse, and I told them they didn't do it right," said Bill Bulebush, 78, one of the local residents who saw the object. "A few years later a big wind came and blew it off. That's when they put it up on that thing, and that's not exactly solid either."

The mock-up sits on top of a primitive triangle of wood held up by three telephone poles. One of the poles leans ominously. There is no plaque explaining what the mock-up is.

The truth is, not everybody in Kecksburg likes being known as the town where "something" fell from the sky.

Mount Pleasant Journal newspaper editor Diana Lasko said some don't want the town to be known as the place where "mountain hillbillies saw a UFO."

"Why would we want people to come here?" said Avis Specht, township secretary. "What would we get out of it?"

Tourist dollars? An identity? Souvenir sales?

"Please, no one wants to come here," she said. "There's nothing here."

A man poked his head out of an office and said, "We are the aliens. We've settled here. We want others to stay away."

Specht rolled her eyes.

"Besides, I was here when it fell; nobody ever saw what it was," she said.

"That's not true. I was here, and I saw what it was," said Jerry Betters, a 72-year-old jazz drummer from nearby Connellsville. "I saw it on a truck coming out of the woods. I saw the copper capsule on the truck."

Kecksburg is about 85 miles east of the Ohio border in Pennsylvania, a short distance off the turnpike. Greensburg is the closest town of any significance.

Gordon said he gets telephone calls and e-mails constantly from people around the world asking about the incident at Kecksburg. Many want to come visit the site.

"I don't want to discourage them. I say it's a great place to visit on the way to somewhere else."

Mickey Vish, the helpful tourist guide at the Zelienople rest area on the turnpike, agreed.

"I get a few people asking about Kecksburg, but a lot more asking about Shanksville, where Flight 93 crashed on 9/11," she said. "I often recommend visiting several places in the area to make a whole trip out of it."

She suggests also visiting the Frank Lloyd Wright houses "Falling Water" and "Kentuck Knob," both nearby, and the Quecreek Mine Rescue Memorial in Sipesville, where nine miners were rescued after a cave-in in 2002.

The Kecksburg acorn will be there, assuming the structure has not collapsed. And if you're lucky, you might see Bill Bulebush

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nearby working on his prized Corvaair.

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## Re: Apollo 16 Film - Franz

From: Capt Alejandro Franz <[alfafox.nul](mailto:alfafox.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 03:06:22 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 13:39:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: Apollo 16 Film - Franz

>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 22:18:47 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>Subject: Re: Apollo 16 Film

>>From: James Oberg <[joberg.nul](mailto:joberg.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 8 Mar 2004 12:28:20 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Apollo 16 Film - Oberg

<snip>

>Hi Jim!

>Thanks to a letter from U.S. Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger of  
>Maryland to NASA regarding the Apollo 16 UFO film footage, we  
>now have an official explanation for this anomalous image that  
>looks like a domed flying saucer in the immediate vicinity of  
>the Moon.

>Responding to a request from Congress, Gregory Byrne, leader of  
>the Image Science and Analysis Group at Johnson Space Center  
>with five others closely examined the actual Apollo 16 film and  
>they concluded that this UFO was actually a floodlight that was  
>attached to the Command Module by a boom that was hidden in the  
>shadows.

>According to the article 'The Truth Is Out There' written by  
>Beth Dickey that appears on page 11 of the August/September 2004  
>issue of 'Air&Space Smithsonian', this group also searched  
>NASA's archives from other missions and found similar images. Do  
>these "similar images" also look like domed flying saucers and  
>could all these also be explained as spacecraft floodlights used  
>for space walks and other EVAs?

>Unless we can get to read the report, if any, by this group of  
>NASA experts, we should not be quick to disregard all the  
>different explanations that others, including yourself and  
>Hiroshi Nakamura previously published and later proposed on UFO  
>UpDates or to us by private e-mails. Any chance of obtaining a  
>copy of this report from JSC in Houston and make it available to  
>ufologists and space researchers?

Hi Nick and all,

James Smith did a great report on the Apollo 16 UFO Image to be  
a description of the EVA floodlight on the CSM since september  
29, 2003.

Apollo 16 UFO Image  
September 29,2003  
By James Smith  
[http://home.earthlink.net/~zeus001002/apollo\\_16\\_ufo.html](http://home.earthlink.net/~zeus001002/apollo_16_ufo.html)

Regards,



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Capt. Alejandro Franz  
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## Spacey Lifestyle Draws Curious

From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 08:27:28 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 13:44:27 -0400  
Subject: Spacey Lifestyle Draws Curious

Source: Charleton Post and Courier, Charleton North Carolina

[http://www.charleston.net/stories/080104/sta\\_01ufo.shtml](http://www.charleston.net/stories/080104/sta_01ufo.shtml)

08-01-04

Spacey lifestyle draws curious

Double-deck saucer serves as home and 'UFO center'

BY BO PETERSEN

BOWMAN--Fame hasn't gone to that space between Jody Pendarvis' ears. His UFO Welcome Center is still ramshackle.

He's built a second flying saucer on top of his now notorious flying saucer and moved into a control room in between. The whole works now dwarf the beat-up trailer he keeps alongside. And it's all up in the air - on cinder blocks.

In fact, the original saucer was repositioned 26 inches closer to earth and "stabilizer" wood beams were hammered along the rim after one of those tour groups that keep dropping by got it wobbling. Codes officers said that wouldn't do.

For extraterrestrials passing through rural Bowman on S.C. 36, the center - like any good welcome center - can't be missed. The giant saucers loom behind a rustic post and metal fence just across the road from a country home flying two American flags.

Nearly 10 years after Pendarvis laid the first nail to a tongue-in-cheek joke of a backyard project, it has become one of those eccentric bits of Americana that tickle the fancy.

The center was beamed into the cosmos, via satellite, when Pendarvis appeared on Roseanne Barr's TV talk show. He's been written up in newspapers and magazines worldwide, roasted on TV's "Liars & Legends," "Comedy Central" and Japanese television.

Ring the bell at the "tour" gate and nobody seems to be home. But a long ramp begins to winch eerily down from the saucer to the ground.

Pendarvis emerges with a shrug. He does the now well-rehearsed routine of stopping in the middle of a sentence to stare off at something in the sky. He talks about sightings with his eyebrows jumping up and down for comic effect.

The "U" of "UFO" spray-painted on the saucer wall is dangling loose. It's a strip of silver tar paper.

As Pendarvis walks across a dirt launch pad strewn with tar paper, scrap wood, pontoon-like old jet gas tanks and an EverStart battery, there's a loud pop. One of the portal windows of the new, "upper" saucer has dropped out.

"Uh-oh. There goes one of my pie plates." The window is, in fact, a glass pie plate. In 1995, Pendarvis set out to build a

Christmas float with planks from his grandfather's torn-down house. That turned into a shed office. That turned into a mystery. The further the construction got off-center, the more neighbors asked exactly what he was building. He no longer knew.

But he began selling \$1 tickets to its grand opening, and after awhile something emerged that was, um, alien.

Whether UFOs arrive or not, the center has put Bowman on the map. Visitors from as far away as England have detoured down two-lane country roads to find this smidgeon of a farming town.

Riding past on his Huffy bike, neighbor Edward White stopped to smile. "It's all right. Everyone in South Carolina knows it's here. It's excellent."

Pendarvis treats it all with that same hands-in-his-pockets sense of homespun fun - he built it and, look, they came. "Oh, man, they love my tour. They want to bring their kids," he said.

The tour is a watch-your-step odyssey through a split-split level treehouse of science fiction and messy living. Pendarvis is a 53-year-old bachelor who works at a plant that builds lawnmowers in nearby Orangeburg.

The walls are eerie patterns of portals, lights, pipes and wiring. The floor is strewn with purple wrappers from Nestle's Treasures chocolates and Raid cans. He spends summers in a bunk in the control room because a Rube Goldberg contraption of air-conditioner, window fan-on-a-chair and air ducts keeps it cooler than the mobile home.

He spends winters in the old trailer because it's warmer.

The crafts have debris everywhere and mud daubers hovering with celestial grace. There's a computer in one wing and a toilet in another. Obsolete military and nautical radar and yard ladders between floors climb to the De-Gravitron - a 70-pound bad-hair-day of PVC pipes and hoses, sitting on a scale.

So far, the invention hasn't been able to lift off. But when it does, the scale will show it.

Pendarvis squeezes like an astronaut through the hatch to the upper saucer. He turns on the radar and the wood beams begin to hum. He speculatively taps the hinged boards of the walls and talks about how he held onto one of the lower craft's skylights during Hurricane Floyd to keep it from blowing away.

If he gets a big enough wind, he says, "this ship'll fly."

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Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 10:39:58 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 13:47:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: Apollo 16 Film - Ledger

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 04:49:34 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Apollo 16 Film

>Nick and List,

>A very good article on this with photos, at:

>[http://www.nasa.gov/vision/space/travelinginspace/no\\_ufo.html](http://www.nasa.gov/vision/space/travelinginspace/no_ufo.html)

No doubt in my mind - it was the light boom.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Friedman

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Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 10:44:42 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 14:31:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Friedman

>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 09:54:35 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 09:53:18 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 14:07:18 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>I agree with you that this field would be improved by having a  
>>>set of fundamental understood ideas about the origin,  
>>>technology, and motives.

><snip>

>>>I can imagine a "think-tank" style institute... how about  
>>>ITISAUFO... Institute for Technical Investigation and Scientific  
>>>Analysis of UFOs. A "Brookings Institute" for UFO studies.

>>>I fear you are right in thinking that it would fall by bickering  
>>>and in-fighting. It's not a money issue.

>>Sounds to me like work statements for Operation Majestic 12:

>>1. Evaluate wreckage seeking understanding and new knowledge  
>>about materials, technological capability of devices, etc.  
>>These data would be classified

>What for?

Development of new very advanced technology involving the  
capability of extreme flight maneuverability, silent flight,  
operation without wasting energy carrying along fuel which gets  
used up, etc etc would obviously be of extraordinary interest to  
military groups all over the world. Therefore it would be kept  
secret.

>>2. Collect and evaluate instrumental data on flight behavior  
>>including acceleration, change in em signatures as a function of  
>>changes in direction.etc.These data would be classified.

>Again, what for?

See answer to Q 1.

>>3. Collect and evaluate data from physical trace cases. check on  
>>means for effecting soil etc. - again in secret.

>Still operating in secret after 57 years? Why?

If your enemies are in the dark, keep them there. If you admit  
ET reality,one has to deal with the consequences as I have noted

elsewhere.

>>4. Theoretical evaluation putting 1, 2, 3 together.

>But still in secret I presume.

Ever no anyone in power who wanted to give it up? Knowledge is Power.

>>5. Evaluation of alien behavior in abductions and in probable >>events such as the April 1964 landing at Holloman, and in cases >>such as the Cuban MIG case and other destructions of attacking >>aircraft such as in 1952. When did they destroy.. after what >>actions on our part?

>>Ought to keep a nice Black program busy for a long time.

Indeed.

>Very black indeed by now.

>>Do note my latest MJ-12 paper at:

>><http://www.stanfriedman.com>

>I have duly noted this paper.

>Not hearing the Friedman/Shostak debate I assume that Stan kept >MJ-12 out of it (very wise man).

>I have examined Stan's latest MJ-12 paper of April 2004. This >contains, among other things, repeats of his earlier paper in >December 2002 where he reviews Randle's book "Case MJ-12....."

>STF is still convinced the three original MJ-12 papers are >genuine, even if the later ones are obvious fakes. I am utterly >baffled by his treatment of the Truman-Forrestal memo of Sept >24, 1947.

>>From his two papers above, his conclusions on the T-F memo >may be summarised thus:

>1. The numeric part of the date, "24, 1947." is offset a little. >Agreed. This presents Stan with an awkward dilemma. He concludes >that this part was added later by someone. Agreed. There is also >a period (full stop) after the date. It was not Truman's >practice to put a period after a date, but it was Bush's >practice. Therefore, says Stan, Bush must have seen the letter >before it was sent to Forrestal, and added the numeric part >himself, with the period, thus explaining why the two parts of >the date are not quite lined up. Truman, or his secretary, typed >the "September", whilst Bush, or his secretary, added the "24, >1947".

George Elsey who worked for Truman all the time he was Pres. and for FDR before that says most of what a President signs is prepared by others. Bush and Forrestal were highly trusted. GE also said that often the date was added at the last minute because there were uncertainties as to just when an order would be put into effect. September, 1947, was a very busy time with Truman having been off to Brazil, the New National Security regulations going into effect, the Italian election, etc etc.. Let us say Sam Callaway in Bush's office prepared the memo without a date which would be added later as appropriate. It was kept in a "Pending File". The date was added before VB and JF went to the White House. It was taken to the White House and signed. No Truman typing required. In my 108 page "Final Report on Operation Majestic 12", I, in my "discussion" with Klass about Pica type, showed several dates on NSC memos done in different type style than the text.

>Is this really credible? Is a date ever (even in official >circles) split in this way, by different people?

See above.. what different people?

>Or is it Stan's ingenious way round a very awkward dilemma?

>He then says the document cannot be a forgery because no forger >would ever use two typewriters in one memo. Quite right. He >wouldn't and didn't.

There was no forgery. Forgers make every effort, whether in paintings or documents, to avoid doing anything to call attention to themselves.

>2. Truman's signature. Stan first refuses to admit it is >identical, as far as the eye can see, to one on a genuine Truman >memo written to Bush on Oct.1, 1947. (It was Stan who first drew >attention to the fact that one "matched" the other in an IUR >article in 1988. Had he kept his mouth shut, the genuine Truman->Bush memo would most certainly never have been found).

>He now says the original T-F memo was signed but none of the >carbon copies were. This is entirely possible. However, Stan >tells us that because Forrestal had died in 1949 his (original) >was apparently lost. By 1952 Hillenkoetter thought Ike would >like to see a signed executive order from president Truman to go >with the briefing he (Hillenkoetter) was preparing for Ike in >November 1952. But the original, signed, T-F memo was nowhere to >be found. This does not worry Stan, who proposes that, in order >to fill this void, Hillenkoetter, or possibly W.Bedell Smith, >asked the CIA to get hold of a Truman signature somehow. The CIA >then decided to lift Truman's signature from the genuine Bush >memo of Oct 1, 1947 and copy it onto the unsigned carbon copy of >the Sept 24, 1947 T-F memo before Hillenkoetter passed it to Ike >in the notorious Nov '52 briefing paper!! He says "the CIA would >have its disinformation people transfer it".

>(I wonder what Truman's reaction would be had he discovered that >some smart guy in the CIA had, without permission, transferred >his signature from one document to another! Remember Truman was >still President at this time.)

>According to STF, this accounts for the two signatures being >(almost) identical.

>Does anyone follow all this? A trifle confusing perhaps? More >important: Is such a scenario, once again, really credible ?

>In my view it belongs in the world of pure fantasy.

>Anyone wanting to know how the "September 24, 1947" date was >actually composed can look at Moore & Shandera's "The MJ-12 >Documents, An Analytical Report", p.53 . The forger simply >lifted the numeric part of the date on document D and pasted it >onto C, offsetting it very slightly against "September".

>Hence only one typewriter was used, not two.

>As to why the forger needed to split the date like this, people >can work this out for themselves, if they are still interested.

>Finally:

>Regarding "Linguistics", STF omits to tell readers that >Dr Roger Wescott (who was chosen to do the analysis >because of his known pro-UFO beliefs) later >changed his mind about endorsing the Hillenkoetter briefing. >I have his letter to researchers on this.

>"What the public doesn't know, I wont tell them".

>Exactly.

>CDA

I am glad that CDA can get inside everybody's mind when it is convenient for his scenarios. Wescott wanted out because he didn't want to waste his time dealing with attacks from Klass et al. The Briefing officer was Hillenkoetter (DCI in September ,1947) but we know from a memo from W.B. Smith to Truman dated January 9, 1953, (in my Final Report) that Smith, who had worked very closely with Ike during WW 2, and was DCI in 1952, was, generally speaking, in charge of national Security briefings for Ike between the election and Ike's inauguration . Hilly would have been contact with him prior to the Nov. 18, 1952 briefing. It doesn't seem unlikely the EBE would have been typed at the CIA.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Varginha Again - Gevaerd

From: **A. J. Gevaerd** - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 10:09:08 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 14:34:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Gevaerd

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 18:41:45 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 11:53:01 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

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>>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

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>>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Mon, 26 Jul 2004 11:30:16 -0400  
>>>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

<snip>

>All right, I can't resist any longer. Although I have not  
>followed this thread (out of sheer disinterest) except for an  
>occasional peek, I suggest they be renamed the "Varginha  
>Monologues." The joke, for our overseas contributors who may  
>not be aware of it, derives from the stage play the "Vagina  
>Monologues."

Hello Dick,

I have watched the stage play you mentioned, translated into  
Portuguese, in a local theatre. I just do not understand what  
the connection is of the Vagina Monologues with the Varginha  
Case... It is because the posts I published here have not been  
commented on by other readers?

A. J.

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## Michael Horn On Meir On C2C

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 15:02:14 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 15:02:14 -0400  
Subject: Michael Horn On Meir On C2C

Source: ECETI News - Yahoo Group

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/eceti/message/1280>

From: James Gilliland - ecetiwebmaster<[ecetiwebmaster.nul](mailto:ecetiwebmaster.nul)>  
Date: Sat Jul 31, 2004 9:29 pm  
Subject: Response to Michael Horn on the George Noory Coast to Coast show

Dear George,

I respect Michael Horn's work with Billy Meir's contacts yet believe he like many others involved in the case become blinded in certain aspects. One Billy Meir in his own words in the Beamship Video says the contacts stopped and it was his job to produce the best photos and video of the ships. His son came to the International UFO Congress and said the exact same thing. It is all on record. Wendle Stevens one of the major investigators of the case said he does not understand why Billy keeps rebuking all other contactees when the evidence shows clearly the contrary. The contacts stopped and it was Billy's job to just get the photos. Billy says he is the only contactee yet in his books the Pleadians/Plejarans say there are over serval thousand contactees? Billy also states that he is the one true prophet chosen by God to be on the Earth at this time. He says all the other prophets are false. There are people donating over twenty percent of their income to FIGU with no rights or guarantees to even communicate with Billy or visit? Billy calls all the other groups cults yet there is a giant stone with a golden image of Billy when you visit the center which makes one wonder.

Billy also stated that the crop circles were all dubiuous hoaxes having nothing to do with ETs. He later said the ETs told him they were created by ETs which were far less evolved then them. Billy has publicly slandered crop circle researchers, ufo researchers and anyone else claiming to have a contact. I do not believe this is the conduct of a master for there is clearly a lack of love, forgiveness and allowance exhibited by true masters. We sent Billy a video in the past asking him to shed some light on the contacts and sightings in the area. What we received in return was a scathing and slanderous letter soon after posted on his site. Billy stated that due to problems with the group consciosness and his own instability the contacts stopped yet whenever they need to drum up business the contacts are ongoing? I decided to give Billy one more chance. I sent him a video of the latest footage which shows clearly extremely advanced craft far beyond anything we have back engineered. I know this because I am good friends with some of the people involved in the back engineering, the best of the best. I will introduce you to one of them in the future yet he cannot go public due to the obvious reasons. Michael Horn said Billy went into his study and said the ETs joined him to watch the video then came out and said there is no contact happening there and it is only secret government. We have had ships in every shape, color and size ruling out this statement. There are plasma ships far beyond the ships Billy has had contact with yet his group knows nothing of any of the activity here. Something is wrong with this picture. I knew at first sight the

majority of the crop circles were real, not hoaxes and created by ETs. I do not demand a portion of peoples income and the majority of the research, the purchase of the land and the building of the structures was done personally. I even financed the books and videos which do not even cover the costs of the utilities on the ranch. The donations over the 17 years add up to around 5,000 dollars. I deplore worship of anyone other than the God within yet I have been accused of running a cult, capitalizing on the UFO phenomena and faking the evidence. Right now the cult consists of myself, my girlfriend, a caretaker a dog three cats and 19 chickens. I find it interesting that those pointing the fingers are looking in a mirror for they themsleves are doing the very thing they accuse others of. The long history of UFO activity in the area speaks for itself.

The thousands of witnesses, pictures and videos many taken by guests and UFO investigators the likes of Dr. J Allen Hynek, Greg Long, Bill Voguel, and the famous Kenneth Arnold sighting where he lost sight of the ships decending on the western slopes of Mt Adams, "my front yard", all speak for themselves. The Tribal Police, Forrest Rangers, Local Police, Fire Tower Spotters have gone on record concerning the activity in the area yet what makes this experience special is the contacts. There has been a proven track record of ships appearing exactly at the time and location given prior to the event. This has been done redundantly with multiple eye witnesses. This shows clearly a form of communication with the ships. I was with Marcel Voguel who analyzed the metal samples given to him by Billy Meir. They definitely were of unknown origin. I do believe the contacts were real in the beginning and some great information came out of them yet something has degenerated with the original information and the integrity of the group. I do believe Billy should be commended for his previous work and compensated. I also believe anything that distracts people from making their own personal connection through worship outside of self is a path that needs some serious discernment. The ability to see the future, telepathy and self rejuvenation is dormant within all of us. It is in the 13 strands of DNA only two of which are now operating. These can be activated spiritually and through technology. I don't believe there is a one true healer, prophet or seer of the past and future. There are many who have activated one or more of these DNA lines.

Most importantly Einstein stated, "Condemnation without investigation is the height of ignorance". It is important that each individual perform their own investigation, have their own experience as thousands have had at the ranch regardless of the so called authorities. I would ask each guest that has an opinion on the ongoing UFO activity occuring at the ranch if they have been to the ranch. If they have not then they cannot make an informed opinion on the matter. I have had many conversations with Michael Horn on these matters which I chose to keep private. I do not believe in attacking or trying to discredit anyone. Yet by making it public on your show Michael Horn has generated the need for a response due to hundreds of emails on the matter. This is my response. You are always welcome to have your own experience, do your own investigation as many others have here at the ranch. It will be an experience you won't forget. Looking forward to your arrival. Keep up the geat work.

PS I would appreciate posting this response on the site and mentioning it on the show.

Be well

James

<http://www.eceti.org/index1.html>

[UFO UpDates thanks Terry <[hogoddy.nul](mailto:hogoddy.nul)> & the Skyopen List for the lead]

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## Re: Varginha Again - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO\ <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 10:24:32 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 15:13:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Gevaerd

>From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais.nul](mailto:gbourdais.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 16:50:03 +0200  
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 18:41:45 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

<snip>

>>All right, I can't resist any longer. Although I have not  
>>followed this thread (out of sheer disinterest) except for an  
>>occasional peek, I suggest they be renamed the "Varginha  
>>Monologues." The joke, for our overseas contributors who may  
>>not be aware of it, derives from the stage play the "Vagina  
>>Monologues."

>This time, I am not going to say that I find you funny, like I  
>did after a silly joke of Brad Sparks. Someone thought I was  
>taking side with him ! I was not.

>So, "let's make things clear", like President Nixon used to say:  
>I don't find this funny at all!

>The Varginha case already stands as a very strong one, with many  
>credible witnesses. If some phony pictures have appeared, they  
>don't change that. And the fact there have been some confusing  
>messages about the remarkable testimony of a Doctore, should not  
>change that either. Read again the article of Bob Pratt and  
>Cynthia Luce in the Mufon UFO Journal of August 1998, for  
>instance, or any other article. I just quoted one from the  
>British UFO Magazine (April 2003) which apparently nobody knows  
>on this list.

>BTW, talking of bad cases, I recommend that you take out of your  
>excellent book "The UFO Evidence" the Ummo case, which is known  
>worldwide to be a hoax. The authors of the fake landing of  
>Alluche (1966) and of the fake pictures of San Jose de Valdeiras  
>(1967) were unmasked long ago by spanish ufologists.

Dear Gildas and Dick:

Gildas, you mention that "the Varginha Case already stands as a  
very strong one, with many credible witnesses". I tell you for  
sure that the VC is probably the strongest case we have today.

There are 80 first-hand witnesses who saw the capture procedures  
or took part in them - including military and firemen - in the  
removal of the bodies and treatment of an alive alien -  
including doctors and nurses, as well as employees of different  
hospitals.

You write about "phony pictures have appeared, that don't change  
that". In fact, in the VC, unlike many many others, there are  
very few phony pictures and they have all been easily dismissed.

Finally you write, "the fact there have been some confusing messages about the remarkable testimony of a Doctor, should not change that either". I must emphasize, again, that there has been some confusion with the translation of the "Doctor's" report only. Nothing more.

The "Doctor" - and I continue to use the quotes - is a very reliable witness who gave the world UFO community a report that very few others have done before. I cannot recollect one health professional involved in a UFO case before who has given such an outstanding and remarkable report as 'our' "Doctor". I am only sorry that he will never agree to be identified by name. And I was recently informed by Ubirajara that he is not willing to talk about this issue any more, not even in very private discussion.

All the best,

A. J.

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 11:19:40 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 15:20:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 00:58:00 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:35:51 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>Yes, I was just using my common sense and what I've learned by  
>>our photographic field work which tells me how truly anomalous  
>>UFOs present photographically. Photographed models and  
>>airbrushed images never have what it takes.

>Mr Stanford,

>Can you tell me if your book, Look Up, is still in publication?

>I would like to read a copy of it, can you point me to one?

Roy,

Although you are clearly on a 'fishing expedition', I will respond in depth to your inquiry.

Since I self-published that little 66-page book at age 19, 45 years ago, in early 1958, it has been long out-of-print and I never re-published it because before very long I began to realize that the wide-eyed Adamskian 'contactee' interpretation I had placed upon the otherwise genuine and well-witnessed UFO encounters described in that book was fanciful and tainted by my teenage belief in the contact and fake UFO photos of George Adamski. But to compensate, within a few years I was actively exposing Adamski's hoaxes and fake photos publicly, along with the contact hoax and fake UFO movie(s) and photos fabricated by Daniel W. Fry, whom I never believed. That experience with Adamski and that whole 1950s 'contactee' crowd, is why I am so dubious of the 'will-to-believe'. I've been through that and know what damage it can do to one's objectivity.

Whether one likes how I presented Look Up, or not (I don't.), tell me how many other youths have the enthusiasm and determination to write a book (I didn't have word-processing back then, either, to make the writing easier.) at age 18 (just out of high school) and 19, and raise the money to pay a printer to print it by working at a shoe store, in order to let people know their experiences with UFOs or anything else. Let me assure you that it took some very impressive UFO encounters and a pretty dedicated young man to undertake such an effort. If you or anyone else on this list would like to try to shame me for that kind of dedication, then the person you shame is yourself and not me. I never had any hope or delusion about making enough money to even pay myself back for the printing of the book, copies of which I sold for immense sum of \$2! No, I was simply on fire inside with excitement to share personal experiences that I knew could not possibly involve objects of terrestrial

origin, even though in my excitement, I was reading too much into some of my experiences, especially some of those that did not involve UFOs, per se. Boys will be boys! Youth will be youth!

But aside from the book's contactee idiom of presentation and interpretation, it quite honestly reported the visual (and auditory) events, of our multi-witness encounters with UFOs. In the 10-21-56 encounter, my group of four (All of us swore a notarized affidavit published in the book.), the object involved was a blue-white, glow-pulsing oblate spheroid 30-40 feet across that didn't look anything like Adamski's fictional lampshade 'scout craft'.

It twice passed within six feet above our heads. That was a bit too close for comfort, causing our voluntary muscles to become immobilized, and causing a sensation of a pulsed electrostatic charge through our bodies and hair as it passed over us (twice), causing our hair to lift up and go back down, alternately -- except for one of the witnesses, who had a 'flat-top' haircut, so his hair stood up all the time. :) To explain further: our hair raised up and down in pulses, the hair lift-up part coinciding with the higher-amplitude component of a pulsing, rather complex sound coming from the object. I'm not sure, but Look Up may have provided one of the earliest descriptions of an unmistakable electrostatic effect from a UFO to appear in the literature. There are many, now.

A less-exciting, eleven-witness encounter described in Look Up, occurred on November 6, 1954, on the Gulf of Mexico beach on the south end of the 100+ mile long sand-bar type Padre Island -- quite unpopulated back then, but crowded with tourist hotels and condominiums in recent years. There were eleven witnesses (all of them named in the book) to the seemingly (not knowing object size) fairly close approach to us of an golden, glowing, domed disc. There had been an earlier UFO encounter that night, but the police had not arrived when that happened. Three of the witnesses to the domed disc were police officers, comprised of Texas State Highway Patrol Officer Don Hoyd; his father, Deputy Sheriff Ray Hoyd; and Deputy Sheriff Steve Woods. The notarized affidavits (attesting to their witnessing the Padre Island UFO) of the two Deputy Sheriffs were reproduced in the book, along with a photo of the State Patrol Officer, Don Hoyd, and his father, Ray Hoyd, handing me the elder Hoyd's affidavit. Ray Hoyd was quite willing to pose for the photo for publication with my account of the UFO encounter, but declined to sign a notarized affidavit because of lack of clearance from a superior officer in the State Police.

During that November 6, 1954, UFO experience, we had tried stabilizing a cheapie little view-through-the-top small-aperture camera (containing black and white film) atop a rather point-topped cedar fence post and apparently succeeded in getting one photo of the domed disc, but because the domed disc in the resultant photo seemed a bit more horizontally 'stretched out' compared to what we actually observed visually and did, thus, not faithfully represent what we observed, we did not publish that single photo. The horizontal elongation of the object's image was probably due to trying to take a time exposure (a few seconds, only) atop the fence post where, in all likelihood, the camera rotated a bit (due to pressure on the shutter button) in the horizontal plane, providing the distortion. Furthermore, there was a foolish dictum around in UFOlogy in those days saying that if a photo does not show exactly what the witnesses described it is either a hoax or, otherwise, worthless! That concerned us.

Had we been dishonest, we could have published that photo and claimed the UFO dome and flange actually had looked that flat, but, instead, I just put the photo away in my file on the case. In fact, I cannot truthfully say with absolute certainty that it was I who took that photo, because several others tried to steady their hand on the camera and take a photo with the camera atop the fence post that night.

It may be of further interest to note that, in evidence of our honesty, we took that little camera with the unprocessed film still in it to the Corpus Christi (Texas) newspaper, the Caller-Times, and gave it to reporter Spencer "Bones" Pearson to process in the newspaper darkroom, without any of us being present. When Pearson came back out with what seemed a blank



film except for that one shot of the object and, seeing it was not the somewhat 'fatter' domed disc we had perceived when thinking we might be about to witness the landing of a comparatively 'fat' Adamaki 'scout craft', we decided not to publish the photo at that time. It never dawned on us that, quite aside from camera instability likely accounting for the horizontal stretch of the UFO image beyond what we had remembered, we probably had perceptually distorted the domed disc we had been watching that night into something more closely resembling the 'Venusian scout craft' shown in photos of our hero, George Adamski! The November 6 Padre Island photo shows an edge-on view of what looks like a quite flat disc with a slight downward point in the center of the bottom side and a rather flat seeming dome on top (of maybe slightly under half of the disc's diameter).

If you click on <http://platinumstudios.com/titles/ufomag.php> you will see in the UFO Magazine partial-cover depicted there, an artist's presentation of a UFO that, if you imagine the object depicted edge-on (instead of what's shown) , and reduce the bulge on the bottom part by about 60% (and make it a bit more pointed) you will have a pretty accurate concept of the outline of what's shown in the November 6 Padre Island photo.

In the photo, however, what resemble pointed 'beams of light' seem to gleam off the edge of the dome and flange, at places. The photo is not very impressive to me, simply because I don't see anything in it that seems unambiguously propulsion-diagnostic, and that's the way I prefer UFO films and photos. The beam-like things in the photo are a bit interesting, however, because I don't recall our seeing individual beams, per se. We did notice that the domed disc seemed to quickly 'gleam' (hard to describe) at times. Maybe those 'gleams' were what were captured coming off the disc in the photo. I seem to recall that some of us who witnessed the Padre Island UFO might have speculated that the pointed beams in the photo were some type of propulsion effect used in keeping the object oriented.

In Look Up I rather timidly described the observation by eight of us on the night of January 5, 1957, of a very bizarre beam of light striking three of us, that had extended slowly toward us from a large, black UFO that came in from the west-northwest and hovered just to the southeast of us, on the north end of Padre Island. That time, we were not on a beach but in the east-west middle of the island, half-way between the Gulf of Mexico and Laguna Madre, to the west. I mention that event here just to point out that we were the first persons in UFO history (so far as I can determine) to report the now famous phenomenon of a 'slowly-telescoping' light beam, which some persons refer to (hopefully only figuratively) as a 'solid' light beam.

The main column of the slowly progressing beam of January 5, 1957, was more subtle than its three more narrow, lengthwise, internal components which were much brighter, reminding us of tightly stretched Christmas tree tinsel, twisting and 'scintillating' in sunlight. That 'telescoping' beam struck only the three of us who were separated from the others, but it packed a 'wallop' that sent the three of us (as long as it was on us) into some kind of awesome altered brain function that I will never forget but do not pretend to comprehend.

That beam's effect on our brains was as bizarre as its appearance, transforming our awareness into a kind of seemingly timeless, 'cosmic ecstasy'. I have never figured out the purpose of that action on the part of the UFO intelligences, if there was any purpose other than, maybe, to experiment with our minds or perhaps, even, just to 'humble' three maybe-a-bit-egotistical 18-year-olds with an experience they couldn't even begin to understand. What I know is that it was totally awesome and overwhelming. It was also totally unexpected and no such thing had ever been described in UFO literature, so the three of us found ourselves as strangers in a very 'strange land' (experience)!

Forty-seven years later, slowly progressing beams of various types are commonplace in UFO literature, and I even got a nice daylight movie of a UFO 'projecting' and, later, 'retracting' such a beam (electric blue with magenta nodes), on October 5, 1985, at the Corpus Christi, Texas, bay-front, filmed from the Emerald Cove breakwater pier, with five others there watching what was happening and watching me making a movie of it through

a 10-X lens.

If anyone alleges that it is shameful of me to report such a bizarre, eight-witness experience as that of January 5, 1957, and that it is a discredit to UFOlogy or to me as a researcher working for years now with good cameras and other instruments to gather the kind of evidence that may bring UFOlogy into mainstream science, I don't agree. We must report UFOs and their associated phenomena not as we had envisioned them to be in the early days of UFOlogy, not as we might wish or hypothesize them to be today, but we must have the courage to report and investigate them, confronting the high strangeness that they often manifest. Who among us can explain what has been called, 'the Oz effect'? Who can even explain the fact that there have been UFO witnesses, face-to-face with each other in a close encounter, who were startled to realize that although they spoke loudly, neither could hear the other speak!? I speak of the strange seemingly UFO-induced "silence" so often reported. I suspect that if we could come to understand the physics of those phenomena, we might learn some of the most instructive lessons of UFO physics. That might also be true of the January 5, 1957, beam.

Keep in mind that on January 5, 1957, when three of us got 'zonked' by that bizarre beam, there were still five other witnesses, unaffected by it, who watched us get enclosed in that beam, from fairly close-by. They not only watched in wonderment while that beam engulfed us, they saw us lose normal consciousness, collapse onto the sand on our knees while that beam was enclosing us, then they watched us rise up after the beam had slowly withdrawn from us and 'stagger' toward them somewhat like sea-sick neophyte sailors on their first 'break-in' cruise! Sorry, my friends, but the prudent don't throw out an eight-witness case like that, just because it doesn't sound like today's normally far-less-well-witnessed claims of abduction. What kind of celebration would some of you abduction researchers have upon learning of an eight-witness case?

Finally, although described using my contactee idiom of the time, in Look Up I wrote that UFOs can behave as "second bodies for their pilots", explaining my intuitive sense that without even touching any controls, UFO operators maneuver their vehicles at the behest of thought. Because, years later, research by Stanford Research Institute in California developed both hardware and software enabling jet aircraft to respond to their pilot's thoughts without the time delay of transferring a maneuver order to mechanical controls (a great help in combat, I should think), I feel vindicated. Some of you may have seen the demonstration of that mind-controlling of an aircraft on network TV a few years back. I don't recall on which network it was broadcast or the program name, but maybe some of you can provide that information, for anyone interested.

So, Roy, although I do not have a copy of Look Up for you, I have shared some of the content of that book.

Now I must declare, Roy, that if (as one might suspicion) you were bringing up the subject of my rather irresponsible teenage writing in a covert attempt at retribution because I may have embarrassed you by exposing the book of fake UFO photos you were declaring to be of extreme interest, then the joke's on you.

At age 66, and for decades now, I have been happy to admit and discuss my teenage indiscretion and any self-deception in which I engaged as a believer in Adamski. In fact, I delight in persons bringing it up so I can set the record straight and make my current and decades-long very different approach to UFO studies clear. I hope some of the presently wide-eyed can take a lesson from, and benefit from, my teenage journey into 'contactee land', so thanks for the opportunity to once more share with others, without looking as though I had spoken entirely out-of-turn.

A thoughtful person admits past indiscretions and mistakes and, benefiting by his own personal recognition of such, grows beyond them.

Well, now that I have once more explained my 45-year-old book's teen-age stylistic and interpretative indiscretions (and some of its important, well substantiated UFO accounts) for the last time on this list, may we, in exchange, please be told whether

you still think Richard Brunswick's Photo Collection book's phony photos are impressive?

Of course, I'm sure my personal explanation of your recommended book as containing only fake photos did not convince you, but hopefully the information reported in Friday's posting to this list by widely respected V-J Ballester Olmos, Director of FOTOCAT, should have convinced you, unless, of course, this is a religious instead of a scientific issue with you.

From 'pipsqueaks' through Presidents, the ability or inability to recognize and admit one's error or indiscretion, tells a lot about a person.

Cheers,

Ray Stanford

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Subject: Brazilian Astronaut Joins UFO Organisation

Dear colleagues:

It is a great pleasure to inform that the Lieutenant-Colonel Marcos Cesar Pontes, the first Brazilian astronaut associated with NASA and scheduled for his first space flight in 2006, has accepted the invitation to join Brazilian UFO Magazine's Board of Counselors.

Pontes was interviewed last May by the magazine's representative in Sumare - journalist Wendell Stein - and declared firm belief in life outside Earth. He was then invited to be an official consultant the magazine and confirmed on July 30th his acceptance.

With this, the Brazilian UFO Magazine is the first publication in this field in the world to have an astronaut on its board. Pontes has a most remarkable record for hours of flight in Brazil and has tested dozens of different aircraft.

<http://www.ufo.com.br/index.php?arquivo=notComp.php&id=443>

The interview with the astronaut will be published in the edition # 102, August.

A. J. Gevaerd

Editor  
Brazilian UFO Magazine

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 12:02:30 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 15:27:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Clark

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 16:13:43 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 09:31:18 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 04:59:06 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

Hi, Brad,

>I think we've isolated the source of the problem alright, it's  
>that you rankle at the "sweeping" nature of my mild technical  
>comments on UFO methodology and you call them "self-righteous"  
>(and previously you accused me of calling people "fools and  
>idiots" when I made very mild criticisms of technical  
>methodology and never used any words even suggesting personal  
>slurs like "fools and idiots") If they were "self-righteous"  
>that would mean that I am "righteously" pursuing that which I  
>claim others to be failing to do. Well I'm not doing the ETH  
>modeling either, so your "self-righteous" slur at me is invalid  
>and you really need to stop this kind of ad hominem just because  
>I make "sweeping" criticisms that are dead on-target.

If my very mild criticisms amount to "slurs", ad hominem, and  
the like in your reading, no wonder productive exchange on this  
issue is proving an exercise in futility. I see nothing in what  
you have written here that would cause me to revise anything  
I've said. Those who are interested in my views and missed them  
the first time - or are confused by your representation of them  
- are encouraged to look them up on the archives.

You, Brad, are entitled to your views, and I to mine, though you  
seem to misunderstand mine, which are certainly modest enough. I  
tried to elucidate ufologists' complex relationship with the ETH  
over the time and to explain why one strategy, the one I prefer,  
may be more productive than the one you prefer. If you had  
actually given a careful reading of my remarks - which it is  
obvious you have not - you would have seen that I was not even  
arguing necessarily that you're wrong, only that there is  
another way to look at the issue. Apparently, I gather, in your  
mind there is only one: yours. Thus, no meaningful discussion or  
debate is going to happen.

I find that deeply disappointing. Meantime, I give up.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30 - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 12:37:11 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 15:31:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30 - King

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 12:10:18 -0700  
>Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 16:08:25 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30

<snip>

>I rather doubt that line of reasoning, which implies that a huge  
>amount of debris should be shed from Jupiter that would end up  
>on neighboring planets!

>It would be good to hear from a planetary astronomer about this.

Jim,

"Debris" from Jupiter... a gas giant... would be hard-pressed to  
find it's way here, I think. And if it did, we'd be hard-  
pressed to identify it as such.

Kyle

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 17:56:11 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 15:33:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 12:22:36 +1000  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 15:07:52 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

<snip>

>>That is simply not so. Every so often some ill-informed or  
>>misguided person makes ridiculous claims like that, which are  
>>not justified by any facts or statistics. At one point Kevin  
>>Randle (though he is a serious and respectable researcher)  
>>argued - quite falsely in my judgment - that a high percentage of  
>>abductees were homosexuals.

>>In my experience and that of every serious colleague, the  
>>"aliens" (if that is what they are) have proven to be equal  
>>opportunity abductors. No social, educational, racial,  
>>intellectual, or other biases.

>How do any of us know what is "simply not so"?

>Have any of us spoken to every abductee on the planet? Asked the  
>right questions? Seen it all clearly?

>I don't think so.

Sheryl,

As always in science, it is up to a claimant to provide evidence that something is so, not for doubters to prove that it is not so. I have read your other post giving your informal survey results which are interesting, but as you say it was not controlled and it could be interpreted in various ways. As one important example, were they "artistic" before their abduction experiences, or did they become "artistic" afterwards? How really "artistic" are they? Occasional and generalized interest? Amateur efforts? Professional careers? What percentage of their time do they devote to "artistic" endeavors.

Without a large, statistically valid sample analyzed by competent statisticians or mathematicians, both your and my comments are merely subjective impressions. However, through my connections with Budd Hopkins and other investigators and participation in large conferences attended by many dozens of professionals, I have strong reason to doubt the validity of the "artistic" claim. If you can point us to any large-scale statistical study of the issue, I would be very interested. Until someone presents evidence to the contrary, I will remain persuaded that it is "simply not so."

- Dick



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## Re: Apollo 16 Film - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 13:06:41 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 15:34:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: Apollo 16 Film - King

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 10:39:58 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Apollo 16 Film

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 04:49:34 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Apollo 16 Film

>>A very good article on this with photos, at:

>>[http://www.nasa.gov/vision/space/travelinginspace/no\\_ufo.html](http://www.nasa.gov/vision/space/travelinginspace/no_ufo.html)

>>No doubt in my mind - it was the light boom.

Don,

Ditto... NASA may very well be keeping secrets but I don't think this is one of them.

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## Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 13:20:03 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 15:36:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Groff

>From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 09:56:23 -0700 (PDT)  
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>>From: Alfred Webre <[EcoRadio.nul](mailto:EcoRadio.nul)>  
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>>just have to educate the public about our respective  
>>websites."

>"Educate" the public, indeed.

>>My website is:  
>>[Exopolitics.com](http://Exopolitics.com)

>Interesting. The two exopolitics guys cross paths on the UpDates  
>List. What do you think, Brad? ;-)

>Please, bear with me through the following. I tie it together at  
>the end. Basically, the following is being thrown out for  
>discussion.

>I had a look at Mr. Webre's webpage. Very curious. It seems that  
>the Earth is under "quarantine." Consider the following brief  
>description of this "quarantine" from that page:

>"Earth is isolated because it is under intentional quarantine by  
>a structured, rational Universe society. There are signs around  
>us of a Universe initiative to reintegrate Earth into  
>interplanetary society. It is possible that Earth may be  
>permitted to rejoin Universe society, under certain conditions,  
>or at a future time certain."

If there is an initiative to "reintegrate" us in to an  
interplanetary society, wouldn't keeping the populaces of the  
world in the dark about their existence be counter-productive to  
this?

Are they waiting to see if we can fix ourselves?

Would they integrate all of humanity or just a select few and  
leave they rest (of us) in the dust?

Have they already integrated some?

Terry Groff  
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The UFO/UAP Research WebRing  
<http://x.webring.com/hub?ring=ufologicalresear>

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## NASA Unveils Radical New Space Shuttle Design

From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 14:22:45 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 15:45:01 -0400  
Subject: NASA Unveils Radical New Space Shuttle Design

Source: The Spoof

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NASA Unveils Radical New Space Shuttle Design  
by  
Flash Nitrate

Miami, FL -- Reporters at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida were given a sneak peak yesterday at NASA'S updated version of it's "next generation" space shuttle. Secretly developed over the course of 57 years the new craft, sources say, boasts a dizzying yet sometimes disturbing array of mind-boggling technologies.

"That looks like one of those flying saucers that supposedly crashed in Roswell " one reporter noted. Ken Rogers, NASA's director of advanced propulsion systems replied,

"Well, actually... it is. A modified version."

A hush fell over the press conference. Finally one reporter, Dale Tanner, WKRE Chicago broke the silence asking,

"You mean to tell us that the Roswell space alien crash actually happened?"

Again Rogers answered, "Yes... it did. And all the rumors you've heard over the years are true. There has been a what you call 'cover-up' for 57 years. After the alien crash in 1947 President Truman ordered .."

Lee Ross of CNN interrupted going "President Truman? He's been dead for over 30 years". Rogers continued,

"Yes he has. Back in 1947 he gave every branch of the military and government strict orders NOT to reveal this alien technology until the year 2005. We suddenly realized, Truman's dead, he can't hurt us so today, 6 months early we're showing you our new .. space shuttle. We named it Columbia after our fallen comrade".

Rogers then proceeded to brief reporters, give them a high level overview of the craft hovering in front of them ..

"The original alien saucer, indeed from the Zeta Reticular star system 37.2 light years away had onboard literally thousands of technological devices so advanced that our scientists at the time could barely comprehend them. Over decades we finally figured out over 70% of their technology and began developing our own 'saucers'. Those are what people report seeing and reporting as UFO's from time to time, our experimental crafts accidentally warping into then out of view. We're learning."

Johnson Space Center in Houston (Mission Control) in a press release yesterday did confirm ..

The new space shuttle operates using inverse dipolar tachyon phased anti-gravity waves. It requires no fuel, can hover silently above any surface and can go from zero to 97.4% the speed of light in 3 seconds. It can make sharp right angle turns while traveling at six hundred forty million miles per hour and in some instances appear in 2 places simultaneously.

Anthony Baker of Clear Lake Tx, commander of the shuttle's first test flight scheduled for January 1, 2005 spoke with reporters

..  
"Our first mission will be a simple one... to lift off from the White House lawn, fly to the third moon of Saturn, snap some pictures of the rings then return to the White House lawn. We estimate that journey to take approximately 9 minutes."

NASA says that if all goes well with their test flight they will then, in March send the shuttle to the Alpha Centauri star system located in the Centaurus constellation. That system being 4.2 light years away, the journey will by our earth clocks take about 10 years traveling at 97.4% the speed of light. The astronauts on board though, due to relativistic time dilation will only age 11 days.

"Fun times", NASA says, "fun times ahead for the space program. No more spending billions of dollars orbiting the earth in primitive deadly rocket powered vessels performing experiments on weightless pregnant lady bugs... we're heading for the stars."

<http://www.thespoof.com/about/index.cfm>

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 14:41:56 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 15:47:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 10:44:42 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 09:54:35 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 09:53:18 -0300  
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

<snip>

>>Regarding "Linguistics", STF omits to tell readers that  
>>Dr Roger Wescott (who was chosen to do the analysis  
>>because of his known pro-UFO beliefs) later  
>>changed his mind about endorsing the Hillenkoetter briefing.  
>>I have his letter to researchers on this.

>>"What the public doesn't know, I wont tell them".

>>Exactly.

>>CDA

>I am glad that CDA can get inside everybody's mind when it is  
>convenient for his scenarios. Wescott wanted out because he  
>didn't want to waste his time dealing with attacks from Klass et  
>al. The Briefing officer was Hillenkoetter (DCI in September  
>,1947) but we know from a memo from W.B. Smith to Truman dated  
>January 9, 1953, (in my Final Report) that Smith, who had worked  
>very closely with Ike during WW 2, and was DCI in 1952, was,  
>generally speaking, in charge of national Security briefings for  
>Ike between the election and Ike's inauguration . Hilly would  
>have been contact with him prior to the Nov. 18, 1952 briefing.  
>It doesn't seem unlikely the EBE would have been typed at the  
>CIA.

Stan,

Per Mr. Wescott himself,

"On behalf of those who support the authenticity of the memo, I  
wrote that I thought its fraudulence unproven....On behalf of  
its critics, I could equally well have maintained that its  
authenticity is unproven."

This is hardly a ringing endorsement. And your comment as to why  
he chose to remove himself from the debate seems suspiciously  
like getting "inside...(his)...mind".

Dr. Wescott's comment speaks for itself, and requires no  
illumination or theory.

He cannot verify the authenticity of the documents, therefore his analysis is of no use in building your "case".

Note that I do not contend that the MJ-12 documents are either real or faked, but simply that Dr. Wescott contends exactly that...they are either real or faked.

Stan, I confess that you are one of my heroes among UFO researchers. This does not mean that I believe everything you say simply because you say it.

Note that the above statement by Dr. Wescott does not appear in any of your papers that I have found.

Respectfully,

Kyle

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From: Greg Sandow <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 15:37:10 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 15:49:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 11:07:48 +1000  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>I have found that many of the abductees I have spoken to here  
>in Australia (maybe 250- 300 by now) are artistically  
>inclined, seemingly more so than the average person.

>They either play musical instruments, sculpt, paint, sing,  
>write (particularly poetry) and follow many other artistic  
>pursuits.

<snip>

>I have not undertaken a controlled study into this but the  
>preponderance of artistic or creative tendencies is so strong  
>that I would be surprised if this did not show up in such a study.

Richard Hall hasn't observed this, as we know (nor have I). In another post, Sheryl wasn't happy with his observations.

But before any of us, including me, get too sure of what we're saying, consider this. When we talk about abductees, there are at least three groups of people involved. First, people who've had the abduction experience (whatever that is). Second, people who are willing to admit that they've had it, or - which I don't doubt happens - believe that they've had it, even if they don't have specific memories of such a thing. And third, people who get involved in organized abduction activities, which includes talking to researchers, attending support groups, and doubtless other things.

These could be three distinct groups of people, overlapping somewhat, but not completely. Plenty of people, for instance, might have the abduction experience and never talk about it to anybody. So when we talk about the demographics of "abductees," which group of abduction-related people do we really have information about?

The situation is even more complicated than this, because organized abduction activity varies a lot. Various support groups might attract different kinds of people.

When I observed Budd Hopkins's groups, there was clearly at least one selection effect at work. Generally speaking, he'd draw people more or less from his own demographic - middle-class New Yorkers with white-collar jobs. There were exceptions, like Linda Cortile, and generally his groups were more diverse than other groups I've been part of. But there were hardly any working-class minority people, and certainly nobody from what's sometimes called the underclass. This wasn't surprising. It would be rare to find those people in any group with college-educated middle-class types. No reflection on either group; that's just the way New York works (and the rest of America, too). The only place I've ever been in New York where I encountered what I thought was a literal cross-section of the population was the marriage license bureau! So it's not surprising that Budd's support groups weren't wildly diverse,

though people who have the abduction experience may in fact be as varied as the people lining up for marriage licenses.

Greg Sandow

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### Re: Dr. Poher's Mexican Airforce UFO Video

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 15:41:13 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 16:09:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Dr. Poher's Mexican Airforce UFO Video

>From: John Elliott <[townsville3.nul](mailto:townsville3.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:47:04 -0400 (GMT-04:00)  
>Subject: Dr. Poher's Mexican Airforce UFO Video Analysis

>As anticipated in a post by someone else, last month, Dr. Claude  
>Poher has published an analysis of this case (in French).

>"ANALYSE SCIENTIFIQUE ET IDENTIFICATION  
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>[http://www.premiumwanadoo.com/universons/ovni\\_gbFr/observation\\_mexicaine\\_fr=.pdf](http://www.premiumwanadoo.com/universons/ovni_gbFr/observation_mexicaine_fr=.pdf)

>Conclusion translated using Babelfish:

>"Although this analysis was made from 5% of the enregistrees data  
>aboard plane, the results confirm the account of the crew, but  
>not his interpretation.

Poher made use of data I supplied to him as well as publicly  
available video.

He may be right in saying the radar target is uninteresting  
because it is not connected to the FLIR lights and he may be  
correct in identifying the lights as oil field fires.

Notice I said "may". In my opinion it is premature to state a  
conclusion.

An important experiment has not yet been done to test the oil  
fire hypothesis.

And the first radar target seems anomalous because:

- a) its sudden appearance
- b) the failure to see the object reflecting the radar despite  
many minutes of searching ahead of the plane when the radar  
indicated it was only about 2.3 mi ahead
- c) speed "jumps" (which may be an artifact of the radar - this  
is being checked on) and
- d) failure to detect anything on the FLIR that was definitely  
correlated with the radar target.

Had the radar target been an airplane it would have been seen  
visually and its heat would have been picked up by the FLIR  
system.

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## More Daytime UFOs Videoed

From: Barry Taylor <[stingray.nul](mailto:stingray.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 17:41:20 +1000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 16:00:41 -0400  
Subject: More Daytime UFOs Videoed

Hello List,

On the 8th July I videoed UFOs during daytime. I posted a link so you could download a sample clip. The close red UFO was the most interesting.

On the 16th July they returned and I was able to get more footage of them. I have installed images grabbed off this video plus descriptions. See this report at:

<http://theozfactor.nucleardays.com/ufo-16july2004.htm>

Barry Taylor

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>>the end. Basically, the following is being thrown out for  
>>discussion.

>>I had a look at Mr. Webre's webpage. Very curious. It seems that  
>>the Earth is under "quarantine." Consider the following brief  
>>description of this "quarantine" from that page:

>>"Earth is isolated because it is under intentional quarantine by  
>>a structured, rational Universe society. There are signs around  
>>us of a Universe initiative to reintegrate Earth into  
>>interplanetary society. It is possible that Earth may be  
>>permitted to rejoin Universe society, under certain conditions,  
>>or at a future time certain."

>>If there is an initiative to "reintegrate" us in to an  
>>interplanetary society, wouldn't keeping the populaces of the  
>>world in the dark about their existence be counter-productive to  
>>this?

>>Are they waiting to see if we can fix ourselves?

>>Would they integrate all of humanity or just a select few and  
>>leave they rest (of us) in the dust?

>>Have they already integrated some?

Terry,

We should heed the thoughts of Groucho Marx, who once intoned, (my paraphrasing) "I wouldn't join any club who'd have me as a member."

Perhaps "re-integration" is being misinterpreted. What if Earth was once a great food source for aliens of this "structured, rational...society", but was "quarantined" when our nuclear tests "tainted" the food supply.

What if the aliens, seeing that we have put down the nukes for awhile, have determined that we are now suitable for consumption once again.

"Re-integration" might mean that we're simply back on the menu... :)

In that case, count me out on the reintegration thing.

Kyle

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## Re: riedman/Shostak Debate - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 16:47:12 EDT  
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 17:17:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: riedman/Shostak Debate - Sparks

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 12:02:30 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 16:13:43 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

<snip>

>Hi, Brad,

>>I think we've isolated the source of the problem alright, it's  
>>that you rankle at the "sweeping" nature of my mild technical  
>>comments on UFO methodology and you call them "self-righteous"  
>>(and previously you accused me of calling people "fools and  
>>idiots" when I made very mild criticisms of technical  
>>methodology and never used any words even suggesting personal  
>>slurs like "fools and idiots") If they were "self-righteous"  
>>that would mean that I am "righteously" pursuing that which I  
>>claim others to be failing to do. Well I'm not doing the ETH  
>>modeling either, so your "self-righteous" slur at me is invalid  
>>and you really need to stop this kind of ad hominem just because  
>>I make "sweeping" criticisms that are dead on-target.

>If my very mild criticisms amount to "slurs", ad hominem, and  
>the like in your reading, no wonder productive exchange on this  
>issue is proving an exercise in futility. I see nothing in what  
>you have written here that would cause me to revise anything  
>I've said. Those who are interested in my views and missed them  
>the first time - or are confused by your representation of them  
>- are encouraged to look them up on the archives.

>You, Brad, are entitled to your views, and I to mine, though you  
>seem to misunderstand mine, which are certainly modest enough. I  
>tried to elucidate ufologists' complex relationship with the ETH  
>over the time and to explain why one strategy, the one I prefer,  
>may be more productive than the one you prefer. If you had  
>actually given a careful reading of my remarks - which it is  
>obvious you have not - you would have seen that I was not even  
>arguing necessarily that you're wrong, only that there is  
>another way to look at the issue. Apparently, I gather, in your  
>mind there is only one: yours. Thus, no meaningful discussion or  
>debate is going to happen.

Hi Jerry,

You'll recall I tried to find out what on earth possessed you to  
accuse me of "CSICOP-style polemics" and of calling UFO  
researchers "fools and idiots" in my very mildly worded  
criticism of the UFO community's failure to build constructive  
models of ETH. To most readers this is probably a very arcane  
and abstract methodological issue hardly warranting all the  
heated rhetoric that was introduced into this exchange with this  
"fools and idiots" type remarks.

I even suggested to you that you use your years of expert



editorial skills to edit my postings here -- alternatively you could just isolate the offending words or phrases I used that you didn't like, so I would at least know what it was that so ticked you off. Your response to my suggestion was to switch gears and say it was the "sweeping" nature of my criticism applying to every UFO researcher that upset you, even though you failed to note when you made that "sweeping" comment that I had discussed some possible exceptions (Friedman, Vallee, Hynek) inside the UFO community (and excluded Ashpole because he is in the SETI community yet you keep bringing him up).

I challenged you to disprove my "sweeping" claim by pointing to anyone in the UFO community who has built testable models of ETH that are pro-UFO or pro-ETH in contrast to the hostile and/or biased work of the SETI community in trying to refute the whole UFO phenomenon, debunker style. I think you are in agreement with me that there aren't any such testable, hopefully quantitative, pro-UFO models of ETH built within the UFO community (maybe some seeds or beginnings though, as I noted previously). But your agreement came via the backdoor of trying excuse the lapse in building such a theoretical framework, thus admitting the lapse but only within a protective layer of excuses (e.g., fear of the anti-ETH results being used to debunk UFO observations).

The exceptions of some ETH work within the UFO community, which I had pointed out from the beginning, were what I called "negative campaigning" because in Friedman's case they were cogent remarks countering SETI criticism of the UFO phenomenon. In the case of the negative results on ETH from Vallee and Hynek, if UFO researchers seemed to feel they didn't get a fair shake, a fair hearing, then I said the UFO community needed to get out there and do its own "positive campaigning," build its own ETH models that are scientific, testable, and fair to UFO reality, and not just give up the whole enterprise.

Science does not progress if either theory or observation are preferred to the exclusion of the other, or are overwhelmingly dominated by one over the other. That is not "my way" of looking at the issue, it is science's way. It is not being done in the UFO field even though SETI has shown us a way to do it, albeit with ulterior hostile motives. We should be grown up enough to be able to discard the "bad" while preserving the "good" of that approach, instead of dodging the matter altogether.

I hope now that I have made my views more clear and apologize for any confusion that may have arisen from imperfectly conveyed remarks, which ordinarily would simply be corrected as one goes along in an extended, hopefully fruitful, dialogue.

Cordially,

Brad Sparks

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## Re: Varginha Again - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 21:10:13 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 17:19:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Hall

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 10:09:08 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 18:41:45 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

<snip>

>>All right, I can't resist any longer. Although I have not  
>>followed this thread (out of sheer disinterest) except for an  
>>occasional peek, I suggest they be renamed the "Varginha  
>>Monologues." The joke, for our overseas contributors who may  
>>not be aware of it, derives from the stage play the "Vagina  
>>Monologues."

>I have watched the stage play you mentioned, translated into  
>Portuguese, in a local theatre. I just do not understand what  
>the connection is of the Vagina Monologues with the Varginha  
>Case... It is because the posts I published here have not been  
>commented on by other readers?

>A. J.

Does no one have a sense of humor around here? It was just a  
joke; a play on words: the similarity in spelling (and possibly  
pronunciation) between Varginha and Vagina.

- Dick

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## Re: Detecting UFOs Through 'Passive' Radar - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 14:15:59 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 17:21:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Detecting UFOs Through 'Passive' Radar - Hatch

>From: Peter B. Davenport - National UFO Reporting Center <[director.nul](mailto:director.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 11:19:45 -0700  
>Subject: Detecting UFOs Through The Use Of 'Passive' Radar

>To the List:

>I have posted to the NUFORC website the paper I wrote for the  
>MUFON Symposium in Denver earlier this month. It pertains to the  
>remote detection of UFOs through the use of 'passive' radar.

>In addition, I copy below some links to URLs, which discuss the  
>issue of passive radar:

<snip>

Hello Peter:

Now this is interesting!

I had considered possible 'passive radar' in the past, but I was thinking of receivers in synchronization with existing radars, rather than the possibility of bounced signals from ordinary radio and TV transmitters.

That is new to me, and very intriguing. I see this would require some massive computing power, but not entirely out of reach given advances in hardware, and (gulp!) availability of the pertinent software.

The software may come available somehow, but I presume some special receiving antenna apparatus would be needed. Would that be something like a rotating dish, or a flat fixed array, or something else again? This sounds like big bucks for the little guy.

I read most of the URLs provided (not the .pdf which is a mess for me) and it appears that this is being taken seriously.

I like the stealth feature, no special radar beams, just ambient commercial transmitters etc. Like other ufo detection devices (magnetic anomaly sensors etc.) there remains the issue of 'false positives. Hopefully, the advanced software would reduce those.

If more develops from this, I'm sure others would like to hear about it.

Best wishes

- Larry

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 16:53:55 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 17:28:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - King

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 11:19:40 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 00:58:00 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:35:51 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>>Yes, I was just using my common sense and what I've learned by  
>>>our photographic field work which tells me how truly anomalous  
>>>UFOs present photographically. Photographed models and  
>>>airbrushed images never have what it takes.

>>Mr Stanford,

>>Can you tell me if your book, Look Up, is still in publication?

>>I would like to read a copy of it, can you point me to one?

>Roy,

>Although you are clearly on a 'fishing expedition', I will  
>respond in depth to your inquiry.

>Since I self-published that little 66-page book at age 19, 45  
>years ago, in early 1958, it has been long out-of-print and I  
>never re-published it because before very long I began to  
>realize that the wide-eyed Adamskian 'contactee' interpretation  
>I had placed upon the otherwise genuine and well-witnessed UFO  
>encounters described in that book was fanciful and tainted by my  
>teenage belief in the contact and fake UFO photos of George  
>Adamski. But to compensate, within a few years I was actively  
>exposing Adamski's hoaxes and fake photos publicly, along with  
>the contact hoax and fake UFO movie(s) and photos fabricated by  
>Daniel W. Fry, whom I never believed. That experience with  
>Adamski and that whole 1950s 'contactee' crowd, is why I am so  
>dubious of the 'will-to-believe'. I've been through that and  
>know what damage it can do to one's objectivity.

>Whether one likes how I presented Look Up, or not (I don't.),  
>tell me how many other youths have the enthusiasm and  
>determination to write a book (I didn't have word-processing  
>back then, either, to make the writing easier.) at age 18 (just  
>out of high school) and 19, and raise the money to pay a printer  
>to print it by working at a shoe store, in order to let people  
>know their experiences with UFOs or anything else. Let me assure  
>you that it took some very impressive UFO encounters and a  
>pretty dedicated young man to undertake such an effort. If you  
>or anyone else on this list would like to try to shame me for  
>that kind of dedication, then the person you shame is yourself  
>and not me. I never had any hope or delusion about making enough

>money to even pay myself back for the printing of the book,  
>copies of which I sold for immense sum of \$2! No, I was simply  
>on fire inside with excitement to share personal experiences  
>that I knew could not possibly involve objects of terrestrial  
>origin, even though in my excitement, I was reading too much  
>into some of my experiences, especially some of those that did  
>not involve UFOs, per se. Boys will be boys! Youth will be  
>youth!

<snip>

Ray,

Way to "head 'em off at the pass". :) )

Very interesting that you owe much of your interest in UFOs to  
Adamski, and yet were able to find the error in his model  
without ditching the entire UFO phenomenon as a subject of  
study.

Very candid revelations, Ray. Even if they were a "pre-emptive  
strike". ;)

Kyle

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 19:01:25 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 17:31:27 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Friedman

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 14:41:56 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 10:44:42 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 09:54:35 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 09:53:18 -0300  
>>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

><snip>

>>>Regarding "Linguistics", STF omits to tell readers that  
>>>Dr Roger Wescott (who was chosen to do the analysis  
>>>because of his known pro-UFO beliefs) later  
>>>changed his mind about endorsing the Hillenkoetter briefing.  
>>>I have his letter to researchers on this.

>>>"What the public doesn't know, I wont tell them".

>>>Exactly.

>>>CDA

>>>I am glad that CDA can get inside everybody's mind when it is  
>>>convenient for his scenarios. Wescott wanted out because he  
>>>didn't want to waste his time dealing with attacks from Klass et  
>>>al. The Briefing officer was Hillenkoetter (DCI in September  
>>>,1947) but we know from a memo from W.B. Smith to Truman dated  
>>>January 9, 1953, (in my Final Report) that Smith, who had worked  
>>>very closely with Ike during WW 2, and was DCI in 1952, was,  
>>>generally speaking, in charge of national Security briefings for  
>>>Ike between the election and Ike's inauguration . Hilly would  
>>>have been contact with him prior to the Nov. 18, 1952 briefing.  
>>>It doesn't seem unlikely the EBE would have been typed at the  
>>>CIA.

>Stan,

>Per Mr. Wescott himself,

>"On behalf of those who support the authenticity of the memo, I  
>wrote that I thought its fraudulence unproven...On behalf of  
>its critics, I could equally well have maintained that its  
>authenticity is unproven."

>This is hardly a ringing endorsement. And your comment as to why  
>he chose to remove himself from the debate seems suspiciously  
>like getting "inside...(his)...mind".

>Dr. Wescott's comment speaks for itself, and requires no  
>illumination or theory.

>He cannot verify the authenticity of the documents, therefore

>Note that I do not contend that the MJ-12 documents are either  
>real or faked, but simply that Dr. Wescott contends exactly  
>that...they are either real or faked.

>Stan, I confess that you are one of my heroes among UFO  
>researchers. This does not mean that I believe everything you

>Note that the above statement by Dr. Wescott does not appear in  
>any of your papers that I have found.

>Respectfully,

>Kyle

Kyle, I don't think I even have a copy of that letter from Wescott. However, I did publish his letter of April 7, 1986, and detailed and very impressive background information. I had supplied attorney Bob Bletchman with 27 communications from Hillenkoetter which I had obtained from the Truman Library. RW made this statement:

"In my opinion there is no compelling reason to regard any of these communications as fraudulent or to believe that any of them were written by anyone other than Hillenkoetter himself. This statement holds for the controversial presidential briefing memorandum of November 18, 1952, as well as for the letters both official and personal."

On a preponderance of evidence criteria, noting that he and not the critics, looked at all the items not just the briefing, and noting his outstanding linguistics background, it appears that the briefing has not been shown to be fraudulent. I am not saying beyond any reasonable doubt. I consider this a civil matter not a criminal matter. Obviously there was always the possibility that a forger studied Hillenkoetter's writings in great detail and was able to simulate his style, etc. Any evidence for that? We obviously don't have the equivalent of DNA data here.

I am reminded of some people claiming that well anyone could have gone to the Harvard Archives and found out about Menzel's connections with the NSA, CIA, etc. Certainly true, though it would have required written permission from three different people. But is there any evidence that anybody did?

Others have said that anybody could have found out from the Truman Library that WB Smith's only meeting with Truman over a several month period was the 01 August, 1950, date noted in the EBD. But did they? I asked the TL if anybody else had asked for dates of their meetings. The answer was NO. In other words could have, might have, etc, are not the same as did.

Remember that Wescott did not just look at the briefing document and provide a quick opinion.

Stan Friedman

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## Davenport & Passive Radar SDI Interview OnLine

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 17:51:19 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 17:51:19 -0400  
Subject: Davenport & Passive Radar SDI Interview OnLine

Peter Davenport discussed his Passive Radar UFO detector project on 'Strange Days... Indeed' last Saturday night. The interview is available for listening, via Real Audio, at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/program/sdi2004.html>

Click the Play button in the program 303 listing.

Its slightly over 4Mb and will either download or play - your choice.

It is must listening.....

Errol Bruce-Knapp  
Host/Producer  
Strange Days... Indeed  
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## Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30 - Deardorff

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 19:37:12 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 17:55:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30 - Deardorff

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:02:26 -0700  
>Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2004 15:46:15 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30

<snip>

>>All Martian meteorites traveled here via very long elliptical  
>>routes (much longer than the 52 million miles to which you  
>>refer) with no protection from cosmic rays and solar wind, as  
>>evidenced by their cosmic ray exposure ages. The Cosmic Ray  
>>Exposure (CRE) age of a Martian meteorite is the length of time  
>>from ejection off Mars until its fall onto the Earth's surface.

>There may be a large uncertainty in our understanding of where  
>some of these meteorites, discovered mostly on Antarctica, came  
>from. As I understand it, there are 5 or 6 times as many found  
>from Mars as from the Moon. Why isn't the ratio at least that  
>much the other way around, considering the Moon's lesser gravit

I keep up with both Martian and Lunar meteorite counts because I  
collect both types. Your information that there are 5 or 6 times  
more Martian meteorites known than lunar ones is very  
inaccurate. If fact, currently the number is almost equal, with  
33 Lunar meteorites known and 32 Martian meteorites. That  
changes the picture considerably.

FYI, Lunar meteorites tend to be smaller than Martian  
meteorites, but there are many different factors that may  
account for that, including a generally greater friability or  
brittleness of lunarites, perhaps due to their formation on a  
body of much lower gravitation than Mars.

For details and excellent photos of many of them, go to my  
friend Norbert Klassen's two excellent webpages:

<http://www.timewarp.de/martian/snc.htm>

<http://www.timewarp.de/lunar/lunar.htm>

Ray Stanford

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## Find The Copycats

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 18:35:42 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 18:00:22 -0400  
Subject: Find The Copycats

Hello all with Web pages:

Here is a really nifty online utility to find other sites which copy, "scrape" or plagiarize your hard work:

<http://www.copyscape.com/>

Just type over the URL in the box at screen center with the address for any page you think might be victimized.

Don't be too surprised if you find the same pair of copycat sites over and over.

The ones I'm thinking of usually give links back, but those are 'cooked' in javascript so those links don't credit the original pages for purposes of search engine ratings. Mouse-over the "links" and you will see what I mean in the bottom task-bar, usually to the left. Instead of:

<http://www.yoursite.com/yourpage.html>

you will see:

<http://www.COPYCAT.com/doc1234.html>

which is not a real page, just a jumper to your legitimate page.

The apparent motive for this is to conserve "page rank", directing it instead to other pages on the same scraping site(s), and again for search engine ratings. Those in turn get better Google (etc.) listings, and boost income from the inevitable banner ads etc.

An honest link, is of the form:

```
<A HREF="http://www.YOURSITE.com/YOURPAGE.html"> (title) </A>
```

.. in the source code. Don't feel too bad. Even if the scraper hogs the ratings, he still sends you visitors, and you get to pay for the bandwidth (traffic).

Happy hunting,

- Larry

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## CCCRN News: Formation Report #6 - Grand Forks BC

From: Paul Anderson <[paulanderson.nul](mailto:paulanderson.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 20:08:57 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 18:56:50 -0400  
Subject: CCCRN News: Formation Report #6 - Grand Forks BC

CCCRN NEWS  
E-News from the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network

August 1, 2004

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

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FORMATION REPORT #6 - GRAND FORKS, BRITISH  
COLUMBIA

Circle with two small rectangular appendages in barley, reported July 30 but first seen about three weeks previous, in early July. Approximately 27 metres / 88 feet across. Rough lay with broken stalks. "Gold-coloured stains" found in two areas in formation. Possibly a hoax coinciding with the Star Dreams crop circle film tour through the area and across the country. Further details pending. This is the sixth report so far for 2004.

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c. CCCRN, 2004

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## Re: Varginha Again - Sanchez-Ocejo

From: **Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo** <[ufomiami.nul](mailto:ufomiami.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 23:13:27 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 18:59:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Sanchez-Ocejo

In this debate about the Varginha Case, I like to point out that the date of the sighting, January 20, 1996, coincides with the "chupacabras" wave; Puerto Rico, April 1995. Guatemala, October 1995. Mexico, December 1995. Miami, February 1996. Costa Rica, April 1996.

I wonder if Brazil's incident of 'Captured Aliens' as they are called, is nothing more than another "chupacabras" case. We have to be very careful about calling the creature "alien" or "extraterrestrial" without any physical evidence.

If we were supposed to be scientifically inclined, why, I wonder... without strong data, only with some witnesses and a "doctor" stories did we assume the E.T. hypothesis?

Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo  
Miami UFO Center

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## Re: Apollo 16 Film - Ratsch

From: Donald Ratsch <[sts48.nul](mailto:sts48.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 00:25:14 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 09:46:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: Apollo 16 Film - Ratsch

>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 22:18:47 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>Subject: Re: Apollo 16 Film

>>From: James Oberg <[joberg.nul](mailto:joberg.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 8 Mar 2004 12:28:20 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Apollo 16 Film - Oberg

><snip>

>>Late last month there was a high level of message traffic about  
>>a JSE article concerning the Apollo-16 video with an anomalous  
>>image, and there was considerable speculation - prior to anyone  
>>actually seeing the article, apparently - about what was claimed  
>>in it, and what was proved.

>>Through the generosity of two colleagues I obtained a copy of  
>>that article and posted my comments on February 26, here:

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/feb/m26-007.shtml>

><snip>

>>I hope in coming days others will be able to examine the actual  
>>article, compare it with my comments, and resume the discussion  
>>at a much more productive level.

>Hi Jim!

<snip>

>Unless we can get to read the report, if any, by this group of  
>NASA experts, we should not be quick to disregard all the  
>different explanations that others, including yourself and  
>Hiroshi Nakamura previously published and later proposed on UFO  
>UpDates or to us by private e-mails. Any chance of obtaining a  
>copy of this report from JSC in Houston and make it available to  
>ufologists and space researchers?

Nick,

As you might know, James Oberg, Space and UFO expert  
extraordinaire <ahem> in 1980 presented the Apollo 16 UFO film  
(among others) in a compilation (CL862) at the Smithsonian  
Institute seminar on UFOs and at an OMNI sponsored "UFO Summit"  
where he debated J.Allen Hynek. He declared the disc-shaped  
object in the Apollo 16 film to be "the earth."

This explanation stood unchallenged  
for 18 years. About 1998 I was shown a Japanese UFO book by  
a Japanese member of ORTK. I can't read Japanese but I was  
impressed with one of the pictures from the book, the saucer like  
object from the Apollo 16 mission.

I wanted to know more about that picture and began a little  
investigation. I initially thought the image was the result of a

picture taken with a still camera but found out from a friend that in fact it was the result of a frame from a 35mm camera aboard the Apollo.

The friend was Sam Sherman of "Independent International Pictures" who was the producer of of the audio documentary, "The Edwards Air Force Base Encounter." He acquired the Apollo 16 film along with others in the CL-862 via an Air Force FOIA request. He dubbed me a VHS copy and copies of the CL862 papers where I was then able to purchase from NASA film 9361. After running the film and freeze framing it was obvious that the object was not the earth.

Upon request I dubbed a copy (freeze framing and all) to Tom King who put it on his web site from which source everybody else added it to their web sites. On a newsgroup, "sci.space.shuttle" I challenged Oberg that the earth does not have the shape of a flying saucer and besides the earth had to be behind the cameraman and not forward. About two days later he responded on the newsgroup that upon further investigation he decided I was right. But now he threw out a new theory, that the strange image was a reflection of the camera lens from the viewing window. We argued about that back and forth for about a couple of weeks.

Then I decided this year to put NASA on the record. What was their explanation?

So I wrote my Congressman, Ruppertsberger of the 2nd Dist (Md)

<http://home.comcast.net/~sts48/ruppertsberger.html>

and six months later to the day I received a response:

<http://www.msnusers.com/DonaldRatschNewFiles/shoebox.msnw?action=ShowPhoto&PhotoID=3> ( This URL may not work because of the 65 letter limitation) As everyone knows by now, NASA's explanation for the object is the boom and floodlight. If that is truly what it is then Jim Oberg has been wrong twice. First he said the explanation was "earth" then "camera lens reflection." So much for his expertise on space anomalies.

I have a few questions though concerning the boom/floodlight explanation. First if one examines the boom floodlight:

<http://www.msnusers.com/DonaldRatschNewFiles/shoebox.msnw?action=ShowPhoto&PhotoID=4>

they will notice that the floodlight lens appears relatively flat as was the case with all boom/ floodlight photos NASA sent me.

Why then did the object in question have a dome?

<http://www.chucara.com/dossiers/astro07/19980103.htm>

It should have been flat like the floodlight lens. But even if the floodlight lens was radically convexed, a significant amount of light would have passed through the glass lens preventing such a dramatic shadow on the other side of the dome. In addition NASA sent me (and is posted on the web) about five other boom/floodlight photos from the various Apollo missions and in all of them the boom is not in shadow and can be seen clearly. However the boom (if thats what it is) is missing in the Apollo 16 film.

There is, granted, a linear feature to the left of the object. It can be remembered that some people report sparks and other strange things shooting out from UFOs. It cannot be assumed that that same UFOs shooting sparks would not be visable in space simply because we do not know what those sparks and other matter emitted are? Therefore the linear feature could be an unknown emission.

Thirdly when freeze framing the action before the panning, one observes the diameter of the dome.

After the camera pans to the right and then back to the left again and freeze frames again. What can be seen of the disc, the diameter is smaller.

This indicates the object moved away into the distance. Or it could mean the boom/floodlight moved away from Apollo. But there

is no proof the boom was being operated as they began their journey back to earth.

I suggest there are enough questions that a civilian scientific panel (including Dr. Jack Kasher) should look at this film and analyze it.

Donald Ratsch

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## Re: ETH Modeling - Deardorff

From: **Jim Deardorff** <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 23:15:35 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 09:48:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: ETH Modeling - Deardorff

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 16:13:43 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>I stand by my "sweeping" criticisms and challenge you [Jerry] once  
>again for about the 4th or 5th time to quote me the UFO researcher  
>who has done actual numerical modeling of ETH in a testable way so  
>that we are not vulnerable to the biases of SETI doing it "for  
>us" and coming up with predictable anti-UFO results. I have said  
>I know of no such quantitative testable ETH modeling by the UFO  
>community and that "interesting writing on ETH" is palpably not  
>the same thing.

>I have also said repeatedly that I would be delighted to find  
>some overlooked body of literature on ETH model building. ...

A possible example of such modeling is in the 1987 paper by  
Martin J. Fogg, in *Icarus* 69, 370-384 (1987). The title is:  
"Temporal aspects of the interaction among the first Galactic  
civilizations: The 'Interdict Hypothesis'." It contains the  
results of his numerical model of ET expansion within the Galaxy  
using a range of basic assumptions.. His abstract reads:

"Simulations of the origin, expansion, and interaction of the  
first galactic civilization to arise suggest a chronology of  
events which have possible implications for the resolution of  
Fermi's paradox. These are considered and an "Interdict  
Hypothesis" is proposed to explain the absence of any obvious  
sign of extraterrestrial presence in the Solar System."

His model gives the usual colonization of the Galaxy by ETs,  
which he finds occurs even before the Solar System and Earth are  
born. He adds various assumptions as to why we're not colonized,  
and settles for a generalization of Ball's "zoo hypothesis"  
having been implemented in the past few billion years or so. He  
seems to make use of Newman & Sagan's suggestion of a "Codex  
Galactica" that ETs are supposed to abide by. No mention of the  
UFO phenomenon (since he wanted his paper to be published?).

Jim Deardorff

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## Re: Question About Artists AndAbductees/Contactees

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 02:49:18 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 09:51:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists AndAbductees/Contactees

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 15:37:10 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 11:07:48 +1000  
>>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>I have found that many of the abductees I have spoken to here  
>>in Australia (maybe 250- 300 by now) are artistically  
>>inclined, seemingly more so than the average person.

>>They either play musical instruments, sculpt, paint, sing,  
>>write (particularly poetry) and follow many other artistic  
>>pursuits.

<snip>

>When I observed Budd Hopkins's groups, there was clearly at  
>least one selection effect at work. Generally speaking, he'd  
>draw people more or less from his own demographic - middle-class  
>New Yorkers with white-collar jobs. There were exceptions, like  
>Linda Cortile, and generally his groups were more diverse than  
>other groups I've been part of. But there were hardly any  
>working-class minority people, and certainly nobody from what's  
>sometimes called the underclass. This wasn't surprising. It  
>would be rare to find those people in any group with college-  
>educated middle-class types. No reflection on either group;  
>that's just the way New York works (and the rest of America,  
>too). The only place I've ever been in New York where I  
>encountered what I thought was a literal cross-section of the  
>population was the marriage license bureau! So it's not  
>surprising that Budd's support groups weren't wildly diverse,  
>though people who have the abduction experience may in fact be  
>as varied as the people lining up for marriage licenses.

I found Sheryl's data alarming. Good point there too Sandow.

Reason for asking about artists - including all arts from music  
to literature etc. - is because if this was one criteria for  
abduction it could mean that because artists communicate in  
their various ways.

Upon retrospect I've realized the abductees I've talked to  
appear all to be artistic in some way. If not all, I'd say the  
majority. One fellow, a top jazz musician, I'd like to get to  
talk more of his experiences but he's reticent to do so publicly  
anymore.

Further study and statistics are required.

Best,

Greg

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## Universons' Model On UFO Study

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 01:46:33 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 09:54:57 -0400  
Subject: Universons' Model On UFO Study

Hello all:

I am forwarding the following message from Claude Poher of GEPAN/SEPRA, at his request.

I am also blind copying a few individuals for email address privacy (bcc:). I have not yet looked over the new universons.com website, but will do so shortly.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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From: Claude POHER <[Claude.Poher.nul](mailto:Claude.Poher.nul)>  
To: (various groups and individuals)  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 10:06:12 +0200  
Subj: Creation of a specific web site about Universons' model concerning ufo's scientific study

Hello,

As you probably know, I created GEPAN in France twenty seven years ago. This was in CNES, the French NASA.

GEPAN, now called SEPRA, is still the only official service devoted to the study of UFO observation reports from the population, with the cooperation of the police, the airforce, and air traffic control.

After a quarter century of silence, caused by intense theoretical work, and need to quiet conditions, I want now to open my research files to all interested about real science induced by the confrontation with UFO observations enigmas.

So I inform you of the creation of my new Web Site dedicated to the Universons' theory, a theoretical model proven by many experimental facts. This model seems able to explain how interstellar travel is possible and how a new type of space propulsion is imaginable. The model explains also the strange effects reported by UFO witnesses.

More important than that, the Universons' model offers new possibilities about ENERGY for Humankind. For this reason it cannot remain ignored, or its details diffused only by classical scientific publications, unable to take care of the thousands of pages needed.

The web site address is :

<http://www.universons.com>

(The .com can be remembered as "communication").

This web site uses two languages - English and French, and it contains actually more than ten thousand pages of scientific

informations, both simplified and for specialized physicists.  
Most of these texts are unpublished.

I would be grateful to you if you could publicize the existence  
of this Web Site for the benefit of all.

I wish you a good navigation.

Dr Claude Poher  
02 August 2004

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 19:02:34 +1000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 09:59:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 17:56:11 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 12:22:36 +1000  
>>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 15:07:52 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

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>>>That is simply not so. Every so often some ill-informed or  
>>>misguided person makes ridiculous claims like that, which are  
>>>not justified by any facts or statistics. At one point Kevin  
>>>Randle (though he is a serious and respectable researcher)  
>>>argued - quite falsely in my judgment - that a high percentage of  
>>>abductees were homosexuals.

>>>In my experience and that of every serious colleague, the  
>>>"aliens" (if that is what they are) have proven to be equal  
>>>opportunity abductors. No social, educational, racial,  
>>>intellectual, or other biases.

>>How do any of us know what is "simply not so"?

>>Have any of us spoken to every abductee on the planet? Asked the  
>>right questions? Seen it all clearly?

>>I don't think so.

>As always in science, it is up to a claimant to provide evidence  
>that something is so, not for doubters to prove that it is not  
>so. I have read your other post giving your informal survey  
>results which are interesting, but as you say it was not  
>controlled and it could be interpreted in various ways. As one  
>important example, were they "artistic" before their abduction  
>experiences, or did they become "artistic" afterwards? How  
>really "artistic" are they? Occasional and generalized interest?  
>Amateur efforts? Professional careers? What percentage of their  
>time do they devote to "artistic" endeavors.

>Without a large, statistically valid sample analyzed by  
>competent statisticians or mathematicians, both your and my  
>comments are merely subjective impressions. However, through my  
>connections with Budd Hopkins and other investigators and  
>participation in large conferences attended by many dozens of  
>professionals, I have strong reason to doubt the validity of the  
>"artistic" claim. If you can point us to any large-scale  
>statistical study of the issue, I would be very interested.  
>Until someone presents evidence to the contrary, I will remain  
>persuaded that it is "simply not so."

Hi Richard

It is safe to say with some people if that's what they believe then it must be so.??

I remember when Sheryl made some comment to me a while ago she thought an abduction scenario could be attributed to thyroid problems - as the symptoms were similar? I guess this is an area she is interested in due to her own illness. I personally have never suffered thyroid problems. I found Sheryls comparison of thyroid problems interesting and am waiting for her to present more facts on this issue.

Richard I am an artist but I question did the aliens make me this way? Well, I would like to think not and prefer to claim my ability of becoming artistic comes from my natural ability to interpret life's gifts. Some of my friends are equally as talented and have never been abducted.

I'm not discounting this form of evidence collecting is not interesting or in anyway insignificant. However I, like you Richard, would like to see researchers present facts and statistics to back up some of their claims. If something is "simply not so", then all one can do is do the work and prove it to be so.

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Regards Diane Harrison

National Director of The Australian UFO Research Network  
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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 11:25:10 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 10:06:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Allan

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 14:41:56 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 10:44:42 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 09:54:35 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

<snip>

>Per Mr. Wescott himself,

>"On behalf of those who support the authenticity of the memo, I  
>wrote that I thought its fraudulence unproven....On behalf of  
>its critics, I could equally well have maintained that its  
>authenticity is unproven."

>This is hardly a ringing endorsement. And your comment as to why  
>he chose to remove himself from the debate seems suspiciously  
>like getting "inside...(his)...mind".

>Dr. Wescott's comment speaks for itself, and requires no  
>illumination or theory.

>He cannot verify the authenticity of the documents, therefore  
>his analysis is of no use in building your "case".

>Note that I do not contend that the MJ-12 documents are either  
>real or faked, but simply that Dr. Wescott contends exactly  
>that...they are either real or faked.

>Stan, I confess that you are one of my heroes among UFO  
>researchers. This does not mean that I believe everything you  
>say simply because you say it.

>Note that the above statement by Dr. Wescott does not appear in  
>any of your papers that I have found.

Indeed.

I should add that Dr Wescott was not a 'nuts & bolts' ETH-er. He  
believed more in the 'ultra-terrestrial theory', i.e. that UFOs  
were inter-dimensional or such.

He at first partially endorsed the briefing paper (regarding  
its authorship), then countered this with a disclaimer as above.  
And during this time never really accepted its contents anyway.

Most strange.

CDA

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Hale

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 12:25:11 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 10:09:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Hale

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 11:19:40 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>Roy,

>Although you are clearly on a 'fishing expedition', I will  
>respond in depth to your inquiry.

Mr Stanford,

I merely was interested in your early writings in the UFO subject,  
as it seemed you have indeed made a major u-turn in your view  
on the UFO enigma.

What was the Association for the Understanding of Man that was in  
the 70s, and your involvement?

How many answers did you gain from Project Starlight International,  
regarding UFO visitations?

During the 60s and 70s, did you publish "psychic readings" which  
included discourses from a group of UFO-operating extraterrestrials  
called "The Watchers" ?

Was all of the above, far past the days of Adamski, Mr Stanford?

>Of course, I'm sure my personal explanation of your recommended  
>book as containing only fake photos did not convince you, but  
>hopefully the information reported in Friday's posting to this  
>list by widely respected V-J Ballester Olmos, Director of  
>FOTOCAT, should have convinced you, unless, of course, this is a  
>religious instead of a scientific issue with you.

Mr Stanford, I believe people have met Alien Beings from another  
world, in structured craft, something Science cannot begin to  
accept. I have not claimed to have spoken with Jesus Christ or  
angels as such, so no 'not a religious subject for me.

One question about the book you called fake:

Were all the pictures taken with the same camera?

Roy

"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious.  
It is the source of all true art and science."  
-- Albert Einstein

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## Re: Varginha Again - Hale

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 13:59:09 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 10:11:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Hale

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO\ <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 10:24:32 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>Gildas, you mention that "the Varginha Case already stands as a  
>very strong one, with many credible witnesses". I tell you for  
>sure that the VC is probably the strongest case we have today.

>There are 80 first-hand witnesses who saw the capture procedures  
>or took part in them - including military and firemen - in the  
>removal of the bodies and treatment of an alive alien -  
>including doctors and nurses, as well as employees of different  
>hospitals.

Hello A.J.,

I would just like to say, that I also feel that the Varginha case is a very strong case, with many things that happened, which were all witnessed.

A colleague of mine, from Sao Paulo, spent some time with the girls who saw the creature in the village, and gathered a great sense of honesty, about what they had seen.

You can read then full account here:

<http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/VarginhaDairy.html>

Roy

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 11:51:45 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 11:11:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 19:53:26 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

><snip>

>>Bottom line is it's simply numbers.

><snip>

>Yes it is a numbers game. But I view the numbers aspect from a  
>somewhat different angle.

<snip>

>For what it's worth, the most impressive UFO photos I have yet  
>to come across are from the 1993 Australian sighting near Maslin  
>Beach. I have seen printed versions of these that are far more  
>impressive than even the screen photos below. Do they feature a  
>"real" flying saucer? Beats the hell out of me, but they sure  
>are fun to examine!

>[http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/shaman/924/main\\_page.htm](http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/shaman/924/main_page.htm)

Erik,

Please don't 'shoot the messenger', but those are among the most obviously fake 'UFO' photos I've ever seen, showing small models evidently suspended on transparent nylon lines, and quite close to the camera.

Edge sharpness and the extreme darkness in the shadowed parts clearly reveal that the objects are very close to the camera, and that is especially paradoxical because the photos are taken in a fairly high-humidity environment, as a result of being so close to the water, etc.

The photographer implies that the extreme change in the cloud pattern is due to his changing position to avoid glare from the rising sun. B.S.! I could give several reasons why that cannot be so, but go figure. :) I trust you're clever enough to think that one out for yourself, Erik.

In that first photo, the photographer clearly avoids showing the beach to prevent showing (on the nearby ground) the shadow of the model that is quite small and if the photo showed the beach, the shadow would reveal the tiny size of the alleged 'UFO' (Ho ho ho!). By contract, if the UFO had any appreciable size and was out over the water (After all, the photographer claims it had just risen from the water!), the object's reflection should probably be visible on the water, and the photographer would surely have moved the camera view angle down enough to include that reflection, because it could have been very excellent evidence of the object's distance and side. Don't let the photographer get away by responding that it was all so exciting that he just didn't notice the reflection and include it, because he says the photos were taken from a 200-foot cliff

above water level and from that perspective he couldn't have missed it.

Furthermore, since the photographer claims he saw the UFO rise up out of the water, even though one might let him get by with a claim that he just didn't have time to get a photo of the object emerging from the water, if this were a real event, he surely would have (from that alleged cliff's vantage-point) noticed some effect on the water's surface of the object's having just emerged from the water (and also its vertical life-effect propulsion on the water) and included that in a photo!

Notice, in fact, that the water looks quite placid, with no signs or and rise-point-radial waves from the thing allegedly just-risen from the water.

Hey, by the way, Erik, do you see any water dripping from or even being magnetohydrodynamically propelled from the legs or rim that freshly emerged 'UFO'? :) Do you see any water pouring or being force-ejected out of the square recessed areas on the flange? :)

By the way, didn't you notice that silly 'smiling face' grinning at you from the bottom of the object in that second photo? :) I have noticed over my five decades of case investigation, that a surprising number of hoaxers deliberately like to, de facto, thumb their noses at those they fool by inserting a single example of their nose thumbing, and this is as graphic an example as you will ever see. :)

None of those low-level lighting effects one sees on the bottom area of the larger model UFO has anything resembling the luminosity characteristics of the propulsion-related plasmas generated around bona-fide UFOs, as discussed in my recent posting. The smaller model shows no self-light sources at all, probably because it was too small to conveniently hold batteries.

And, hey, by the way, Erik, note (especially easy to see) in photo number four, that there is zero, zilch, distortion of the clouds in the background from any lift effect or other propulsive effect around that model, anywhere! That, in itself, is a dead giveaway that the object is not propelled, but suspended (or, less likely, somehow superimposed) against the sky background.

Finally, if you will look closely at photo three, you will see what seem to be two transparent nylons lines refracting not only direct sunlight, but bright light scattered by that little cloud located just to the left of top-center. Noting that the camera is tilted appreciably upward toward the two models, one might conjecture that those two nylon lines were actually pretty much horizontal across the field of view (with their supporting elements outside the photo frame), and that the models' suspension are somehow related to those lines. There are two ways in which that might reasonably be so, which I have come up with so far, but I will not hand-feed this to you. Go figure. Those bright lines are conclusively not jet condensation wakes, for several reasons including the way the upper one refracts the light of that little cloud, internally, as would a transparent nylon line.

The hoaxer in this case clearly knows virtually nothing about how bona-fide UFOs look or of their propulsion physics, and, IMO, should be ashamed of himself for injecting a photographic hoax into so important a matter as the UFO mystery. In some such cases, the motive seems to be getting a sense of superiority and power over the people that are fooled by the hoax. In others, as Adamski confessed to me was the case with his hoaxes, the motive was money. In others, a combination of the two motivational factors may be at play. A third possibility is the injection of figurative crap like this into the UFO picture by a group that may have a vested interest in the fact that eventual exposure of the fake photos or films will help discourage media and public interest in the subject, thereafter. Take your choice or choices.

Whatever the motivation, these hoax photos are some of the most naive I have seen in years, even though quite a bit of planning, model-making, and suspension went into taking them! Hey, Erik, look more closely. Then, wake up and smell the B.S.! Considering

Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

the brownish color of the sunlit part of those UFO models, at least the hoaxer got the color right! :) LMAO!

Ray Stanford

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## Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 14:03:55 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 11:20:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge - Sparks

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 06 Jul 2004 21:57:08 +0000  
>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 6 Jul 2004 15:08:57 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: J-Rod And The Challenge

<snip>

>Brad & List,

>I consider myself a fairly savvy proponent of scientific method  
>(having studied it formally and having practiced it in the UFO  
>field along with the likes of Jim McDonald, Dick Haines, Allen  
>Hynek, and Bruce Maccabee for almost 50 years). My hat is off to  
>you for expressing the core issue so clearly and succinctly  
>here.

>And I have also worked editorially in the field of psychology,  
>so know something about peoples' desire for "instant  
>gratification". No instant answers, no relief from doubt and  
>concern, chuck it out and seize on anything more comforting...  
>no matter how dubious or based simply on a will to believe.

Thanks Dick. This is a very useful reminder to be re-posted.

Brad

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## Re: More Daytime UFOs Videoed - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 14:13:12 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 11:22:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: More Daytime UFOs Videoed - Shell

>From: Barry Taylor <[stingray.nul](mailto:stingray.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 17:41:20 +1000  
>Subject: More Daytime UFOs Videoed

><http://theozfactor.nucleardays.com/ufo-16july2004.htm>

Gotta get an optical zoom. That digital zoom stuff is just awful, and "enhancing" those little smeared-out pixels really doesn't help. Optical is the only way to go.

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 20:22:48 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 11:26:21 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Allan

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 10:44:42 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 09:54:35 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

<snip>

>I am glad that CDA can get inside everybody's mind when it is  
>convenient for his scenarios. Wescott wanted out because he  
>didn't want to waste his time dealing with attacks from Klass et  
>al. The Briefing officer was Hillenkoetter (DCI in September,  
>1947) but we know from a memo from W.B. Smith to Truman dated  
>January 9, 1953, (in my Final Report) that Smith, who had worked  
>very closely with Ike during WW 2, and was DCI in 1952, was,  
>generally speaking, in charge of national Security briefings for  
>Ike between the election and Ike's inauguration. Hilly would  
>have been contact with him prior to the Nov. 18, 1952 briefing.  
>It doesn't seem unlikely the EBE would have been typed at the  
>CIA.

So Stan is now telling us that:

1. The T-F memo was written by someone in Bush's office. The numeric part of the date being added by Bush before despatch. This implies that Truman could not compose even a brief 10-line memo himself. He had to get a third (or fourth) party to do it.

[I should add that Stan has never shown that Bush even saw this memo since there is no cc list to show it was sent to anyone other than Forrestal.]

2. The Hillenkoetter-Ike paper was likely written by someone in the CIA, presumably because H needed advice & help in writing it.

Also, STF says the CIA was so concerned that the T-F copy memo had no signature, that they had to lift one from a 5-year old document. But in so doing H omitted his own signature on the briefing! (Presumably he either forgot or decided his signature was less important than getting Truman's, by devious means).

3. The Cutler-Twining memo was not written by Cutler, since he was out of the country. Again, a third person wrote it (according to STF.)

Thus we have the position that Stan, in order to maintain that all three papers are authentic, has to tell us that none of them was in fact written by its indicated author!

Truly amazing.

I wonder what the CIA or Hillenkoetter would have done had the

'missing' T-F original (with T's signature) suddenly turned up after H sent his briefing to Ike!

The CIA would then have egg on its face and be forced to find a way out of their predicament, since they would then have in their possession one T-F memo with one Truman signature and the same memo with a different Truman signature (i.e. the one lifted from another document).

Let's get real for once: no CIA agent with even half a brain would ever try to transplant the signature of a serving President from one document. to another.

CDA

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## Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 14:35:30 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 11:42:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: Motivations of Extraterrestrial Races - Shell

My primary thought about ET motivations is whether or not we can apply Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs to the situation. These needs move from basic survival needs like food, water and shelter, up through a series of more intellectual needs until we get to "self-actualization", which is basically living the fullest life you can, given your circumstances and capabilities.

Physiological  
Safety  
Belongingness and Love  
Esteem  
Self-Actualization

The problem is we can't even assume that the ET need any of the above, including having their physiological needs met, because we can't even be sure they exist on our physical plane of existence. Does a ghost get thirsty? Maybe not.

Even assuming they are physical beings who have managed to take care of their physiological and safety needs, we sure can't assume that they are reaching out across the void of spacetime because they feel alone in the universe and want to make contact with us. For one, if telepathy turns out to be the real deal, maybe they don't naturally feel alone, like us humans. Maybe they're connected with every lifeform in the galaxy and are already full of love.

Safety might be a big concern of theirs, assuming the universe is an expanded version of our own planet, where life constantly preys on other life, a big shmorgasbord. They might be taking a pro-active approach by visiting, keeping tabs on us, and the second they feel we're a threat, BOOM! They drop the bomb on us. Don't know.

But without even being able to accurately assign their activities to even one of the needs on the list, the lowest need of all, it sure makes it difficult to assume any higher motivations to them.

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## Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 13:03:11 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 11:45:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Gehrman

>From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 21:51:46 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 00:51:17 +0100  
>>Subject: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>>If there was one UFO photo, out of the thousands, which one  
>>would it be that you would put forward as the nearest to an  
>>unexplained, structured object unknown to this earth?

<snip>

>To make a long story short, what passed over my head  
>shortly thereafter around several hundred feet that I cannot  
>know the exact altitude of but it seemed like a few hundred feet  
>overhead,... you would not have believed with your own eyes...  
>nor did I for a few seconds.<g>That I can only describe to you  
>what is a classic disk-hub shaped spacecraft traveling do south.

>The object that I make account about now had a very silvery  
>metallic appearance all around and traveled do south. The object  
>appeared to my eyesite to be at some kind of inclination like  
>around a 30 degree angle relative to my perspective and my view

>The bottom of the disc at my perspective of view while in those  
>early hours, was a brightly lit object, although only bright at  
>the bottom of the disk. While the effect of luminous had a glow  
>which cast or caused a shadow with light that depicted the top  
>hub portion of the disk. An image which by the way is still  
>strong and vivid in my minds eye, just to bad everyone I  
>accounted told it to at school the next morning didnt buy a bit  
>of it.....

John, Roy, List, EBK,

I bought the last copy of Richard Brunswick's "UFO" photo  
collection after following the link Don posted. I too find it  
fascinating and well worth the \$23. Brunswick "also believes  
some of the photographs to be fake, though he's convinced  
that the majority are authentic." Many of them should be  
thoroughly discussed. John's vivid encounter and description  
closely matches several of Brunswick's photos.

If Ray still has his copy, I'd like him to debunk the series of  
photos on pg. 238-239. I'm not clear how he distinguishes the  
frauds from the legitimate so those photos should allow him  
demonstrate these abilities. All else being equal, I think the  
responsibility rests on the persons yelling "fraud" to provide  
evidence for their accusations.

How many Updates List members have a copy of "UFO"? Perhaps we  
could talk off-List?

Ed

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## Humanoid Updates - 07-04

From: **Albert Rosales** <[Garuda79.nul](mailto:Garuda79.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 16:17:34 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 11:59:45 -0400  
Subject: Humanoid Updates - 07-04

We began the year 2004 with a bizarre encounter in Chile and one in Mexico involving a law enforcement officer.

There are those who have eyes but will not see and those who Have ears and will not hear.....

1.  
Location. Ivanovo, Russia  
Date: January 1 2004 Time: 0100A  
The main witness and two friends were celebrating the advent of a new year, but had only drank a little bit of champagne and were out walking the streets. The men suddenly noticed a large orange sphere that seemed to descend and approach their position. The sphere then hovered above some nearby fir trees. As the men stared at it, the main witness looked around and spotted a strange "person" some meters away, which immediately he realized that it was not normal or human. It had what appeared to be a "snout" and was staring at the witness in a mocking grin. It then turned sideways and the witness was stunned to see that completely flat in appearance, like it had been run over by an asphalt roller. At this time the witness felt a strong invisible wave that struck him and knocked him down against the icy ground. As he got up the sphere and the strange humanoid had disappeared he turned to his friends, who apparently had not seen the humanoid but saw the orange sphere.

HC addendum  
Source: X-Libri UFO Russia, quoting "Chronometer" Magazine 1-13-2004. Type: C?

2.  
Location. Rome Italy  
Date: January 1 2004 Time: 1600  
A public servant on his way back home sighted a strange object resembling a wedge without wings emitting different tones of orange light. The object remained suspended overhead briefly before moving away at high speed. Later that same day as the witness was lying in bed he suddenly felt himself totally immobile, although totally aware of his surroundings. He was able to open his eyes and saw standing before him a humanoid face, green in color with large black eyes staring at him. During the incident he heard a strong "metallic" buzzing sound. When he was suddenly able to move he attempted to strike the figure in front of him but it suddenly vanished in plain sight.

HC addendum  
Source: Roberto Malini, Italy Type: E

3.  
Location. Near Naugatuck, Connecticut  
Date: January 3 2004 Time: 2230  
The witness was driving on state road 68-west, up a lonely hill when his headlights caught sight of a strange creature running into the woods. The stopped his car and looked at the creature, which resembled a walking tree, two shades of brown, its head had a beak like a bird with many protruding teeth, and a strange

crest-like protrusion on top of its head. Terrified the witness drove home. The following week driving on the same hill the witness saw another strange creature, thin in color and glowing green, the head was like a lizard and on its back it carried something resembling a backpack, which had a transparent canister filled with the glowing green liquid, the creature briefly walked towards the witness up an embankment but stopped and disappeared into the woods, as it did the strange creature appeared to turn transparent. Soon after that the witness was driving up the same hill when his windshield went dark, something was on the hood obstructing his sight, whatever it was it was a creature with many white square teeth, he also saw the creature's feet, which appeared sinewy and gray in color. The creature then jumped from the hood and started walking alongside the road, it had extremely long arms, and seemed to drag them on the ground, the creature stopped and began gesticulating with its long arms, at this point the witness noticed a similar creature sitting on the ground staring at the witness, the eyes of the creatures were black the size of a grapefruit, and both had large pointy ears. The witness thought that another creature was coming up behind him and looked back when suddenly the area was illuminated by a strong white light, he drove on for about 50 ft and then looked back, and again saw the bizarre bird-like creature standing on the road looking at him, it was six ft tall, with square patches of red and yellow on it. The witness eventually drove away without looking back.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: E

4. Location. Viluco, Chile Date: January 5 2004 Time: 0515A 40-year old driver Juan Berrios was on his on an errand on Santa Filomena Street on his way to Las Vertientes terminal when at about 70 meters in front of his car he noticed a strange figure standing on the middle of the road. He rubbed his eyes and then saw nothing and kept on driving, at about 5 meters away the bizarre figure again appeared. Stunned at what he was seeing Berrios almost lost control of his vehicle as he swerved around the figure almost upending the vehicle. The strange creature had what appeared to be the carcass of a bloodied dog clutched in his jaws. The creature suddenly jumped and disappeared into the brush. Berrios described the creature as about 1.50m in height, with large hind legs like a kangaroo, small curved front arms that ended in claw like protrusions, a spiky dorsal fin on its back, and a tail resembling that of a rattler on a snake. The facial features were also bizarre; it had a wolf-like snout, several sharp rows of teeth, and fierce-looking red eyes. It jumped a height of about 5 meters and disappeared from sight.

HC addendum

Source: Juan Maulen, quoting La Cuarta Newspaper  
January 29 2004 Type: E

5.  
Location. Wise County, Texas  
Date: January 12 2004 Time: night  
A young girl reported encountering a large black bird-like creature outside a schoolyard in Wise County. No other information.

HC addendum

Source: Erica Cordier, Dean Stermer, Conspiracy Caf=E9 Type: E

6.  
Location. Jordanow, Poland  
Date: January 13 2004 Time: 0258A  
48-year old, L K was lying in bed with his face turned towards the window. Suddenly he woke up with a strange feeling that something odd was happening in the street. He opened his eyes and noticed a ball, which was hanging in the sky. It shone with a white-blue silvery light - like the moon - but it was 2-3 times bigger than the moon. He immediately looked at the clock and noticed the time. He looked around the bedroom and saw his wife and dog sleeping calmly. The witness then felt very dizzy and went to sleep again. That same night he had another strange experience. While in a half-awake state in his bed he heard a strange female voice, which repeated a passage read in an unknown language (the witness is an interpreter and speaks five

foreign languages fluently). Feeling afraid he covered his head with a pillow. He immediately checked all the electrical devices in the room but they were all turned off, except for the icebox. His wife and dog again slept calmly. The witness also heard the strange voice the next night.

HC addendum

Source: Robert K Lesniakiewicz, Poland Type: F?

7.

Location. Capilla del Monte, Cordoba, Argentina

Date: January 14 2004 Time: 2230

A 14-year old boy, Juan Pablo, was standing in his garden when suddenly he spotted a short humanoid, wearing a red jumpsuit, red cap and carrying a staff, walking along the Avenida Las Gemelas towards a place called "Aguas de los Palos". The lighted road allowed Juan Pablo to observe as the short figure briskly walked away and disappeared from sight. The witness became afraid and ran into his home.

HC addendum

Source: Proyecto CATENT, Argentina Type: E

8.

Location. Valles de la Silla, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico

Date: January 16 2004 Time: 0315A

21-year old police officer Leonardo Samaniego Gallegos was patrolling a section of Alamo Street when he observed what appeared to be the figure of a woman totally dressed in a black cloak-like outfit descend from a nearby tree towards his patrol car. She appeared to float towards the car at very high speed. She had large black eyes without any pupils. Terrified he drove away from the area but was chased by the flying apparition. He called for assistance over his police radio. The tree the strange figure descended from was about 6 meters high. The strange flying creature approached the police car and impacted onto the front windshield pushing it inward, apparently trying to get in using what appeared to be large pointy claws at this point Gallegos lost consciousness. In the videotaped interview officer Gallegos describes the eyes and black gown as in the news article but adds the description of a "helmet" or headpiece it was wearing that curved downward to a point at the back of the creature's head. Also, a police officer from Santa Catarina, Jorge Contreras declared that he and two more policemen from the Regia police saw exactly the same flying being that officer Samaniego saw, but three days before. They saw it flying and decided not to say anything - until they heard about Samaniego's case. Norma Alicia Herrera who lives in Colonia La Playa declared in a TV interview that she and her brother also saw the flying humanoid at daytime and that it looked weird. She said that her brother was so stunned by the sighting that he was sick for almost a week afterwards. Another neighbor in that sector also videotaped several days before, a strange flying humanoid and gave the video to the TV station.

HC addendum

Source: John Velez, Abduction Information Center quoting Newspaper sources and Santiago Yturria Type: E

9.

Location. London, Ontario, Canada

Date: January 16 2004 Time: late night

In the middle of the night the witness, Jim, (involved in previous encounters) suddenly found himself wide-awake. A loud buzzing sound filled his ears. He was curled up on his bed in a fetal position facing the closest wall. He felt a force push on the back of his head. It did not hurt but felt extremely uncomfortable. Again he heard the now familiar "clicking" sound in his head. This time it panned from his right ear to the left. He looked at his arm and it was covered in a bluish purplish pulsating energy. He could not move his legs and arms; he could just move his head. Somehow he managed to break free and used all his effort to turn around. Standing before him in the center of the bedroom was some kind of short humanoid creature, with a large mantis/fly looking head. A beam of energy seemed to be shooting from the alien to the witness. Thousands of thoughts entered his head at the same time. Strangely he felt no fear and felt as he had known the strange being all his life, but also

felt that he had been somehow manipulated into feeling this. He then heard a slow deep voice, almost overwriting all his other thoughts. It seemed to be communicating telepathically. It said in an abrupt manner, "Now do you understand?" "Yes" the witness found himself answering, but he had no idea why he said that. "Good" It replied. The witness then turned his head back to the wall and shut his eyes. The buzzing sound stopped and he felt extremely tired. He then collapsed and lost consciousness. He described the creature as humanoid, 5 ft 5 inches in height. Its head was huge in relation to its body. Its eyes were extremely large, shiny, and insect-like and were supported by big sockets. His first impression was that it looked like a cross between a praying mantis and a fly. The being appeared to have been surrounded by a bluish purplish field of energy. In the center of its cloak was a golden badge, there was definitely a design or symbol on it, but the witness could not make it out. He looked closer at the head and it had two protrusions between the eyes and a mass of protrusions was in the area where a mouth would normally be. The witness woke up the next day feeling very tired.

HC addendum

Source: Martin Jasek, UFO BC Type: E

It did not take long for another bizarre entity report to surface this one from Indiana.

10.

Location. Manchester, Dearborn County, Indiana

Date: January 24 2004 Time: 1930

A 17-year old motorist traveling almost 10 miles north of Aurora Indiana on Saturday night claims to have encountered an unusual figure on the road. While driving his black Chevrolet Cavalier southbound along North Hogan Road a "figure" was spotted in the headlights of the automobile as it was crouched down near a puddle of water. From the driver's perspective the figure was spotted out the windshield on the right of the car. After passing the frail-looking figure, the driver looked into his rear view mirror and again observed - illuminated by the taillights of his car - what he described as a tall, abnormal figure that moved strangely with pointed joints that "buckled out". He estimated the figure stood around 6 feet, seven inches. "It had protruding joints and moved very strangely." The driver said he was able to ascertain the figure, alleged to be dark gray or black and "pencil thin" stand up and take several steps toward the woods along the roadside. The figure definitely walked on two legs and was thought somehow, to be a male, although no clothing was noted. No face or eyes could be seen, but the witness had the impression that the figure was looking straight at him. The figure was immediately thought to be something out of the ordinary, not a human being. The duration of the sighting was "hurried" and possibly within the 3 to 4 second range. The driver continued on for a small distance after passing the figure and finally put on his brakes, coming to a stop at an estimated 2 minute walking distance on the road from the location of the sighting. He looked back to further observe the entity. At that point, a second car came into view and approached from the opposite direction, passed and then reached the spot on the road where the figure was thought to be. The 17-year old motorist reportedly watched closely and observed the second car undertake what he thought to be an evasive maneuver near the vicinity of where he thought the figure would be situated, then the car turned around at that spot and shortly pulled up behind him, somewhat in the grass. There was an elderly couple in the car, both in their late 60s or early 70s and both with gray hair. The driver, who wore glasses said, "Boy, did you see something back there? I'll tell you right now, that was no person." The passenger, an elderly female said, "It was no human being. It was no man." The elderly couple were reportedly "spooked" but offered to follow the first witness the remainder of the trip down North Hogan Road, clearly in the opposite direction of their intended destination route. It was thought that the elderly couple observed this same figure on the opposite side of the road, and possibly had observed it more closely. Later, the 17-year old witness was said to have become hysterical, and within an hour was describing the figure as an "alien".

HC addendum

Source: Kenny Young, Florence Kentucky, UFO Research,

Bob Leibold, Natural Light Productions Cincinnati Type: E

11.

Location. Salisbury East, South Australia

Date: January 27 2004 Time: 0230A

The witness (involved in other encounters) had gone into his bedroom to get ready for bed and had the immediate feeling that he was not alone in his bedroom. It was a warm night so he slept on top of the bedding. At 0230A he woke up for no apparent reason and all of the sudden a strange feeling overcame him as if time had stopped. (He had felt the same in the previous encounters). There was no sound anywhere and not a bit of movement in the room. As he laid on his bed feeling very relaxed he was grabbed by the left and right arms between the elbows and shoulders and pulled down into his bed. It was as if something was under his bed and its arms were coming through the bed. At this stage he was not worried but his legs started to rise together and he could not stop them. He attempted to break the grip but was grasped even tighter. He began to struggle and to yell obscenities. The witness then yelled "go to the light" "go beneath the earth" until he was set free. He now felt calm. Then all of the sudden he was grabbed in the same way and he felt an electric current travel through his body, his legs began to rise up again. He then saw lots of movement in his room and saw a hand similar to a "frogs foot" or a gecko lizard foot, apparently reptilian in nature. His legs went right over and he seemed to have passed out. He woke up at 0700A feeling ill and with terrible back pain. He felt drained and could not eat breakfast. His eyes were red and later he found bruises on his stomach and chest. On all the encounters the witness feels like his bedroom has somehow been "detached" from the house and taken somewhere else.

HC addendum

Source: Paranormal Australia, investigations Type: E

12. Location. Leona Vicario, Yucatan, Mexico Date: January 28 2004 Time: midnight Maria Luisa Fernandez Morales a residents living in the outskirts of the city reported that an unknown creature killed at least 50 of her hens, which she kept in her backyard. The witness, who sold chickens for a living heard a loud ruckus coming from the pen and ran out only to confront a very strange creature similar to a "tiger" but bipedal in nature and emitting loud grunting sounds. According to the witness the mysterious creature jumped over a wire fence and ran from the area leaving a trail of blood behind. It only took several minutes for the creature to kill the chickens. Also residents from the town of Texan Palomeque have reported seeing what they describe as a "wolf-woman", which has also killed and decapitated hundreds of chickens in area.

HC addendum

Source: Martin Morita, Grupo Reforma, Mexico Type: E

13.

Location. Texan Palomeque, Yucatan, Mexico

Date: January 29 2004 Time: night

Numerous locals have seen a bizarre creature dubbed the "wolfwoman" and it is said to be responsible for the slaying of hundreds of farm birds. Some who has seen it describe it as about 5 ft tall, walking on two legs, hairy and with glowing red eyes. About 100 people armed with rifles and flashlights searched the area for the alleged humanoid. Benito Canul a 45-year old worker living outside the city of Uman said he managed to fire at the strange being outside his house on the way to the cemetery, he is unsure if he hit it. "The creature was dog shaped but with glowing red eyes" Benito said.

HC addendum

Source: Scott Corrales, Gloria Coluchi Type: E

14.

Location. Chicxulub, Yucatan, Mexico

Date: January 29 2004 Time: late night

Local residents have reported seeing a creature described as resembling a huge creature with horse-like legs, and covered in gray colored hair. It is said that from the waist up the



creature resembles a woman and emits a loud chirping sound like that of a bat. Numerous mutilated dog carcasses have been found in the area, also that of chickens and cats. 16-year old Patricia Figueroa Ponce was watching television one night when she heard loud "chirping" noises coming from the backyard, she ran to the kitchen after hearing her farm animals shriek in an agitated manner, and her dogs acted afraid and nervous. She looked out the window and saw a bizarre creature resembling a huge dog, but with half of its body human in appearance. Terrified she yelled for her mother but when both ran outside the strange creature had disappeared. Some of the local residents claim that the creature is actually a witch from the nearby city of Conkal who had been practicing black magic and had somehow transformed itself.

HC addendum

Source: Alberto Arias Colli, "Diario de Yucatan-Merida"  
Mexico February 1 2004 Type: E

15.

Location. Mexico City, Mexico

Date: January 31 2004 Time: 1850

On the eastern section of the city Mexican photographer Salvador Guerrero videotaped a strange dark flying humanoid shaped that flew at an estimated 3,000 meters altitude over the area, moving from west to east. It flew at a speed considerable lower than an airplane. He could clearly see that the humanoid was moving its arms and was wearing a very dark outfit. He was in the company of Enrique Yonka when he took the video. Compare with the encounter of the Mexican police officer that was attacked by a flying humanoid earlier on the month.

HC addendum

Source: Prof. Ana Luisa Cid Fernandez, "El Durmiente de Orizaba" Type: E

16.

Location. Near Joao Pessoa, Paraiba, Brazil

Date: January 31 2004 Time: night

23-year old Alan Flavio was visiting the farm of his girlfriend's cousin and late one evening he and the cousin were rounding up some stray cattle in the outer areas of the farm. Soon they had stopped to rest when Flavio noticed that the horses were a little restless he looked around and saw movement in the nearby brush. He caught a quick glimpse of a figure, he described as "graphite" in color with long thin but strong legs. It quickly scurried behind some trees and disappeared from sight. Later that night sometime after midnight as he slept in the farmhouse he suddenly woke up feeling a strong hand pushing on his chest. He was paralyzed and could not move or speak. He then noticed a dark figure, human in shape standing over him. It seemed to emit a strong influence over the witness, which totally controlled him. The whole time his girlfriend and cousin slept in the next room and was not in any way disturbed. Soon the dark human-shaped figure vanished and he was able to move again.

HC addendum

Source: UFO Genesis, Brazil Type: E

17.

Location. Near Romeral, Chile

Date: late January 2004 Time: 0600A

Roberto Ayar Rojas, Maribel Arnaiz Cazaux and their daughter, Daphane were driving on an isolated road surrounded by woods when suddenly a bizarre creature appeared on the road ahead on them. The creature stood on two feet; it was totally covered with hair, and had bright red eyes. The creature stood bent forward on two large hind legs similar to a kangaroo. It had two small "hands" which it moved very rapidly. Once the creature spotted the witness car it seemed afraid, it suddenly jumped at incredible speed into the woods. The husband and wife pair had meanwhile stopped the car and after recovering from the shock it drove quickly away from the area. They later reported that what scared them the most was the two large protruding fangs from the creature's upper mandible. The witnesses felt that the creature bounded away in an "unnatural" manner. Thankfully their daughter slept during the encounter. In the nearby town of Buin another

motorist struck a similar creature apparently without hurting it and hairs possibly belonging to creature were found on the scene.

HC addendum

Source: Lilliana Nunez, Hector Cossio L Type: E

18.

Location. Piaui, Northeastern Brazil

Date: February 2004 Time: night

A woman accompanied by another family member were washing clothing at the edge of a river when they noticed movement amongst the thick foliage across from their location. They were then stunned to see two strange hairy humanoids about 1.50m in height come out of the woods. The humanoids had long dangling arms and were covered from head to two by thick black hair. Both had red glowing eyes. Terrified both witnesses fled the area.

HC addendum

Source: UFO Genesis, Brazil Type: E

19.

Location. Lake Downy Park near Orlando, Florida

Date: February 6 2004 Time: 2045

The witness was cat fishing in a lake just east of downtown Orlando when he had the feeling that something was watching him for about 5 minutes. He kept looking around but saw nothing. It was very dark but there was some moonlight present. He heard footsteps in the marsh on the side of the lake near the dock he was fishing from and then he saw and heard a ripple of water near the shore. Then he saw two stork-like legs and a head watching him. It looked right at him, feeling very scared the witness yelled out. The figure then stood up, like a man the witness size or so and stared him dead in the eyes. He went to run off the dock but when he did so, the figure walked at a slow pace toward the end of the dock apparently in an effort to cut him off. He dialed 911 (apparently on his cell phone) and they told him to stay put that the police were on the way. The creature or figure apparently then disappeared. He is convinced that what he saw was not human and not a native animal.

HC addendum

Source: Peter Davenport UFO Center Type: E

20.

Location. Maryland, exact location not given

Date: February 12 2004 Time: afternoon

Virginia and her husband had retired and purchased a home near the Maryland coast, the house was 85 years old and needed some major repairs. Most of the repairs involved an interior facelift. A small room with an old desk and empty file cabinets on the second floor of the two story home was slated to become a part of a larger room next to it with the removal of a wall. Some old suitcases, empty packing crates and other debris had been left in there as well. With contractor work scheduled to begin within a few days, Virginia, her husband and two friends went to work removing everything from the small room. They moved the desk and file cabinets out first, and then began bundling up the old suitcases and various pieces of debris left in the corners, of the small room. While the four worked, Virginia began to feel a bit sick to her stomach. Her husband and friends complained of similar feelings over the next few moments. Before any of them had time to consider their sudden, unexplained illness, an odd green mist filled one corner of the room. As all present were focused on the green mist, they could see a human form taking shape. It looked like a man dressed in what all agreed later was a sailor's white uniform. It did not appear to be a modern uniform, but one that might have been worn 50 or 60 years ago. None were familiar with Naval uniforms, but the group came to this conclusion after viewing photos of US sailors from the 40's. Within seconds, the man became solid and started to move a bit. Virginia's husband had been an electrician for years before he retired and noted that he smelled the odor of overheated circuitry in conjunction with the sailor's appearing. Before anyone could say or do anything, the sailor looked at the group and said, "2005. Watch out for 2005! They're playing with your future!" After that, the sailor faded into the wall and the green mist dissipated in less than ten seconds. All agreed later

that they had heard his voice and everyone heard the same thing. They described the sailor's voice as deep and full, but sounding a bit muffled.

HC addendum

Source: Bill Knell, May 1 2004 Type: E

Comments: The source indicates that there is a possible connection with this incident and the alleged "Philadelphia Experiment" episode and the Montauk Point conundrum.

21.

Location. Jordanow, Poland

Date: February 13 2004 Time: 0100A

77-year old Mrs. K J woke up late at night and went to the lavatory and back to her bedroom, as she passed through the kitchen she was surprised to see a strong flame-orange light, which floated in the sky. She quickly realized that it couldn't be the moon. The light had the shape of a hemisphere, the upper part was rounded and its bottom was flat. The light was 2-3 times bigger than the full moon. The witness states that the light hung above the forest over Hajdowka hill, which was 1.5 km from her house. She watched for about 5 minutes and felt dizzy and then she went to bed. During the night she had a disturbing "dream" about a strange meeting with a huge shiny "thing". She awoke feeling very frightened around 0630A.

HC addendum

Source: Robert K Lesniakiewicz, Poland Type: F?

22.

Location. Elkader, Iowa

Date: February 15 2004 Time: 2300

The witness was returning to her house after finishing a late night farm chore when something caught her eye as she almost reached her door. To her left she saw a "thing" running very fast about 30 yards away from her, not comprehending what she was seeing, she could only describe the entity as looking like a "stick man." It seemed to turn its head over his left shoulder and look straight at her, and then it took off in a sprint towards her front door. Very upset the witness ran inside and locked all the doors. It took her 2 hours to calm down; she began to sob so hard that she started to hyperventilate. She never told anyone, including her family about what she had seen. She felt that the "thing" wanted her to see it, for some unknown reason.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: E

Comments: I cannot help but notice the similarity in descriptions of the entities with this case and the January 24 Indiana case.

23.

Location. Spokane, Washington

Date: February 16 2004 Time: 0300A

The witness was in bed when he was awoken by a sound at his window. He tried to move but couldn't. A shadowy figure shaped somewhat like a human but all black like a shadow loomed over him and grabbed him. He felt that he could not breath and then passed out. Later he awoke to the words "he has (unintelligible) send him back". It felt like he had an IV in his arm. His next memory was of being back in his bedroom at 0500A. He has no other memories of the event.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: G

24.

Location. Chaco, Saenz Pena, Argentina

Date: February 21 2004 Time: late night

26-year old Lilliana Nievas was sitting in her patio with her boyfriend when suddenly several "cascotazos" (a sort of rock or brick abundant in the area) fell on the two apparently coming from an area behind the patio. Lilliana went alone to investigate when she came upon a short dark "man", which began to pummel her and attempted to drag her away. She could only describe the

entity as short, dark and shadowy, which covered her mouth and began to drag her on the ground. Hearing her screams, several neighbors, family members, and her boyfriend ran to find the woman lying on the ground suffering facial injuries. She kept screaming that "he is trying to drag me away" as the astounded group watched as a mysterious force indeed seemed to pull her away, however they did not see anybody. Finally with the help of her boyfriend and others they managed to hold Liliana down and the force seemed to release her. She was taken to a local hospital suffering from grievous injuries. Others in the area reported being pelted by bricks and another witness reported seeing a shadowy entity stealing fruit from his backyard.

HC addendum

Source: Planeta UFO Groups, quoting "Norte Edicion Digital"  
Sunday February 22 2004, Chaco, Argentina Type: E

25.

Location. Hampshire, England

Date: February 21 2004 Time: 2300

Emily Parkinson was lying in bed when a bright white light suddenly was reflected in her mirror. Instantly she sat up terrified and went to the window to see whether it was her husband coming home. She then saw a figure of approximately 6 ft in height standing on her lawn. It seemed to have huge eye on its stomach (?) resembling huge black circles that seemed to pierce the witness head with an incredibly high-pitched sound. She was fixed to the spot with terror, as the strange creature seemed to slowly dissolve from view.

HC addendum

Source: I Was abducted.com, UFO Reports Type: E

Comments: I wonder if any additional details on the humanoid are available, it could have been a Mothman type creature.

26.

Location. Boca de Chila, Nayarit, Mexico

Date: February 26 2004 Time: 0130A

Several local inhabitants reported hearing a very loud booming noise over the area and what appeared to be a metallic object falling into the beach area. For a while they did not approach the supposed crash site because of fear. However others reported that the object was huge and disc-shaped, apparently metallic, without windows or wings. Soon after the "crash" members of the Mexican Territorial Army cordoned off the area and warned local inhabitants not to approach the area. Others have reported seeing similar disc-shaped craft flying at a high altitude over the area.

HC addendum

Source: Ovnis Mexico Forums Type: H?

Comments: It is necessary to obtain additional information on this intriguing case; so far none is available yet.

27.

Location. Chann Kalan, Pakistan

Date: February 26 2004 Time: evening

Constable Jagdish Parishad who on Thursday was keeping vigil on the international border had seen a flying object like a hot balloon carrying three persons who disembarked after landing in Pakistani territory. Since the constable had never seen a paraglider, fan glider or even a hot air balloon during his service tenure, it is difficult to ascertain the authenticity of the matter. Just prior to the UFO sighting Pakistani troops backed by helicopter gunships and artillery detained 20 people in raids against suspected Al-Qaeda hideouts in a tribal region bordering Afghanistan.

HC addendum

Source: UFO Roundup Vol. 9 # 9 Type: B?

28.

Location. Araraquara, Brazil

Date: early March 2004 Time: late night

On a very cold night, the witness, Marina was in her room reading a book when she heard loud scratching noises on her window. Startled she looked at the window and saw a bizarre

entity with a very large head and strange red eyes. The entity stared at Marina and mumbled some words, which Marina thought it meant for her to come and open the window because he wanted to talk to her. In a trance-like state she opened the window and the entity then spoke the following words, "Humans less and less value their planet, and each day that goes by they destroy the planet a little more, humans do not realize that they are destroying themselves also." Moments later the entity vanished.

HC addendum

Source: [www.sobrenatural.org](http://www.sobrenatural.org) Type: E

Comments: Important warning that we have been ignoring for decades now. We will reap what we sow.

29.

Location. Monte Maiz, Cordoba, Argentina

Date: March 2004 Time: various

A silhouette of a man who walks on rooftops, drags heavy chains and makes strange noises turned into a disquieting "phantom" that has made residents of Monte Maiz restless. Opinions on the "phantom" are diametrically opposed, since some claim having seen "a figure standing over 2 meters tall, dressed in black and with spectacular agility" while others say its all imagination. The local residents call it "the phantom". Those who have seen it say that it is a young person, very tall and slim, with red eye. It dresses in white, sometimes black and others gray. Always wear a hat and covers its face with a mask or hood. The sounds on the rooftops begin after 2100 hours, as do the calls to the police. Residents claim that it walks on the roof, shuffles and runs, drags chains, scratches at windows and bangs at doors. It doesn't speak or yell - it has only been heard to laugh in the dark or whistle, some claim having heard it imitate the howling of a dog. Locals say that it runs swiftly and jumps over barbed wire fencing and walls without touching them, according to concerned neighbors. Some eyewitness accounts follow:

Ivana Molina had gone out to her yard and saw a man dancing, whistling and slapping his hands. The neighbors heard similar noises. The next day, she went out and the same man tried to grab her. She ran into the house and phoned the police. It then banged on her bathroom window and wrote "mueres" (you'll die) with its finger. Oscar Gonzalez reported standing in the yard when he saw a shadow walking along. He could see its red eyes. He then went out with another fellow to find it and the "phantom" jumped the neighbor's yard. It was dressed in white. The following day it whistled at the men again. They went out to chase it and it vanished. Veronica Bertrando reported that her husband saw it as it crossed the patio; he said it was dressed in gray with a hood over its head. When it went by the dog barked, her husband then went outside and it took off running. He searched for it but could not find it. Local police offered the following additional details on the stranger (or strangers?), 1.8 to 1.9 meters tall, dresses in black, a white face (possibly a mask) wears a black hat, its movements are generally silent and possesses extreme agility, it jumps over fences, walls and climbs up trees with ease. It normally appears between 2130 to 0300 hours.

HC addendum

Source: Scott Corrales, Institute Of Hispanic Ufology, Christian Quintero, Planeta UFO. Type: E

Comments: This case bears a strong resemblance to the visitations or encounters reported in Vegas Coria Spain in 1983-1984 and in Provincetown Massachusetts 1944-1945.

30.

Location. Johannesburg, South Africa

Date: March 2 2004 Time: 1900

A sort of "inner voice" told the witness to get his camera and go outside. He waited for about 5 minutes then a bright white light shone on his eyes and then he saw three disc-shaped craft surrounding a large cigar-shaped object maneuvering overhead. The discs kept circling around the cigar. He took three photographs then he was again illuminated by a bright white light and suddenly found himself on his bed the next morning. He suffered from nosebleeds after the incident and had strange lucid "dreams" of seeing a little "black man" who enters his bedroom and tells him that they are taking him. He remembers running and then being shot in the arm by a laser-like light. He

woke up the next morning shivering and with his arm sore.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: D or E?

31.

Location. Near Carthage, Missouri

Date: March 7 2004 Time: afternoon

The two witnesses had gone riding ATV's (all terrain vehicles) in a place called "The Underground" which is a public and private storage facility near the town. The facility is miles and miles of carved out caves and also stores thousands of dehydrated food containers for the Navy. It is also a fallout shelter and can hold up to 40,000 to 50,000 people. They had gone about 8 miles deep into to the caves when they turned into an area that was marked, "Naval Authoritative Zone." The walls became more defined as in polished or finished, and this was striking because this was supposed to be a newly blasted area. Both witnesses just kept on going, increasing their speed since the floor was paved now. They then came upon an unusual painted pattern on the floor, which they thought it was graffiti. The road then dipped down and took a 90-degree turn to the left. They were going to fast and knew they were going to hit it but they didn't. They passed through some kind of holographic projection of the cave wall. Now they had come upon a whole new road system, this one large and much older than the one they had come from. They began to notice an odor, that was musty and damp that grew stronger as they went deeper into the area. The lighting had changed as well. It was now 60% darker than the other area from which they had come. They turned on their headlights and slowed down also noticing that it was getting cooler. They made a right turn and started to come up on what they thought was a rest area about 40 ft away. One of the witnesses then saw something that at first he thought were a pair of fountains until they moved. They both stopped immediately. About 30 ft away they saw two creatures, one was very tall (at least 7 ft, maybe more) and very powerfully built, it was reddish in color. The other was smaller (about 6 ft tall) and was a pale, almost albino color. This one was not as powerfully built as the other. They resembled large reptiles. They said nothing the witnesses did get a strong malevolent feeling, an evil presence of some kind from the taller one. One of the men screamed and they turned around and started back. One of the men looked back and saw that the taller entity was following them. He received an overwhelming feeling that if it caught them, harm would come to them, they passed through the wall projection again, and looked back and saw the tall entity raise its arm and it had a weapon of some sort, it fired and hit one of the ATV's, which apparently killed the engine causing it to stop. The rider ran to the other ATV and jumped on it. They drove away and looked back to see that the tall reptilian had now stopped at the graffiti area on the cave floor. It was obvious that the creature would not cross the strange marked area. It seemed to have been some type of barrier for the creature. The witnesses now slowed down and were now about 75 ft away from the creature. The two men and the reptilian stared at each other for about 15 seconds, and then they left. The creature remained standing without moving. One of the witnesses called the police on his cell phone but he was told that the security at the facility would handle the matter. Indeed security waited for the men and threatened to arrest them if they did not leave.

HC addendum

Source: <http://forums.about.com> Type: E

32.

Location. Wolverhampton, West Midlands, England

Date: March 8 2004 Time: 2130

Steven Nicklin and a friend were walking across Northcote Farm near an old Tudor farmhouse when both men saw a humanoid grayish figure with a human-type head standing on a tree, which formed part of the many trees that bordered the farm, these were tall pine trees, and the figure stood on the top branches. They estimated the size of the figure as being about 2.1 meters in height. It had two legs and two arms connected to membrane-type wings. Its clawed hands seemed connected to the wings, somehow resembling a pterosaur. It moved its head and looked directly at the witnesses, since the moon was full and there was a

streetlight not far away. It turned its head from the witnesses and then took one giant leap and glided to the next tree. The tree bent under the creature's weight as it took the impact. It then turned its head to look at them once more. Its gaze felt that "it could look into their very being (soul)". Both men felt quite scared and both fled the area quickly. The men said that it was a creature they had never seen before nor wanted to see again.

HC addendum

Source: UFO Roundup March 16 2004 Type: E

Comments: Another flying humanoid report, this entity somehow resembled the gargoyle of the Middle Ages.

33.

Location. Near Carlsbad California

Date: March 9 2004 Time: 0320A

The witness was on his paper route and was driving at about 25-30 mph when he saw a real bright light in the sky about the size of the moon. He pulled up to the side to catch a better glimpse of the object. About 1 minute passed when all of the sudden it disappeared. Then after 10 seconds of dead silence a round bright object landed right in front of the witness. It was circular and glowed very brightly. It was probably about 25 ft in height and about 100 ft in diameter. Stunned the witness heard a voice as if someone was talking to him gently in his ear. He looked around and did not see anybody. All of the sudden the craft didn't glow anymore and on the side of the craft it said, "future". The voice then said, "nobody else can see this but you, we are from the future, you are a representative now of the future for this mass (sic), please lead or there will be dire consequences." The voice talked very slowly and clearly in perfect English. He still couldn't see anybody but after the voice stopped talking he shouted, "who the hell are you"! And then everything disappeared. After about 10 minutes of reflecting on what had occurred, the witness drove home.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: F

34.

Location. Jordanow, Poland

Date: March 11 2004 Time: 2330

44-year old Miss Wiktorcia Lesniakiewicz was in her bedroom when she suddenly noticed her cat, which had died several days ago. She followed the animal. The cat walked out of the bedroom through the closed door, but feeling very tired Wiktorcia went to sleep. That same night she had a strange "dream" about her cat. She woke up feeling the cat's hot body on her legs. At the same time she sensed and heard strange voices and music. Three separate voices were discussing something, speaking in a strange language. The music resembled classical music, very similar to the Mozart symphonies, but it was definitely not a Mozart composition. Afraid, Wiktorcia turned the lamp on. The voices and the music then slowly faded away. She was unable to sleep the rest of the night.

HC addendum

Source: Robert Lesniakiewicz, Poland Type: F?

35.

Location. Sault Sainte Marie, Ontario, Canada

Date: March 12 2004 Time: 0400A

The witness, M N, was driving eastward on Wellington Street on the southeastern end of Lake Superior and as he came to the central part of the city (known to locals of the Lake Superior region as Soo, Canada). He noticed a straight beam of light hovering in the early morning sky, from the top of the hill that was on his northern side. His vehicle came to a complete stop at a cross street and he looked all the way down to the end of the street (about 7 blocks away) because the street ended at the base of the hill and has a metal stairwell leading to McDonald Avenue. Although being 7 blocks away his eyes were able to focus on a little dark figure that was standing very still. This caught his curiosity as he slowly drove towards it, and then started moving from side to side using fluid movements as if it was hovering in mid-air. It moved as if it was confused, or afraid and didn't know what to do. As he got closer, the

figure's appearance seemed to have metamorphosed into a transparent, shadow like entity that very swiftly flew up the stairs. To his astonishment, the beam of light that he had seen in the sky a few minutes before and a couple of miles away was now at the top of the hill, only about 100 ft away. With his heart racing, he drove as fast as he could eastward along the base of the hill until he came to the nearest hill street and drove up McDonald Avenue to see what was happening. In a matter of seconds, traveling from the bottom to the top of the hill, he arrived at the top of the steps only to find three circle-shaped burn markings on the pavement of the street. Approximately 10 seconds later he heard a very weird kind of gunshot sound, looked up to the sky and saw a bright light shooting up into the stars. As he watched the spectacle a surreal kind of peaceful feeling came upon him and he felt as if every hair on his body was standing on end. The feeling only lasted for what felt like 30 seconds, but when he looked at his watch it was a good 40 minutes later.

HC addendum

Source: UFO Roundup Vol. 9 # 13 Type: C

36.

Location. London, Ontario, Canada

Date: March 13 2004 Time: night

The witness (involved in previous encounters) woke up Saturday night to see a cloaked being standing in the center of his bedroom. It had the same shape as the short fly-head/mantis being (but he could not be certain). He heard a "popping" sound and the being quickly disappeared.

HC addendum

Source: Martin Jasek, UFO BC Type: E

37.

Location. London, Ontario, Canada

Date: March 14 2004 Time: late night

On Sunday night the witness (involved in previous encounters) woke up to see two tall praying mantis type beings standing in the middle of his bedroom. They looked as if they were engaged in a conversation, making high-pitched (almost digital) clicking sounds at each other. The witness was too tired to be afraid so he just concentrated on making a mental description, cross checking it with the ones he'd seen before. Both were extremely thin and tall, well over seven feet high. One was slightly taller than the other. Their necks were long, flexible and tube-like and didn't look strong enough to support their triangular heads. The neck and the head moved in a way that reminded the witness of the old-stop motion monster films or like a lizard. Both were wearing long black robes that again looked like liquid oil. On the side of the face he could clearly see a small round hole just below their eyes. He felt completely drained and couldn't move. He then slipped back into unconsciousness.

HC addendum

Source: Martin Jasek, UFO BC Type: B

38.

Location. San Juan de San Ramon, Ajuela Province, Costa Rica

Date: March 18 2004 Time: late night

Late at night Gonzalo Rodriguez heard strange noises and a ruckus coming from the henhouse on his property - a commotion that was far from being normal. He decided to send his son to check with a flashlight to make sure thieves weren't at work. The youth obeyed his father and flashlight in hand approached the large henhouse stealthily, becoming terrified upon seeing a strange black animal, standing some 40cm, tall and resembling a small dog with a long tail and standing on two legs. He recalls, among what little he was able to see through the flashlight's beam, that the animal had a very long tongue. Upon seeing the light, the creature fled into the vegetation, skillfully leaping over a wall. An inspection of the henhouse revealed that 20 hens had been slain. Police authorities of the nearby town of San Ramon were notified and officer Marcos Hernandez reported to the scene to corroborate not only Gonzalo Rodriguez's account, but also the testimony of frightened neighbors. The birds were whole and the only sign of damage to them were the two small orifices on their backs, through which it is presumed that the strange



assailant drove its fangs to remove or suck the blood. Several days before several dead sheep had been found with the same characteristics; twin puncture marks on their necks or back and not a single drop of blood.

HC addendum

Source: Scott Corrales, INEXPLICATA, The Journal of Hispanic Ufology, Gloria Coluchi Type: E

39.

Location. Hamilton, New Zealand

Date: March 23 2004 Time: 0200A

Jason McIntosh and two friends were had stopped at the end of a road to watch a light in the sky when one of the girls pointed out some orange lights moving in a field. To their left in a fenced yard they saw an image of two people in white "dancing". About 20 minutes later the car was filled with green glowing lights moving around at high speed. They could feel massive charges of static electricity and one of the girls got out and wanted to see the aliens. She came back to the car saying that she had seen strange little men. At the same time the others felt sensations of a craft flying slowly overhead and felt downdrafts of air. Then they saw a bright white light above the house in the field and occasionally smaller lights shooting into it from the sky. They could also see a group of figures in white standing in front of a house. One of the girls and Jason walked up the path to investigate and they stood 15 ft from them and Jason waved at one and it waved back. Suddenly they had an overwhelming sense of danger and went back to the car. Soon they could see gray colored creatures, 4 ft tall leaning in the passenger window. They then drove to the end of a driveway then drove back to the front. They could see that from where the strangers in white were standing what appeared to be large black charges of electricity were being pushed up towards the white light in the sky. Then a big black fog came in and left. The creatures were gone but the little green lights stayed in the car for 2 or 3 hours afterwards.

HC addendum

Source: I Was abducted.com, UFO Reports Type: C?

40.

Location. Northern Alabama (exact location not given)

Date: April 2004 Time: 0200A

Early one Sunday morning a woman had been studying for an exam (paralegal) when she briefly, in almost the blink of an eye, she was startled when she thought she saw before her a tall and slender man-like figure with black wings. No facial features were visible, but she sensed it was a male. The figure disturbed her. After this encounter the witness feels that something bad may happen in California and that this may be the last time she gets to see her daughter (who lives in California).

HC addendum

Source: Brent Raynes, <http://www.mysterious-america.net> Type: E

41.

Location. Newport Tennessee

Date: April 5 2004 Time: 1100A

The witness spotted a bizarre flying creature somewhat resembling an arrowhead flying backwards, with what looked to a head or knob on the front. It didn't look mechanical; it was more like some type of animal. It did not have extended wings like a bird of any kind, but seemed to have some sort of stubby wings, which were part of the body, like a flying squirrel or some type of bat. They protruded out near the end & tapered back to a point at the rear. The creature appeared to be around 3 ft from tail & a little over 2 ft wide at the shoulders. It was moving very fast in a straight line at an altitude of approximate 150 ft. The witness did not see a method of propulsion such as wing movement. It just seemed to be gliding, but at a high rate of speed. It maintained level flight moving west where the witness eventually lost sight of it. Other details were a light brown color along the sides of the wings, like skin, with a dark body color, possibly dark brown or black.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: E

42.

Location. Victorias City, Philippines

Date: April 7 2004 Time: 2100

A witness spotted a very bright disc-shaped object that descends low over his location. He heard a low hum and also what resembled the sound of several "people" all talking at the same time in an unintelligible jargon. The object emitted blue, red, violet and orange flashes of light. After 15 minutes the object left the area.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: E

43.

Location. Justo Daract, San Luis Argentina

Date: April 5-10 2004 Time: night

An 11-year old boy was walking on a darkened street on the corner of Liniers and Los Andes when he felt someone touch him on the back, upon turning around he saw something that terrified him and immediately ran home screaming. Local neighbors and police officers searched the area but failed to find anything. According to the information available, the boy saw a strange inhuman creature that was standing on four legs and that moved in strange jumps at very high speed. Several other men saw the strange creature climb the roof of the local railroad station. There were other reports that police had corner a strange figure dressed in black but it had literally slipped away from their grasp and disappeared into the darkness. Others reported seeing something totally different "a very tall man dressed in black and cape" who wore some type of mask and gloves equipped with sharp metallic nails. He was originally seen by several young girls that described him as tall, dressed in black, masked and with long silvery metallic nails, that climbed the top of the Plaza Pringles with great agility, the girls ran from the area in a panic. Others saw the strange character vault over the tennis court fence while some other women saw the same or similar figure climbing some trees at very high speed. To add to the bizarre situation that same night residents in the Ilusion & Libertario Ferrari section reported seeing the tall black garbed stranger frolicking on a local football pitch, it seemed make huge jumps with surprising agility at times seemingly floating in mid-air. To add to the mystery that very same night other residents in the Jardin Ferroviario section reported seeing a diminutive figure running through the area. Others reported seeing a simian-type creature about 1.20 meters in height moving about in great leaps and bounds. Still, another young girl riding her bicycle home late at night saw a tall black-garbed figure jumping from roof to roof in the 331 Viviendas section of the city.

HC addendum

Source: El Dragon Invisible quoting El Diario de la Republica April 10 2004 Type: E

44.

Location. Maine, exact location not given

Date: April 8 2004 Time: 0600A

In a dream-like state the witness suddenly found himself in a black void, totally conscious. Then 6 round bright lights appeared and illuminated the darkness around him, he could see blinding white light, which did not blind his eyes. He then heard a voice that told him that, "Time has come my child, and I am going to take you home soon." That's all it said then the blackness and the bright light was gone and the witness could now see the creature that had apparently spoke. He could not clearly make out what it looked like but he could see it, he could remember that it was not short and it had bigger eyes, looking almost human. That's all he could remember after the creature looked at him, he felt being sucked backwards at amazing speed, he could see what appeared to be stars whizzing by and huge planets and then he saw what appeared to be the Earth, he went head first through the sky, falling, headed towards his state and then his town and then finally towards his house and then into his bedroom. Upon arriving at his bedroom he

heard a "boom" inside his head and he woke up, all in an instant.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: F

Comments: Sounds like a very intriguing out of body experience.

45.

Location. Ellicott City, Maryland

Date: April 9 2004 Time: 1002A

The witness was driving his 18-wheeler traveling north on US 29 and wanted to stop at a store for something to eat. He took the US 40 exit east then at the light he went right instead of left, this took him into a residential area, which is considered bad for big trucks, so he knew he had to turn around so he took the first right down the street and went 1 =BD blocks and saw a "person" walking a dog. The figure had a gray hooded sweatshirt on pulled over the head and was facing away from the witness. The truck apparently startled "her" (he guessed it was a female due to the body shape) and she turned around very quickly and he saw a face that he had never seen before except in alien report drawings. The figure was about 5 foot 1 inch to 5 ft to 4 inches in height; with an oblong-shaped face with a sunken nose, creamy pale skin, very small mouth, and two very large all black eyes that stared at the witness. Shocked, he did not think to stop for a closer look until he was past her =BD a block; very curious he made a U-turn in the intersection to go back for a better look. When he turned around the figure with the "dog" was already gone, which was strange because it only took less than a minute for him to turn his rig around.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: E

Comments: This report has to be a first, even though there has been other recorded incidents in which, aliens or humanoids have been seen in the company of "dogs" or other animals.

46.

Location. Santiago, Chile

Date: April 10 2004 Time: night

44-year old Eduardo Perez, a security guard at a high scale condominium was at his guard shack when he perceived a strong luminosity coming from outside. As he went out to investigate he immediately lost consciousness. He is later found by another one of the guards, about 600 meters away from his post in a state of confusion, and incredibly with a three-day growth of beard, the hands of his quartz watch were turning on the opposite direction. After explaining what occurred to his superior he shakes hands with him but this one is suddenly thrown back by a violent discharge of static electricity from Perez's hand. Later local police found strange ground traces at the nearby golf course, which unfortunately were ordered, removed by the local residents. According to Perez he has had unusual encounters from an early age, including one time when he was missing for several hours and remembers seeing two short humanoids.

HC addendum

Source: Dr. Mario Dussuel, Guillermo Aguilera

Ovniaventura, Chile Type: G?

Comments: Shades of the Cabo Valdes encounter of April 1977 also in Chile. So far there is not information on any possible hypnotic regression yet.

47.

Location. Justo Daract, San Luis, Argentina

Date: April 21-22 2004 Time: night

Two witnesses watched in horror as tall dark garbed figure descend from a nearby roof at very high speed. Others reported a similar figure near the school pool in Barrio Centro. There were other reports that seemed to describe different entities, some dark brown and short, and others very tall and dressed in white. Around the same time other witnesses in the suburb of Ciudad Jardin in Villa Mercedes reported seeing a tall shadowy dark individual that seemed to loiter on rooftops late at night.

HC addendum

Source: Planeta UFO, Quoting "El Diario de la Republica"

April 23 2004, San Luis Argentina Type: E

48.  
Location. Concepcion del Uruguay, Entre Rios, Argentina  
Date: late April 2004 Time: night

Several locals have reported seeing late at night a strange creature, described as very tall, hairy and heavy set with a deformed face and bright red eyes lurking around an area in the northwest section of town. Two of the witnesses received such an impression that they had to be hospitalized. An older gentleman riding his bicycle is reported to have almost run into the creature causing him a great fright. Also several employees a local frozen goods warehouse reported seeing the strange "wolfman" type creature lurking outside the warehouse.

HC addendum

Source: Planeta UFO lists, quoting Newspaper sources Type: E

49.  
Location. Seguin, Texas  
Date: May 12 2004 Time: 2300

The two witnesses, a man and a woman, were walking a dog when they suddenly spotted a giant disc-shaped craft descending from the sky. The woman began screaming, saying that there was a loud ringing in her head and she thought she could hear voices trying to talk to her. The dog became disturbed and ran off. The man began to cry as two more discs appeared. He could see that the objects were charcoal gray in color and ringed with "black" lights. All three craft had what appeared to be strange writing or symbols on their hulls. The witness thought these resembled "ancient writings"

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: F

50.  
Location. Towson, Maryland  
Date: May 15 2004 Time: 0030A

A woman reported seeing several objects hovering above her townhouse and reports a conscious sighting of a "gray" entity in her home and feelings of giddiness-almost drunk unlike anything she has ever experienced before. She reports a minimal time lapse of 35 minutes. She has requested a complete investigation and describes the entity as an "old friend". Contact was made with her telepathically and she experienced feelings of peacefulness and claims the entity seemed to express concern for her. Further information pending.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC quoting MUFON member Type: D or G?

51.  
Location. Guri Dam, Southeastern Venezuela  
Date: May 15 2004 Time: early morning

An unidentified flying object crashed last Saturday in the vicinity of the Raul Leoni Hydroelectric Station, located in a remote jungle region. The hydroelectric station is at Guri Dam, at the north end of the man-made Lago de Guri. The dam is on the Rio Caroni, 100 km south of the Rio Orinoco at Ciudad Bolivar. The accident, which occurred during the early hours of last Saturday, was witnessed by workers at the dam and took place to the northwest of that location. Soldiers of Venezuela's Guardia Nacional, who proceeded to cordon off the area, immediately undertook stringent security measures further north, in Puerto Ordaz, residents saw low-flying black helicopters cross the overcast sky, heading south towards the dam. The presence of U.S personnel was also observed, a common feature in all (South American) crashes involving UFOs. It must be noted that the seismology unit at the university in Caracas, reported movement at the time of the crash, a detail reminiscent of the Roswell, New Mexico incident of July 1947. Access to the crash site has been highly complicated due to the torrential rains at the site during this time of year. No other information so far.

HC addendum

Source: UFO Roundup May 25, quoting Proyecto Orion, Scott Corrales, Christian Quintero Planeta UFO Type: H

52.

Location. Martinez, California

Date: May 16 2004 Time: night

Layla Wingate, in her early twenties, was looking out of her window, her view taking in the southern sky, also giving her a view toward San Francisco. Over a Shell Oil Company refinery she watched a rusty red colored creature with bat-like wings flying in circles over the facility. She watched it for an estimated five minutes. It glided quite a bit, occasionally flapping its wings. At the end it flew off toward San Francisco. Layla said it felt evil to her, and that she hadn't seen this creature since some 13 years ago with her family in Bristol Tennessee.

HC addendum

Source: Brent Raynes, <http://www.mysterious-america.net> Type: E

53.

Location. Culloden, West Virginia

Date: May 17 2004 Time: night

The witness was house cleaning when she spotted a black figure run past the window, she looked outside and at first did not see anything. She resumed her cleaning but again saw another figure, not as dark run by the window. 10 minutes later she was in the kitchen when she was blinded by a bright light for a brief second, it came in through both the back windows. She then closed her curtains. The next day her dogs acted strangely and there was a power outage in the area.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: E?

54.

Location. Al-Naiisia, Syria

Date: May 22 2004 Time: afternoon

Seven laborers spotted a strange entity in an olive grove. The creature remained seated for a while before taking running strides to climb up a tree. The entity was described as red in color, human in shape, and "peasant-like" in appearance (!). According to the witnesses the sighting came to an end when the creature rushed skyward with incredible swiftness leaving a wake of smoky white bubbles. Authorities mandated an inspection of the site but apparently nothing abnormal was found.

HC addendum

Source: <http://www.infobae.com> citing Syrian State Newspaper "Teshreen" Type: E

55.

Location. Volcanoes National Park, Maui, Hawaii

Date: June 21 2004 Time: afternoon

The witness, Greg W, had taken a trip to the lava flow entering the ocean and on the way down the slope from the upper-forested area of the park; he stopped to take a picture of the coast and land formations. He estimated it to have been about 1,500, in elevation at the place of the photograph. A week later when he developed the photo he saw the image of a dark figure, which he had not seen previously. It looked like a dark "warrior" standing guard, but no features were actually visible. One local co-worker thought it could be a "Nigh Marcher" which is part of the local folklore.

HC addendum

Source: Florida Paranormal Group, [gtwads.nul](http://gtwads.nul) Type: E?

56.

Location. Newton Falls, Ohio

Date: June 23 2004 Time: 2200

The main witness was at a friend's house tending to one of her children when the child looked out the sliding glass door and pointed to something in the woods. Not wanting the children to panic, the witness put them to bed as she watched three strange "figures", almost human-like in appearance, but with body appendages way out of proportion to the rest of the body. The figures appeared to be made out of light and at the same time the witness began hearing a strange humming sound. The strange creatures also appear to change shape. In the sky there was a

bright green sort of mist that hovered above them. The figures themselves changed from blue to green and then to a grayish color. As the witness called her friend's husband over there was an extremely white bright light and the front door began to shake. Soon everything disappeared except for what appeared to be a silvery trail that led away from the area. At the end of the encounter the temperature became icy cold.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: C?

57.

Location. St. John, Indiana

Date: June 28 2004 Time: 2130

The witness was outside throwing snapdragons onto his driveway. In front of his house and behind it there are wooded areas. He looked up and saw a shadowy figure standing near the woods across the street. At first he thought it was a shadow from a bush but then he saw it move. It moved into the light cast by the only streetlight on the street. He saw a creature about 3-4 ft tall, with little or no hair, possibly grayish-green in color. It had three claws that he could see on each arm, which were small. It was in a crouched position that made the witness think of a kangaroo. He could see what look like spikes running down the back of the creature. At this point it turned and looked straight at the witness. Its face looked like a human except for a few features. There was no nose, just two nostrils, like slits. Its eyes shone a yellow-green color and seemed farther apart and a bit higher up on the head than a humans'. When the creature noticed the witness it turned toward him and adopted a strange stance suggesting it was going to leap toward him. At this point the witness turned and ran quickly to his garage and began punching the key code as fast as he could. Once it was opened he dashed up the door inside, where he paused and looked back, but the creature was now gone.

HC addendum

Source: <http://paranormal.about.com> Type: E

57.

Location. Lafayette, California

Date: June 29 2004 Time: 0300A

In an apparent dream-like state the witness remembers looking out his office window and seeing two tiny beams of light shining down from the sky from a very distant and high source. The beams were extremely narrow and were coming from "very high up." The witness yelled for her family to come and look but when her husband did the beams disappeared, but only momentarily. The beams appeared bent, with angular shafts. As they watched in awe they saw a tiny, blue helicopter drop lower and lower from the sky, where the beams originated. The tiny helicopter descended to treetop height and being circling the trees and bushes. The "craft" finally landed nearby and wheels seemed to appear. It resembled one of those sleds used in the winter Olympics; it then began moving around the neighbors' bushes and driveway. The witness thought that the "object" was actually an android or robot. The object or android stayed in the area for a while before disappearing.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: E?

58.

Location. Podujeva, Kosovo

Date: June 30 2004 Time: 1330

Independent witnesses saw a bizarre "object" or creature come out of the sky and land on the ground. The creature, or whatever it was, was variously described as resembling a "dog" or a tiger and appeared to be able to change shape. It ran around the area for a while and then flew back up into the sky. One witness claims he took a videotape of part of the incident.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: E?

59.

Location. Parral, Chile

Date: June 30 2004 Time: night

Farmer Juan Acuna Pereira was walking home from the fields when a strange winged dog-like creature near the Fiscal Canal reportedly attacked him, he reported seeing two of the creatures. Apparently the smaller one of the creatures was more aggressive going for his throat. Juan protected himself with his arms and suffered deep scratches and scars. He fell to the ground and one of the creatures bit his ankle. He managed to break free and jumped into the canal, while the strange creatures flew over it back and forth apparently waiting for him to come out of the water. Finally the creatures gave up and left the area flying at very high speed. He further described the creatures as resembling earless dogs, with glowing eyes and triangular shaped fangs. Other locals reported finding dozens of dead hens completely drained of blood, one other farmer reported seeing two strange creatures that took off flying from his field towards the nearby hills as he approached them. Another farmer reported finding 14 of his lamb dead apparently mutilated but not eaten.

HC addendum

Source: <http://www.ovniaventura.com> Type: E

60.

Location. Curico, Chile

Date: July 4 2004 Time: 0300A

According to the few details known, on Sunday morning one of the truckers working on the premises of COPEFRUT had to park somewhat far from the point of entry into the premises. At that time the driver's vehicle was accosted and attacked by a strange winged creature that placed its legs on the ground and then flew off. The frightened driver attempted some sort of maneuver to reach an area where he could find more people, which was almost impossible due to his nerves. After some minutes, he managed to tell his story, although he was unable to furnish details as to what had attacked him. He only said having seen an animal that flew away, but which did not have the characteristics of a bird. Strange footprints or tracks were found at the scene.

HC addendum

Source: Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology (IHU)

Citing CIFAE-Chile Type: E

61.

Location. Tucson, Arizona

Date: July 4 2004 Time: 0341A

The witness had been having difficulty in going to sleep and then decided to ride a golf-cart around the course. As he came over a hill he saw a yellow blue red light and a strange feeling came over him as he saw a cylinder-shaped craft land on the ground. He then saw several figures or "things" walking around the course and examining some wild pigs that apparently wandered into the course. The witness remembers that as he drove up the top of the hill it felt to him as if "time had come to stop". His next memory was of waking up lying next to the golf-cart. He does not have any further recollection.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC Type: C

62.

Location. Melbourne, Australia

Date: July 9 2004 Time: 0300A

The witness was in bed when a bright light suddenly invaded his bedroom through the curtains. Looking out the window the witness saw a huge light floating in the air making a rather distinct humming sound, which vibrated through the air. The witness was getting ready to go outside his room when suddenly the light expanded and shone on his walls and an overwhelming sense of "gravity" enveloped him, he could barely move, he tried to get to the door on his knees, but the gravity was just too overwhelming and fell to the floor. He felt very sleepy and unusually tired, he then fell asleep. After an unknown length of time he suddenly woke up. Slowly coming to his senses he sensed that a huge time gap had been erased, it had been dark when he fell asleep and it was already light.

HC addendum

Source: NUFORC, <http://www.nuforc.org> Type: G

Comments: Possibly an unexplored abduction event.

63.

Location. Capilla del Monte, Argentina

Date: July 18 2004 Time: evening

At a farm called "Campo Maria Rosa Mystica" a nine year old girl was swinging in her yard on a hammock when she saw coming from the nearby restricted and enclosed field an elderly appearing woman, dressed in pink walking towards her. The area is far from the city and is guarded since the family keeps high priced cattle in the field. The young girl became frightened since she did not recognize the woman and hurried to her house. She stopped by the front door and looked back at the woman noticing that this one had sat on the hammock and was now swinging back & forth very fast. Moments later she went outside with her mother and both noticed that hammock empty but still swinging back & forth very fast. The stranger was nowhere in sight.

HC addendum

Source: Proyecto CATENT Argentina Type: E?

Comments: Of course the location is known for its many encounters with both humanoids and UFOs.

64.

Location. Mokena, Illinois

Date: July 30 2004 Time: 1900

Brian Gross was riding his bicycle through a small trail in the Hickory Creek Forest Preserve. When he began to hear footsteps and seeing movements among the trees. At first he attempted to ignore it but it soon became very obvious that several "things" were watching him and when he looked they either ran or ducked. The figures stood on two legs, were short, with a hazy blue color, seemingly getting bolder as the witness began returning home. He saw one standing on the side of the road, he called a friend on his cellphone and then heard a loud grunt and then what sounded like gallops. He could still see several short bluish figures watching him from the woods. The witness also felt as if a horseman followed him from about 10-20 yards into the forest. He counted 10 small bluish figures, which seemed to disappear as the witness reached a bridge.

HC addendum

Source: Direct from witness, [artmonkey04.nul](mailto:artmonkey04.nul) Type: E

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## Re: Varginha Again - Gevaerd

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 17:32:04 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 12:02:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Gevaerd

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 21:10:13 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 10:09:08 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

<snip>

>Does no one have a sense of humor around here? It was just a  
>joke; a play on words: the similarity in spelling (and possibly  
>pronunciation) between Varginha and Vagina.

Hehehe.

Ok, Dick. I hadn=B4t figured that out.

In fact, even in Portuguese Varginha is spelled very similarly  
to vagina.....

A. J.

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 16:55:27 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 12:05:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Clark

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 16:47:12 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 12:02:30 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 16:13:43 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

Hi, Brad,

Since you are an old and treasured friend, I want to say only that I respect your opinion - in fact, I greatly respect your opinion - and to add that you have made many good points in the current discussion. If I have not been clear enough in my effort to acknowledge that, the failure to communicate is, I'm sure, my own fault.

In my response I've tried not to dispute your valid points about the role of theory-construction in science, but to highlight the special nature of ufology and to show why it has gone in certain directions as opposed to others, and then to argue for what I believe to be the only strategy currently available to it. I also tried to stress, perhaps not as clearly as I wished, to agree that it is proper to construct serious hypotheses, but that for reasons I won't rehash, such construction may not be ufology's most urgent priority, given the distinctive nature of the UFO controversy.

Anyway, I respect your views, Brad, and am sure you respect mine in turn. If I have sounded intemperate or have unintentionally put words into your mouth, I offer my sincerest apologies.

I hope we can now move on to other avenues of discussion.

Cordially,

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 08:00:53 +1000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 12:26:27 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 17:56:11 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 12:22:36 +1000  
>>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

<snip>

>As always in science, it is up to a claimant to provide evidence  
>that something is so, not for doubters to prove that it is not  
>so. I have read your other post giving your informal survey  
>results which are interesting, but as you say it was not  
>controlled and it could be interpreted in various ways. As one  
>important example, were they "artistic" before their abduction  
>experiences, or did they become "artistic" afterwards? How  
>really "artistic" are they? Occasional and generalized interest?  
>Amateur efforts? Professional careers? What percentage of their  
>time do they devote to "artistic" endeavors.

>Without a large, statistically valid sample analyzed by  
>competent statisticians or mathematicians, both your and my  
>comments are merely subjective impressions. However, through my  
>connections with Budd Hopkins and other investigators and  
>participation in large conferences attended by many dozens of  
>professionals, I have strong reason to doubt the validity of the  
>"artistic" claim. If you can point us to any large-scale  
>statistical study of the issue, I would be very interested.  
>Until someone presents evidence to the contrary, I will remain  
>persuaded that it is "simply not so."

Dick,

Fair enough points. At this stage I just want to know if others  
have come across this too. I'll figure the rest out later. (if I  
get the time)

By the way, Budd Hopkins spoke at the recent National Australian  
UFO Conference and these were his exact words -

"...abductees will typically be found in the helping professions  
such as nurses, doctors, psychiatrists, involved with children  
etc, and they are often artists, musicians and writers."

You will find this in my conference review at:

<http://www.acufos.asn.au/about/conference.html>

Sheryl Gottschall

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 23:01:14 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 12:28:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 17:56:11 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 12:22:36 +1000  
>>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

<snip>

>Sheryl,

>As always in science, it is up to a claimant to provide evidence  
>that something is so,

Precisely, so what is your evidence for the claim that the abductors are "equal opportunity abductors. No social, educational, racial, intellectual or other biases"? As was admitted some time ago, some abduction researchers do not even keep statistics on the race of their subjects, let alone the other characteristics you mention.

The fact is, the evidence is just not there to make a clear judgement one way or another, although there does seem to be some empirical evidence that many abductees do demonstrate an artistic temperament, and that for female abductees a higher proportion than one might statistically expect are lesbian or of ambiguous sexuality.

Of course, having said that, everyone will now pretend that I have said that all female abductees are lesbian.

>not for doubters to prove that it is not so.

Indeed, I'm doubting your evidence-free statement.

>I have read your other post giving your informal survey  
>results which are interesting, but as you say it was not  
>controlled and it could be interpreted in various ways. As one  
>important example, were they "artistic" before their abduction  
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>statistical study of the issue, I would be very interested.  
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- on, presumably, no evidence whatsoever.

Isn't it up to investigators such as Budd Hopkins to provide the statistics for others to work on? What proportion of Hopkins's subjects are gay or lesbian? Has he even asked them the question? What proportion are Black, Hispanic, WASP. Has he (or anyone else) published statistics on the educational level of abductees?

I only ask because I want to know.

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 18:06:55 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 12:30:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 16:53:55 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 11:19:40 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 00:58:00 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

<snip>

>Ray,

>Way to "head 'em off at the pass". :)

>Very interesting that you owe much of your interest in UFOs to  
>Adamski, and yet were able to find the error in his model  
>without ditching the entire UFO phenomenon as a subject of  
>study.

>Very candid revelations, Ray. Even if they were a "pre-emptive  
>strike". ;)

Thanks, Kyle.

Actually, my interest in UFOs was not really due to G.A. or his claims, (He just sidetracked me for a while.) but seems to have maybe been 'congenital', because, remember (as I told this list), how I bounced off that swing on my grade school playground at age 9, in September, 1947, and freaked the wife of the school principal by telling her that when I grew up I would investigate "those flying saucers", learn their nature, and then reveal it to the whole world.

Well, I confess I'm still working on fulfilling that promise, but situations are encouraging, now.

My response to Roy's inquiry may have been a "pre-emptive", but I surely didn't learn that tactic from "Dubya".:)

Ray Stanford

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 23:13:22 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 12:32:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Rimmer

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 10:44:42 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>There was no forgery. Forgers make every effort, whether in  
>paintings or documents, to avoid doing anything to call  
>attention to themselves.

Wonderful. This piece of Friedmanite logic should save us all a lot of trouble. If a document, (or anything else) particularly one which supports the Friedmanite agenda, has a flaw in it which might, to the uninitiated eye might make it look dubious and possibly false, it cannot be so, because, as we are reminded "Forgers make every effort ... to avoid doing anything to call attention to themselves". So the very existence of a fault proves its genuiness.

On the other hand, if investigators are unable to find anything wrong with an item, and it appears to be perfectly genuine, well then, erm, it must be genuine as well!

This new revelation will save a great deal of work for museum and gallery curators across the world; and Stanton, I've got a couple of very nice Picasso drawings you might be interested in buying at a reasonable price.

Pip pip

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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## Re: Varginha Again - Denzler

From: **Brenda Denzler** <[denzlerb.nul](mailto:denzlerb.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 19:01:31 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 12:34:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Denzler

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 21:10:13 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 10:09:08 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 18:41:45 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

<snip>

>>A. J.

>Does no one have a sense of humor around here? It was just a  
>joke; a play on words: the similarity in spelling (and possibly  
>pronunciation) between Varginha and Vagina.

For A.J. I think the problem is the cultural divide. It's an  
English-language, U.S.-comprehensible pun.

I snickered!

Brenda

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## X-PPAC Update - August 2, 2004

From: **Stephen Bassett** <[Disclosure2003.nul](mailto:Disclosure2003.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 19:08:06 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 12:38:04 -0400  
Subject: X-PPAC Update - August 2, 2004

X-PPAC  
Extraterrestrial Phenomena Political Action Committee

"The first thing you need when the barn's on fire is not water - it's a bucket." Old saying.

The coming election will be one of the most important in American history. Much is at stake, and at the center of the swirl of issues being played out is the matter of "truth in government." This core includes: secrecy reform, abuse of power, and of course, disclosure.

The Extraterrestrial Phenomena Political Action Committee (X-PPAC) is a bucket created in 1999 by Paradigm Research Group. It awaits being filled by a public motivated to influence political candidates and incumbents on these critical issues. When that happens, X-PPAC will utilize these funds to put pressure on the participants in the unfolding election to deal with disclosure and other truth in government issues.

There are 90 days to the next election. X-PPAC can be a factor in Washington, if the following goals can be obtained:

20 \$5000 (limit) contributors:	\$ 100,000
100 \$1000 contributors:	\$ 100,000
1000 \$100 contributors:	\$ 100,000
10,000 \$25 contributors:	\$ 250,000
Total:	\$ 550,000

The very fact of such funding to a political action committee with the aims of X-PPAC would send a shock wave throughout Washington, DC before a single dollar was spent. Regular updates will go out showing how this fund raising effort is proceeding in each category.

Paradigm Research Group has done its best to advocate truth in government since 1996. With your help, it can do much, much more. Please consider contributing to X-PPAC and passing this message on to friends and family.

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Only United States citizens or Green Card holders may contribute to a political action committee - no corporations. The annual limit per person is \$5000. Any person contributing \$200 or more per year must also provide their address, occupation and name of employer. (This is to help insure corporations are not forcing employees to contribute to a PAC with or without reimbursement.) Contributions are NOT tax deductible, but the political action committee operates with a tax free status.

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However, 3% of all such contributions go to the credit card processor. To ensure all of your funds go to X-PPAC, contribute by mailing a check or money order to the address below. Please let X-PPAC know if you wish to be acknowledged by name, amount, city and state on the X-PPAC website.

If you believe truth is the critical component to a just and successful society and disclosure of the extraterrestrial presence must not be further withheld from the American people, your funding support is needed for X-PPAC to advocate these goals.

Best Regards,  
Stephen Bassett  
Executive Director

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## Re: Close-Up Photos

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 19:09:58 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 12:49:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 23:43:39 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 21:58:59 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

<snip>

>>>To my knowledge, there is not a single case where two or more  
>>>unrelated people captured either close-up or mid-range photos of  
>>>the same UFO on approximately the same time and day but from  
>>>different locations.

<snip>

>>In Gulf Breeze (gulp!) from Nov 1990 through July 1992 there  
>>were about 170 sightings of "bubba" recorded by numerous  
>>witnesses. In many of these sightings there were multiple  
>>cameras and videocameras, sometimes from widely separated (miles  
>>apart) locations, which allowed for triangulation. The most  
>>interesting recorded phenomena were rings of light or structured  
>>light images, not just dots. During the evening of Sept 16,  
>>1991, I was a witness to a ring of lights that appeared in the  
>>sky for about 70 seconds. I didn't call the guys in white coats  
>>to come and take me away (ho ho...ha ha) because there were  
>>about 30 other people and the ring was photographed (telephoto  
>>lens) and videotaped (zoomed in and out) and the comments by  
>>witnesses were recorded during the sighting (including my own).  
>>A crude triangulation suggested a distance of several thousand  
>>feet to a mile or so, implying some size (many feet to tens of  
>>feet) of the ring. This is all described at:

>><http://brumac.8k.com>

>>Scroll down to "Red Bubba comes to Gulf Breeze". This is not as  
>>good as a daytime close up photo of a craft in full detail, but  
>>certainly something was there that was unusual.

<snip>

>As for pictures of suspicious distant spots or star-like objects  
>in the sky taken by multiple witnesses at approximately the same  
>times and from the same geographic locations, these are common  
>but there remains many questions such as whether it was the same  
>object or UFO that was photographed.

If you read about the Bubba sightings you would know that in  
many cases the multiple witness sightings from several locations  
were correlated by comparing changes in the Bubba light with  
time - color change, motion, appearance, disappearance, etc.

Furthermore the distances estimated were under 10 miles and  
generally several miles, so they were not "distant" lights in the  
astronomical sense. Many events were videotaped from two or more  
locations and since the sightings were "dynamic" (not simply the

appearance and disappearance of a stationary light), it was possible to compare changes in the light as they appeared in different videos or photos and thus to establish positive correlation... i.e., witnesses were not looking at different lights but clearly at the same one.

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## Re: Davenport & Passive Radar SDI Interview OnLine

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 19:54:50 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 13:13:57 -0400  
Subject: Re: Davenport & Passive Radar SDI Interview OnLine

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -  
>Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 17:51:19 -0400  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Davenport & Passive Radar SDI Interview OnLine

>Peter Davenport discussed his Passive Radar UFO detector project  
>on 'Strange Days... Indeed' last Saturday night.

As I heard Peter's discussion, I wondered if it might be worthwhile for UFO field researchers to consider setting up portable \_active\_ radar sets too, in areas of intense UFO activity? It's feasible, as shown by the van-mounted radar sets used by storm chasers. The wide area passive radar could catch the high and fast flyers, while the portable units could catch local manifestations in those places where UFOs are frequently seen. Having a radar trace in addition to sightings is always a bonus.

I'd guess small vessel marine radar might be an option for buying equipment.

Might also be worth doing in regions of intense crop glyph activity.

For that matter, IR night vision stuff is on the market too.

Eleanor White

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## Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30 - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 17:57:58 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 13:15:57 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30 - Deardorff

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 19:37:12 -0400  
>Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30

>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 13:02:26 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30

>>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2004 15:46:15 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 30

><snip>

>>>All Martian meteorites traveled here via very long elliptical  
>>>routes (much longer than the 52 million miles to which you  
>>>refer) with no protection from cosmic rays and solar wind, as  
>>>evidenced by their cosmic ray exposure ages. The Cosmic Ray  
>>>Exposure (CRE) age of a Martian meteorite is the length of time  
>>>from ejection off Mars until its fall onto the Earth's surface.

>>There may be a large uncertainty in our understanding of where  
>>some of these meteorites, discovered mostly on Antarctica, came  
>>from. As I understand it, there are 5 or 6 times as many found  
>>from Mars as from the Moon. Why isn't the ratio at least that  
>>much the other way around, considering the Moon's lesser gravit

>I keep up with both Martian and Lunar meteorite counts because I  
>collect both types. Your information that there are 5 or 6 times  
>more Martian meteorites known than lunar ones is very  
>inaccurate. In fact, currently the number is almost equal, with  
>33 Lunar meteorites known and 32 Martian meteorites. That  
>changes the picture considerably.

Thanks for correcting me on that, Ray.

>FYI, Lunar meteorites tend to be smaller than Martian  
>meteorites, but there are many different factors that may  
>account for that, including a generally greater friability or  
>brittleness of lunaites, perhaps due to their formation on a  
>body of much lower gravitation than Mars.

I'd still expect a whole lot more Moon meteorites to be found on  
Earth than Martian, since the escape velocity of the Moon is  
scarcely half that of Mars, and since the Moon is some 200 times  
closer to us than Mars is.

A planetary astronomer is still needed to properly consider all  
the other factors and their details.

Jim D.

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## Re: Varginha Again - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 22:25:21 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 13:17:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Friedman

>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <[ufomiami.nul](mailto:ufomiami.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 23:13:27 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>In this debate about the Varginha Case, I like to point out that  
>the date of the sighting, January 20, 1996, coincides with the  
>"chupacabras" wave; Puerto Rico, April 1995. Guatemala, October  
>1995. Mexico, December 1995. Miami, February 1996. Costa Rica,  
>April 1996.

>I wonder if Brazil's incident of 'Captured Aliens' as they are  
>called, is nothing more than another "chupacabras" case. We have  
>to be very careful about calling the creature "alien" or  
>"extraterrestrial" without any physical evidence.

>If we were supposed to be scientifically inclined, why, I  
>wonder... without strong data, only with some witnesses and a  
>"doctor" stories did we assume the E.T. hypothesis?

>Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo  
>Miami UFO Center

I heard a lot of the first discussions about the Varginha case way back in 1996 when I was in Curitiba, Brazil, for a UFO conference. Graham Birdsall, John Carpenter and I interviewed Vitorio Pacaccini ( he speaks English well) on camera and John made a 113 minute video from the interview and the other materials provided at that time. The Brazilian press also took the case quite seriously and there were many different witnesses . Graham did a big article for UFO magazine and Dr. John Mack, working with the help of an interpreter, was also favorably impressed with the girls who witnessed the strange beings.

Frankly, I am not at all ready to dismiss this case. I can't see any connection with the fierce chupacabra. These beings were scared, not aggressive.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Varginha Again - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 22:45:25 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 13:21:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Gevaerd

>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <[ufomiami.nul](mailto:ufomiami.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 23:13:27 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

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>the date of the sighting, January 20, 1996, coincides with the  
>"chupacabras" wave; Puerto Rico, April 1995. Guatemala, October  
>1995. Mexico, December 1995. Miami, February 1996. Costa Rica,  
>April 1996.

Virgilio,

I must emphasize that we have tried to connect the Varginha Case to Chupacabras and several other phenomena with no success at all. The Varginha creatures and their behavior were quite the opposite to what have been described as Chupacabras' actions. Besides, the wave of Chupacabras in Brazil started only about late 1996. I have to be completely honest with you and say that, in Brazil, only a small percentage of Chupacabras reports turned out to be something extraordinary - quite unlike the Varginha Case.

>I wonder if Brazil's incident of 'Captured Aliens' as they are  
>called, is nothing more than another "chupacabras" case. We have  
>to be very careful about calling the creature "alien" or  
>"extraterrestrial" without any physical evidence.

All the main investigators of the Varginha Case have no doubt that there is absolutely no connection between it and Chupacabras. When calling the Varginha creatures "alien" or "extraterrestrial" we are only reproducing a most logical assumption of their nature. As well as we are reproducing an idea expressed by some of the most qualified first-hand witnesses involved in the circumstances of the case. When you mean "without any physical evidence", we have to agree, of course, that there isn't any that we can produce right now, except the reports from many witnesses, military, fireman, doctors and nurses and even a complete team of the most famous Brazilian forensic doctor, Badan Palhares.

>If we were supposed to be scientifically inclined, why, I  
>wonder... without strong data, only with some witnesses and a  
>"doctor" stories did we assume the E.T. hypothesis?

Please review the info about the Varginha Case. You will easily find out that there is an amazing and overwhelming amount of data to stress out the alien and the craft=B4s debris as non-terrestrial. The "Doctor" report is one of great value to the research of the case and to the entire Ufology field. When have we ever heard of someone involved in the health area to claim with such certainty to have had an alien creature in his hospital? Plus, he wasn't alone with the creature and his feelings about its nature were shared with other professionals.

A. J. Gevaerd

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## Re: NASA Unveils Radical New Space Shuttle Design

From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 22:33:42 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 13:24:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: NASA Unveils Radical New Space Shuttle Design

>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>To: "UFO Updates" <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 14:22:45 -0500  
>Subject: NASA Unveils Radical New Space Shuttle Design

>Source: The SpooF

><http://www.thespooF.com/news/spooF.cfm?headline=s5i6038>

>08-01-04

>"The original alien saucer, indeed from the Zeta Reticular star  
>system 37.2 light years away had onboard literally thousands of  
>technological devices so advanced that our scientists at the  
>time could barely comprehend them. Over decades we finally  
>figured out over 70% of their technology and began developing  
>our own 'saucers'.

But does the effect have anything to do with the quantum mechanics or what do we know that aliens interpret quantum at the same level we do seems like a though worth going to sleep on. What do I think, well I think it has to do with a generated negative mass how else will you cut into and shrink a little piece of space.

My bro-n-law, a particle physicist but now trained to do those math probs teaching at nearby uni's. But anyway on a few bbq's we do have these interesting discussion with respect to negative mass and my intersteallar problem.

Is this always how the standard model of physics is being taught now days when is it not fare to look beyond it's classicle interpretation ?. Yes, yes we have to convince ourselves before a world into this sub quantum world sees its framework.

Four blades of grass blowing in a wind while seeming unpredictable by a math terms but is it that we can't see the four blades of grass standing straight up, don't look so close.

When if something big happens in a nearby future that you and I should know about and understand, how will effective it becomes or what I read here tomorrow may shape those beliefs the day after that and the day after that.

Keep up the good you fellas are doing here I really enjoy tapping into your supreme futuristic intellect.

John

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## Need Copy Of UFO Magazine

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog.nul](mailto:ufowatchdog.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 20:44:23 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 13:26:01 -0400  
Subject: Need Copy Of UFO Magazine

Hi All,

I'm looking for the following magazine:

UFO Magazine, Volume 10, Number 3, May/June 1995

Any help would be greatly appreciated, thanks.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
UFOWATCHDOG.COM

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 23:57:40 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 13:51:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 19:01:25 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 14:41:56 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

<snip>

>Kyle, I don't think I even have a copy of that letter from  
>Wescott. However, I did publish his letter of April 7, 1986, and  
>detailed and very impressive background information. I had  
>supplied attorney Bob Bletchman with 27 communications from  
>Hillenkoetter which I had obtained from the Truman Library. RW  
>made this statement:

>"In my opinion there is no compelling reason to regard any of  
>these communications as fraudulent or to believe that any of  
>them were written by anyone other than Hillenkoetter himself.  
>This statement holds for the controvesial presidential briefing  
>memorandum of November 18,1952, as well as for the letters both

>On a preponderance of evidence criteria, noting that he and not  
>the critics, looked at all the items not just the briefing, and  
>noting his outstanding linguistics background, it appears that  
>the briefing has not been shown to be fraudulent. I am not  
>saying beyond any reasonable doubt. I consider this a civil  
>matter not a criminal matter. Obviously there was always the  
>possibility that a forger studied Hillenkoetter's writings in  
>great detail and was able to simulate his style, etc. Any  
>evidence for that? We obviously don't have the equivalent of DNA  
>data here.

>I am reminded of some people claiming that well anyone could  
>have gone to the Harvard Archives and found out about Menzel's  
>connections with the NSA, CIA, etc. Certainly true, though it  
>would have required written permission from three different  
>people. But is there any evidence that anybody did?

>Others have said that anybody could have found out from the  
>Truman Library that WB Smith's only meeting with Truman over a  
>several month period was the 01 August , 1950, date noted in the  
>EBD. But did they? I asked the TL if anybody else had asked for  
>dates of their meetings. The answer was NO. In other words could  
>have, might have, etc, are not the same as did.

>Remember that Wescott did not just look at the briefing  
>document and provide a quick opinion.

Stan,

Well argued as usual.

You may of course be completely right about the documents. Your  
certainty however has to rely on a couple of conjectures.

There's nothing wrong with this, especially in light of the cogent arguments you provide. Yet they are still arguments.

The overwhelming evidence in favor of the authenticity of the MJ-12 documents becomes somewhat less overwhelming for those that aren't willing to make a few leaps of...faith.

My own opinion after reading your final report, and several other compelling papers you have produced is that Roswell in general, and MJ-12 specifically, remain for now tantalizing mysteries. If your analyses are accurate, then the most likely scenarios are but two.

First possibility, someone inside the government created the documents and seeded them with information which could only be discovered with some digging, knowing that the discovery of corroborating dates, etc would tend to "authenticate" the documents for the reasons you actually cite. If never discovered, no harm done. The purpose to occupy the UFO community with a tantalizing mystery for which there was much smoke, but no fire. Divert attention from the truth...using half-truths.

Second possibility, someone inside the government sent the documents in an effort to reveal the UFO coverup. Since no note was apparently included with the documents, the motives (apparent or otherwise), cannot be determined.

I find this a weak possibility, because I feel strongly that if the UFO research community) had such an ally, we would have been provided with more evidence by now. If there is a coverup, and someone is fighting it, he or she very likely is not alone. Birds of a feather...

There is a third possibility I entertain from time to time, typically when you resort to derogatory sarcasm as a substitute for debate. It is rare but it is there. But I really don't think you are "Menzel-in-reverse". :)

In sum, I find the first 2 possibilities equally plausible based on your evidence, or more accurately the lack of certain evidence. For me, the gaps are just too wide for my leaping ability in the absence of another gap-filling piece of the puzzle. Without more revealed secrets, the puzzle remains incomplete.

Call me blind if you must. I just am not convinced that the MJ-12 documents are real. Your arguments are basically that only someone in the know could have created them. I fully agree. I just don't agree on what follows from this.

Stan, you are owed a debt of gratitude by all that dare to think the worst of their government, and actually try to prove it. You have no doubt inspired others to do just that. Your determination and perseverance are a model for how a scientist must approach and execute research on a troubling dilemma.

You convinced me that something extraordinary happened in Roswell. You convinced me that the government is capable of lying...disinformation. And ironically, you convinced me that the government is capable of doing exactly what that second possibility above requires.

Until there are a couple of Ts dotted, my Is remain frustratingly crossed.

With Respect,

Kyle

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## Re: Dr. Poher's Mexican Airforce UFO Video

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 02:22:59 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 13:54:33 -0400  
Subject: Re: Dr. Poher's Mexican Airforce UFO Video

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 15:41:13 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Dr. Poher's Mexican Airforce UFO Video Analysis

>>From: John Elliott <[townsville3.nul](mailto:townsville3.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:47:04 -0400 (GMT-04:00)  
>>Subject: Dr. Poher's Mexican Airforce UFO Video Analysis

>>As anticipated in a post by someone else, last month, Dr. Claude  
>>Poher has published an analysis of this case (in French).

>>"ANALYSE SCIENTIFIQUE ET IDENTIFICATION  
>>DE L=E2=80=99OBSERVATION FAITE PAR UN =C3=89QUIPAGE  
>>DE L=E2=80=99ARM=C3=89E DE L=E2=80=99AIR MEXICAINE"

[http://www.premiumwanadoo.com/universons/ovni\\_gbFr/observation\\_mexicaine\\_fr.=pdf](http://www.premiumwanadoo.com/universons/ovni_gbFr/observation_mexicaine_fr.=pdf)

>>Conclusion translated using Babelfish:

>>"Although this analysis was made from 5% of the enregistees data  
>>aboard plane, the results confirm the account of the crew, but  
>>not his interpretation.

>Poher made use of data I supplied to him as well as publicly  
>available video.

>He may be right in saying the radar target is uninteresting  
>because it is not connected to the FLIR lights and he may be  
>correct in identifying the lights as oil field fires.

>Notice I said "may". In my opinion it is premature to state a  
>conclusion.

>An important experiment has not yet been done to test the oil  
>fire hypothesis.

>And the first radar target seems anomalous because:

>a) its sudden appearance

>b) the failure to see the object reflecting the radar despite  
>many minutes of searching ahead of the plane when the radar  
>indicated it was only about 2.3 mi ahead

>c) speed "jumps" (which may be an artifact of the radar - this  
>is being checked on) and

>d) failure to detect anything on the FLIR that was definitely  
>correlated with the radar target.

>Had the radar target been an airplane it would have been seen  
>visually and its heat would have been picked up by the FLIR  
>system.

As I pointed out in my post here on June 17, I found a

possible correlation between a Radar target and a FLIR target for the 4:45- 4:46 PM time period of the March 5, 2004, incident. See:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/jun/m17-020.shtml>

But Poher flatly declares without a shred of detailed evidence that "Radar detections have no relationship with the observations on Flir, and they are banal." (Poher Report p. 25.) The radar detections were not banal and included the unusual effects of optical and infrared invisibility as noted by Maccabee (above) and noted in my posting here on June 11:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/jun/m11-022.shtml>

I also pointed out there were both Moon and Sun position calibrations of the FLIR system at 5:19:32 and 4:46:59.5 PM, a half hour apart, neatly bracketing the unidentified FLIR images. These calibrations allow us to determine that the Elevation angles were both quite accurate and were displaying angles only about 2 degrees too low, meaning that detected objects (Sun and Moon and anything else) were actually slightly higher up in the sky than the numbers shown on the FLIR readings. The Azimuth angles to the Sun and Moon were also quite accurate, again with only minor errors of about 2 degrees, both in the same sign (the plus + direction, clockwise) of correction.

The reason why this is important is because the FLIR camera shows the strange IR images in different directions than the Canterell oil fields that Poher purports to explain them as. Not only are the oil rig fires in the Gulf of Mexico in the wrong directions (except possibly for the first or Group 1 images) but they are at Elevation angles that put them up in the sky above the earth's horizon (again excepting the Group 1 images). Oil rigs cannot fly!

Poher's mass of bloated prose seems to be trying to get you to not think about the fact the FLIR images are seen up in the sky and that oil well fires would be below the earth's horizon. He seems to want to make you think he has fully analyzed the partial FLIR data he claims he has studied. But in fact he suppresses important data he knows about, which he read in Maccabee's report, such as completely omitting the Sun position calibration of the FLIR angles. Poher mentions where the sun was located but conveniently fails to mention that a sun reflection was seen in the FLIR (noted in Maccabee's report that Poher relies upon so heavily). The sun glint provides additional calibration of the FLIR instrument that confirms the same amount and sign (+2 degs in Azimuth and +2 degs in Elevation) of correction as seen with the Moon's position in the FLIR.

Since the FLIR images were almost all within a 90-degree quadrant of both the Sun and Moon positions, these positions both provide calibrations proving the accuracy of the FLIR angles, contrary to Poher's unscientific mass of irrelevant calculations, which are apparently designed to wow and impress lay persons while distracting them from relevant issues (the Azimuths or directions of the Cantarell oil fires, not just the Elevation angles). Excepting possibly the first or what I call Group 1 images, the oil wells were in the wrong directions by up to 60 degrees! And contrary to Poher, the actual calibrated Elevation angles place the IR images up in the sky where visually they actually in fact appear to be in the FLIR video. Oil wells cannot fly!

Mexican FLIR Groups of Single or Multiple "Lights" or IR Sources

Azimuth Angles Between FLIR Images and Oil Fires

- Group 1. 5-30 degs
- Group 2. 10-20 degs
- Group 3. 35-60 degs
- Group 4. 10-25 degs

(Azimuths are approximate and rounded to nearest 5 or 10 degrees for simplicity.)

Times are CST:

- Group 1. 1645-1649, 1651, BELOW EARTH HORIZON
- Group 2. 1652 to 1709, ABOVE EARTH HORIZON

Group 3. 1714 to 1718, ABOVE EARTH HORIZON  
Group 4. 1722:59 to 1723:42, 1726 to 1728, ABOVE EARTH HORIZON

Azimuths (from True North):

Group 1. NW (295 to 305 degs) (OIL FIRES AT 310-325 degs)  
Group 2. NW (310 degs) (OIL FIRES AT 290-300 degs)  
Group 3. N (350 to 335 degs) (OIL FIRES AT 290-300 degs)  
Group 4. W (270 to 265 degs) (OIL FIRES AT 280-290 degs)  
(Azimuths are approximate and rounded to nearest 5 or 10 degrees for simplicity.)

This is the scientific "analysis" that Poher should have done, and tries to make the reader believe he has done, but in fact he has not done. As you can see the directions or Azimuths to the Cantarell oil fires are not even close to the FLIR images. We know from the Sun and Moon calibrations that the FLIR Azimuths were only in error by about 2 degrees and this simple correction is easily applied but is negligible compared to 35-60-degree discrepancies. It is grossly unscientific and irresponsible to misrepresent what is admittedly only "some degrees" (Poher p. 25) of angle correction as if they were 60 degrees!

We know where all the oil fires are located in the Gulf of Mexico because we have satellite images of all bright spots, as seen in military weather satellite (DMSP) images. So there are not any "stray" oil well fires that may be out in some extreme location away from Cantarell, which might account for FLIR "lights" in other directions. This is all there is, at Cantarell in the Gulf of Mexico just off the Yucatan, northwest of Ciudad del Carmen.

Poher has resorted to outrageous Menzelian argumentation to allege that the minor Elevation error in the system with a plus (positive) +2- degree correction can be bootstrapped into a whopping minus (negative) -4.7-degree correction to the opposite sign of the actual correction! (See p. 15 of Poher's report.) Despite these tedious displays of supposed erudite scientific analysis with subsections captioned ostentatiously as "Directions of Pointing of the FLIR in the Course of Sequence Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4," Poher in fact does not ever analyze the "direction of pointing" of the FLIR in relation to the Cantarell oil fires!

Imagine that! Big long dull report and the one thing it is supposed to be talking about according to these glaring headlines is not actually even talked about at all! But if you skimmed Poher's pile of propaganda really fast you might see the titles and think he has covered the subject of the "directions" and it must be just "so scientific and technical" that the average reader's eyes will glaze over and assume it's answered somewhere in there!

Instead, in the middle of his bloated report he simply concludes without a shred of numerical backup or substantiation that during Sequences No. 1 and 2, and only during those sequences evidently, the Mexican FLIR images "correspond to the direction of this zone" of flaming oil wells (Poher p. 15). In fact they do not! And Poher then drops all discussion of the "directions" of the oil well fires from this point onward in his report, conveniently evading the contrary evidence of his even more discrepant Sequences 3 and 4. That is the extent of Poher's entire discussion of the "directions" to the oil well fires, a part of only one sentence and I have quoted to you the entire Poher discussion of the direction to the oil fires!

(Poher's "sequences" have nothing to do with my four Groups of FLIR images which I have roughly organized by time, location and behavior. His "sequences" are just convenient arbitrary labels slapped onto the FLIR video excerpts he chose to study, and all belong within my Groups 2 and 3.)

Poher's Selected "Sequences" for Study

Sequence No. 1 from 4:57:04 to 4:57:17 PM (Error! The times were actually 4:53 or 1653, not 4:57 or 1657 as Poher carelessly claims. Just look at the FLIR video frames Photos 1 and 2, p. 8 of Poher's Report.)

Sequence No. 2 from 5:03:39 to 5:03:57 PM  
Sequence No. 3 from 5:06:25 to 5:07:19 PM

Sequence No. 4 from 5:15:15 to 5:15:26 PM

Poher deliberately ignores Maccabee's discovery of the Sun reflection which provides an independent calibration separate from that of the Moon's position which I had first discovered in late May. Poher knew full well about the Sun calibration by Maccabee because he references Maccabee's analysis numerous times throughout his own report. The Sun position in the FLIR readings was also about 2 degrees too low, just like the Moon's position a half hour later. The two positions were separated by about 42 degrees in the aircraft's relative bearing angles (Moon at -7 and Sun at -49 degrees relative to aircraft's heading) making it unlikely that the calibration error is due to a mechanical pointing error of the FLIR mounting on the C-26A aircraft, and more likely due to a digital display error in the electronic settings.

But even if it had been as Poher's claims just a mechanical mounting error (rather than a digital electronic error) the fact the FLIR images were almost all of them within 90 degrees of the Sun and Moon proves that the Sun-Moon corrections apply to greater or lesser degree only in the positive sign of correction, thus raising the actual Elevation angles of the IR "lights" higher into the sky, rather than lowering them to places beneath the earth's horizon edge where oil well flames might be found. This is simple math.

Poher desperately and ridiculously tries to argue that the slight 2-deg error in Elevation is a mechanical error that will be highest in the direction of the Moon and lowest in the opposite direction from the Moon, without ever considering a digital electronic error that does not change with direction of pointing the FLIR camera. And he deliberately disregards the Sun position data in Maccabee's report as that would undercut his baseless theory by showing the correction factor for Elevation does not change depending on what direction the camera was pointing at.

To sum up, Poher's 25-page effort to prove the oil well fire theory is scientific hogwash that is refuted by the basic verified numbers which he avoided "analyzing" in his so-called "Analysis" of the Mexican AF FLIR case.

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PROPOSALS FOR INTELLIGENCE REORGANIZATION, 1949-2004 (CRS)

In 1947, the basic framework of the modern U.S. intelligence bureaucracy was established by the National Security Act.

In 1948, pressure for intelligence reform started to build.

"Beginning in January 1948, numerous independent commissions, individual experts, and legislative initiatives have examined the growth and evolving mission of the Intelligence Community," according to a timely new retrospective from the Congressional Research Service.

"Proposals for the reorganization of the United States Intelligence Community have repeatedly emerged from commissions and committees created by either the executive or legislative branches," according to the report, which reviews and summarizes many of them.

The CRS account includes at least one notable error regarding a prior proposal for intelligence budget disclosure.

The CRS says that "Responding to a longstanding criticism of intelligence budget processes, the [1996 Aspin-Brown] Commission recommended that the total amounts appropriated for intelligence activities be disclosed -- a recommendation that was implemented by the Clinton Administration for Fiscal Years 1997 and 1998."

This is historically inaccurate and misapprehends the way in which past budget disclosures came about.

The Aspin-Brown Commission did recommend that the President disclose both the total intelligence appropriation each year and the total request for the following year. But the Clinton Administration did not adopt this recommendation.

Instead, in an April 23, 1996 White House statement, the President "authorized Congress to make public the total appropriation-- the bottom line figure -- for intelligence at the time the appropriations conference report is approved by Congress." Congress declined to do so, and there the matter stood.

It was only due to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit that the



stalemate was overcome.

In disclosing the 1997 budget figure on October 15, 1997, the DCI cited the FOIA lawsuit, not the Commission recommendation, as the driving factor behind the move. Likewise, the 1998 figure was not spontaneously released, but only in response to a second FOIA request. The annual budget request has never been disclosed.

See "Proposals for Intelligence Reorganization, 1949-2004," Congressional Research Service, July 29, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL32500.pdf>

The White House indicated last week that further intelligence spending disclosures are likely to be forthcoming in response to the report of the 9/11 Commission.

"The President's senior advisors are currently preparing recommendations on what steps can be taken in this area [budget disclosure] consistent with national security requirements," according to a July 30 White House fact sheet.

#### THE OTHER DECLASSIFIED ITEM FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

In addition to the now-famous August 6, 2001 President's Daily Brief (PDB) article entitled "Bin Ladin Determined to Strike in US," one other PDB article was declassified by the Bush Administration in response to a request from the 9/11 Commission.

(Each PDB contains six to eight articles per day.)

A December 4, 1998 PDB article entitled "Bin Ladin Preparing to Hijack US Aircraft and Other Attacks" was published in redacted form in the 9/11 Commission report on pages 128-129. The text of the article is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/cia/product/pdb120498.html>

"The exact number of persons who receive the PDB varies by administration," the 9/11 Commission noted. "In the Clinton administration, up to 25 people received the PDB. In the Bush administration, distribution in the pre-9/11 time period was limited to six people." (Notes, p. 533).

"Had the contents of this PDB been brought to the attention of a wider group, including key members of Congress, it might have brought much more attention to the need for permanent changes in domestic airport and airline security procedures," the Commission report said (p. 344).

#### THE BIN LADIN CELL PHONE LEAK

It has often been loosely asserted that U.S. intelligence lost its ability to monitor Osama bin Ladin's cell phone conversations after its ability to do so was leaked to the media.

The 9/11 Commission report has now presented an authoritative account of the matter, and it specifies an unauthorized disclosure to the Washington Times as the event that triggered the loss:

"...Worst of all, al Qaeda's senior leadership had stopped using a particular means of communication almost immediately after a leak to the Washington Times. This made it much more difficult for the National Security Agency to intercept his [bin Ladin's] conversations."

See page 127 in Chapter 4 of the Commission Report:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/911comm-sec4.pdf>

The Commission footnote (chapter 4, no. 105) refers to a front page story in the Washington Times on August 21, 1998 entitled "Terrorist is Driven by Hatred for U.S., Israel," by Martin Sieff, and to interviews with several intelligence community officials.

That Washington Times story stated in passing that "He [bin Ladin] keeps in touch with the world via computers and satellite phones and has given occasional interviews to international news organizations, including Time magazine and CNN News."

#### ANTI-MISSILE INTERCEPTOR: IN ONE ERA, OUT THE OTHER

The momentousness of the recent "deployment" of an anti-missile interceptor in Fort Greely, Alaska was overstated in Secrecy News (07/30/04).

The program director did declare that the move signified "the end of an era," but he was exaggerating. The missile is not operational. It is sitting in a hole in the ground. It provides zero defensive capability.

Thanks to two well-informed readers.

#### ISRAEL HIGH COURT REBUFFS VANUNU PETITION

Israel's High Court last week rejected the petition of nuclear whistleblower Mordechai Vanunu who sought an end to the restrictions on his movements imposed by the Israeli government following his release from an 18 year jail sentence (SN, 07/08/04).

The Court reviewed the case and presented its rationale in a lengthy ruling July 26:

<http://www.fas.org/nuke/guide/israel/bagatz072604-eng.html>

Thanks to Yael Lotan for the expert translation.

#### GHANA: US SHOULD PAY FOR 1966 COVERT ACTION

Ghana's EGLE opposition party declared that the United States should render financial assistance to the African country to compensate for its role in the 1966 coup that overthrew the government of Kwame Nkrumah.

"According to Mr Danny Ofori-Atta, chairman of the party, the Central Intelligence Agency's recent declassified files clearly admit the role of the United States played and it was only fair that it made up for causing Ghana's economy to stagnate ever since." See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2004/07/ghana073104.html>

#### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT ACTIVITY AT ALL TIME HIGH

The annual number of Freedom of Information Act requests to federal government agencies exceeded three million for the first time last year.

"The total number of Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act access requests received by all federal departments and agencies during Fiscal Year 2003 was 3,266,394," according to a new summary report on FOIA activity from the Justice Department Office of Information and Privacy.

"This is 863,456 more than the number of requests received during Fiscal Year 2002, an increase of nearly 36%, and it marks the first year in which the three-million-request level has been reached."

"It also stands as the greatest one-year increase ever in FOIA requests received."

See "Summary of Annual FOIA Reports for Fiscal Year 2003":

<http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foiapost/2004foiapost22.htm>

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<http://www.rense.com/general56/RETRURN.HTM>

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...content to read, content to hear, content to see.....

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail. \$450.00 pledged -- \$300.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.  
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."  
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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### UFO EXPLODES OVER NORTHERN BRAZIL

"The explosion of an unidentified flying object in northern Brazil on Sunday morning (July 25, 2004) and reported today (Thursday, July 29, 2004) shall be investigated by scientific and police authorities, according to a local radio station."

"In Brasilia (the national capital--J.T.), according to Radio O Dourado, National Secretary of Defense Jorge Pimental advised local residents to avoid contact with the object's remains."

"The metallic parts of the object were scattered over the municipalities of Barras, Batalha and Piacurcuca in the northern state of Piaui, where residents heard a loud report and saw a sudden light in the sky, according to news broadcast reports."

"The first hypothesis about the explosion is that it was a satellite, according to police Sgt. Raimundo Nonato of Batalha, who collected a piece 4 kilograms in weight and one meter (3 feet, 4 inches) long, whose impact caused a three-meter (10 feet wide) hole."

"In Teresina, the capital of Piaui state, it was also possible to see the illumination caused by the blast," which took place about "500 meters from the Alcantara Space Facility."

(Editor's Note: Teresina is about 220 kilometers (132 miles) south of Barras.)

"Nonato confirmed that no injuries were reported in any of the three cities, while the Teresina airport noted that an airliner crew reported the strange situation after the explosion occurred."

"The Technical-Scientific Department of the Piaui police collected chunks of the unidentified flying object that fell in the region after an explosion in the sky. The material was sent to the National Institute for Space Exploration (Portuguese acronym: INPE--J.T.) for a more thorough analysis."

"Menandro Pedro da Luz, Secretary of State for Safety Matters, has said that he himself reviewed the material collected and that it was more than a piece of an iron plate, measuring one meter in length, that shows signs of heating possibly as a result of entering Earth's atmosphere."

"There is an INPE office at Navidad, in Rio Grande do Norte (state), and there is one in Sao Luis, in

Maranhao (state), due to the Alcantara rocket launching site. They must identify the origin and state of the material collected,' he said."

"The local population has visited the place in order to assuage their curiosity about the object that exploded in the sky, causing a loud report and a flash during the early morning hours of Sunday," July 25, 2004.

Several hours before the explosion over Piaui state, on Saturday, July 24, 2004, at 10 p.m., a luminous UFO was sighted in the nearby state of Maranhao.

"The sighting was over the Ilha da Cotijuba (island), near Belem" on the Amazon River, about 800 kilometers (500 miles) northwest of Teresina. "There were four UFOs with blue lights and occasional tints of red and yellow. They were joined by another larger dark object not emitting any light. All of them flew at a very great velocity, from the east to the west. The objects were definitely inside the atmosphere, the islanders reported." (See the Brazilian newspapers O Globo of Sao Paulo for July 29, 2004, "Alleged UFO explodes over Brazil" and O Minerario of Belo Horizonte, M.G. for July 25, 2004, "UFOs seen in the Amazon region." Muito obrigado a Scott Corrales, Eustaquio Andreas Patounas, Cristian Quintero, Liliana Nunez e Brunilda Barros por esos casos.)

#### TURKISH POLICE VIDEOTAPE UFOs TWICE OVER MERSIN

"Mehmet Baydogan, deputy chief of police for the city of Mersin" in southeastern Turkey "reported that police officers captured an 'unidentified flying object' on video near the Mersin Free Zone."

Mersin is a port city on the Mediterranean Sea, located about 300 kilometers (180 miles) south-southeast of Ankara, the national capital.

"Deputy Chief Baydogan explained at a press conference in the (Mersin public) auditorium Tuesday morning (July 27, 2004) that they received calls about the UFO sighting near the Free Zone, and officers from Turkey's Bureau of Investigation and Identification arrived at the scene in question."

"Baydogan stated that at 4 a.m. his officers recorded the unidentified flying object with a video camera. It was mostly crimson-coloured, with tones of yellow and green. Its shape was round/circular, and it was constantly moving and radiating light."

"Baydogan added that after daybreak, the object ascended and vanished in the sky, and that they had never before experienced an event of this nature."

"The video has been sent to the Sirius Space Sciences Research Centre in Istanbul and to the Turkish Scientific and Technological Research Association (Turkish acronym: TUBITAK--J.T.) for analysis."

"On Friday, July 30, 2004, Deputy Police Chief Suleyman Ekizer of Mersin announced that his officers had recorded yet another luminous UFO over the ATAS refinery."

"At a press conference held at the Security Department, Ekizer explained that an unidentified object in the sky over the ATAS refinery was reported to the information center at about 3:30 a.m." that Friday.

"He also stated that the Bureau of Investigation and Identification team sent to the place in question recorded the unidentified flying object on video camera."

"On (Tuesday) July 20, 2004, between 4 a.m. and 5:30 a.m., police had captured video of a luminous unidentified flying object near the Free Zone Motorway Bridge, and the footage had been sent to TUBITAK."

"'For the second time (on July 30, 2004), we captured on video an unidentified flying object. Officials reported that this round/circular luminous object had a crimson colour, as well, with yellow/green shades, and was constantly in motion, and was observed in the sky for two hours. However, this footage is not as clear as the previous one,' Ekizer explained."

"He also stated that the second object ascended, going out of sight at 5:24 a.m., and that the (video) footage will be sent to TUBITAK to be studied." (Many thanks to Haktan Akdogan, president of Sirius Space Sciences Research Centre, and Esem Sekerkarar, MUFON representative for Turkey, for these news stories.)

TWO UFO SIGHTINGS  
REPORTED IN UK

On Saturday, July 31, 2004, at 5:30 p.m., eyewitness Deakin "was looking out toward Kinder Scout from Hollingworth in Longendale," in northwestern England "and right in the middle of my view there was a black object, kind of hovering or floating. It looked almost like a pipe floating in the air very slowly, almost as if it were being blown gently by the wind. It was in a vertical position but at a slight angle."

"After almost five minutes, I used some binoculars to look at it, and it appeared that it was slowly spinning (rotating on its own axis--J.T.) as it was floating. In a way, every 10 to 15 seconds, a lighter side would come into view, as if it were reflective, a grey metallic colour appeared to flash."

"It was a bright sunny day, and there were no clouds in the sky."

"The sighting lasted about 15 minutes, and then it floated off into the distance until I could no longer see it. I'm not very good at this evaluating. Perhaps about 600 feet (180 meters) up. No, actually I think it must have been much higher than that because when I first saw it, it appeared to be about the same level as Kinder Scout behind it, but much closer." (Email Form Report)

On Sunday, July 25, 2005, at 1:30 a.m., the female witness spotted a UFO over Swansea, South Wales, UK. "It went from west to east across the face of the moon. It was an orangey globe, and it looked quite big in the sky. About the same size of the moon, but obviously much closer. It didn't particularly glow but moved in a very straight line very quickly. A few other people saw this orange/yellow globe. It was about 200 feet (60 meters) in the air and moved at 300 miles per hour (480 kilometers per hour)." (Email Form Report)

CIRCULAR UFO SIGHTED IN  
CARTERVILLE, GEORGIA

On Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at 10 p.m., eyewitness M.C. saw a UFO approach from the south in Cartersville, Georgia (population 15,925)," a small city located on Route 113 about 30 miles (50 kilometers) north-northwest of Atlanta, the state capital.

"It was somewhere around 10 p.m.," M.C. reported, "I was lying on the grass, waiting for a friend of mine to show up. While I was waiting, I looked up at the moon. After looking at it for a second or two, suddenly a bluish-white object appeared right below it. The object had two lights on either side, and the object itself was circular in shape. A band of bluish-white lights encircled the outside edge of the craft. There were no clouds it could have flown out from behind. It was roughly one-half to three-quarters the size of the moon. This object literally appeared out of nowhere, without making any noise. It just materialized out of a black patch in the sky."

"It started moving westward at a fairly moderate speed. It was not going very quickly or extremely slowly, either. There appeared to be a bluish trail behind it. It traveled a distance as long as three to four full moons placed end on end. After it traveled this distance, it suddenly disappeared."

"The whole sighting lasted possibly ten seconds. No sound was heard emanating from the craft. The body of the craft itself appeared to be dark gray, possibly black. And the edge of the craft was a band of blue lights. Another circle of blue lights was centered within that." (Email Form Report)

SILVER-SUITED ALIEN SEEN  
IN KERMAN, CALIFORNIA

On Monday, July 26, 2004, eyewitness E.B. reported, "The power went out at about 1:20 a.m. I jumped up to get a flashlight and, while looking for one, the power came

back on. I got to thinking about an unusual light I saw in the sky at 12:30 a.m. While I was looking in the area of that light, I saw a glowing silver person flying above (the neighborhood) at a height of 70 or 80 feet (21 to 24 meters). It could not have been more than 100 feet (30 meters) in the sky because I saw it quite clearly. It flew at maybe a medium fast pace."

"The moment I saw it, I screamed and ran inside, slammed and locked the door, and continued to watch it through the window. It went behind some trees, and, when it came out the other side, it shot off towards the north. I didn't get any feeling of meanness or it wanting to do me any harm. I think the reason I screamed was because it startled me. I just wonder what that thing was. When it came out from behind the trees, it shot off like a rocket."

Kerman, Cal.(population 8,551) is on Highway 180 about 15 miles (25 kilometers) west of Fresno. (Email Form Report)

#### CROP CIRCLES FLOURISH IN UK, CANADA AND POLAND

On Sunday, July 25, 2004, "a 13-point crop formation" was reported at Etchilhampton Hill, near Devizes, Wiltshire, UK.

On Tuesday, July 27, 2004, a passerby spotted a large crop circle formation in a wheat field in Ashgrove, Ontario province, Canada. The following day, Wednesday, July 28, 2004, the formation "was found by the landowner, who had been away."

The formation was described as "a double circle in wheat, with 'half signs' of standing crop. Approximately 38 meters (124 feet) long. An investigation is now in progress by Canadian Crop Circle Research Network-Ontario. The landowner has requested that the specific location not be publicised. This is the fifth report in Canada for 2004."

On Wednesday, July 21, 2004, "an agroformation (crop circle) was found in the Rzezawa Valley, in the Bochma district of the Malopolska (southern Poland--J.T.). The biggest crop circle in the formation measures 16.3 meters (53 feet), and the smallest is only 3.4 meters (11 feet) in diameter. The total length of the agroformation is 54.7 meters (180 feet), and it is 16.3 meters (53 feet) wide. It was made in wheat on a line running from north to south."

"The witness stated that the agroformation appeared the night of July 21st, and during this night there were different phenomena--white lights above and a big 'star' that had fallen on the (wheat) field. There was also a strange short-circuit which struck first at the local 15-kilovolt power line. The (utility) pole was damaged by unknown causes. The Polish government said the pole was 'damaged by lightning.' But there were no storms that night."

A second round of "agroformations" appeared in Poland during the night hours of Saturday, July 31, 2004. "Crop circles were reported in Nowe, in Mlyny village near Wylatowo, and in Miradz village near Strzelno." (Many thanks to Steve Wilson Sr., Paul Anderson of CCRN, Robert K. Lesniakiewicz and Leszek Owsiany for the crop circle news reports.)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us in seven days for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you next time!

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## Re: Question About Artists AndAbductees/Contactees

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 15:43:09 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 14:21:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists AndAbductees/Contactees

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 02:49:18 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists AndAbductees/Contactees

>>From: Greg Sandow <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 15:37:10 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

<snip>

>I found Sheryl's data alarming. Good point there too Sandow.

>Reason for asking about artists - including all arts from music  
>to literature etc. - is because if this was one criteria for  
>abduction it could mean that because artists communicate in  
>their various ways.

>Upon retrospect I've realized the abductees I've talked to  
>appear all to be artistic in some way. If not all, I'd say the  
>majority. One fellow, a top jazz musician, I'd like to get to  
>talk more of his experiences but he's reticent to do so publicly  
>anymore.

>Further study and statistics are required.

Greg,

Couldn't that simply be because those are the circles you travel  
in primarily or to a large extent? Various filter factors ar at  
work in our perceptions of this, including your definition of  
"artistic in some way." Wouldn't most of us qualify by that  
definition? Yes, real statistics are needed, professionally  
analyzed.

- Dick

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 12:56:52 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 14:24:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Ledger

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 11:51:45 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

<snip>

>Please don't 'shoot the messenger', but those are among the  
>most obviously fake 'UFO' photos I've ever seen, showing small  
>models evidently suspended on transparent nylon lines, and quite  
>close to the camera.

Ray and Erik'

There is also evidence of cross hatching in the last photo. It looks as though the hoaxer used some form of broad nylon netting-the edges fixed offscreen to poles perhaps - on which were attached the models. If in photo 3 the two lines seen were explained away as contrails then their reflection onto the clouds below would show up as dark streaks, which would be the contrail's shadow.

Don Ledger

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## Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 09:43:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 14:26:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Shell

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egerman.nul](mailto:egerman.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 13:03:11 -0700  
>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>All else being equal, I think the responsibility rests on the  
>persons yelling "fraud" to provide evidence for their  
>accusations.

Since most people who take photos are not involved in hoaxing, I  
would say that such a hoax claim does qualify as  
'extraordinary'.

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Albrektson

From: Erik Albrektson <[jaspub.nul](mailto:jaspub.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 12:21:13 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 14:28:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Albrektson

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 11:51:45 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

<snip>

>Please don't 'shoot the messenger', but those are among the most  
>obviously fake 'UFO' photos I've ever seen, showing small models  
>evidently suspended on transparent nylon lines, and quite close  
>to the camera.

<snip>

>The hoaxer in this case clearly knows virtually nothing about  
>how bona-fide UFOs look or of their propulsion physics, and,  
>IMO, should be ashamed of himself for injecting a photographic  
>hoax into so important a matter as the UFO mystery. In some such  
>cases, the motive seems to be getting a sense of superiority and  
>power over the people that are fooled by the hoax. In others, as  
>Adamski confessed to me was the case with his hoaxes, the motive  
>was money. In others, a combination of the two motivational  
>factors may be at play. A third possibility is the injection of  
>figurative crap like this into the UFO picture by a group that  
>may have a vested interest in the fact that eventual exposure of  
>the fake photos or films will help discourage media and public  
>interest in the subject, thereafter. Take your choice or  
>choices.

>Whatever the motivation, these hoax photos are some of the most  
>naive I have seen in years, even though quite a bit of planning,  
>model-making, and suspension went into taking them! Hey, Erik,  
>look more closely. Then, wake up and smell the B.S.! Considering  
>the brownish color of the sunlit part of those UFO models, at  
>least the hoaxer got the color right! :) LMAO!

Thanks for your detailed analysis Ray. You'll notice that my  
post said that I found the photos "impressive" and "fun to  
examine". Don't recall any language from me that could be taken  
as vouching for their authenticity.

Since you obviously consider yourself to be an "expert" at  
distinguishing between fake UFO's and the real McCoy I will  
exercise iron self-discipline and refrain from debating the  
finer points of interpreting photographic artifacts of saucer  
propulsion, "magnetohydrodynamically" included.

My original post was not to promote any particular photo but to  
put forth the thesis that the physical existence of non-human  
unknown aerial phenomena (ufos, flying saucers, whatever) has  
been conclusively established by the voluminous photographic  
evidence that has accumulated over the past 60 years. This is  
true even assuming that a significant or even large percentage  
are fakes, misidentified objects, film flaws, etc.,.

Unfortunately, good daylight disk sightings are quite scarce  
these days. A decline that is highly anomalous as it coincides  
squarely with the rise in camcorder popularity.

In my prior post I said, "one wonders if 'strange lights in the night sky' type sightings would similarly diminish if high quality night vision technology were available to the masses. Given the "technological parallelism" that seems to accompany the UFO phenomenon, my guess is that the night skies would be as empty as daylight skies if technology made it possible to "light the skies" for the masses. Won't happen anytime soon thought, so the field will continue to be plagued by the "I saw some weird lights last night" type sightings. Useless, tiresome and ultimately futile for "investigators" who think they are contributing to any increased understanding of the subject.

Thanks for your response, Ray.

Erik Albrektson

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## Re: More Daytime UFOs Videoed - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 11:32:04 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 14:30:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: More Daytime UFOs Videoed - King

>From: Tim Shell <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 14:13:12 -0500  
>Subject: Re: More Daytime UFOs Videoed

>>From: Barry Taylor <[stingray.nul](mailto:stingray.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 17:41:20 +1000  
>>Subject: More Daytime UFOs Videoed

>><http://theozfactor.nucleardays.com/ufo-16july2004.htm>

>Gotta get an optical zoom. That digital zoom stuff is just awful,  
>and "enhancing" those little smeared-out pixels really doesn't  
>help. Optical is the only way to go.

Tim,

Optical zoom would have resulted in a mundane photo of a mylar  
balloon cluster. Where's the fun in that? :)

Kyle

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## Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 12:28:18 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 14:31:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Sparks

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 13:03:11 -0700  
>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>>From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 21:51:46 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>>>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 00:51:17 +0100  
>>>Subject: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>>>If there was one UFO photo, out of the thousands, which one  
>>>would it be that you would put forward as the nearest to an  
>>>unexplained, structured object unknown to this earth?

<snip>

>All else being equal, I think the  
>responsibility rests on the persons yelling "fraud" to provide  
>evidence for their accusations.

No sorry that's not how it works. UFO cases have to go through  
competent scientific-technical screening (Hynek Screening) and  
investigation first before they can really be considered  
legitimate "UFO" cases instead of indeterminate status. UFO  
photographs are no exception.

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## Re: Varginha Again - Gevaerd

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 12:28:23 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 14:33:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Gevaerd

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 13:59:09 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO\ <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 10:24:32 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

<snip>

>I would just like to say, that I also feel that the Varginha  
>case is a very strong case, with many things that happened,  
>which were all witnessed.

>A colleague of mine, from Sao Paulo, spent some time with the  
>girls who saw the creature in the village, and gathered a great  
>sense of honesty, about what they had seen.

>You can read then full account here:

><http://www.thelosthaven.co.uk/VarginhaDairy.html>

Hello Roy,

Thank you for your support.

Most people do not know, but the girls have been subject to two bribery attempts, probably from the military (who operated in a MIB style). They were very poor at the time of the happening - as they are still poor these days - but very honest. The guys offered them a great sum om money and "anything they could think about", as they said. The girls never accepted in reported the fact to the researchers, who then told to the press.

The girls never changed one single line in their report and they never made any money whatsoever with it at all. Quite the opposite, their lives was turned upside down because of the Varginha Case. And because of some prejudice by people in that town, not even a decent job they could get. This is probably the biggest reason why they simply refuse to talk about it these days. As some other witnesses.

A. J.

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 11:39:31 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 14:36:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 20:22:48 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 10:44:42 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

<snip>

>So Stan is now telling us that:

<snip>

>Thus we have the position that Stan, in order to maintain that  
>all three papers are authentic, has to tell us that none of them  
>was in fact written by its indicated author!

>Truly amazing.

>I wonder what the CIA or Hillenkoetter would have done had the  
>'missing' T-F original (with T's signature) suddenly turned up  
>after H sent his briefing to Ike!

>The CIA would then have egg on its face and be forced to find a  
>way out of their predicament, since they would then have in  
>their possession one T-F memo with one Truman signature and the  
>same memo with a different Truman signature (i.e. the one lifted  
>from another document).

>Let's get real for once: no CIA agent with even half a brain  
>would ever try to transplant the signature of a serving  
>President from one document. to another.

Perfectly cogent arguments. If Stan's case hinges on the CIA  
transplanting the President's signature, the case fails there.  
If one believes it, the story is plausible. If one requires  
evidence to support it, the case fails.

Kyle

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 11:50:16 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 14:42:33 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 23:13:22 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 10:44:42 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>There was no forgery. Forgers make every effort, whether in  
>>paintings or documents, to avoid doing anything to call  
>>attention to themselves.

>Wonderful. This piece of Friedmanite logic should save us all a  
>lot of trouble. If a document, (or anything else) particularly  
>one which supports the Friedmanite agenda, has a flaw in it  
>which might, to the uninitiated eye might make it look dubious  
>and possibly false, it cannot be so, because, as we are reminded  
>"Forgers make every effort ... to avoid doing anything to call  
>attention to themselves". So the very existence of a fault  
>proves its genuiness.

>On the other hand, if investigators are unable to find anything  
>wrong with an item, and it appears to be perfectly genuine, well  
>then, erm, it must be genuine as well!

>This new revelation will save a great deal of work for museum  
>and gallery curators across the world; and Stanton, I've got a  
>couple of very nice Picasso drawings you might be interested in  
>buying at a reasonable price.

Not to mention that the statement is pure proclamation, a Friedman  
no-no.....

Kyle

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 10:48:42 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 14:49:06 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Shell

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 19:09:58 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 23:43:39 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 21:58:59 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

><snip>

>>>>To my knowledge, there is not a single case where two or more  
>>>>unrelated people captured either close-up or mid-range photos of  
>>>>the same UFO on approximately the same time and day but from  
>>>>different locations.

><snip>

>>>>In Gulf Breeze (gulp!) from Nov 1990 through July 1992 there  
>>>>were about 170 sightings of "bubba" recorded by numerous  
>>>>witnesses. In many of these sightings there were multiple  
>>>>cameras and videocameras, sometimes from widely separated (miles  
>>>>apart) locations, which allowed for triangulation. The most  
>>>>interesting recorded phenomena were rings of light or structured  
>>>>light images, not just dots. During the evening of Sept 16,  
>>>>1991, I was a witness to a ring of lights that appeared in the  
>>>>sky for about 70 seconds. I didn't call the guys in white coats  
>>>>to come and take me away (ho ho...ha ha) because there were  
>>>>about 30 other people and the ring was photographed (telephoto  
>>>>lens) and videotaped (zoomed in and out) and the comments by  
>>>>witnesses were recorded during the sighting (including my own).  
>>>>A crude triangulation suggested a distance of several thousand  
>>>>feet to a mile or so, implying some size (many feet to tens of  
>>>>feet) of the ring. This is all described at:

>>>><http://brumac.8k.com>

>>>>Scroll down to "Red Bubba comes to Gulf Breeze". This is not as  
>>>>good as a daytime close up photo of a craft in full detail, but  
>>>>certainly something was there that was unusual.

><snip>

>>As for pictures of suspicious distant spots or star-like objects  
>>in the sky taken by multiple witnesses at approximately the same  
>>times and from the same geographic locations, these are common  
>>but there remains many questions such as whether it was the same  
>>object or UFO that was photographed.

>If you read about the Bubba sightings you would know that in  
>many cases the multiple witness sightings from several locations  
>were correlated by comparing changes in the Bubba light with  
>time - color change, motion, appearance, disappearance, etc.

>Furthermore the distances estimated were under 10 miles and  
>generally several miles,so they were not "distant" lights in the  
>astronomical sense. Many events were videotaped from two or more  
>locations and since the sightings were "dynamic" (not simply the  
>appearance and disappearance of a stationary light), it was  
>possible to compare changes in the light as they appeared in  
>different videos or photos and thus to establish positive  
>correlation... i.e., witnesses were not looking at different  
>lights but clearly at the some one.

If it's close enough to triangulate, why wasn't there anybody  
around with a halfway decent optical zoom lens? Unless this  
"Bubba" is only the size of a basketball or something.

Honestly, that little ring of lights is not exactly the kind of  
high-res, high-detail shots we're all still looking for. If it  
has rivets, I want to see them! That's how close I want. For all  
I know "Bubba" could be a model airplane with an LED display on  
it.

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### SDI's Interview With Dr. Jacobs & 'The Threat'

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 13:40:21 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 14:55:39 -0400  
Subject: SDI's Interview With Dr. Jacobs & 'The Threat'

I was listening to the archived Strange Days... Indeed interview with Dr. Jacobs about his book The Threat.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.com/ufo/sdi/sdiarchive/sdi022.ra>

I was so blown away I couldn't speak for a spell.

That old saying "Just what the doctor ordered." came to mind.

This has got to be most bone chilling, skin crawling, pulse pounding interview I've ever listened to.

If it weren't for Errol and Dr. Jacob's sense of humor I might have been a permanent resident of 'under the bed, under the covers'.

Although I'm not a proponent of gathering data from subjects under hypnosis, Dr. Jacobs bravely and honestly states that it's the 'worst evidence' as it's still anecdotal, yet what he's gleaned from it all is the clearest, simplest yet scariest synopsis yet.

When The Threat came out, I went to get a copy but it was always sold out or the bookstores would shiver in fright when I asked them about it.

Dr. Jacobs and Stan Friedman should be on every major news service venue on the planet relating their collective data.

Dr. Jacobs didn't douse us with 'messages' but with 'actions' which is what is needed to be done. From that alone one can gather 'motivations'. It left us on a cliffhanger as now we've got to figure out the 'when' factor.

That left such a chilling note that it makes one walk around with 'eyes wide opened'.

Thank goodness a level headed professional is in this business who knows how to communicate straight from the shoulder and with a sense of humor.

I would send that link to everyone I know but I'm reticent to do so as it might send them into a panic.

What say you all?

Best,

Greg

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## Cold War Classified Skyhook Program

From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 10:45:11 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 14:57:23 -0400  
Subject: Cold War Classified Skyhook Program

The Cold War's Classified Skyhook Program  
A Participant's Revelations

<http://www.csicop.org/si/2004-05/skyhook.html>

Classified high-altitude, long-duration flights of huge Skyhook balloons, which often returned their secret payloads to the surface, began in 1947 and continued for several decades.

This secret Cold War program was the likely progenitor of many key aspects of UFO mythology.

...much more at URL...

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## Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 14:51:06 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 03:07:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Stanford

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 13:03:11 -0700  
>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

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>John, Roy, List, EBK,

>I bought the last copy of Richard Brunswick's "UFO" photo  
>collection after following the link Don posted. I too find it  
>fascinating and well worth the \$23. Brunswick "also believes  
>some of the photographs to be fake, though he's convinced  
>that the majority are authentic." Many of them should be  
>thoroughly discussed. John's vivid encounter and description  
>closely matches several of Brunswick's photos.

>If Ray still has his copy, I'd like him to debunk the series of  
>photos on pg. 238-239. I'm not clear how he distinguishes the  
>frauds from the legitimate so those photos should allow him  
>demonstrate these abilities. All else being equal, I think the  
>responsibility rests on the persons yelling "fraud" to provide  
>evidence for their accusations.

>How many Updates List members have a copy of "UFO"? Perhaps we  
>could talk off-List?

Ed,

How funny! Go back from the photos to which you refer (on pages  
238 and 239) to page 234 and 235, and look at that ridiculous  
photo of a silly little UFO model, claimed to be a UFO  
photographed in "Sta. Ana, California - USA 14 May 1962".

Then go to the photos to which you refer on pages 238 and 239,  
said to have been taken in, "Jacksonville, Florida - USA 24 May,  
1953".

Hey, you really are very, very funny, Ed. Does the house and  
whole scene look familiar? :) Didn't you notice that, amazingly,  
the house and even the palm tree frond ("May 14, 1953"), is the  
very same house and palm frond transferred by time machine and  
teleportation to "Sta. Ana, California" on May 14, 1962!

The only difference is that the old Cadillac has been moved out  
of the driveway and the photos were taken at different times,  
with a clear sky and with a cloudy one. That palm frond is still  
in exactly the same condition and place, nine years and  
thousands of miles apart. :) LMAO!

Zhazam! Your arrogant and silly question has demonstrated how  
naive, unobservant, and sold-out-to-belief you are, Ed.

And with such an appetite as you have for utter crap, perhaps  
you like that stuff resembling diarrhea clearly splattered all  
over those photos to make them look old. :)

Some people have simply the will to believe. Others are even

more extreme and have almost a conscious will to make fools of themselves. I leave it to other list members to decide where to place you, Ed.

I have never been a "debunker" (as your wording implies), but since my teens, I have become increasingly a realist.

Your ability to discern real UFO photos is about as good as your ability to distinguish between volcanic rock and a UFO crash site!

Thanks for the opportunity, Ed. :)

Ray Stanford

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 15:05:08 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 03:15:06 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 12:56:52 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 11:51:45 -0400  
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>>Please don't 'shoot the messenger', but those are among the  
>>most obviously fake 'UFO' photos I've ever seen, showing small  
>>models evidently suspended on transparent nylon lines, and quite  
>>close to the camera.

>There is also evidence of cross hatching in the last photo. It  
>looks as though the hoaxer used some form of broad nylon  
>netting-the edges fixed offscreen to poles perhaps - on which  
>were attached the models. If in photo 3 the two lines seen were  
>explained away as contrails then their reflection onto the  
>clouds below would show up as dark streaks, which would be the  
>contrail's shadow.

Thanks, Don,

Yes, I noticed that but did not mention it because I did not  
know if that 'cross hatching' might be an effect of some kind of  
optical or digital copying, or a combination thereof. But, yes,  
it looks very suspicious.

Ray Stanford

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## Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 12:16:27 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 03:17:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Gehrman

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 12:28:18 EDT  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 13:03:11 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

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>legitimate "UFO" cases instead of indeterminate status. UFO  
>photographs are no exception.

Brad,

Have you looked at Brunswick's "UFO". There are hundreds of  
photos from many countries. The photos exist. Ray says they're  
all hoaxed.

I'm not a photo expert but have spent time viewing many UFO  
photos, and carefully following the Updates discussions,  
especially those covering the McMinnville photos.

Most of the photos in "UFO" seem legitimate, and I can't see how  
they could all be hoaxed, but I realize that I'm an amateur so  
I'm open to a persuasive argument. The photos I suggested Ray  
analyze seem convincing. I'd like to hear what Ray has to say.  
As far as I can tell, we're at the stage where the "competent  
scientific-technical screening (Hynek Screening) and  
investigation" could begin.

The photo series I suggested seems to show a UFO in a fall of  
angel hair. Since Ray's declaration that the entire book was  
filled with nothing but frauds good only for sanitary cleansing  
tended to mute any further discussion, I thought he might want  
to provide some evidence. Isn't that the basis for most  
"competent scientific-technical screenings"?

Ed

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## Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Albrektson

From: Erik Albrektson <[jaspub.nul](mailto:jaspub.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 15:25:06 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 03:21:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Albrektson

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 12:28:18 EDT  
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>photographs are no exception.

Where exactly does one obtain the necessary accreditation to perform the "competent scientific-technical screening" that is required? And who "enforces" such a requirement? I was not aware (after 40 years of observation) that the phrase "UFO Investigator" actually carried with it a mandatory requirement of scientific competence.

What's more, exactly what purpose continues to be served by performing the same "investigations" into the same sightings year after dreary year? Anyone reading even a small fraction of the available sighting evidence these past 60 years would have to have a serious mental pathology not to believe that non-human unknown aerial phenomena occur on a regular basis throughout the world. Continued "investigations" of "strange lights in the night sky" would seem to be pointless unless there is a new or unusual element to the event.

Perhaps I am just getting old and cynical but, when it comes to UFO's, the only current "investigations" that hold much interest are those with good photos. Quality photographic evidence offers the only realistic possibility of shedding new light on the physical reality of UFO's. Testimonial evidence has taken us nowhere for 30 years at least. Until we capture one or it voluntarily presents itself for inspection, good photos are our best bet for significantly upgrading our understanding of the phenomenon.

Speaking of good photos, isn't it interesting how many UFO videos in the past 15 years seem to display a similar object? Seems that I have viewed countless amateur videos of UFO's with what appears to be a fuzzy ball of mercury suspended in air and constantly changing shape from spherical to oblong to ellipsoid, etc. Some kind of interference always surrounds this object and prevents a good crisp image. I don't believe this type of UFO was often caught on film prior to 1980.



Erik Albrektson

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## Re: ETH Modeling - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 18:42:29 EDT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 08:59:56 -0400  
Subject: Re: ETH Modeling - Sparks

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 23:15:35 -0700  
>Subject: ETH Modeling

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 16:13:43 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>I stand by my "sweeping" criticisms and challenge you [Jerry] once  
>>again for about the 4th or 5th time to quote me the UFO researcher  
>>who has done actual numerical modeling of ETH in a testable way so  
>>that we are not vulnerable to the biases of SETI doing it "for  
>>us" and coming up with predictable anti-UFO results. I have said  
>>I know of no such quantitative testable ETH modeling by the UFO  
>>community and that "interesting writing on ETH" is palpably not  
>>the same thing.

>>I have also said repeatedly that I would be delighted to find  
>>some overlooked body of literature on ETH model building. ...

>A possible example of such modeling is in the 1987 paper by  
>Martin J. Fogg, in *Icarus* 69, 370-384 (1987). The title is:  
>"Temporal aspects of the interaction among the first Galactic  
>civilizations: The 'Interdict Hypothesis'." It contains the  
>results of his numerical model of ET expansion within the Galaxy  
>using a range of basic assumptions.. His abstract reads:

>"Simulations of the origin, expansion, and interaction of the  
>first galactic civilization to arise suggest a chronology of  
>events which have possible implications for the resolution of  
>Fermi's paradox. These are considered and an "Interdict  
>Hypothesis" is proposed to explain the absence of any obvious  
>sign of extraterrestrial presence in the Solar System."

>His model gives the usual colonization of the Galaxy by ETs,  
>which he finds occurs even before the Solar System and Earth are  
>born. He adds various assumptions as to why we're not colonized,  
>and settles for a generalization of Ball's "zoo hypothesis"  
>having been implemented in the past few billion years or so. He  
>seems to make use of Newman & Sagan's suggestion of a "Codex  
>Galactica" that ETs are supposed to abide by. No mention of the  
>UFO phenomenon (since he wanted his paper to be published?).

Thanks Jim, just what I was looking for, though please note that  
the context of my request was that as I have been saying all  
along, the SETI community (such as Fogg in *Icarus*) has been  
publishing models of ETH but that the UFO community has not, or  
has only very isolated instances that are not cumulatively built  
upon, so I would be "delighted" to find some overlooked "body of  
literature" by the UFO community attempting to model ETH in a  
testable quantitative way, as Jerry seemed to imply or allude to  
existing somewhere.

The SETI paper by Fogg and others are good places to start for  
the UFO community, and the "good" stuff should be sifted from  
the "bad."

Speaking of the Fermi Paradox, this discussion between Fermi and three colleagues at Los Alamos about June 1950, which may have resulted in the first version of the Drake Equation, started with talk about flying saucers. Participants told Eric Jones they recalled negative commentary on saucers but that Fermi argued for a very real chance of faster-than-light travel but then wondered aloud "Where are they?" (Where are all the aliens who should be here visiting if that was the case.) Then ensued the discussion of reasons why allegedly no alien contact.

But in fact Los Alamos in 1950 was a hotbed of pro-UFO activity.

An informal group of about a dozen lab scientists including Harold Agnew (future Director of Los Alamos) formed a UFO investigation group. The same or a similar group at Los Alamos formed shortly thereafter to set up instruments to detect UFO's.

Some of this story in garbled form is reported in Ruppelt's book in The Radiation Story chapter. Edward Teller and other top Los Alamos officials had participated in two Green Fireball Conferences in Feb and Oct 1949. It is likely that the negative recollections of Teller and others about what Fermi said have been colored by anti-UFO bias that may not have existed in 1950 and/or have distorted the accounts in a more hostile anti-UFO sense than was actually the case.

Brad Sparks

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Harrison

From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 08:40:33 +1000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 09:03:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Harrison

>From: Erik Albrektson <[jaspub.nul](mailto:jaspub.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:20:20 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 19:53:26 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

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>>Bottom line is it's simply numbers.

><snip>

>For what it's worth, the most impressive UFO photos I have yet  
>to come across are from the 1993 Australian sighting near Maslin  
>Beach. I have seen printed versions of these that are far more  
>impressive than even the screen photos below. Do they feature a  
>"real" flying saucer? Beats the hell out of me, but they sure  
>are fun to examine!  
>[http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/shaman/924/main\\_page.htm](http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/shaman/924/main_page.htm)

>Erik Albrektson

Hi Erik

I would like to inform you the Maslin Beach photos have not yet  
been proven to be fake. Debbie Pyane of AURA has informed me  
another witness has come forward to verify that what is in  
these photos is a real UFO as the witness says she saw the  
objects.

For the moment we are waiting for Debbie's to complete her  
report.

I must admit these photos are great, and as some would say, they  
look to good to be real.

We will keep you informed of the outcome.

Regards Diane Harrison

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Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 09:10:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

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>In my prior post I said, "one wonders if 'strange lights in the  
>night sky' type sightings would similarly diminish if high  
>quality night vision technology were available to the masses.  
>Given the "technological parallelism" that seems to accompany  
>the UFO phenomenon, my guess is that the night skies would be as  
>empty as daylight skies if technology made it possible to "light  
>the skies" for the masses. Won't happen anytime soon thought, so  
>the field will continue to be plagued by the "I saw some weird  
>lights last night" type sightings. Useless, tiresome and  
>ultimately futile for "investigators" who think they are  
>contributing to any increased understanding of the subject.

>Thanks for your response, Ray.

Thanks, Erik,

Your comments contrasting reports of daylight sightings with those at night, makes me feel that I should report my projects' in-field experience that will probably surprise you or most list members.

As it happens, from our experience, co-workers and I have deduced that bona-fide UFOs are far more present in daylight skies than at night. I've wondered if perhaps they realize they are much more easily spotted against a night sky than against a comparatively bright daylight sky.

Of course, the ease of noticing bright light sources against a night sky makes reporting of hard-to-interpret sources of light in the night far more likely because they simply are more noticeable. Now, please note that I am not referring to landings of UFOs, per se, but to in-the-sky sightings.

For example, although our project has spent far more time out in the open at night than by daylight, in all the many hours spent, we have taken only two movies of UFOs at night (Unfortunately, one of them never came back from the processing lab.), while we have gotten a much larger number of movies and still photos in daylight.

In short, we have found daylight UFO searches far more productive than nocturnal ones, and I am not referring to getting films by mistaking things like sunlight glaring off aircraft or balloons, etc.

By the way, I doubt that UFO presence has diminished in recent years, even though my personal sightings, which used to be

embarrassingly frequent, have diminished exponentially. That could have something to do with my track research, however. :) Looking down doesn't help spot UFOs.

I do suspect, however, that UFOs have become much more stealthy over recent decades, and we may have some evidence pointing in that direction. That hypothesized increase in stealth might have been necessitated by technological advances right here on earth.

Hey, Erik, where in this world are you located?

For what its worth,

Ray Stanford

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Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 09:15:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - King

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>>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 19:53:26 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>><snip>

>>>Bottom line is it's simply numbers.

>><snip>

>>Yes it is a numbers game. But I view the numbers aspect from a  
>>somewhat different angle.

><snip>

>>For what it's worth, the most impressive UFO photos I have yet  
>>to come across are from the 1993 Australian sighting near Maslin  
>>Beach. I have seen printed versions of these that are far more  
>>impressive than even the screen photos below. Do they feature a  
>>"real" flying saucer? Beats the hell out of me, but they sure  
>>are fun to examine!

>>[http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/shaman/924/main\\_page.htm](http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/shaman/924/main_page.htm)

>Please don't 'shoot the messenger', but those are among the most  
>obviously fake 'UFO' photos I've ever seen, showing small models  
>evidently suspended on transparent nylon lines, and quite close  
>to the camera.

<snip>

>Whatever the motivation, these hoax photos are some of the most  
>naive I have seen in years, even though quite a bit of planning,  
>model-making, and suspension went into taking them! Hey, Erik,  
>look more closely. Then, wake up and smell the B.S.! Considering  
>the brownish color of the sunlit part of those UFO models, at  
>least the hoaxer got the color right! :) LMAO!

One wonders why a craft that emerges from the sea would need  
"landing gear". Or at least why it would not have been retracted  
prior to emerging from the sea.

What cries hoax most to me is in the first photo. I find it odd  
that a civilization that could create a craft of its presumed  
capabilities, would manufacture the craft with "windows" or  
indentations which are out of line with the craft edges and the  
other indentations.

The window most prominent in that first photo is seriously  
"skewed" or rotated to the clockwise from the other "windows".  
It looks decidedly "messed up".

My cursory (amateur) image analysis indicates several candidates



for "suspension lines", although an uncompressed original would be required for any real analysis. Even mighty Photoshop CS can't do much with a blocky jpeg enlargement.

While suspension is most often assumed to mean a single "string" attached to the center of the object at one end and a fishing pole or some such at the other, a much more valuable (read anomalous) range of motion is attainable when the object is suspended from a line or lines attached to a separate line which is supported at each end. An earlier post supposed a mesh of some sort... equally effective.

Imagine two people each holding a fishing pole. The line from one is fed onto the reel of the other, and object or objects are suspended from this "high wire". When either or both of the poles are moved...taking up or letting out slack on the "high wire"...in combination with the swinging of the object on its own line, some truly odd motion can be induced in the suspended object.

I believe the Billy Meier films/photos were done this way, among many others.

This example just doesn't pass muster with me. Meier did a much better job, and his stuff isn't convincing, either.

Kyle

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 19:19:59 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 09:25:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 12:25:11 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 11:19:40 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>Although you are clearly on a 'fishing expedition', I will  
>>respond in depth to your inquiry.

>Mr Stanford,

>I merely was interested in your early writings in the UFO subject,  
>as it seemed you have indeed made a major u-turn in your view  
>on the UFO enigma.

As UFOs do from time to time. :) My U-turn wasn't quite as fast,  
however.

>What was the Association for the Understanding of Man that was in  
>the 70s, and your involvement?

The Association was incorporated and operated as a non-profit organization dedicated to studying the reach of the human mind (focusing primarily on parapsychology, with one of its research directions trying to learn how far my unconscious mind could go when working under suggestion, in answering questions about which I had little or no conscious knowledge). They paid me a salary as a research subject, but I never took money for readings, per se.

Parapsychology was the organization's major thrust until some members of the organization's Board of Directors got "saved" and became rabidly fundamentalist Christians, declaring psychic phenomena and psychic research to be the work of "the devil" -- Sounding, ironically a little like CSICOP! :) -- and threw all of the organization's publications in a dumpster, and declared that anyone who studies UFOs might become subject to demon possession, which of course meant me!

Yikes! :)

As to some of the things my readings dealt with, a good bit of that has been covered on this list in the past, so please look it up for yourself rather than ask me to once more load this list with information that is not of direct relevance to UFO studies. Then, after doing so, and you have any more questions, if you will address them to me privately, I will try to find time to answer, provided your questions appear honest and not simply a 'fishing expedition'.

I will mention one UFO-related thing that was tried when I was in the suggestible 'research reading' state. There is a taped recording and a typed transcription of that 'reading' of mine at which a good number of witnesses were present. Their names are on record in the reading tape and its transcript, along with the

date and time. That night, in early November, of the year before the great Michigan UFO flap the next spring, the people present decided to try and find out whether my unconscious could accurately predict the next major UFO "flap". They asked the question and were told that we would learn of the next UFO flap via the newspaper's headline announcing it, on the first day of spring, the next year.

Anything vague or 'beating around the bush' about that answer?

Those present were fascinated because the response contained not just one, but two predictions: (1), We would learn of it precisely on the first day of spring the next year, and; (2) It would be the headline of the local newspaper. That was the kind of prediction they wanted because it was specific enough to be easy to check, of course.

The months passed, and although I had been told what the unconscious reading had predicted just after it was over, I forgot about the prediction (I probably didn't even believe it could come true.), until early on the first day of spring, the next year, when I was awakened early by my phone ringing. It was one of the persons who had witnessed the November reading, shouting excitedly for me to get outside and get the morning paper, but not telling me why the excitement. I ran out, grabbed, and unrolled it, hoping a UFO had landed on the White House lawn. But, sadly, all I saw was the big front-page headline 'shouting' something like, "SAUCERS PLAGUE MICHIGAN SKIES!"

My unconscious prediction had been specific, and in having been specific, it was precisely correct. I can document that reading, and its date, time, and the names of everyone present, which we did with every reading.

Did we ever have any such UFO predictions that were wrong? No, never. That can be documented, too, but UFO questions were seldom asked.

Roy, please note: that prediction had not come from some "space brother" claiming to talk through me. It had been given in my own natural voice, which always claimed it was my unconscious, attuning to the source of information toward which was directed by the suggestion, as read to it by the "conductor" of the reading.

>How many answers did you gain from Project Starlight International, >regarding UFO visitations?

I don't know what you mean in asking, "How many answers..." Please be more specific about what you ask. Also, I don't care for the term "visitations" which seems rather 'loaded' term, if you know what I mean.

Project Starlight International (Please don't confuse it with Greer's Johnny-Come-Lately "Project Starlight", with which it has neither association nor affinity.) has as its objective UFO hard data monitoring and recording, and was begun in Phoenix, Arizona, in 1964, but did not become loaded with good UFO tracking instruments until 1973-74. If your question is what we have learned from in-field studies of UFOs, then the answer is far too extensive to provide here, and the answer expands as we learn more from the hard evidence at hand.

I will begin releasing some of our evidences this autumn, in a context known but yet to be announced, as I said in an earlier posting. Please be patient. It will prove worth the wait.

>During the 60s and 70s, did you publish "psychic readings" which >included discourses from a group of UFO-operating extraterrestrials >called "The Watchers"?

I did not publish any of my psychic readings, but my employer, the Association, did publish some of my readings that they deemed would be helpful or inspirational to people. I don't believe that anything ever said through me was from any extraterrestrial, although I think there were a few readings that were interpreted that way because of what the insights they seemed to provide those present. Personally, I don't (and never did) believe that UFO-related aliens were or are channeling through anyone, and I feel sorry for the, IMO, gullible (if

well-meaning) people who believe such. Such messages are generally, IMO, platitudes and B.S..

One of the reasons I quit giving 'readings', well before the Christian fundamentalists took over the organization, was because I grew more and more disgusted by the willingness of what I called "reading thumpers" to believe any and everything that was said through me in a 'reading'.

>Was all of the above, far past the days of Adamski, Mr Stanford?

Of course it was 'past Adamski days' for me, because my readings from the unconscious state did not begin until I was at the ripe old age 24. I had given a few semi-conscious readings in 1957, just before going to Peru. I had dumped any belief in Adamski before 1961. If anything has given you the idea that my psychic research readings were in any way centered on "space brothers", then you have been seriously misinformed. Frankly, I get the feeling that your concept of me and what I was doing back then is about as inaccurate as was George W. Bush was in saying the U.S. was in imminent danger from weapons of mass destruction in Iraq! And from the sound of things, I suspect that you have accessed some deliberately flawed 'intelligence'. There is a bit of it 'out there' and most of it was written about me by fundamentalist Christians with a holier-than-thou axe to grind.

>>Of course, I'm sure my personal explanation of your recommended >>book as containing only fake photos did not convince you, but >>hopefully the information reported in Friday's posting to this >>list by widely respected V-J Ballester Olmos, Director of >>FOTOCAT, should have convinced you, unless, of course, this is a >>religious instead of a scientific issue with you.

>Mr Stanford, I believe people have met Alien Beings from another >world, in structured craft, something Science cannot begin to >accept.

I don't care for the term "Alien Beings from another world", but if you could generalize it to simply say 'non-terrestrials', I might agree with you, and I know quite a number of good scientists who might tend to agree.

>I have not claimed to have spoken with Jesus Christ or >angels as such, so no ' not a religious subject for me.

Please believe me when I tell you (if that's what you're implying that I believe) that I've conversed neither with J.C., nor with angels.

>One question about the book you called fake:

>Were all the pictures taken with the same camera?

?Quien sabe? Does it really matter, since they all are fake? (See my posting just before this one, to Ed Gehrman, about that disgusting book.)

If every mug of what looks like beer on a bar is really filled with urine, why worry about whether all those mugs are of equal size? :)

Now, what say we get back to UFOs (preferably real ones)?

Ray Stanford

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## Analysis Of Centerville Ohio 'Tree Debris'

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo.nul](mailto:ufo.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 19:59:07 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 09:28:08 -0400  
Subject: Analysis Of Centerville Ohio 'Tree Debris'

Scientific Analysis Of Centerville, OH 'Tree Debris'

The results of a scientific examination of the March, 2004 Centerville, Ohio 'tree debris' by Analytical Scientist Phyllis Budinger of Frontier Analysis, Ltd. are available at:

<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/frontier04.html>

Thanks to Phyllis Budinger for permission to post this report, and also for her volunteer time and effort for this inquiry.

Additional information regarding the Centerville UFO Incident of March, 2004 is available from a new index page located at:

<http://home.fuse.net/ufo/centervilleindex.html>

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## Saucer-Like Object Seen Over Sweden 1953

From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 13:31:08 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 09:34:30 -0400  
Subject: Saucer-Like Object Seen Over Sweden 1953

"Saucer-Like Object Seen Over Sweden," 1953

The following article which I recently discovered may be sort of a lesson in "the persistence of paradigms." At a time when many people were thinking "interplanetary" in regard to the origin of UFOs, here is a report of a disc-shaped object observed over Sweden in 1953, which was interpreted as a missile, in a "flashback" to the "Ghost Rocket" sightings of several years before.

Best,

Rod Brock  
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Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Oshkosh Daily Northwestern, December 18, 1953

Saucer-Like  
Object Seen  
Over Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (UP) -- Sweden's defense high command ordered a full-scale investigation today into reports that a saucer-shaped object whirled across southern Sweden toward Russian-controlled territory at a speed faster than sound.

Capt. Ulf Christiernsson, Swedish airline pilot, alerted the defense staff after he and his mechanic said they saw the wingless, circular object Thursday only 300 miles from the Soviets' top-secret Baltic Sea rocket bases.

Christiernsson's report was made known only two days after the authoritative "Jane's All the World's Aircraft" said Russia has developed a rocket-powered planet for target defense.

Rush Investigation

The defense staff, which governs Sweden's armed forces, rushed the investigation. Gen. Bengt Norderskjold, air force commander, called in radar reports on all observations Thursday.

Christiernsson said he saw the object, which was believed to be a missile, speeding over the town of Haessleholm in the main commercial airplane between Stockholm and Copenhagen, Denmark.

A preliminary radar report indicated that heavy traffic in the airplane prevented observers from deciding whether Christiernsson observed ordinary planes or an unidentified missile.

As defense authorities awaited more complete radar reports, they requested Christiernsson to submit detailed drawings of what he said he had seen.

Production Stepped Up

Intelligence sources previously have estimated that Soviet rocket production has been stepped up to 24,000 yearly.

Christiernsoon's postion at the time he reported seeing the object was only minutes away from a closely guarded Soviet installation on the Baltic Sea.

Swedish authorities believed So- viet jet fighters guarding the Red installations shot down two un- armed Swedish air force planes over the Baltic last year.

Christiernnson said he had never seen anything like the object which he reported whizzed past his air-liner.

"It was entirely an unorthodox, metallic, symmetrical and circular object," Christiernsson said. "I was not at all scared, but curious, very curious."

Christiernsson said the object, which he believed to be a missile, flew faster than sound about 5,000 feet above the ground.

"I can give the altitude nearly exactly because it passed just over the clouds and I saw it perfectly well," Christiernnson said.

Christiernnson said the object headed southward over a low-lying cloud layer which would obscure it from ground observers. He said he watched it for about six seconds before it disappeared in the direc- tion of East Germany's Baltic short, near the former Nazi re- search station at Peenemunde, now operated by the Russians.

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A virtual clipping of this article may be viewed at my website, along with other historical articles:

<http://embark.to/magonia>

or

<http://anomalies.bravepages.com>

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THE MAGONIA EXCHANGE LIST

Collecting and sharing accounts of anomalous aerial phenomena from antiquity up to 1947.

<http://nocturnal.lights.tripod.com/magoniax>

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THE RETURN TO MAGONIA PROJECT

Parent project to the Magonia Exchange List.

<http://anomalies.bravepages.com>

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ALIENS ATE MY BUICK

Frank, unapologetic commentary on matters of ufological import.

<http://aamb.blogspot.com/>  
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## What To Tell The Press & Public When Asked?

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 17:46:29 EDT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 10:06:01 -0400  
Subject: What To Tell The Press & Public When Asked?

Often when we pitch a new movie or book we gather the best presentation. It's usually 'just enough' to get the point across.

I thought the same about Ufology. Often I'm pressed for time to show someone the best information on the subject from the various viewpoints.

I don't want to deluge someone who is new to the subject with too much data, just the nuts and bolts.

So over the years I've whittled my product choices down to those that have stood the test of time.

So for you guys who do the large public speaking, radio, tv presentations and must refer to the works of other UFOlogists or data what would you choose as a press package?

Those products that show the overall and best researched products?

Thanks,

Greg

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## Re: Detecting UFOs Through 'Passive' Radar - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 22:58:16 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 14:07:27 -0400  
Subject: Re: Detecting UFOs Through 'Passive' Radar - Shough

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 14:15:59 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Detecting UFOs Through 'Passive' Radar

>>From: Peter B. Davenport - National UFO Reporting Center <[director.nul](mailto:director.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 11:19:45 -0700  
>>Subject: Detecting UFOs Through The Use Of 'Passive' Radar

>Now this is interesting!

>I had considered possible 'passive radar' in the past, but I was  
>thinking of receivers in synchronization with existing radars,  
>rather than the possibility of bounced signals from ordinary  
>radio and TV transmitters.

>That is new to me, and very intriguing. I see this would require  
>some massive computing power, but not entirely out of reach  
>given advances in hardware, and (gulp!) availability of the  
>pertinent software.

>The software may come available somehow, but I presume some  
>special receiving antenna apparatus would be needed. Would that  
>be something like a rotating dish, or a flat fixed array, or  
>something else again? This sounds like big bucks for the little  
>guy.

If anyone's interested you can find info about the same sort of  
technique which is already widely used in a semi-amateur fashion  
for meteor detection. The antennas for VHF are relatively simple  
affairs. Check meteor radar on the web.

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## Disclosure Australia Announcement 16

From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 07:47:05 +1000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 14:09:18 -0400  
Subject: Disclosure Australia Announcement 16

Disclosure Australia Newsletter 15 has just been posted to the  
Project website at:

<http://disclosure.freewebsite.org>

In this issue we present 15 pages of notes on our 18  
hour examination of RAAF UFO files undertaken at  
RAAF base Edinburgh, South Australia.

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 22:53:02 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 14:11:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Allan

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 19:01:25 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 14:41:56 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>Others have said that anybody could have found out from the  
>Truman Library that WB Smith's only meeting with Truman over a  
>several month period was the 01 August , 1950, date noted in the  
>EBD. But did they? I asked the TL if anybody else had asked for  
>dates of their meetings. The answer was NO. In other words could  
>have, might have, etc, are not the same as did.

>Stan Friedman

Is this supposed to prove nobody could have found the Aug,1,  
1950 date, unless he were an insider?

The forger had no need to ask the library archivist for dates of  
the Truman-Smith meetings. He simply requested the Truman  
appointments for, say, June 1949 to Nov. 1950. He did the  
research himself, discovered the August 1, 1950 meeting and  
found that it was the only such meeting for the period in  
question. He then inserted that date in the Ike briefing memo.  
This would have been long before you visited the library.

Thus no insider was involved.

There must be numerous historians who used the Truman diaries  
for this period. No archivist could possibly remember which of  
them did what, nor would the library disclose the names of  
previous visitors (unless by police or court order I presume).

CDA

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## Re: More Daytime UFOs Videoed - Taylor

From: Barry Taylor <[stingray.nul](mailto:stingray.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 10:02:52 +1000  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 15:23:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: More Daytime UFOs Videoed - Taylor

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 11:32:04 -0500  
>Subject: Re: More Daytime UFOs Videoed

>>From: Tim Shell <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 14:13:12 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: More Daytime UFOs Videoed

>>>From: Barry Taylor <[stingray.nul](mailto:stingray.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 17:41:20 +1000  
>>>Subject: More Daytime UFOs Videoed

>>><http://theozfactor.nucleardays.com/ufo-16july2004.htm>

>>Gotta get an optical zoom. That digital zoom stuff is just awful,  
>>and "enhancing" those little smeared-out pixels really doesn't  
>>help. Optical is the only way to go.

>Optical zoom would have resulted in a mundane photo of a mylar  
>balloon cluster. Where's the fun in that? :)

Digital zoom is only used momentarily to see if anything useful  
can be salvaged from the digital zoom images. Sometimes  
something can. The greater part of the footage is in full  
optical zoom X40. This is camera max.

As far as your comment of "Mylar balloons" I find ridiculous.  
You must be of the opinion that if a UFO is not disc shaped it  
must be a balloon. Well hey, wake up to the fact that these  
objects are genuine UFOs.

I do not know what a person has to do to demonstrate this fact  
other than try to video them when these events are happening,  
then present the evidence for you viewing. If for one moment I  
thought they were 'Mylar balloons', I would not waste my time on  
it.

If you continually blatantly 'debunk' the genuine UFO footage  
Kyle, you will never learn anything about the subject. Maybe  
this is not you aim. Others with knowledge on the subject and  
willingness to advance by learning what is being caught on  
video, will advance in leaps and bounds. Some are.

It is 'simple research' just to sit back and blindly comment on  
something you are inexperienced in, when others are out there on  
the 'front line' doing the hard yards in gathering evidence. We  
know what side of the fence you are on.

I hope you can learn to 'look before you leap' next time Kyle,  
it is much more rewarding.

Barry Taylor

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## Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground Holes

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 01:25:39 EDT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 15:26:26 -0400  
Subject: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground Holes

<http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/13614.aliens.html>

Seems like Pravda is just chock full of paranormal stories nowadays.

This one is about an investigation into large anomalous holes some believed caused by UFOs.

A more prosaic explanation follows but still leaves a question or two.

This reminds me that since the Soviet Union collapsed shouldn't their former top secret UFO information have come to light by now? Why is it every country on Earth seems to have an equally effective 'hush up' campaign or am I wrong on this?

Considering how conflicting ideologies are amongst nations you'd figure by now our enemies would have figured out the way to bring down the U.S.A. would be to put out as much UFO/Alien information they could.

I guess the 'evil terrorist empires' we're supposed to be afraid of haven't caught on to that one yet.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Detecting UFOs Through 'Passive' Radar

From: Peter Davenport - NUFORC <[director.nul](mailto:director.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 15:57:59 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 15:39:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: Detecting UFOs Through 'Passive' Radar

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 14:15:59 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Detecting UFOs Through 'Passive' Radar

>>From: Peter B. Davenport - NUFORC <[director.nul](mailto:director.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 28 Jul 2004 11:19:45 -0700  
>>Subject: Detecting UFOs Through The Use Of 'Passive' Radar

>>To the List:

>>I have posted to the NUFORC website the paper I wrote for the  
>>MUFON Symposium in Denver earlier this month. It pertains to the  
>>remote detection of UFOs through the use of 'passive' radar.

>>In addition, I copy below some links to URLs, which discuss the  
>>issue of passive radar:

<snip>

>Hello Peter:

>Now this is interesting!

>I had considered possible 'passive radar' in the past, but I was  
>thinking of receivers in synchronization with existing radars,  
>rather than the possibility of bounced signals from ordinary  
>radio and TV transmitters.

>That is new to me, and very intriguing. I see this would require  
>some massive computing power, but not entirely out of reach  
>given advances in hardware, and (gulp!) availability of the  
>pertinent software.

>The software may come available somehow, but I presume some  
>special receiving antenna apparatus would be needed. Would that  
>be something like a rotating dish, or a flat fixed array, or  
>something else again? This sounds like big bucks for the little  
>guy.

>I read most of the URLs provided (not the .pdf which is a mess  
>for me) and it appears that this is being taken seriously.

>I like the stealth feature, no special radar beams, just ambient  
>commercial transmitters etc. Like other ufo detection devices  
>(magnetic anomaly sensors etc.) there remains the issue of  
>'false positives. Hopefully, the advanced software would reduce  
>those.

>If more develops from this, I'm sure others would like to hear  
>about it.

To Ray, Larry, Kyle, Eleanor, and Errol:

Thank you all for the thoughtful comments, and thank you, Errol,  
for the radio time on July 31st to discuss the "passive" system  
I have proposed!



I commend Larry for his perspicacity on the matter of using reflected ambient radar/radio transmissions, and I have stumbled upon a handful of others who have ruminated along similar lines. Jim Klotz, of the Computer UFO Network ([www.cufon.org](http://www.cufon.org)) is another who was thinking along the same lines, and it was he who provided me with some interesting information about top secret symposia during the 1960's and '70's held on the subject of "passive" radar. Obviously, Jim was thinking about the possible application of "passive" detection when he requested the materials through an FOIA request.

Frankly, I am more than just mildly surprised that no one put forth the proposal years ago, since the CONCEPT of "passive" radar seems rather simple, in my opinion. (Interestingly, the first patent for a "passive" application of radar was applied for, I'm told by an authority on the matter, in London in 1927!!) Even the construction is not a complex matter, as witnessed by the relative simplicity of the systems that already are in operation. It's the actual OPERATION of a "passive" system that requires considerable resource, it turns out.

The only "hurdle" in the past to our building such a system has been the computational power required...a minimum of about 10 giga-operations per second for a single station, operated on a real-time basis. It has been only during the last several years that such computer capability has been available to the average consumer. However, a multi-static system requires considerably more computer capability, since the number of computer operations required...for real-time coverage...goes up approximately geometrically, I'm guessing, with the number of receiver stations in use. Since three-dimensional Doppler analysis requires at least three receivers, real-time coverage requires some rather hefty number-crunching capability.

However, for our purposes, during the early stage of the project, real-time coverage is not necessary. We can collect data sets for a period of time, and then analyze the data after the fact. All we have to do is show that there are objects in the near-Earth environment that do not fit the characteristics of satellites, meteors, the ionosphere, migratory birds, crash dummies, swamp gas, etc.. Once we have such data in hand, we will have some rather powerful evidence, I believe, as to the existence of, and apparently real nature of, UFO's.

This is a project I first proposed in January 1995, and no one took notice...save for Mark Cashman, then SD for Connecticut, who sent me an article on the subject. I then "formalized" my proposal by publishing an article in the November 1999 issue of the MUFON Journal. Frankly, I expected to be bowled over with response...but nothing, absolutely nothing...from the readership!! Finally, ten weeks after the issue had been delivered to everyone's mailbox, I received a note of interest from Richard Vitello, MUFON member from Indiana (??), and a ham operator, about the proposed system. I received no other queries!!

Karla's suggestion of mobile units is an attractive one, but the system I have proposed is not yet built, and we first have to learn to "crawl," before we will be able to "walk" with it. However, given what the GPS system, combined with wireless internet, permits, her proposal is not out of the question. However, I must add that I don't believe that there are UFO "hotspots" that would deserve special coverage. Moreover, given that the system might be able to detect a disc 10-meters in diameter out to the distance that the Moon is from the Earth, the issue of the location of a UFO, relative to a point on the surface of the Earth, really is a moot point. Also, the first system will be tailored for detecting targets that are tens, hundreds, or thousands of miles above the Earth's surface, not close to the ground.

I have assembled a small team of electrical engineers, physicists, and computer types to assist in the construction of the first system. The team is being "counseled" by a person who is a specialist in the field, and who already has built a "passive" system, so the current manpower needs for building the first system are satisfied, at least as things stand now.

What I foresee for the project is a network of perhaps half a dozen stations, which will feed into a common website. I would

like to see the operation of the stations in the hands of the various major UFO organizations, all of which will feed their "hits" to a common website. Hence, anyone on the web will have access to accurate, objective data regarding detection of UFO's...absent the need for eyewitness accounts, which I consider to be the "weak link" of ufology. I suspect most of us would agree on the latter point.

The greatest satisfaction I think I will derive from the project, if it is successful, is that it removes the virtual monopoly on "hard" data that governments presently enjoy in the realm of ufology. To no less a degree, I revel in the thought that ufology might "scoop" the SETI project in showing that there is other intelligent life in our galaxy...and that it appears to visit our planet on a regular basis. In fact, I find it difficult to believe that my proposal has not already been circulated around their offices in Menlo Park, and that it isn't already causing the generation of above-average levels of stomach acid there...

Regards,

Peter

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## Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 02:42:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 15:44:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - King

>From: Erik Albrektson <[jaspub.nul](mailto:jaspub.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 15:25:06 -0400  
>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

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>Speaking of good photos, isn't it interesting how many UFO  
>videos in the past 15 years seem to display a similar object?  
>Seems that I have viewed countless amateur videos of UFOs with  
>what appears to be a fuzzy ball of mercury suspended in air and  
>constantly changing shape from spherical to oblong to ellipsoid,  
>etc. Some kind of interference always surrounds this object and  
>prevents a good crisp image. I don't believe this type of UFO  
>was often caught on film prior to 1980.

Erik,

One good reason that your "balls of mercury" weren't very common before 1980 could be that silvered mylar helium balloons weren't common before then, either.

Also interesting how many photos of "silver mercury blobs" are taken at or near air shows, amusement parks, and other places where...true, lots of people have cameras and are looking at the sky, but... novelty helium balloons are readily available and often lost.

Kyle

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 04:19:26 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 15:55:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - King

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 15:05:08 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 12:56:52 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 11:51:45 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>><snip>

>>>Please don't 'shoot the messenger', but those are among the  
>>>most obviously fake 'UFO' photos I've ever seen, showing small  
>>>models evidently suspended on transparent nylon lines, and quite  
>>>close to the camera.

>>>There is also evidence of cross hatching in the last photo. It  
>>>looks as though the hoaxer used some form of broad nylon  
>>>netting-the edges fixed offscreen to poles perhaps - on which  
>>>were attached the models. If in photo 3 the two lines seen were  
>>>explained away as contrails then their reflection onto the  
>>>clouds below would show up as dark streaks, which would be the  
>>>contrail's shadow.

>Thanks, Don,

>Yes, I noticed that but did not mention it because I did not  
>know if that 'cross hatching' might be an effect of some kind of  
>optical or digital copying, or a combination thereof. But, yes,  
>it looks very suspicious.

Don & Ray,

A brief look with Photoshop CS... admittedly using a compressed digital version of photo 1... reveals what appear to be at least two vertical "threads" extending up from two points approximately 1/4 of the way in from the right and left edges. Further, these two vertical "threads" appear to terminate in the photo, where a very distinct horizontal "thread" also appears. While there is definitely "artifact" in the image from the JPG compression, these features are uninterrupted in appearance, unlike the artifact geometry which has a more random patchwork appearance. The threads I note do not appear to be part of a "mesh", but perhaps it is so.

Aside from the crooked window and rather "antique" look, a higher-resolution copy is necessary for a decent image analysis. This "corpse" is too decomposed for a decent "autopsy".

My preliminary glance provides ample doubt, and based on that and comments by you two, I have to file this one as probable

hoax in the absence of a better quality image(s). Even so, my gut screams hoax.

Kyle

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## Re: Varginha Again - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 05:52:59 EDT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 16:03:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Sparks

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 22:45:25 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <[ufomiami.nul](mailto:ufomiami.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 23:13:27 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

<snip>

>>If we were supposed to be scientifically inclined, why, I  
>>wonder... without strong data, only with some witnesses and a  
>>"doctor" stories did we assume the E.T. hypothesis?

>Please review the info about the Varginha Case. You will easily  
>find out that there is an amazing and overwhelming amount of  
>data to stress out the alien and the craft=B4s debris as non-  
>terrestrial.

>The "Doctor" report is one of great value to the  
>research of the case and to the entire Ufology field. When have  
>we ever heard of someone involved in the health area to claim  
>with such certainty to have had an alien creature in his  
>hospital? Plus, he wasn=B4t alone with the creature and his  
>feelings about its nature were shared with other professionals.

A.J.,

I'm still waiting to see any medical scientific data supposedly transmitted by the "Doctor" to another MD "professional." None has been provided. There was a claim by the "Doctor" that he had tested the "tensile strength" of the creature's protruding broken bone. As tensile strength is determined by stretching till it breaks this would be a violation of a medical doctor's Hippocratic Oath and would be grounds for revoking his license to practice medicine in most civilized countries. We don't even treat animals that way. Such a bizarre and cruel test, inflicting great pain, would surely also have upset the soldiers allegedly guarding the creature, who would surely have prevented the "Doctor" from carrying out such a procedure.

Brad Sparks

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Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Sparks

>From: Erik Albrektson <[jaspub.nul](mailto:jaspub.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 15:25:06 -0400  
>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 12:28:18 EDT  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 13:03:11 -0700  
>>>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

<snip>

>>>All else being equal, I think the  
>>>responsibility rests on the persons yelling "fraud" to  
>>>provide evidence for their accusations.

>>No sorry that's not how it works. UFO cases have to go through  
>>competent scientific-technical screening (Hynek Screening) and  
>>investigation first before they can really be considered  
>>legitimate "UFO" cases instead of indeterminate status. UFO  
>>photographs are no exception.

>Where exactly does one obtain the necessary accreditation to  
>perform the "competent scientific-technical screening" that is  
>required? And who "enforces" such a requirement? I was not aware  
>(after 40 years of observation) that the phrase "UFO  
>Investigator" actually carried with it a mandatory requirement  
>of scientific competence.

I'm just using Hynek's wording in his classic textbook of UFO  
research, The UFO Experience (1972). It is not the  
accreditation that counts but the competence of the effort,  
which is why Hynek used the word "technical" so he would not be  
saying that only Ph.D. scientists can conduct the screening.  
The "enforcement" is just like the way any investigation in  
science is "enforced." If you do a bad job you get exposed.  
May not work perfectly but that's the system.

>What's more, exactly what purpose continues to be served by  
>performing the same "investigations" into the same sightings  
>year after dreary year? Anyone reading even a small fraction of  
>the available sighting evidence these past 60 years would have  
>to have a serious mental pathology not to believe that non-human  
>unknown aerial phenomena occur on a regular basis throughout the  
>world. Continued "investigations" of "strange lights in the  
>night sky" would seem to be pointless unless there is a new or  
>unusual element to the event.

No one is holding a gun to your head forcing you to perform the  
"same investigations year after year." But there are people in  
the UFO field who do want to do a good job of data collection.  
Personally I think there has been an over-emphasis on data to  
the detriment of not doing enough theory development, and I have  
posted a lot on that subject here lately. I also think that



civilian cases just are not as good as many of the military cases, such as those in the AF files, where the military routinely can apply technical assets and instruments to UFO observations that most civilians do not have available to them.

That is why I have been working steadily on a Comprehensive Catalog of Project Blue Book Unknowns, which has been posted on several websites. These include fairly detailed descriptions of each case.

The cases in the military files are far more significant than the "lights in the sky" cases you refer to as "pointless."

>Perhaps I am just getting old and cynical but, when it comes to >UFO's, the only current "investigations" that hold much interest >are those with good photos. Quality photographic evidence offers >the only realistic possibility of shedding new light on the >physical reality of UFO's. Testimonial evidence has taken us >nowhere for 30 years at least. Until we capture one or it >voluntarily presents itself for inspection, good photos are our >best bet for significantly upgrading our understanding of the >phenomenon.

You may be mixing three different issues here (1) what is "interesting" to you and others, (2) what is scientifically useful for "shedding light" on the nature of the UFO phenomenon, and (3) what is "testimonial" proof of UFO "reality."

Except for a few cases where UFO photos may reveal ionization phenomena as Ray Stanford has tried to emphasize, the vast majority of "UFO" photos just do not offer much if any scientifically useful data. The vast majority are not even screened or investigated to take them out of a holding status (indeterminate), to justify classification as "UFO's." Most such photos do not even have witness data. Photos do not "speak for themselves" and must have witness testimony to back them up with when, where, why they were taken, etc.

But again I would argue that civilian efforts simply cannot compete with the vast array of technical instrument resources the military and government has at hand.

Just look at the way the Mexican FLIR video incident of March 5, 2004, has almost revolutionized the way a UFO case can be investigated because of the vast wealth of GPS, time, and angular coordinate data with some radar and visual data that is available.

>Speaking of good photos, isn't it interesting how many UFO >videos in the past 15 years seem to display a similar object? >Seems that I have viewed countless amateur videos of UFO's with >what appears to be a fuzzy ball of mercury suspended in air and >constantly changing shape from spherical to oblong to ellipsoid, >etc. Some kind of interference always surrounds this object and >prevents a good crisp image. I don't believe this type of UFO >was often caught on film prior to 1980.

Sounds like Mylar party balloons which have become popular in the last 20 years or so.

Brad Sparks

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Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 08:04:06 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 16:07:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Gevaerd

>From: Brenda Denzler <[denzlerb.nul](mailto:denzlerb.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 19:01:31 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 21:10:13 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

<snip>

>>Does no one have a sense of humor around here? It was just a  
>>joke; a play on words: the similarity in spelling (and possibly  
>>pronunciation) between Varginha and Vagina.

>For A.J. I think the problem is the cultural divide. It's an  
>English-language, U.S.-comprehensible pun.

>I snickered!

Dear Brenda.

I understand the language problem... As a matter of fact, I am still trying to understand many English expressions. Despite the fact that I have been in the US dozens of times, I still have the language problem. Some of my lectures sounded very strange indeed. As some of my interviews. Ask Errol.....

In my first visit to US, back in 1989, I guess, I spent a week at Wendelle Stevens=B4 home in Tucson. After 4 or five days of long endless conversations with Wendelle, which I thought he was understanding my talk, he finally got courage and said: "Hey, A.J., I get to honest with you. I don=B4t understand a word you're saying". Then we both laughed for half-hour. That was when I realized that I should improve my English.

A. J.

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 22:25:21 -0300  
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>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 23:13:27 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

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>I heard a lot of the first discussions about the Varginha case  
>way back in 1996 when I was in Curitiba, Brazil, for a UFO  
>conference. Graham Birdsall, John Carpenter and I interviewed  
>Vitorio Pacaccini ( he speaks English well) on camera and John  
>made a 113 minute video from the interview and the other  
>materials provided at that time. The Brazilian press also took  
>the case quite seriously and there were many different witnesses  
>. Graham did a big article for UFO magazine and Dr. John Mack,  
>working with the help of an interpreter, was also favorably  
>impressed with the girls who witnessed the strange beings.

>Frankly, I am not at all ready to dismiss this case. I can't see  
>any connection with the fierce chupacabra. These beings were  
>scared, not aggressive.

Dear Stan:

You gave a very accurate report about Varginha. Most people outside Brazil have very little knowledge of how deep the case is and how well investigated and well documented it was. Over 40 good UFO researchers took part in the "joint venture" investigations, that at some point was added by some very fine Brazilian newsmen. From these UFO researchers, at least 10 are the top ones in my country. They have managed to get on the spots where the case took place just hours and days after the happenings, getting the witnesses=  
=B4  
reports still very fresh. It includes some of the military.

New and astounding revelations are to be released very soon. Very, very amazing ones.

A. J.

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## Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 08:47:03 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 16:10:56 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Stanford

>From: Erik Albrektson <[jaspub.nul](mailto:jaspub.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 15:25:06 -0400  
>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 12:28:18 EDT  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

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>Speaking of good photos, isn't it interesting how many UFO  
>videos in the past 15 years seem to display a similar object?  
>Seems that I have viewed countless amateur videos of UFO's with  
>what appears to be a fuzzy ball of mercury suspended in air and  
>constantly changing shape from spherical to oblong to ellipsoid,  
>etc. Some kind of interference always surrounds this object and  
>prevents a good crisp image. I don't believe this type of UFO  
>was often caught on film prior to 1980.HI Erik,

Hi Erik,

Your description, above, of a large part of UFO videos taken in recent years sounds very much like what one might video of a tinsel Mylar balloon blowing in the wind and tumbling. Wind direction changes? Well, most people would be surprised at the wind-direction changes across some areas where we are talking about within a thousand feet or so of the ground. I've watched quite a few of such balloons (accidentally 'escaped' from little kiddies in our local mall parking lot), and low-level winds are often surprisingly 'meandering'.

Anyhow, note that it was around the year you mention as the beginning of that type video, that so many of the helium-inflated tinsel Mylar balloons began to be sold at everything from grocery stores to gift kiosks in the malls. Purely coincidence, or...?

I suggest that if the thing looks as you described, we must be very cautious. Those balloons come in almost every imaginable shape these days, from UFO-like shapes to dinosaurs and even dogs. I suggest people have a look at such merchandise in a large store of party supplies, as I have done. It is surprising what resemblances one could see floating around in the skies these days, especially in metropolitan areas.

Ray Stanford

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 07:47:09 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 16:12:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Shell

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 15:16:52 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>While suspension is most often assumed to mean a single "string"  
>attached to the center of the object at one end and a fishing  
>pole or some such at the other, a much more valuable (read  
>anomalous) range of motion is attainable when the object is  
>suspended from a line or lines attached to a separate line which  
>is supported at each end. An earlier post supposed a mesh of  
>some sort... equally effective.

I've always been a fan of using large panes of glass or some  
other transparent material. They're heavy, and there are  
reflection problems you have to worry about, but it does  
eliminate that annoying string.

A more expensive but infinitely better solution is to create an  
actual 8-meter diameter flying saucer, a dirigible light enough  
to float with helium and send it up. No strings, no  
reflections. You can even show it landed. Pose a few phoney  
but realistic-looking aliens around it and voy-lah! Instant  
CE-III.

Funny nobody's gone to those lengths yet (as far as we know).

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## Re: ETH Modeling - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 08:16:32 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 16:14:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: ETH Modeling - Clark

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 18:42:29 EDT  
>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 23:15:35 -0700  
>>Subject: ETH Modeling

>>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 16:13:43 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>Thanks Jim, just what I was looking for, though please note that  
>the context of my request was that as I have been saying all  
>along, the SETI community (such as Fogg in Icarus) has been  
>publishing models of ETH but that the UFO community has not, or  
>has only very isolated instances that are not cumulatively built  
>upon, so I would be "delighted" to find some overlooked "body of  
>literature" by the UFO community attempting to model ETH in a  
>testable quantitative way, as Jerry seemed to imply or allude to  
>existing somewhere.

Well, Swords's work, as I've stated explicitly several times.

More important, however, a question:

Where exactly in the SETI literature has someone written that he  
or she would take the UFO question seriously if ufologists  
proposed a model of the ETH such as you demand? I have read all  
sorts of anti-UFO arguments, none especially cogent, in that  
literature; but if one mounts an argument like yours, I haven't  
seen or heard of it. My not-uninformed impression is that for  
the SETI types, the lack of modeling is not the reason for their  
refusal to consider UFO evidence, and you're advancing a  
criticism of ufology that not even the standard debunking  
critics advance.

Jerry Clark

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## Filer's Files #33 -- 2004

From: George A. Filer <[Majorstar.nul](mailto:Majorstar.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 11:41:27 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 16:33:46 -0400  
Subject: Filer's Files #33 -- 2004

Filer's Files #33 -- 2004, Skywatch Investigations  
George A. Filer, Director MUFON Eastern  
Vice President of Skywatch International  
August 4, 2004, Webmaster: Chuck Warren --

### Discs Return

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. These Files make the assumption that extraterrestrial intelligent life exists. Perseids - May Cause Damage, Mars - Petroglyphs and Writing, New Jersey - Disc, West Virginia - Sphere, Georgia - Sphere, Alabama - Egg Filmed, Florida - Three Discs in Hanger, Wisconsin - Cigars, Mississippi - Tubular Shining UFO, Indiana - UFO on ABC Sports Show, Illinois - Bright Flashing and Pulsating Light, Texas Orbs, Arizona - Round Orange Orb, California - Disc, Oregon - V Formation of Lights, Washington - Spheres, Canada =E2=80=93 Discs and a Flying Triangle, UK/England - Triangle of Three Orange Lights, Malaysia - Star Shape Moving Object, Solomon Islands - UFOs, and New Zealand =E2=80=93 Egg Shaped Craft.

### Perseids - May Cause Damage

On August 11, 2004, at about 21h UT, the onerevolution dust trail of the Perseids parent comet Swift-Tuttle is calculated to pass within 0.0013 AU from the Earth's orbit.&nbs=

We should have mainly visually dim meteors and shooting stars. The Earth may pass through the dense core of the Perseid meteoroid stream. Observation should be good throughout the night. There is a possibility that larger meteoroids will brake through the atmosphere.

### Mars - Petroglyphs

During my recent speaking engagement we visited a Hopi Indian Store in Arizona, where it was explained the Hopi's came from another planet. Their ancient petroglyphs depict a triangular shaped craft with an apparent propulsion system. Aliens or Hopi Indians can be seen inside the ship, and making a landing near other Hopi Indians.

Eduardo Vieira de Lucena of Paraiba, Brazil writes, "I think there is a creature beside the black rock on these photos. The Rover Opportunity photos on Sol 87 and Sol 88 show a creature with strange legs or tentacles and a possible face. - links:

<http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/gallery/all/1/p/088/1P135996755EFF1413P2285L2M1.html>

<http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/gallery/all/1/p/087/1P135902321EFF1409P2433R2M1.html>

Note: There are also heirglyphics or writing on many of the rocks and possibly a face on the dark rocks.

There are similar petroglyphson Mars that seem to depict writing or symbols. Note T, P, Y, I, A, I, and V like symbols below. This is a JPL image taken by the Opportunity Rover of Burns

Cliff inside Endurance Crater. I'm looking for anyone with expertise of ancient writing.

Engineer Norman M. Bryden has studied Mars Images for twenty years and has an excellent knowledge of the planet and the technology behind the images. He believes that there are extraterrestrial structures and vegetation on Mars. This image has vegetation and a stream. New data indicates the surface of Mars in the summer reaches temperatures as high as 97 degrees. Image thanks to JPL and Norman M. Bryden.

#### New Jersey - Large Disc

SURF CITY - I was notified personally concerning this sighting from a professional who has long denied the possible existence of =UFOs. She was talking with a group of friends at 1 AM in a gazebo overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, on August 1, 2004. She looked out over the ocean and to the left of the full moon and noticed a large disc shaped object with three rings of lights one above the other running parallel to each other. Each row of lights had about twenty lights similar to a commercial aircraft surrounding what seemed to be a disc. The craft was flying to the north of her location towards the Barnegat Lighthouse. The disc wobbled as it descended on a maneuvering course towards the lighthouse. Many similar UFO reports have accumulated through the years and a book was written concerning these sightings. The craft appeared quite large and had multiple parallel lights similar to a three decked ship. The sighting is notable by this witness since she has always strongly ridiculed the concept of UFOs in the past.

#### West Virginia - Sphere

WHEELING -- It was sunny day and the observer was walking down town, when he happened to look up at the sky on July 21, 2004</SPAN>, at 6:15 PM. There were two spherical objects just gliding (floating) side by side. They would slow down and speed up. And when one would get too far away from the other, it would stop until the other one would catch up. It seemed like they were attached together by a string. I know they were pretty small because at that time a low flying jet passed by and they were about as big as its cockpit. This lasted a good while. But then I lost them in the clouds. Perhaps they were weather balloons or something else? Thanks to Peter Davenport  
Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

#### Wisconsin - Cigar<BR style=3D"mso-special-character: line-break">

LACROSSE - The witnesses saw a cigar shaped object flying so slow they thought it was going to stall. The cigar was high up but they could tell it was tubular, without wings and no tail. The object was moving northwest to southeast. After about a minute it passed by a jet flying east to west at a higher elevation. The jet made a complete turn and flew in the same direction as the "blimp" and seemed like he was chasing it. So they got their binoculars. The witness states, "Sure enough this three lighted thing with the lights rotating flew over =our heads at about 1000 feet heading northwest to southeast. I used to fly airplanes, and this whole thing was really weird so I called up my Mom who was driving home and was located between Lacrosse and Sparta. She, also, saw a craft that got her attention because it seemed to have no wings. Thanks to Scott and Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

#### Alabama - Egg Filmed

SOUTH ALABAMA -- Yesterday morning (July 26, 2004) the witness went outside to get uniforms from his car and noticed a ball of light in the sky at 5:20AM. After getting his uniform he noticed the odd hovering light and also realized there was not a single star visible in the overcast sky. He grabbed his camera and tripod, stepped out on the deck and took three shots of the object, and then went back inside to get ready for work. When he left for work at 6:30 AM, the object was gone. Later he downloaded the pictures and found an unidentified object in the images. The full size pictures are 2048 x 1536. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research Pictures can be viewed at:  
<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1643>

## Georgia - Sphere

ATLANTA -- The witness reports, "This sighting was similar to my encounter a few days ago, only that each craft moved in completely different directions. The first one was a star-like looking object with a one second interval flash very similar to the fourth craft I saw a few days ago. It moved fairly slow from south to north. The second one was identical without a flash and moved from west to east. The third was identical in appearance, except it moved freely wherever it wanted. It started from the south and strayed towards the northwest zigzagging a few times. This time my girlfriend was with me as opposed to my last encounter. She witnessed two of the three craft. I'm sure it's still continuing because I saw three within ten minutes at 9:50 PM on July 23, 2004." Thanks to Peter Davenport Director  
[www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

## Florida - Three Discs in Hanger

U.S. AIR FORCE BASE (UNIDENTIFIED) The Air Force witness claims that he met an airman in North Dakota when he was based there in 1970, who told him that his uncle who owned a drill company in Florida was asked by USAF to come to the base with the best drills he had. He was taken to a hanger on one of the airbases, and there were three saucer like craft inside. He was asked to drill into one of them and he tried with his best equipment. He said, "He drilled in one spot for about 15 minutes, and there was no sign of any marks where the drill had been working. No heat or color change no nothing. I never saw the airman again. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

Editor's Note: Numerous similar stories were told to me while I was on active duty in the Air Force, whenever I would ask about UFOs. I met several maintenance personnel who claimed they were given pieces of metal with hieroglyphics on them from alleged alien craft to drill or cut. Even though the metal was very light and bendable, it was virtually indestructible.</P>

## Indiana - Changing

LOGANSPORT -- At first the witnesses thought it was a bright star, but then it got bigger and brighter, disappeared and then a yellowish color at 9 PM on July 23, 2004. The object lit up like a banana shaped star, then got brighter and bigger. Then all the sudden disappeared and just as fast, a banana shape light appeared then quickly disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

Indiana - UFO on ABC Sports Show -- On Saturday morning, July 17, 200, around 8:45-9:15 (Indianatime) my brother and I were watching the British Open live on TV. They were doing a close up interview with Mark Calavecchia the 1989 open champion. Mark is sitting on the right hand side of the screen with white blue sky and some cloud cover to his right. At the end of the interview you see a bright white orb (UFO) fly horizontally from behind Mark going from right to left and then arc up thru the clouds and out of the picture. What is amazing about this is the speed at which this object is moving. It was moving so fast that my brother did not see it until I replayed it and showed him the object. I feel very strongly that ABC video taped a UFO live on TV. Thanks to Brian Vike [www.hbccufo.com](http://www.hbccufo.com)

## Illinois - Bright Flashing and Pulsating Light

CHICAGO -- Around 1 AM, on July 25, 2004, the observer was sitting on his back porch and noticed a thick cloud with a pulsating and flashing light coming from it. He continued to watch and knew it wasn't lightening or a star or anything normal. There was no sound. He kept looking and saw eight to nine objects in perfect alignment with one another circling the main light that was pulsating from the thick cloud. These smaller objects flew into the lighted area and disappeared. After three minutes the cloud wasn't there either. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.hbccufo.com](http://www.hbccufo.com)

## Mississippi - Tubular Shining UFO

PICAYUNE - On July 27, 2004, at about 7:55 PM, the witness noticed the moon directly in front of him at sunset, even though

the sky was still light from the setting sun. He was walking directly toward the moon, when two objects caught his attention. One was larger, oblong, or tubular, and shining silvery, moving high up, in an even line smoothly and swiftly going in a southwest direction. The other which seemed similarly shaped, was a little higher or appeared smaller, was criss-crossing going in the opposite direction. Two more women came out to the parking lot, and one lady said, "Do you see that?" "It's a UFO." I agreed. As we watched the larger one going southwest glowed a bright silvery color as it neared the sunset reflection and shortly afterwards disappeared. The three of us saw and came to the same conclusion that these were not airplanes. The larger of the two had to be pretty large since it was visible for at least seven minutes, and we had no trouble seeing it as it moved from us. When the sunset reflected off it, we were assured that would not happen on an airplane at that height. It appeared to reflect the sunset, while the rest of the sky was blue/grey and the western sky was colored. New Orleans is southwest of where the larger one appeared headed. This was my first sighting of this type of object. The lady said it was hers too. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director [www.hbccufo.com](http://www.hbccufo.com)

#### Texas - Orbs

DALLAS -- The witness was sitting on my front porch about 2:30 PM, on July 20, 2004, when two orbs flew over his house coming from the north going south. The witness quickly grabbed his camera and shot some video. He states, "I didn't hear anything as they passed, and the top part of the frame is the eave of the house, sorry about the dirt specks on the lens: Thanks to Brian Vike, Director

#### Arizona - Round Orange Orb

SCOTTSDALE -- On his way home on July 20, 2004, the witness saw a round orange orb in the sky that remained stationary for two minutes before fading out at 9:52 PM. This was witnessed at 105th Street and McDowell Mountain Ranch Road toward the southwest sky. There were other airplanes in the sky, but none were around the object. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

#### California - Disc

HANFORD-- Three roommates observed a red tint spinning dome shaped object hovering in the sky at 2 AM, on July 22, 2004. The disc had a white pulsating light emanating from it and made no sound. It was spinning rapidly, yet it wasn't moving much. After about ten minutes it slowly began moving away from us. During this time we noticed aircraft scrambling from the Lemoore Naval Base towards the object. Within the next ten minutes we lost sight of it. The total duration of the sighting was twenty minutes. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

PALM SPRINGS - The witness saw a flashing colored orb in the eastern sky over the San Jacinto Mountains on July 19, 2004. The witness awoke to use the restroom around 2:30 AM, and was taken aback by a large white "light" that was literally illuminating the bathroom. The light was very close to the eastern mountain top and was exceptionally bright. The witness awakened her husband who agreed that it was too large and bright to be a star. The following evening at around 9:30 PM, they saw an orb that was flashing blue, green and red. They observed it closer with a pair of binoculars and it appeared to be pulsating. They went to bed and got up at midnight and again at 2:30 AM, the orb was still there flashing. At 4:30 AM the bright light was there again in the same spot, and there were more colored flashing orbs around the sky. They have been watching the sky every night since. On Thursday, July 23, 2004, the witness states, "I was driving down Highway 111 around 8:30 PM, it was dusk and I saw this bright light in the western sky over the Santa Rosa Mountain range, it appeared to be moving slowly downward towards the mountain until it disappeared behind the mountain range. I looked around the sky and with my binoculars; I could see several flashing orbs, all with green, red and blue lights. Every evening since July 19th I have awakened at different times during the night to see if the light is in the eastern sky, it has never appeared before 12:30 AM and is always still visible until the sun rises. As I watch the light it slowly drifts upward. Interestingly enough, the light in the western sky that drifts in and down appears to be the same light that settles over the mountain in the eastern sky to only

drift back up until out of sight. I awoke at 12:38 AM and looked out towards the eastern sky over the San Jacinto Mountains and I saw a circular shaped orb that had red, green, and blue lights. It was the same orb that I have seen in the sky higher up only this time it was low almost sitting on the mountain. I watched it for about 15 seconds and then it just disappeared. As I kept my eyes glued to the sky, the orb reappeared, flashing and hovering and then dipped below the mountain range. I awoke at 4:30 AM again to find the bright white light hovering in the same position that I saw the circular orb. The orbs continue to flash about the sky around this area." Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

SONORA -- Mark A. Olson, D.M. reports, "I wish I knew why these glowing objects have been flying over Sonora for the past month and it seems these sightings have been growing more numerous.&nb=

Take a look at the clips and tell me what you think. Tonight, July 26, 2004, at 1:17 PM, I had feelings of elation, excitement and a sense of anticipation. I doubt that these sightings are going to stop anytime soon.

Thanks to Mark A. Olson, D.M. SonoraSightings.com, [drmarkolson.nul](mailto:drmarkolson.nul)

<http://www.xenotechresearch.com/NASASKIES.htm>

#### Oregon - V Formation of Lights

PORTLAND - The observer was burning small tree limbs when he saw a V formation of nine objects flying north slowly on 19 or 20 of July 2004, at 3:45 AM. The objects were behind a sheer cloud with aura's around them. There seemed to be a slight fog around the nine discs which made the orangea lighter color with a white aura around them. The observer states, "The V formation sailed through the sky slowly over the house moving north taking up a good part of the sky. Since there was a mist around them I could not make out anything in detail. It was beautiful and I was in awe. There was no noise whatsoever. The lights did not flash and the discs stayed in formation of the 'V'". I live ten miles from an airbase but there were no aircraft flying in the area. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research </SPAN>

#### Washington - Spheres

KIRKLAND -- This is day two my wife and I saw the same spherical object moving in the sky at about 60,000 feet altitude on July 20, 2004, at 7:30 PM. Yesterday, they saw three objects. After three or four minutes, they saw the original silver sphere moving west like the previous day. He called his wife to come out and she also saw the sphere. They got out binoculars to see it better and magnified it was silver and a sphere. It was probably a little smaller than a jet flying at about 40,000 feet. This time we didn't see any other objects like we did yesterday flying around it. Then it blinked out and was gone. There was no high cloud cover this time like there was the day before. He states, "I think the odds of seeing this thing twice in two days is really strange. The objects from the day before moved in odd directions around it and changed direction and speed. This main sphere kept the same course during both sightings." Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

MT ADAMS -- On July 27, 2004, 12:26 PM, from out of the west up over the mountains, there rose a narrow ghostly beam of white light steady and unmoving as it crossed the heavens, I could look directly up overhead and peer into it at the point where it crossed above me. Onward to the east the beam continued, until lost to line of sight. For fifteen or twenty minutes the beam remained focused in a tight narrow band over head. It did not move, nor did it waver in the least. I can only compare it to a gigantic spotlight, this beam was many hundred times larger in diameter. Despite it's stunning size, it was tightly focused for the entire time it remained visible. It did not appear like any Northern lights I have seen or heard about? There was a decent display of northern lights a few hours later.

I have never seen northern lights that maintained such integrity of form for that long of time and crossed the sky from such a

Westerly direction. There were no other lights in the sky at the time of this occurrence.

This was more as if God's flashlight had been laid across the sky. This was a narrow, and tight band of light that did not diffuse as normal light would do. Something odd that can be added to a list of new and never before seen phenomena that are occurring on nearly a daily basis recently. Friends, there is something, "going down=21" .....Something is happening in the heavens &nbs=

LAKE SUPERIOR - Wyn sent an e-mail to Cliff Mickelson

Last night we watched a 'northern lights' show except they were not off the northern horizon as usual-they were directly overhead, and extending slightly eastward. No color, but bright white, lasting fifteen minutes. In the midst of it, (about 10 minutes in), what appeared to be a 'shooting star with a tail', traversed eastward. Previous to this, butlong after sundown, the horizon to the South, west and north of us had a slight purplish hue and the moon was pinkish yellow (moon is still hard to look at-it seemsto continually shimmer). We live on the west end of Lake Superior, MN to give you an idea of location for this phenomenon Cliff Mickelson.

Canada - Discs and a Flying Triangle

SOUTHWEST EDMONTON, ALBERTA - On July 28, 2004, a security guard was at work on shift at about 1:30 AM, walking outside the building and saw an odd disc object in the west sky with violent flashing red and yellow lights. It hovered in the same spot for about ten minutes. Thenit would start to move violently left to right up and down and diagonally likeit was shaking. This continued on for about another 30 minutes. The guard went back inside and completed some work and went back out for another look. The guard states, "Now I saw eight discs stretched across thesky doing the exact same thing." I started to get a bit curious and I went to the front of the building for a look. I saw two more but these were a lot closer and lower than the other ones. One started to get really close and was about 5 to 10 km away and roughly 100 feet in the air. It was moving west and getting lower and lower. It went behind a small hill and it looked like it could of landed. At this point I was a bit nervous and notified the police. By the time they arrived the sky was getting light and you couldn't see much. ; Thanks to Brian Vike [www.hbccufo.com](http://www.hbccufo.com)

QUEBEC -- The person reports, "Something happened again during the night of July 2, 2004.I must confess that I am getting really tired of this and scared. Mostly I don't understand what's happening. I am sending you two pictures that I tookwith my digital camera. Zoom on the lower part and you'll see a triangle almost identical to the mark I find on my arm from time to time. The other picture shows two unidentified objects, greenish in color and facing each other. I took these pictures around 4 o'clock in the morning. I was mesmerized by the sky on that night, at that time. I was glued to the window without knowing exactly why. I fell asleep suddenly in the living room after taking the pictures. And again I felt something abnormal happened to me. Brian Vike writes, "This person has had ongoing close encounters on previous occasions." Thanks to Brian Vike, [www.hbccufo.com](http://www.hbccufo.com)

REDCLIFF, ALBERTA - Two brothers were sitting out on the deck of their Dad's old farmhouse drinking iced tea on July 8, 2004, when they saw awhite beam of light extending downwards into the trees. After about six or seven seconds, the beam seemed to angle and the nose of a blackish triangular thing became visible. Then a thin row of pale lights outlined the bottom of the craft. It seemed to rotate once, so another point was facing our direction and took off in a blink of an eye over us and the house. We raced to the front yardto see if we could still see it, but it was gone. It made little to no noise and left a misty trail. My brother, who has insisted we are "not alone" hashad four encounters now....this is the first time I've ever believed him. This is the first time I've ever imagined something like this was possible. It actually drove us apart, and there was a time where we hadn't spoken for over a year. Thanks to Brian

Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research [www.hbccufo.com](http://www.hbccufo.com)

#### UK/England - Triangle of Three Orange Lights

LONDON -- Looking north from Chelsea in Central London on July 29, 2004, at 7:04 PM, the witness reports, "I saw a strange looking bright light as I went to close a window and it was hanging in the air in line with the 30 Street Mary Axe building in the city." I am familiar with the daily and nightly flow of helicopters and planes in this area, and this light did not look like any normal air traffic. I have lived in the same place for over 15 years, and I know the sky here. This light was motionless and oddly colored, without strobes. I grabbed my telescope and at full magnification, it appeared to have three lobes in an equilateral triangle configuration, each one being an orange color. The three lights dimmed to nothing. The whole event lasted five minutes for me.

He adds, "From where I was observing, it was ten degrees above the horizon. As for its size, all that I can say is that I distinctly saw three lobes at maximum magnification, which is 60X on a Bauch & Lomb Discoverer Zoom Telescope." The sky had broken cloud cover, and there were no stars visible to me at the time. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

KNEBWORTH -- English crop circle has UFO in the background. Photo by Steve Alexander - <http://www.temporarytemples.co.uk/>. There appears to be two disc shaped objects in the photos. UFOS are frequently seen near crop circles. Meteorite dust is often located within the crop circle and within UFO landing sites indicating a strong relationship of the two phenomena.

See: <http://www.cropcircleconnector.com>

To: CropCircleConnec

#### Malaysia - Star Shape Moving Object

KUALA LUMPUR - The witness reports seeing a blinking star shaped object moving at high speed in a straight line. After five seconds it was blocked from view by heavy clouds at 8:28 PM, on July 24, 2004. The object resemble a star, but it was not a meteorite. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

#### Solomon Islands UFOs

In the June-July issue of NEXUS Magazine, Sri Ramon Jun Quitales

II wrote a 'Letter to the Editor' about, "could anyone provide information of the UFO activity on Makira Island." Other people living on Solomon Islands have reported heavy UFO activity and sighting unusually large people wearing grey uniforms. The UFOs are flat string-ray type craft with large round lights on the bottom. They reportedly dive in and out of the water over known deep areas of lagoons. Thanks to Skywatch International

#### New Zealand - Egg Shaped Craft

In the afternoon of July 21, 2004, the observer was looking up in the sky and saw a disc shaped craft flying over. Later that night at 11:30 PM, he was looking through a telescope and saw a bright cream colored light. He and his friend looked out and saw a hovering disc shaped craft with rock like projectiles on the outside surface. They saw a Neon blue beam shine into their paddock. They ran out into the paddock. He states, "Then the rocks started falling, so we ran back to the house and then there was a big flash then that's all I remember about that night. The next morning, I went out to check up on the calves and there were slaughtered heifers scattered on the ground." The craft made a sound like a chainsaw cutting through a log. and it gave a magnetic effect on all metals in a 100 meter vicinity including our barbed wire fence. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

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Secrecy News -- 08/04/2004

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood.nul](mailto:saftergood.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 11:44:11 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 16:40:36 -0400  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 08/04/2004

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
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THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (CRS)

The various proposals to establish a Director of National Intelligence are described in a new report from the Congressional Research Service, which also provides a summary of arguments for and against such a position, and an historical overview of past efforts to strengthen the authority of the Director of Central Intelligence.

The current congressional leadership does not permit direct public access to CRS reports like this one. But a copy was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "The Position of Director of National Intelligence: Issues for Congress," July 29, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL32506.pdf>

The CRS report was completed prior to President Bush's August 2 endorsement of an attenuated version of the National Intelligence Director position proposed by the 9-11 Commission.

INTELLIGENCE BUDGET DISCLOSED IN NETHERLANDS, NOT US

The General Intelligence and Security Service (AIVD) of the Netherlands yesterday published an English edition of its 2003 annual report, which includes disclosure of that country's intelligence budget.

This degree of government accountability is still denied to the American public, although the 9-11 Commission has recommended publication of intelligence spending levels.

"When even aggregate categorical [intelligence budget] numbers remain hidden," the 9-11 Commission noted (p. 416), "it is hard to judge priorities and foster accountability."

The point was reiterated August 3 by Commission staff director Philip Zelikow who summarized the Commission's recommendations in testimony before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee:

"The overall [intelligence budget] appropriation should be unclassified, as should the topline appropriation for the principal intelligence agencies. Congress and the American people should be better able to make broad judgments about how much money is being spent, and to what general purpose."

In the Netherlands, and other democracies including the UK and

Canada, such budget disclosure is taken for granted.

See the 2003 annual report of the AIVD here (budget data may be found at pp. 69-70) (thanks to Cees Wiebes):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/world/netherlands/aivd2003-eng.pdf>

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## Mersin Police Record So-Called UFO Images

From: **Eustaquio Andrea Patounas** <[socex.nul](mailto:socex.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 14:03:38 -0300  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 16:43:57 -0400  
Subject: Mersin Police Record So-Called UFO Images

Source: Turkish Press - Turkey

<http://www.turkishpress.com/turkishpress/news.asp?ID=3D23772>

08-04-04

CihanNews:

MERSIN (CIHAN) - Mersin Security Authority cameras have recorded some so-called UFO images in the sky for the third time in the last 15 days.

The recorded videos were sent to the Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey for examination.

Mersin police, acting on calls from citizens, shot the videos of an unidentified object radiating light in the sky at 4:10 on Wednesday. Mersin Security Authority polices have recorded unidentified objects two times over the Mersin Trade Zone and the ATAS refinery.

Residents of the village of G=FCll=FCbag in the province of Usak had claimed that UFOs were seen in the sky over their village in late June.

On December 5, 2002, in Davulga, Emirdag County near the city of Afyon, a 19 year-old boy claimed that he had captured the images of bright flying objects on his video camera on two successive nights and days.

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 13:45:12 EDT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 16:47:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Sparks

>From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 08:40:33 +1000  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Erik Albrektson <[jaspub.nul](mailto:jaspub.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:20:20 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 19:53:26 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

<snip>

>>>Bottom line is it's simply numbers.

<snip>

>>For what it's worth, the most impressive UFO photos I have yet  
>>to come across are from the 1993 Australian sighting near Maslin  
>>Beach. I have seen printed versions of these that are far more  
>>impressive than even the screen photos below. Do they feature a  
>>"real" flying saucer? Beats the hell out of me, but they sure  
>>are fun to examine!

>[http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/shaman/924/main\\_page.htm](http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/shaman/924/main_page.htm)

>I would like to inform you the Maslin Beach photos have not yet  
>been proven to be fake. Debbie Pyane of AURA has informed me  
>another witness has come forward to verify that what is in  
>these photos is a real UFO as the witness says she saw the  
>objects.

>For the moment we are waiting for Debbie's to complete her  
>report.

>I must admit these photos are great, and as some would say, they  
>look to good to be real.

>We will keep you informed of the outcome.

The website gives very little substantive witness data, no  
names. The photos look faked, like small objects dropped or  
tossed, or montaged onto other photos of the beach sky.

Photo 1 claims to be taken in the West (at sunrise) at 5:45 AM,  
so the bright sun seen in the subsequent pics should be shining  
brightly on the object. Yet the object appears to be heavily in  
shadow. But there is no coherent account presented of who was  
taking these pics, why, what they allegedly saw and when and  
where.

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 14:25:35 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 16:50:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 22:53:02 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 19:01:25 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 14:41:56 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>Others have said that anybody could have found out from the  
>>Truman Library that WB Smith's only meeting with Truman over a  
>>several month period was the 01 August , 1950, date noted in the  
>>EBD. But did they? I asked the TL if anybody else had asked for  
>>dates of their meetings. The answer was NO. In other words could  
>>have, might have, etc, are not the same as did.

>Is this supposed to prove nobody could have found the Aug,1,

>The forger had no need to ask the library archivist for dates of  
>the Truman-Smith meetings. He simply requested the Truman  
>appointments for, say, June 1949 to Nov. 1950. He did the  
>research himself, discovered the August 1, 1950 meeting and  
>found that it was the only such meeting for the period in  
>question. He then inserted that date in the Ike briefing memo.  
>This would have been long before you visited the library.

>Thus no insider was involved.

>There must be numerous historians who used the Truman diaries  
>for this period. No archivist could possibly remember which of  
>them did what, nor would the library disclose the names of  
>previous visitors (unless by police or court order I presume).

CDA,

Cogent beyond reproach. Exactly the approach a forger would use  
if he wanted the document to be "verifiable". Particularly  
clever if the forger knew the recipient (Moore) would do the  
research... or have associate(s) who would.

Since the documents originated in someone's mailbox and not in  
any official archive, and since they clearly serve as an  
indictment of the government as complicit in a lie, and since  
our justice system provides for presumption of innocence, the  
presumption must be that the documents are fantasy. The burden  
is on those that claim them to be real. And so.....

The MJ-12 documents are plainly too tainted to accept at face  
value. Decades of attempts to authenticate them have proven  
fruitless without fundamental conjecture (proclamation). In  
fact, much of the evidence used to support the case also support

the alternative. These attempts fail to prove beyond a preponderance of the evidence that the documents are genuine, or anything beyond the capabilities of an informed forger who knew exactly to whom the documents should be "leaked".

As a "civil" matter, the case for the MJ-12 documents fails.

Likewise, the MJ-12 documents neither bear on the question of what actually happened at Roswell and vicinity in 1947, nor on the integrity of those who worked to confirm the documents' veracity.

Let us apply this kind of investigatory vigor and scientific mind-set to more contemporary cases...cases on which time and deceit have yet to have deleterious effect.

Kyle

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## New Mars Rover UFO Photos

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 13:52:34 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 16:53:25 -0400  
Subject: New Mars Rover UFO Photos

Always nice to get something showing up in the sky of Mars, since it makes it so much easier to dismiss birds, planes, Superman, etc.

Some interesting little shiny pixels showed up in the sky in some of the Sol 206 (Aug. 2) photos. Two sets of stereo photos show a vertically elongated "something" in the sky. Doesn't appear to be a faulty pixel batch.

No detail, other than the verticality. By putting the photos in proper stereo alignment, the pixels definitely don't line up as if they were a distant, deep sky object, like a star or passing moon. Either that, or it's bouncing around in the sky a lot.

Somebody with a little better image manipulation skill than myself can maybe put them in proper stereo, and since we know how far apart the stereo pancam lenses are, a little math might be able to approximate a distance.

Find the UFO approx. 11 o'clock, high in the sky:

<http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/spirit/pancam/2004-08-02/2P144570850EFF8100P2397L7M1.JPG>

<http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/spirit/pancam/2004-08-02/2P144570850EFF8100P2397R1M1.JPG>

<http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/spirit/pancam/2004-08-02/2P144570877EFF8100P2397L7M1.JPG>

<http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/spirit/pancam/2004-08-02/2P144570877EFF8100P2397R1M1.JPG>

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Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 15:38:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 16:55:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - King

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 05:52:59 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 22:45:25 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>>From: Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo <[ufomiami.nul](mailto:ufomiami.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 23:13:27 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

><snip>

>>>If we were supposed to be scientifically inclined, why, I  
>>>wonder... without strong data, only with some witnesses and a  
>>>"doctor" stories did we assume the E.T. hypothesis?

>>Please review the info about the Varginha Case. You will easily  
>>find out that there is an amazing and overwhelming amount of  
>>data to stress out the alien and the craft=B4s debris as non-  
>>terrestrial.

>>The "Doctor" report is one of great value to the  
>>research of the case and to the entire Ufology field. When have  
>>we ever heard of someone involved in the health area to claim  
>>with such certainty to have had an alien creature in his  
>>hospital? Plus, he wasn=B4t alone with the creature and his  
>>feelings about its nature were shared with other professionals.

>I'm still waiting to see any medical scientific data  
>supposedly transmitted by the "Doctor" to another MD  
>"professional." None has been provided. There was a claim by  
>the "Doctor" that he had tested the "tensile strength" of the  
>creature's protruding broken bone. As tensile strength is  
>determined by stretching till it breaks this would be a  
>violation of a medical doctor's Hippocratic Oath and would be  
>grounds for revoking his license to practice medicine in most  
>civilized countries. We don't even treat animals that way.  
> Such a bizarre and cruel test, inflicting great pain, would  
>surely also have upset the soldiers allegedly guarding the  
>creature, who would surely have prevented the "Doctor" from  
>carrying out such a procedure.

Brad,

While I agree with your assessment of the "Doctor"'s report, I differ on your characterization of the test of "tensile strength" regarding the being's bone. As the fracture was of a compound nature, the bone would likely be splintered. The fragments would be removed from the surrounding wound as a matter of course, to prevent infection and to prepare the area for treatment (setting and casting the break).

Any of these splinters or fragments could have been used in a

basic test of tensile strength.

That said, the report remains far too tenuous and devoid of any real medical data on which to base any conclusions.

Kyle

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## Re: Link to Max Burns' "The Usual Suspects" PDF -

From: **Nicholas Redfern** <[nick.redfern.nul](mailto:nick.redfern.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 13:43:24 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 17:01:33 -0400  
Subject: Re: Link to Max Burns' "The Usual Suspects" PDF -

>From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 09:10:57 -0500  
>Subject: Link to Max Burns' "The Usual Suspects" PDF

I have just read Max Burns' piece on Dave Clarke and Andy Roberts.

Max states that with Andy and Dave I took the easy option re their views/comments, changed my opinions on the Berwyn case because of Andy's attacks and am now quite pally with the terrible twosome and stand in line rather than stand up.

Okay, let's look at the facts (quickly, as this in no way advances ufology, but it does allow me to at least put the matter in its right context for anyone that reads Max's article). First, I don't ever go along with what people say because it's the easy option. I go through life doing exactly what I want to do on my own terms, hence the reason why I have never worked 9 to 5 for nearly 20 years - I don't like being told what to do by other people.

Max also states that I am now friends with Andy and that this largely stemmed following a vicious attack on me and my conclusions on the notorious Berwyn case of 1974. Saying that I am now quite friendly with Andy implies that this wasn't always the case. However, it WAS always the case. I have got on very well with Andy right back to the days when I used to subscribe to his UFO Brigantia magazine way back in the 80s. For some reason, so many people in ufology seem to think that if you disagree vehemently with someone else on a ufological issue, you can't be friends with them - which is crazy.

Fact is: Andy and I still disagree on a lot when it comes to ufology (and - shock! even on the Berwyns on a few points), but it doesn't mean we can't sit down and have a pint together. Furthermore, Max says that my turnaround and standing in line approach came after I was viciously attacked in Andy's Armchair Ufologist re my views on the "British Roswell" - the Berwyn Mountain case of 1974.

Er, no, actually, that isn't what happened. What happened was this: Andy sent me his report on the Berwyn incident which, when I read it, led me to believe that he had come up with the best explanation for the case. Granted, there are still some anomalies, but as far as being largely solved, I think Andy has done that.

And as someone who has never "needed" to believe in UFOs, I decided to discard the Berwyn case as being an example of a genuine UFO incident and I moved on. And this was based on me studying Andy's data and comparing it to other people's and then coming to a conclusion. It had NOTHING to do with me getting in line, taking an easy option or not wanting to confront Andy and Dave and playing it safe. It comes down to the fact (and nothing else) that, as far as I am concerned, Andy had solved the story. In fact, I fail to see how when presented with the evidence anyone can see my stance as anything than what it is.

Now it is true that many of my previous beliefs on the UFO subject have changed and changed radically, and it's also true that this is in part due to Dave and Andy. But...it's not due to me taking a soft line or "towing the line" or bullying tactics. You really think I would stand for something like that Max? If you do, you truly don't know me at all. It is purely and simply that the research they have done on Govt files in particular has led me to alter many of my views. It really is that simple. But as I don't "live" for UFOs in a geeky "I want to believe" style, I have no problem changing my views when the evidence suggests change is needed.

Nick Redfern

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## Re: Varginha Again - Gevaerd

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 17:12:41 -0300  
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Aug 2004 06:52:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha Again - Gevaerd

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 05:52:59 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 22:45:25 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Varginha Again

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>>The "Doctor" report is one of great value to the  
>>research of the case and to the entire Ufology field. When have  
>>we ever heard of someone involved in the health area to claim  
>>with such certainty to have had an alien creature in his  
>>hospital? Plus, he wasn't alone with the creature and his  
>>feelings about its nature were shared with other professionals.

>A.J.,

>I'm still waiting to see any medical scientific data  
>supposedly transmitted by the "Doctor" to another MD  
>"professional." None has been provided.

So are we, Brad. We would love to have that info and spread it all over after have it checked out. However, the "Doctor" only agreed to see Doc Leir after a lot of insistance from Ubirajara, who is an acquaintace of him for decades. He refused to go into details as he is very much afraid something may happen to him.

There was a claim by the "Doctor" that he had tested the "tensile strength" of the creature's protruding broken bone. As tensile strength is determined by stretching till it breaks this would be a violation of a medical doctor's Hippocratic Oath and would be grounds for revoking his license to practice medicine in most civilized countries. We don't even treat animals that way. Such a bizarre and cruel test, inflicting great pain, would surely also have upset the soldiers allegedly guarding the creature, who would surely have prevented the "Doctor" from carrying out such a procedure.

I do not know exactly what did the "Doctor" referred to when he used the expression "tested". I guess he only conducted a superficial exam, nothing close to a complete anamnesis. But I will double check and let you know. Before I do so, please have in mind that the "Doctor" only had the creature in his hospital bed for a short time, during what he was constantly watched.

ATB...

A. J.

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 17:13:19 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Aug 2004 06:56:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

>From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 08:40:33 +1000  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Erik Albrektson <[jaspub.nul](mailto:jaspub.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:20:20 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 27 Jul 2004 19:53:26 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>><snip>

>>>Bottom line is it's simply numbers.

>><snip>

>>For what it's worth, the most impressive UFO photos I have yet  
>>to come across are from the 1993 Australian sighting near Maslin  
>>Beach. I have seen printed versions of these that are far more  
>>impressive than even the screen photos below. Do they feature a  
>>"real" flying saucer? Beats the hell out of me, but they sure  
>>are fun to examine!

>>[http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/shaman/924/main\\_page.htm](http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/shaman/924/main_page.htm)

>I would like to inform you the Maslin Beach photos have not yet  
>been proven to be fake. Debbie Pyane of AURA has informed me  
>another wittiness has come forward to verify that what is in  
>these photos is a real UFO as the witness says she saw the  
>objects.

Hi Diane,

If you wanted to be more objective, you could have modified  
that, by saying there is an, "alleged witness".

But, I suspect your unconscious has spilled your real inner  
knowledge to us by your spelling of the word "witness" as  
"wittiness". Freudian slips are pretty witty and revealing,  
sometime. :)

Since this photographer has made his phony photos available on  
the internet for years (You may know where else.), if one is  
willing to accept the testimony of one single after-the-photos-  
are-out witness in preference to the self-contained evidences  
that the photos are fake, then I question that person's  
reliability as a UFO photo case researcher.

If this alleged witness did not make her claim before those  
photos were circulated, I say forget it. Yet, she might even be  
an accomplice of the photographer. An independent person might  
be seeking a bit of attention. There are some persons who can  
read of almost any event and convince themselves of personally  
having been there. They are known as schizophrenics.



Now, let me illustrate how unreliable I consider single-witness testimony (without that person having also taken credible photos) after publication of any UFO photos or films to be (even when they are real ones), and how I put that consideration into practice:

On October 5, 1985, in Corpus Christi, Texas, four adults (including me) and two children (mine) witnessed an incredible procession of seven UFOs (all alike except the last one, which was totally different in appearance) while I filmed (via 10-X optical telephoto) four of the objects before I ran out of super 8 mm Kodachrome movie film. One of the six identical UFOs was filmed by me as it extended a slowly-extending beam (electrical blue with magenta nodes), rotated it around pretty much in our direction, and then 'reversed it back in'. Those UFOs were not blobs of light, but structured objects, rendering structural details and vividly colored plasma from-rim emission patterns well-resolved in the movie.

All four of us witnesses were on the semi-circular Emerald Cove break-water jetty that extends out from the north end of the beach of Corpus Christi Bay, which jetty extends off the north end of the E.B. Cole Park immediately to its south.

There were probably several hundred people out at that adjacent area on that beautiful October weekend day, and since all of us on that little jetty saw the UFO procession, I am confident that a large number of those at the adjacent park witnessed what was happening, as well. One of the objects in the procession stopped and hovered almost overhead, waiting for another identical structured, plasma-pattern-emitting object to come across the sky from the northeast on a horizontal path, and then both took off, closely side-by-side (only a few diameters separating them), disappearing due to the distance on an almost vertical climb.

Well, here comes the additional-witness-seeking-caveat: After seeing how propulsion-diagnostically excellent and detailed the movie had turned out, I phoned the local newspaper, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times, and talked to a reporter. I was cautious not to give him any description of the appearance of the two types of objects (recording of that conversation in my file on the case), but only said that a group of us on the bay that October 5 mid-afternoon had seen and filmed some highly strange objects that flew over, and asked if the newspaper had received any reports concerning strange objects in the sky in mid-afternoon.

The reporter said, yes, that he had received a call from a 12 or 14-year old boy (I have not listened to the tape recently.) who had, in fact, photographed what he felt was a UFO passing over in mid-afternoon on October 5, 1985. The boy had said that the film was unprocessed, and (at the reporter's request) the kid's mother brought him down to the newspaper for them to process the film.

Of course, the boy had used only a small, inexpensive camera with short focal-length lens, so although his photo (Or was it photos?) showed a bright object, the reporter was disappointed - - Perhaps he expected a little green man waving out a UFO window. :) -- and so told the boy that he had, "... only filmed a satellite..."!!! Now, understand, that the reporter-alleged "satellite" had been seen and photographed in mid-afternoon on a bright October day (not at night), at the same time as our movie-visual event.

The reporter admitted that the poor kid protested, insisting that it was not a satellite he had seen, but the reporter insisted and said he would not publish anything about it. The reporter went on to claim that he eventually convinced the kid that he had only photographed a satellite, but I doubt that.

When the reporter told me that disgusting story, I, too, protested and asked him to put me in contact with either the youthful photographer or his mother, but he refused, saying they might not want anyone to know they had been fooled by a satellite! One wonders why the boy called the paper in the first place, if they were afraid of people knowing they thought a UFO had been seen and photographed!

That failed, I asked the reporter to carry a story that UFOs had reportedly been seen by at least six witnesses and filmed by one of them, along with a request that any observers contact me, in confidence, if needed. Idiotically, the reporter responded that he would publish such a story and request for additional witnesses only if I would provide them with frame prints from the UFO movie to publish along with the request!

I protested that an objective, investigative type reporter would not be willing to show potential 'witnesses' exactly what one of the objects looked like via images from my movie. I assured him that unless such a witness had photos to back up any claim of having seen what we had seen and filmed, such information-fed witness testimony is essentially worthless. I told him that I would be willing to supply them film images after the experiment was successfully over, but only then.

Even with that plea for investigative caution and rationality, the reporter refused to cooperate. What a dunce!

So, Diane, considering the fact that what was shown in those Maslin Beach photos was potentially well-known all over the world, an after-the-fact alleged single witnesses should really not play a part in evaluating those photos.

>For the moment we are waiting for Debbie's to complete her  
>report.

>I must admit these photos are great...

Great is as great does, and those fake photos don't do a thing to help scientific UFOlogy, and potentially could harm it.

I somehow don't think you're really sure about those photos being "great", Diane. O.K., you are a blonde, but I've never thought of you as a case of the fabled dumb blonde. :)

Sorry, but "great" does not fit those photos. I could think of a few short, descriptive words, but...

One really lives in the fabled Land of Oz, though, if one believes those photos! :)

Ray Stanford

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - King

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Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - King

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 07:47:09 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 15:16:52 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>While suspension is most often assumed to mean a single "string"  
>>attached to the center of the object at one end and a fishing  
>>pole or some such at the other, a much more valuable (read  
>>anomalous) range of motion is attainable when the object is  
>>suspended from a line or lines attached to a separate line which  
>>is supported at each end. An earlier post supposed a mesh of  
>>some sort... equally effective.

>I've always been a fan of using large panes of glass or some  
>other transparent material. They're heavy, and there are  
>reflection problems you have to worry about, but it does  
>eliminate that annoying string.

>A more expensive but infinitely better solution is to create an  
>actual 8-meter diameter flying saucer, a dirigible light enough  
>to float with helium and send it up. No strings, no  
>reflections. You can even show it landed. Pose a few phoney  
>but realistic-looking aliens around it and voy-lah! Instant  
>CE-III.

>Funny nobody's gone to those lengths yet (as far as we know).

Tim,

Good points all, but...

"As far as we know"...there's the important point. Until  
researched, EVERY "UFO" photo should be presumed fake, as we  
know that hoaxers various levels of "expertise" abound and for  
multiple reasons.

Also don't forget that a couple of garbage can lids duct-taped  
together and hurled through the air could work as well, and  
wouldn't require string or helium. In the case of still  
photographs, you could "toss and shoot" numerous times and later  
pick out the ones that were most convincing.

What would advance this photo case? I'd want to see the original  
negatives bearing sequence numbers, and the permission to make  
one-off enlargements of them in a professional lab.

Without that the case must remain "presumed hoax".

Kyle

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 13:52:34 -0500  
>Subject: New Mars Rover UFO Photos

>Always nice to get something showing up in the sky of Mars,  
>since it makes it so much easier to dismiss birds, planes,  
>Superman, etc.

<snip>

Hi Tim,

This is obviously a blemish or aberration of the lens. If you do a blink between the two Left Navigation Cameras you will see this speck is in exactly the same position relative to the image even though the camera is looking in different directions.

<http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/spirit/pancam/2004-08-02/2P144570850EFF8100P2397L7M1.JPG>  
<http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/spirit/pancam/2004-08-02/2P144570877EFF8100P2397L7M1.JPG>

You get the same result when you blink the two Right Navigation camera images.

<http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/spirit/pancam/2004-08-02/2P144570850EFF8100P2397R1M1.JPG>  
<http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/spirit/pancam/2004-08-02/2P144570877EFF8100P2397R1M1.JPG>

Terry

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>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 13:52:34 -0500  
>Subject: New Mars Rover UFO Photos

>Always nice to get something showing up in the sky of Mars,  
>since it makes it so much easier to dismiss birds, planes,  
>Superman, etc.

>Some interesting little shiny pixels showed up in the sky in  
>some of the Sol 206 (Aug. 2) photos. Two sets of stereo photos  
>show a vertically elongated "something" in the sky. Doesn't  
>appear to be a faulty pixel batch.

>No detail, other than the verticality. By putting the photos in  
>proper stereo alignment, the pixels definitely don't line up as  
>if they were a distant, deep sky object, like a star or passing  
>moon. Either that, or it's bouncing around in the sky a lot.

>Somebody with a little better image manipulation skill than  
>myself can maybe put them in proper stereo, and since we know  
>how far apart the stereo pancam lenses are, a little math might  
>be able to approximate a distance.

>Find the UFO approx. 11 o'clock, high in the sky:

><http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/spirit/pancam/2004-08-02/2P144570850EFF8100P2397L7M1.JPG>

><http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/spirit/pancam/2004-08-02/2P144570850EFF8100P2397R1M1.JPG>

><http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/spirit/pancam/2004-08-02/2P144570877EFF8100P2397L7M1.JPG>

><http://qt.exploratorium.edu/mars/jpl-images/web/spirit/pancam/2004-08-02/2P144570877EFF8100P2397R1M1.JPG>

Tim,

The photos look like a Mogul balloon crash site. ;-)

But "UFO?" I can't get excited by a pinpoint dot in any film image, which could be just about anything... unless it does something UFOlike (as established by me and others over the years) such as hover, then change position rapidly, dart to and fro, and all the other firmly established patterns which provide a meaningful definition of "UFO". A semantical problem, perhaps, but an important distinction. Nothing is a "UFO" until some extensive investigation has been conducted and no obvious mundane answer is found.

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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 18:42:29 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

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>>>>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 16:13:43 EDT  
>>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>Thanks Jim, just what I was looking for, though please note that  
>>the context of my request was that as I have been saying all  
>>along, the SETI community (such as Fogg in Icarus) has been  
>>publishing models of ETH but that the UFO community has not, or  
>>has only very isolated instances that are not cumulatively built  
>>upon, so I would be "delighted" to find some overlooked "body of  
>>literature" by the UFO community attempting to model ETH in a  
>>testable quantitative way, as Jerry seemed to imply or allude to  
>>existing somewhere.

>Well, Swords's work, as I've stated explicitly several times.

>More important, however, a question:

>Where exactly in the SETI literature has someone written that he  
>or she would take the UFO question seriously if ufologists  
>proposed a model of the ETH such as you demand? I have read all  
>sorts of anti-UFO arguments, none especially cogent, in that  
>literature; but if one mounts an argument like yours, I haven't  
>seen or heard of it. My not-uninformed impression is that for  
>the SETI types, the lack of modeling is not the reason for their  
>refusal to consider UFO evidence, and you're advancing a  
>criticism of ufology that not even the standard debunking  
>critics advance.

The "debunkers" as you call "them" would rely on the lack of  
scientifically testable models because they inherently cannot be  
"debunked". "They" would never use this lack to further "their"  
more "evil" motives. Far better to inflame the tender egos of  
the "believers" and obfuscate the debate... or reduce it to  
name-calling.

Ufology's best course is to develop testable hypotheses, use  
thorough objective scientific analysis, and refrain from  
declaring the UFO riddle solved by curious photos alone.

What would be left for the "debunkers" to debunk?

I am not convinced of the ETH. I am exceptionally curious about



the things that have been seen and experienced, however. My mind is neither closed to the ETH, nor accepting of it on the merits. But it hasn't been my life's work, and I don't pretend to be an expert on extraterrestrial craft visiting our planet... or the supposed photos thereof.

I am convinced that there are questions we have yet to answer, and those answers may... or may not... lie in the ETH.

If that prompts anyone to angrily "label" me as a "debunker", so be it.

Personally, anyone who reacts to someone questioning their conclusions with shrill cries of "Debunker!" are simply unable to support their conclusion, or insufficiently intelligent to be able to do so. The "Debunker" label presumably means that any dissent is to be discarded. How convenient.

Like my rants against the Iraq war weeks before it began were met with shrill cries of "Traitor!!". Those voices are rather quiet now.

I believe we are individuals with our own minds, or without as the case may be.

Kyle

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## Re: More Daytime UFOs Videoed - King

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Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Aug 2004 08:58:58 -0400  
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>Subject: Re: More Daytime UFOs Videoed

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
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>>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 11:32:04 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: More Daytime UFOs Videoed

>>>From: Tim Shell <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
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>>>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 14:13:12 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: More Daytime UFOs Videoed

>>>>From: Barry Taylor <[stingray.nul](mailto:stingray.nul)>  
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>>>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 17:41:20 +1000  
>>>>Subject: More Daytime UFOs Videoed

>>>><http://theozfactor.nucleardays.com/ufo-16july2004.htm>

>>>>Gotta get an optical zoom. That digital zoom stuff is just awful,  
>>>>and "enhancing" those little smeared-out pixels really doesn't  
>>>>help. Optical is the only way to go.

>>Optical zoom would have resulted in a mundane photo of a mylar  
>>balloon cluster. Where's the fun in that? :)

>Digital zoom is only used momentarily to see if anything useful  
>can be salvaged from the digital zoom images. Sometimes  
>something can. The greater part of the footage is in full  
>optical zoom X40. This is camera max.

>As far as your comment of "Mylar balloons" I find ridiculous.  
>You must be of the opinion that if a UFO is not disc shaped it  
>must be a balloon. Well hey, wake up to the fact that these  
>objects are genuine UFOs.

>I do not know what a person has to do to demonstrate this fact  
>other than try to video them when these events are happening,  
>then present the evidence for you viewing. If for one moment I  
>thought they were 'Mylar balloons', I would not waste my time on  
>it.

>If you continually blatantly 'debunk' the genuine UFO footage  
>Kyle, you will never learn anything about the subject. Maybe  
>this is not your aim. Others with knowledge on the subject and  
>willingness to advance by learning what is being caught on  
>video, will advance in leaps and bounds. Some are.

>It is 'simple research' just to sit back and blindly comment on  
>something you are inexperienced in, when others are out there on  
>the 'front line' doing the hard yards in gathering evidence. We  
>know what side of the fence you are on.

>I hope you can learn to 'look before you leap' next time Kyle,  
>it is much more rewarding.

Barry,

Oops. My bad. A clearer video would have confirmed the obvious... a Mercury-blob shaped, intelligently-meandering craft from another planet.

Forget that there is no evidence that this is anything else, because it can be nothing else.

Since you are the expert here, your rhetoric is sufficient as rebuttal.

I am without argument in the face of such "logic".

And if you think me a "debunker", you reveal an ignorance that is beyond my ability...or desire...to remedy.

But to enlighten me, please explain the rationale behind the behavior of this "UFO".

And please remind me of where my thesis is in error, rather than issue accusatory hyperbole which has no bearing on the identification of the object in question.

If I draw a logically conservative conclusion based on my personal experience, and my conclusion differs from your own, is it your feeling that accusing me of being a "debunker" lends credence to your belief? If so, you deserve sympathy rather than acquiescence.

It's a few Mylar balloons, one or more of which has deflated, creating the "dangling" object.

That's my thesis. I can support it.

Buy a few balloons, puncture one of them, and set them aloft tied together, and whip out your video cam. There will come a moment when the distance is such that your balloons will magically transmogrify into an intelligently-meandering, mercury-blob shaped craft from another planet.

Ignorance is bliss... until it is challenged.

Kyle

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## Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites

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Source: BBC News

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Anyone with an unexplained object that has fallen in their back garden might want to check whether they have found a meteorite.

More than 30 are believed to fall in the United Kingdom each year - but very few are ever identified.

And the Open University is now encouraging the public to become meteorite hunters.

A website will help people to discover whether any objects they find are really from outer space.

The project is part of an Open University and BBC Two series, Stardate, which will encourage people to look for meteorites - which fall at a rate of more than one a fortnight, but mostly go unidentified.

Oldest objects

It is claimed that there are thousands of meteorites across the UK waiting to be found - with only 20 authenticated discoveries so far.

"These are rocks from space and are the oldest objects you can handle. They tell us about the formation of the solar system and the stars that lived and died before the solar system formed," says Richard Greenwood, the Open University's meteorite curator.

"There are two approaches to finding a meteorite; you could either look where other meteorites have been found, as statistically there is a higher chance of finding a meteorite there, or, if you are hoping to find something unique search in a place where no meteorite has previously been found.

"One of the top places in the world to find meteorites is North America, due to its featureless landscape, which allows the meteorites to be spotted easily. Therefore, looking in similar landscapes in the UK could also be lucrative," says Dr Greenwood.

If anyone does find a meteorite which is authenticated, it will be given a name - usually based on where it is found - and will be added to an official catalogue of finds held by the Natural History Museum.

A sample of any authenticated meteorite has to be handed to researchers, but the remainder will be the property of the person who finds it or the owner of the land where it was discovered.

Meteorites have so far been found in four sites in Scotland, two in Wales and Northern Ireland and 12 in England.

The website is to be launched on 9 August and a programme, which will feature the hunt, will be shown on BBC2 in late September.

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## Re: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground Holes

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Subject: Re: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground Holes

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 01:25:39 EDT  
>Subject: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground Holes  
  
>[http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/13614\\_alien.html](http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/13614_alien.html)

>Seems like Pravda is just chock full of paranormal stories  
>nowadays.

>This one is about an investigation into large anomalous holes  
>some believed caused by UFOs.

>A more prosaic explanation follows but still leaves a question  
>or two.

>This reminds me that since the Soviet Union collapsed shouldn't  
>their former top secret UFO information have come to light by  
>now? Why is it every country on Earth seems to have an equally  
>effective 'hush up' campaign or am I wrong on this?

>Considering how conflicting ideologies are amongst nations  
>you'd figure by now our enemies would have figured out the way  
>to bring down the U.S.A. would be to put out as much UFO/Alien  
>information they could.

>I guess the 'evil terrorist empires' we're supposed to be afraid  
>of haven't caught on to that one yet.

As noted earlier, Pravda is no longer a newspaper (as if it ever really was). It is a tabloid, and it is indeed chock full of anomaly news. Compares favorably with the Weekly World News and the Washington Times for the most part.

I have always been curious about your second point, and that's why I visit foreign UFO sites regularly. Malta, Brazil, and even Russia has lots of good sites with unusual stories, if no real hard evidence.

As for your last, it does seem peculiar that if the US was in collusion with other countries to hide UFO knowledge, we'd have enough enemies by now for that race horse to be well down the track.

While absence of evidence is not evidence of absence, absence of evidence is indeed evidence of nothing.

Kyle

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## Re: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground

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Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Aug 2004 09:42:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 01:25:39 EDT  
>Subject: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground Holes

><http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/13614 aliens.html>

>Seems like Pravda is just chock full of paranormal stories  
>nowadays.

<snip>

Pravda is just a tabloid these days, with no relationship or resemblance to the Soviet-era newspaper (except, perhaps, for the scarcity of truth in its pages).

>This reminds me that since the Soviet Union collapsed shouldn't  
>their former top secret UFO information have come to light by  
>now? Why is it every country on Earth seems to have an equally  
>effective 'hush up' campaign or am I wrong on this?

It really doesn't seem that way to me. The current Russian government hasn't said anything at all about UFOs to my knowledge, but some fairly high-ranking former Soviet generals have acknowledged that there were UFO incidents in the USSR on their watch that they couldn't explain. In recent years, there have been a number of countries that have released UFO information that the US government most likely would not have: France, Spain, and Chile come to mind. Also Mexico, apparently. The reason that it might seem as if foreign governments are keeping quiet about UFOs might not be because they really are, but because it's rarely reported in U.S. newspapers. The reporter who wrote the story on the French COMETA report for the Boston Globe a while back said she had a really hard time getting her editors to publish it.

>Considering how conflicting ideologies are amongst nations  
>you'd figure by now our enemies would have figured out the way  
>to bring down the U.S.A. would be to put out as much UFO/Alien  
>information they could.

>I guess the 'evil terrorist empires' we're supposed to be afraid  
>of haven't caught on to that one yet.

I doubt that Islamic extremists would ever even think about extraterrestrials. The subject is just not a part of their world. If they view Americans as "foreign devils," I don't think they'd take too kindly to off-planet visitors contaminating their Islamic culture - unless ETs turned out to be devout muslims.

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## Re: ETH Modeling - Sparks

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Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Aug 2004 09:44:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: ETH Modeling - Sparks

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 08:16:32 -0500  
>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 18:42:29 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

>>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sun, 01 Aug 2004 23:15:35 -0700  
>>>Subject: ETH Modeling

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>>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>>Date: Sat, 31 Jul 2004 16:13:43 EDT  
>>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>Thanks Jim, just what I was looking for, though please note that  
>>the context of my request was that as I have been saying all  
>>along, the SETI community (such as Fogg in Icarus) has been  
>>publishing models of ETH but that the UFO community has not, or  
>>has only very isolated instances that are not cumulatively built  
>>upon, so I would be "delighted" to find some overlooked "body of  
>>literature" by the UFO community attempting to model ETH in a  
>>testable quantitative way, as Jerry seemed to imply or allude to  
>>existing somewhere.

>Well, Swords's work, as I've stated explicitly several times.

Hi Jerry,

I've said a number of times now that Swords' latest ETH work I can find, his article in your 1998 UFO Encyclopedia (which references his own earlier work) does not make any reference to testable quantitative ETH modeling by anyone within the UFO community, Swords himself included. Your own longer ETH article also does not refer to any such testable numerical modeling of ETH by the UFO community. So if you know of such work within the UFO field that is not referenced in your UFO Encyclopedia please let me know. Even if one isolated article can be found somewhere in the UFO literature it won't be a "body of literature" that has been "cumulatively built upon" since it apparently does not even warrant mention in your Encyclopedia (where some "building" and expansion could have been done). I would of course still be very interested even in an isolated UFO article doing such a promising work on testably modeling the ETH (such an article would be historic).

>More important, however, a question:

>Where exactly in the SETI literature has someone written that he  
>or she would take the UFO question seriously if ufologists  
>proposed a model of the ETH such as you demand?

I don't think I ever said there was any such magnanimous SETI spirit toward UFOs, but I've said to the contrary that SETI

takes a hostile, debunking attitude to the UFO phenomenon and has modeled ETH usually in a way that tries to debunk UFO reality, illogically arguing as if ETH was the only explanation and thus if that fails then the whole UFO phenomenon itself does not exist. You need to get out of the trap of the "debunker-antidebunker" mindset, which only leads to nowhere. Free your mind, as they say in The Matrix, from the traps of past cycles of hopeless thinking, and sharpen it with more rigorous thinking.

I've said a number of times that we need to sift out the "good" from the "bad" in the SETI arguments, or if the SETI modeling of UFO behavior as ETH is not salvageable at all, then it needs to be replaced by something better that the UFO community creates, but don't give up the whole project just because SETI has bad motives or comes off with arrogant debunkery, or whatever. We're grownups, we should be able to see beyond the emotionalism and illogic in SETI arguments and seize on the merits and try to improve on them. That is not being done.

SETI keeps doing our UFO work for us with bad ulterior motives and we just whine that they are "so rotten!" instead of saying "Hey, they've started some good ideas, maybe we can ignore the vitriol and nonsense, and use SETI ideas to save us some work and conceptual difficulties." So, if SETI uses silly arguments that each and every UFO sighting must represent a direct interstellar trip from a remote star system, we can just correct that and put in more reasonable numbers based on use of planetary bases, mother ships, etc. But no one in the UFO community has done that as far as I know. And it doesn't stop there with just changing SETI's bad numbers. It goes beyond just one ETH model and one set of numbers, but must incorporate an array of ETH submodels of different possible purposes and behaviors.

The interesting thing about theoretical models is that even if you start with really bad off-the-wall numbers, once you have created the analytical framework for sorting out the confusion into some clearer thinking, anyone can come along later with better data for better numbers and the framework will already be there, the wheel won't have to be reinvented again. Just replace the numbers not the whole framework (unless it needs to be, of course). Every idea has consequences, testable consequences. Once a model has been set down a lot of other implications can be logically derived which yield inferences or may lead to new unforeseen conclusions that might be capable of being tested in unexpected ways.

For example, take the Recon Model of ETH. I'm not doing a rigorous model only a "plausibility argument" for purposes of illustration. I do not have the spare time to work this all out. As I've said we really need a hundred Nobel-caliber talented scientists working full-time on UFOs. But we can build something if we focus on smaller bite-sized problems that are solvable. Anyway I estimate on the order of say 5,000 UFOs sighted in the quarter century of ostensible AF filekeeping on UFOs, so make that very roughly 200 sightings per year.

The Stealth concept would say that most such reconnaissance UFO vehicles would never be detected and only say 1% are detected by accident or chance (there's a number, the 1%, that can be replaced with a better number someday if someone else comes along who has a better grip on this and can come up with one; right now the 1% figure will do just fine for the time being; this exercise is like the inputting of numbers into the Drake Equation in SETI, the numbers can be improved upon with time and research).

Now we would say that means there must really be 20,000 UFO events per year and we just don't see them all, we just see the 1%, because of alien "stealth." However, we run into consequences that are testable: If the aliens are using "stealth" for UFOs as recon vehicles then this means we should usually only catch glimpses when the UFOs do not seem to "want to be seen" and we should see signs of furtive behaviors and attempted concealment, something that can be tested against UFO sighting databases and even statistically analyzed.

We should also find lots more UFOs in the more specialized sensor instruments that can penetrate the "stealth" (perhaps inadvertently) because they "see" in different parts of the

spectrum (or whatever) and fewer in casual human witness sightings, etc. That is then still another testable UFO research idea that comes out of our ETH modeling. As a result of this hypothesis-testing exercise we might come to the tentative conclusion that at least with the numbers we've got maybe the UFOs are not alien vehicles on a recon mission because we have too many UFO sightings (recall one of Vallee's 5 arguments against ETH) and they don't show enough effort to act like they are engaged in concealment, but even seem to be trying to put on a display (another idea that can be modeled and numerically or statistically tested). Ideally a big decision tree could be constructed out of this reasoning process, with many branches of possible ETH behaviors and explanations of purpose, and outcomes of various attempts to test the ideas.

The debunkers might jump in here to say this just means that UFOs themselves have been proven not to exist by this ETH exercise, but we have to resist giving in to such illogical nonsense, and just go on about our work building better theories of ETH (and other explanations besides ETH). So now we test other ETH models and see if they fare better than the Recon Model (for example I already mentioned the "display" concept). A record needs to be laid down of this step-by-step process of thinking and argument. Typically it's done in a cumulative body of scientific literature. And that requires that the UFO researchers involved stay on top of the literature and take advantage of every worthy idea even if it comes from hostile sources such as SETI types, and not keep reinventing the wheel and rearguing the same controversies that were already decided long ago (e.g., we keep having to reargue the issue of UFO cases requiring screening for IFO's/hoaxes first before being categorized as "UFOs"; the UFO community keeps wanting to ignore Hynek and Vallee to shift the burden of proof and declare that all UFO cases no matter how flimsy or dubious shall be deemed "UFOs" right from the start!).

>I have read all  
>sorts of anti-UFO arguments, none especially cogent, in that  
>literature; but if one mounts an argument like yours, I haven't  
>seen or heard of it. My not-uninformed impression is that for  
>the SETI types, the lack of modeling is not the reason for their  
>refusal to consider UFO evidence, and you're advancing a  
>criticism of ufology that not even the standard debunking  
>critics advance.

Phil Klass has spent a lifetime of "advancing" various alleged ETH behaviors to debunk the existence of the UFO phenomenon (with the illogical unstated or hidden premise that only the ETH can be the explanation and only his silly formulation of ETH can "obviously" be used), but usually he fails to put any numbers in his argument. On occasion he has made some semi-quantitative predictions where it is unclear whether he is testing ETH or some general theory of debunkery, and he is always proven wrong. E.g., he predicted in 1969 that UFOs were "pathological science" that was passing away now that man had landed on the moon and that there would never again be a mass sighting wave of flap, of course just a few years later he was proven wrong by the 1973 Flap, so then he switched theories to predicting that UFO publicity in the media is what triggers UFO flaps, but then the mass publicity in the media over the CE III and ET movies, the greatest box office hits up to that time, in 1977-8 failed to trigger any UFO flap.

In the RB-47 case Klass postulated that the ET's could not "see" the ELINT electronic intelligence antennas on the RB-47 jet in the dark so therefore they could not have known the jet was susceptible to mimicry of ground-based air defense radars. But in fact we have ways to detect antennas by reflecting radar beams off of them, since they "stick out" and are designed to reflect radio waves, so the ET's would surely be able to do that too; etc. etc. Yet Klass' ideas on ET mimicry of radar beams could be tested against data from the RB-47 case and other cases of UFO-related transmission of radar and radio signals, if one sat down and thought about it intensively. Theory needs observation, to stimulate ideas, but the observations need the theories to prompt the asking of questions no one would have thought to ask before (such as "how would one know the types of antennas on an aircraft in the dark?"). Data needs theory. And theory needs data. One cannot do without the other, if science is to progress.

Regards,

Brad Sparks

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The Truth Is Still Out There  
By Paul Ginsparg

Ithaca, N.Y.

Stephen Hawking's recent concession that black holes do not irretrievably eradicate information after all has garnered much attention. It is refreshing to see the public focused, if just for a moment, on an important conundrum that has fascinated theoretical physicists for three decades, and prompted much conceptual progress. The scientific issues, however, remain much less settled than Dr. Hawking's celebrated wager on the question. He most recently pronounced: "If you jump into a black hole, your mass energy will be returned to our universe, but in a mangled form, which contains information about what you were like but in an unrecognizable state."

To appreciate why this is different from awakening after any night's sleep requires a brief reprise of 20th century physics. Einstein's theory of general relativity in 1915 was the culmination of centuries of classical physics, and Einstein and others soon found solutions to his gravitational field equations. One of these solutions was later termed a "black hole" in the 1960's, since it describes the gravitational field produced by an object so dense that nothing can escape, not even light. Indeed, the existence of black holes is inferred only through their gravitational effects on other astronomical bodies. Stars recently detected orbiting very close to the center of our own Milky Way galaxy, for example, suggest the existence of a supermassive black hole at the center, almost three million times the mass of our sun and about five million miles in radius. If the mass of the entire Earth were compressed into a black hole, it would be a little ball only a third of an inch in radius. Fortunately, the Earth is in no imminent danger of collapse because of the electrostatic repulsion of its constituent atoms.

Quantum mechanics, which describes the behavior of very small objects like atoms, blossomed a decade after general relativity, and the two are notoriously difficult to reconcile. Thirty years ago, Dr. Hawking published a calculation incorporating some quantum mechanical effects into black hole physics, and showed that matter or energy could leak from a black hole. While surprising, this was not paradoxical since there are examples of processes forbidden by classical physics but allowed by quantum mechanics. Shortly afterward, however, Dr. Hawking articulated a more shocking consequence of his calculation.

One of the central tenets of relativity theory, termed causality, is that nothing, not even information, can travel faster than the speed of light. This means that as long as a black hole exists, no information about objects that had fallen

into it can ever emerge. Therefore, according to Dr. Hawking's original calculation, the radiation emitted quantum mechanically from a black hole is generic, in the sense that it conveys no information. Further, if a black hole were permitted to evaporate entirely, then the information content of any objects previously ingested by it would vanish from the universe, without a trace. By contrast, if you throw your diary into a fireplace, then the information contained therein could be reconstructed, at least in principle, from subtle properties of the resulting smoke and flames. A permanent loss of information because of black hole evaporation, on the other hand, is in contradiction with one of the central tenets of quantum mechanics, termed unitarity, which permits tracking information flow in all such processes and forbids its disappearance.

In the early 1980's, I was fortunate to attend some of Dr. Hawking's lectures in which he speculated on ways to modify quantum mechanics to accommodate this potential loss of information. He stimulated much debate among quantum field theorists, who in turn enjoyed working to rebut his arguments. The black hole information paradox thereby emerged as an important catalyst toward further theoretical progress in reconciling gravitational and quantum effects. Despite many new ideas and progress on other fronts, no definitive resolution emerged.

Near the end of a small meeting I attended in 1993, the question of "What happens to information that falls into a black hole?" arose, and a democratic method was chosen to address it. The vote proceeded more or less along party lines, with the general relativists firm in their adherence to causality, and the quantum field theorists equally adamant in their faith in unitarity. Of the 77 participants, 25 voted for the category "It's lost;" and 39, a slight majority, voted for "It comes out," (that it re-emerges). Seven voted that the black hole would not evaporate entirely, and the remaining six voted for an unspecified "Something else." I voted with the majority, anticipating progress and hoping that one of us would soon perform a calculation to help Dr. Hawking and the relativists see the light. But with the question still unresolved four years later, three of the protagonists eschewed the old political duel-to-the-death methodology for a variety of practical reasons, settling instead on a simple wager whose unsatisfying outcome was announced last month.

It once was that important scientific results were presented to the general public only after they were subjected to peer review and accepted for publication in an edited journal. Some professional journals, particularly in medicine, still refuse to publish results that have already been announced via press release. Since the early 1990's, articles in many fields have nonetheless been publicly available in "prepublication" form through organized Internet repositories, a type of instant communication frequently concurrent with peer review.

The recent "resolution" of the information puzzle, however, has neither supporting publication nor calculation, peer-reviewed or otherwise. While a press release may be sufficient in some realms of human endeavor, one of the joys of scientific research is that it is subject to more objective measures of progress. It is possible that some new revolutionary mechanism to avoid information loss will yet emerge from the latest spectacle. But without even a hint yet as to what might have been missing from Dr. Hawking's original calculation, it is more likely that theoretical physicists will continue to view the information paradox as a profound puzzle whose resolution will provide clues to understanding the basic laws of physics.

String theory, a parallel quantum gravitational effort over the past 30 years, offers many tantalizing hints toward possible resolution of the puzzle. Perhaps some of its ideas have subconsciously persuaded Dr. Hawking to join the quantum conservation of information camp. But should we ultimately be more inclined to trust Dr. Hawking's past youthful intuition? Physicists, particularly eminent British ones, have a historical tendency to stray in excessively speculative directions in their later years. A bigger surprise may yet await us, and those who voted for "Something else" may prove the most prescient. Perhaps the real winners of this bet will be some middle-school students who, inspired by the current hoopla, will help provide a more substantive answer a decade from now.

Paul Ginsparg, professor of physics and information science at Cornell University, was named aMacArthur fellow in 2002.

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## Re: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground Holes

From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 23:13:55 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Aug 2004 10:06:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground Holes

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 01:25:39 EDT  
>Subject: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground Holes

>This reminds me that since the Soviet Union collapsed  
>shouldn't their former top secret UFO information have come  
>to light by now? Why is it every country on Earth seems to  
>have an equally effective 'hush up' campaign or am I wrong on  
>this?

Take note:

Research Institute on Anomalous Phenomena, Kharkiv Ukraine

<http://www.geocities.com/riap777/index.html>

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THE MAGONIA EXCHANGE LIST  
Collecting and sharing accounts  
of anomalous aerial phenomena  
from antiquity up to 1947.  
[http://nocturnal\\_lights.tripod.com/magoniax](http://nocturnal_lights.tripod.com/magoniax)

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THE RETURN TO MAGONIA PROJECT  
Parent project to the Magonia Exchange  
List.  
<http://anomalies.bravepages.com>

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ALIENS ATE MY BUICK  
Frank, unapologetic commentary  
on matters of ufological  
import.  
<http://aamb.blogspot.com/>  
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## UFO Sightings Rise

From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 06:23:13 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Aug 2004 10:11:16 -0400  
Subject: UFO Sightings Rise

Source: The Winnipeg Sun

<http://www.canoe.ca/NewsStand/WinnipegSun/News/2004/08/05/569335.html>

08-05-04

UFO Sightings Rise

Increase Puzzles Local Researcher

By Chris Kitching  
Staff Reporter

There's something fishy going on in Manitoba's skies. Unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings in the Keystone Province are nearing an all-time high, according to an independent group that investigates and records reported sightings across Canada.

More than 50 have already been counted so far this year, double the 25 sightings recorded in 2003, said Winnipegger Chris Rutkowski, co-ordinator of Ufology Research of Manitoba. The most sightings in one year in Manitoba was 74 in 1993.

The reason for the increase is just as puzzling as details of some of the sightings, Rutkowski said. In July, two people driving along Highway 6 near Ponton, south of Thompson, saw two bright, orange-coloured lights zoom across the early morning sky.

"The first one rose up out of the bush beside the road and flew in front of them, a second ball of light came across the road and then both flew away," Rutkowski said. "A woman (in the car) said they were very frightened."

Winnipeggers have reported seeing "round patches of light" chasing each other in the sky above the northeast corner of the city, Rutkowski said.

"I suspect it's some sort of (spotlight) advertising mechanism," he said.

That sighting is one of more than 400 that have been reported by Canadians up until the end of last month, a large jump compared with last year's total of 300 during the same period, Rutkowski said.

One of his favourite sightings is from Caraquet, N.B., where odd pairs of lights were spotted in January above a highway.

"One person reported seeing something with two or three lights and some sort of structure attached to it," Rutkowski said. "That area seemed to be quite a UFO hot spot this winter."

Canada is on pace to top last year's total of 670 sightings, the most recorded in one year, he said. Most UFO sightings can be attributed to natural phenomena or human activity.

"There's a small percentage that we simply don't have explanations for. We can't say they're alien spacecrafts because we don't have that proof," Rutkowski said.

"There's probably life out there somewhere but whether it can come all the way here is the big question."

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 08:46:53 -0300  
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Aug 2004 10:15:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Friedman

>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 22:53:02 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 19:01:25 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 14:41:56 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>Is this supposed to prove nobody could have found the Aug,1,  
>1950 date, unless he were an insider?

I didn't say nobody could have. Obviously you have shown no  
evidence that anybody did.

Please read my discussion about this in my Final Report on  
Operation Majestic 12, pp 41,42. You provide not the slightest  
evidence that there is a forger. Obviously you don't understand  
how the Truman Library and other Archives work.

>The forger had no need to ask the library archivist for dates of  
>the Truman-Smith meetings. He simply requested the Truman  
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>for this period. No archivist could possibly remember which of  
>them did what, nor would the library disclose the names of  
>previous visitors (unless by police or court order I presume).

This is frankly absurd. We are talking about a huge collection  
of daily calendars. "Please send me (obviously too much trouble  
to visit) the listings of all the meetings Truman had over the  
period of time?" Next you will be saying that the supposed  
forger asked for and received a computer listing way back when.  
People still go to the Presidential archives asking that MJ-12  
be put in their computer and give them a list. The files are not  
computerized. "Feel free to come here, register, select which  
boxes you want to review on the basis of one of the many finding

aids, then after a cart with a limited number of boxes is provided, review them and Now (not back then) copy what you want." The Ike Library has 11 finders aids for NSC material alone.

I was at the Truman Library before 1980 when working on Roswell. Much info can only be gained by going there. I asked if the information I asked for had been provided to anybody else. I didn't ask for the name of the person to whom it had been provided. I know how the place works. Obviously you don't. Could, would, should, might ad nauseum. Ever hear of the word evidence?

You are talking about an absurd science fiction scenario having no basis other than your mixed up imagination. Find a publisher, but let's not pass this off as research.

Stan Friedman

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## Turkish UFO Hoax No Joking Matter

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 05 Aug 2004 10:21:59 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Aug 2004 10:21:59 -0400  
Subject: Turkish UFO Hoax No Joking Matter

Source: Turks.Us

<http://www.turks.us/article.php?story040805062058178>

08-05-04

UFO Hoax No Joking Matter

When Erzurum Governor Mustafa Malay was visited by Concert Organizer Mustafa Karadeniz with a plan for a UFO hoax during a concert to promote Palandoken Mountain and to help the Police Association, it must have seemed like a good idea.

Malay told journalists that the Police Department, the municipality government and the Governor's Office were aware of the hoax, noting that the concert organizers were to fly a balloon carrying lights near Palandoken Mountain during the concert. He said the hoax also included a singer fainting during the concert and another few missing after the concert.

Malay must have felt like he was a select few who were in the hoax when the news about the UFO and the fainting singer appeared on television on Tuesday night. Almost all of Turkey was glued to their TVs, trying to uncover the mystery. After the economic and political hardships the people have been through in the last few years and being sick and tired of waiting for the European Union to accept them, the Turkish people were ready for anything. Maybe the aliens could turn the economy around. There might even have been a few politicians preparing an application for Turkey to enter the inter-galactic alliance the aliens belonged to. They were ready to believe. They were seeking answers only Fox Mulder could have provided.

However, the people watching their TVs were not the only ones tricked. When Erzurum Police Department deputy-chief Ahmet Demiral was told that five singers and a journalist went missing after the UFO sighting, he took it very seriously and was not too pleased to learn that it was a hoax.

Demiral said: "This joke is no joking matter. Some guy comes and files a missing persons report. As a policeman, I have to take this seriously. I announced the matter to all policemen in the city. What if something like this happens tomorrow and I don't take it seriously. What will happen to me? No one told me anything about the hoax. If they knew about it, they should have made it public?"

Erzurum Mayor Ahmet Kucukler was also informed about the hoax. He said someone had paid a visit and told him that they were preparing a show, adding: "We were not involved in it. I knew nothing about the details."

During a concert on Tuesday night in Erzurum, those watching the show panicked after seeing an object in the air and a singer, Filiz Karakas, reportedly fainted.

Later on, the manager of the singers, Semih Genel reported to the police and gendarmerie that five singers and a journalist, who wanted to see the UFO up close, went missing.

When these six missing people are found, they will probably wish they were abducted by aliens.

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 09:07:12 -0300  
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Aug 2004 10:31:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Friedman

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 14:25:35 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 22:53:02 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 19:01:25 -0300  
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>>previous visitors (unless by police or court order I presume).

>Cogent beyond reproach.

Cogent? Absurd as noted in my response. Exactly the approach a  
forger would use

>if he wanted the document to be "verifiable". Particularly  
>clever if the forger knew the recipient (Moore) would do the  
>research... or have associate(s) who would.

Really? Are you an expert at document forging? I take it this  
same forger also went to the Eisenhower Library, the National  
Archives, the Library of Congress Manuscript Division, the  
Harvard Archives, ( etc etc) The Ike Library has 15 million  
pages. The National Archives Record Group 341 (USAF HQ files  
through about 1957) had about 9800 feet of material or about  
1000 filing cabinets worth. They bring you boxes. You don't go  
in the files.



>Since the documents originated in someone's mailbox and not in  
>any official archive, and since they clearly serve as an  
>indictment of the government as complicit in a lie, and since  
>our justice system provides for presumption of innocence, the  
>presumption must be that the documents are fantasy. The burden  
>is on those that claim them to be real. And so.....

The documents originated in someones mail box?? Manufactured by  
an elf with nothing better to do? The Cutler Twining memo was  
found in Box 189 of Entry 267 of RG 341.

The EBD and TF were on a roll of film shot in the 1983-84 time  
frame according to the numbers on the side of the film

>The MJ-12 documents are plainly too tainted to accept at face  
>value. Decades of attempts to authenticate them have proven  
>fruitless without fundamental conjecture (proclamation).In  
>fact, much of the evidence used to support the case also support  
>the alternative. These attempts fail to prove beyond a  
>preponderance of the evidence that the documents are genuine, or  
>anything beyond the capabilities of an informed forger who knew  
>exactly to whom the documents should be "leaked".

>As a "civil" matter, the case for the MJ-12 documents fails.

>Likewise, the MJ-12 documents neither bear on the question of  
>what actually happened at Roswell and vicinity in 1947, nor on  
>the integrity of those who worked to confirm the documents'  
>veracity.

>Let us apply this kind of investigatory vigor and scientific  
>mind-set to more contemporary cases...cases on which time and  
>deceit have yet to have deleterious effect.

When did you become a judge? How much evidence have you provided  
for the prosecution? The taint is from the attackers who make up  
charges as they go along.

According to the Questioned document community, those who claim  
that a document is a fraud have the burden of proof on them.

I think I should cross the fence and become a sniper instead of  
a target. No need to visit archives, no need to wade through a  
multitude of boxes of documents, no need to wait for years to  
get responses to Manadatory Classification Review requests. No  
need to find people who may be able to provide first hand  
testimony about the people and offices involved. No need to  
consult with archivists, no need to provide evidence. Just sit  
back in my armchair and create scenarios. When one is shot down,  
provide another.

Soon I shall provide a detailed review concerning attacks on the  
CT memo. I have written literally hundreds of pages about the  
documents and travelled tens of thousands of miles and spent a  
ton of money. You guys sit in your armchairs and do your  
research by proclamation. For shame.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: ETH Modeling - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 08:14:35 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Aug 2004 10:34:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: ETH Modeling - Clark

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 16:49:07 -0500  
>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 08:16:32 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

<snip>

>The "debunkers" as you call "them" would rely on the lack of  
>scientifically testable models because they inherently cannot be  
>"debunked". "They" would never use this lack to further "their"  
>more "evil" motives. Far better to inflame the tender egos of  
>the "believers" and obfuscate the debate... or reduce it to  
>name-calling.

Since I do not know you - and, moreover, have no idea what you think or do not think about UFOs - my remarks had nothing to do with you, so I am at a loss to understand why you've decided to take it personally and injected yourself into commentary that was addressed to no particular individual.

I would, however, encourage you to go easy with the scare quotes. Nouns such as "debunkers" and "believers," pronouns such as "them" and "they", and adjectives such as "debunked" and "evil" do not require quotation marks, unless they're being quoted - as, I gather, they are not in your remarks above.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: New Mars Rover UFO Photos - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 07:08:43 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Aug 2004 10:44:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mars Rover UFO Photos - Shell

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 21:32:02 +0000  
>Subject: Re: New Mars Rover UFO Photos

>Nothing is a "UFO" until some extensive investigation  
>has been conducted and no obvious mundane answer is found.

Well, it's unidentified, and appears to be flying. I'm assuming  
its an object and not a camera defect, since it appears in four  
different photos. My personal under-educated guess is that its  
one of the Martian moons, although I would expect it to line up  
a bit better with infinity in the stereo view than it does.

How about "AYUOTMBAUFO?" for As Yet Uninvestigated Objected That  
May Be A UFO?

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From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 07:21:27 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Aug 2004 10:52:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mars Rover UFO Photos - Shell

>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 16:24:24 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Mars Rover UFO Photos

>>From: Tim Shell <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 13:52:34 -0500  
>>Subject: New Mars Rover UFO Photos

>>Always nice to get something showing up in the sky of Mars,  
>>since it makes it so much easier to dismiss birds, planes,  
>>Superman, etc.

><snip>

>This is obviously a blemish or aberration of the lens. If you do  
>a blink between the two Left Navigation Cameras you will see  
>this speck is in exactly the same position relative to the image  
>even though the camera is looking in different directions.

See? That's why I come to you guys. It was interesting to me,  
because it didn't seem to show up in other photos and seemed to  
change position from one stereo pair to the next. Going right to  
left. But I see what you're getting at now.

I'll keep an eye out for this little spot again.

Hey, how long are these rovers going to last, anyway? Aren't  
they just about dead yet, with Mars winter creeping up on them?

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## Re: New Mars Rover UFO Photos - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 08:34:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Aug 2004 10:55:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mars Rover UFO Photos - Groff

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
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>Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 21:32:02 +0000  
>Subject: Re: New Mars Rover UFO Photos

>>From: Tim Shell <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 13:52:34 -0500  
>>Subject: New Mars Rover UFO Photos

<snip>

>The photos look like a Mogul balloon crash site. ;-)

>But "UFO?" I can't get excited by a pinpoint dot in any film  
>image, which could be just about anything... unless it does  
>something UFOlike (as established by me and others over the  
>years) such as hover, then change position rapidly, dart to and  
>fro, and all the other firmly established patterns which provide  
>a meaningful definition of "UFO". A semantical problem,  
>perhaps, but an important distinction. Nothing is a "UFO" until  
>some extensive investigation has been conducted and no obvious  
>mundane answer is found.

Hi Dick,

In case you didn't read my reply to Tim, I did a simple "blink"  
analysis of the images.

If you flip back and forth between the two left navigation  
camera images you'll see that the speck is located in exactly  
the same place relative to the images. You get the same result  
when blinking the right camera images.

This would indicate that something is on the lenses themselves.,  
probably a speck of Martian dust.

There was an earlier thread about a Martian UFO caught on either  
Spirit or Opportunity (I forget which) but a blink test showed  
it to probably be a speck of dust on the lens as well

Terry

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## Re: ETH Modeling - Clark

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Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 09:03:49 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Aug 2004 11:13:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: ETH Modeling - Clark

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 00:45:28 EDT  
>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 08:16:32 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

<snip>

>>Well, Swords's work, as I've stated explicitly several times.

>I've said a number of times now that Swords' latest ETH work I  
>can find, his article in your 1998 UFO Encyclopedia (which  
>references his own earlier work) does not make any reference to  
>testable quantitative ETH modeling by anyone within the UFO  
>community, Swords himself included.

See Swords's JUFOS piece, cited in my encyclopedia.

>>More important, however, a question:

>>Where exactly in the SETI literature has someone written that he  
>>or she would take the UFO question seriously if ufologists  
>>proposed a model of the ETH such as you demand?

>I don't think I ever said there was any such magnanimous SETI  
>spirit toward UFOs, but I've said to the contrary that SETI  
>takes a hostile, debunking attitude to the UFO phenomenon and  
>has modeled ETH usually in a way that tries to debunk UFO  
>reality, illogically arguing as if ETH was the only explanation  
>and thus if that fails then the whole UFO phenomenon itself does  
>not exist. You need to get out of the trap of the "debunker-  
>antidebunker" mindset, which only leads to nowhere. Free your  
>mind, as they say in The Matrix, from the traps of past cycles  
>of hopeless thinking, and sharpen it with more rigorous  
>thinking.

Naw, I think I'll stay there, since it's an issue that one can  
never entirely get away from, at least at this stage of the UFO  
discussion. To pretend, even for the sake of argument, that it  
doesn't exist and that it doesn't affect matters at just about  
angle is to ignore reality. In any case:

My point was simply that in all my interaction with skeptics,  
both sympathetic and hostile, I have never heard a serious  
argument - a few frivolous ones, as you note - that rejected  
ufology because it had not modeled the ETH. This coming, I  
stress, from persons who want us to believe, contrary to the  
complex reality of ufology's intellectual history, that ufology  
= ETH. The issue has always been the quality of the data. I have  
suggested how ufologists could get a hearing by highlighting  
immediately investigatable, relatively modest questions, thereby  
getting around the huge hurdle, both scientific and p.r., of  
ufology = ETH. That's all. Doesn't seem at all unreasonable to  
me, and in fact that was an argument the sociologist of science  
(and sympathetic skeptic) Marcello Truzzi, no unsophisticated

observer, often made in conversations with me.

The rest of your posting is interesting and thought-provoking as usual, but not directly relevant to my point, which is that ETH modeling may be desirable, no doubt, from some perspectives, but is not crucial to ufology at this stage of its development. I trust that this is a point on which ufologists may honorably disagree, and that since we have made ourselves clear repeatedly, we need not repeat ourselves yet again.

Cordially,

Jerry Clark

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## Canada On Pace To Top UFO Sightings Record

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Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 02:38:06 -0400  
Subject: Canada On Pace To Top UFO Sightings Record

Source: CTV News

[http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/1091744253312\\_2/?hub=3DS=ciTech](http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/1091744253312_2/?hub=3DS=ciTech)

08-05-04

Canada On Pace To Top UFO Sightings Record

Canadian Press

OTTAWA =97 From a translucent, saucer-shaped object in British Columbia to mysterious lights buzzing motorists in New Brunswick, Canadians are on their way to reporting a record-high number of UFO sightings this year.

More than 400 stories of curious encounters were filed through the end of July, compared with just over 300 by this time last year, says Ufology Research of Manitoba, a group that tracks reports of unidentified flying objects.

At this rate, the total for 2004 will surpass the current record of 673 sightings reported last year, said Chris Rutkowski, research co-ordinator for the Winnipeg-based organization.

The group receives reports directly by telephone and e-mail, from sister agencies that follow the phenomenon, and via federal departments such as Transport and National Defence.

Rutkowski isn't sure why the numbers are rising, but suspects it might be linked to public awareness of recent exploratory missions to intriguing planets such as Mars and Saturn.

"I think there is a resurgence of interest in space," he said Thursday in an interview.

Dazzling mid-air manoeuvres were a feature of some of the more dramatic otherworldly episodes.

At a military base in Beaverbank, N.S., on April 23, three people spotted several lights in the east, including a slow-moving red one bobbing up and down.

Suddenly, a second red light swooped in, prompting the first one to climb upwards and fly over it.

In a July 5 incident, a Rosemont, Que., couple saw a very bright red light moving slowly westward. Travelling much too low to be an airplane or helicopter, the object plunged to the ground and disappeared after about a minute.

Two people sitting on a hill in an Edmonton park on June 23 watched four distinct lights hover above them.

"At first they thought it was some sort of satellite," Rutkowski said.

"But then the lights gathered together, close in the sky, and spread out again. They would travel in one direction for a while and then curve back in a very sharp turn in another direction. And they watched it for 90 minutes."

The Prairies seem to be a hotbed of unexplained activity.

In Alberta, 61 sightings occurred up to the end of July, compared with 76 in all of last year. There were 50 in Manitoba, already double the total for 2003, while 19 reports emerged from Saskatchewan, topping last year's 13.

In a widely reported incident, the pilot of Prime Minister Paul Martin's plane reported seeing a "very bright light" falling through the air, with smoke trailing, while the aircraft passed over Suffield, Alta., on March 21.

Rutkowski believes that while most UFO reports have simple explanations -- many being meteors -- a small percentage are puzzling and deserve the attention of scientists. Among notable sightings recorded this year:

-- A semi-transparent object shaped like a saucer flew over a witness in Terrace, B.C., in April.

-- Oval patches of light chased each other in the July sky above Winnipeg.

-- A multicoloured object performed an aerial ballet in June above Shipshaw, Que. -- During four memorable nights in July, residents of Dryden, Ont., took in the spectacle of a V-shaped, metallic craft gliding through the sky.

-- Odd pairs of lights zeroed in on motorists in January near Caraquet, N.B. The sighting was one of many incidents reported by New Brunswick residents early this year.

Rutkowski says there is "just no explanation for what was going on at that time."

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Shell

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Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 08:14:25 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 02:40:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Shell

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 16:15:21 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>Also don't forget that a couple of garbage can lids duct-taped  
>together and hurled through the air could work as well, and  
>wouldn't require string or helium.

Yeah, but from my experience they don't have that necessary  
atmospheric haze to indicate they're really far away.

>In the case of still photographs, you could "toss and shoot"  
>numerous times and later pick out the ones that were most  
>convincing.

And blurring. They don't blur correctly. I think I've developed a  
pretty good eye for these.

>What would advance this photo case? I'd want to see the original  
>negatives bearing sequence numbers, and the permission to make  
>one-off enlargements of them in a professional lab.

That would be a big help, although there are ways around that,  
too. Rephotographing blow-ups onto a new roll, maybe. Although  
if you're going to do that, you might as well fix the background  
clouds and clean up any strings while you're at it.

>Without that the case must remain "presumed hoax".

Unfortunately, while the volume of photos may suggest the need  
for further investigation, no single photo (or series of photos)  
is going to provide that incontrovertible proof good enough to  
get on the cover of TIME Magazine.

We'll still need a sweet combination of photos, physical  
evidence (preferably in the form of an alien being), confirmed  
analyses from government and independent sources, expert  
testimony, high-ranking government testimony, and public  
displays in major cities worldwide.

I always said in my more ultra-skeptical moments, that I want  
the same proof for non-terrestrial life existing as I do for  
proving the chair I'm sitting on exists. Unfortunately, if these  
things don't exist in quite the same reality I do (or my chair),  
that might be difficult. Still, it's something to shoot for.

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## Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
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Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 02:42:29 -0400  
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 16:04:39 -0700  
>Subject: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites

>Source: BBC News

><http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/3530748.stm>

>"One of the top places in the world to find meteorites is North  
>America, due to its featureless landscape, which allows the  
>meteorites to be spotted easily. Therefore, looking in similar  
>landscapes in the UK could also be lucrative," says Dr  
>Greenwood.

Yeah, those Rocky Mountains are not much of a feature. Two or  
three feet high at the most. Easy to find meteorites there. You  
can pick 'em up by the handful.

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Secrecy News -- 08/05/04

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CHENEY BLOCKED INTELLIGENCE REFORM IN 1992

Some of the most important intelligence reforms proposed by the 9-11 Commission, including the creation of a Director of National Intelligence (DNI), might have been adopted over a decade ago if not for the opposition of the Secretary of Defense at the time, Dick Cheney.

In a March 1992 letter to Congress, Secretary Cheney defended the status quo and objected to proposed intelligence reform legislation, particularly the DNI position.

"The roles of the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence have evolved in a fashion that meets national, departmental and tactical intelligence needs," Cheney wrote.

The intelligence reform proposals "would seriously impair the effectiveness of this arrangement by assigning inappropriate authority to the proposed Director of National Intelligence (DNI), who would become the director and manager of internal DoD activities that in the interest of efficiency and effectiveness must remain under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of Defense," he wrote.

A companion letter from the DoD General Counsel elaborated on Secretary Cheney's objections, complaining that the intelligence reform proposal would "give the DNI far more extensive authority and responsibility for program and budget matters than is now exercised by the DCI," which is indeed the whole point.

Secretary Cheney successfully torpedoed the initiative with his warning that "I would recommend that the President veto [the measure] if [it] were presented to him in its current form."

In fairness, it was not obvious, then or now, that the DNI concept is the best or only solution to what ails U.S. intelligence. And it would be surprising if a Secretary of Defense did anything other than protect his institutional turf.

But Cheney's unyielding opposition stifled the first initiative for post-Cold War intelligence reform. As a result, we now face many of the same problems, and the same proposed solutions, more than a decade later.

See Secretary Cheney's March 17, 1992 letter to House Armed Services Committee chairman Les Aspin here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/1992\\_cr/cheney1992.pdf](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/1992_cr/cheney1992.pdf)

Thanks to Robert Steele of Open Source Solution ([www.oss.net](http://www.oss.net)), which advocates establishment of an independent open source intelligence agency.

#### NEW RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC ACCESS AT NRC, NASA, FCC, ETC

New barriers to public access to government information are now rising with extraordinary frequency.

While any one of them is probably of interest to only a limited community of concern, collectively they represent an ongoing mutation of American political culture in favor of secret rule by bureaucracy.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced yesterday that "certain security information formerly included in the Reactor Oversight Process will no longer be publicly available, and will no longer be updated on the agency's web site." See:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/2004/04-091.html>

New controls may be imposed starting October 1 on space surveillance data (orbital elements) that are currently made available on the NASA web site. See this notice:

<http://www.celestrak.com/NORAD/elements/notice.shtml>

And at the request of the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Communications Commission yesterday agreed to restrict public access to reports of telecommunications disruptions, CQ Homeland Security reported today.

DHS argued that information about communications outages could provide -- what else? -- "a roadmap for terrorists."

"The commission concluded that the information needs to be not routinely available for public inspection, and the commission is treating all outage reports filed as being presumptively confidential under the Freedom of Information Act," FCC official Kent Nilsson told CQ Homeland Security.

Meanwhile, "Nearly 600 times in recent years, a judicial committee acting in private has stripped information from reports intended to alert the public to conflicts of interest involving federal judges," the Washington Post reported today, citing a new Government Accountability Office report:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A40982-2004Aug4.html>

#### HOWARD MORLAND RECALLS THE PROGRESSIVE CASE

In the late 1970s, activist and freelance writer Howard Morland decided to investigate "the secret of the H-Bomb" and wrote an article about his findings in The Progressive magazine. In a landmark case, the government moved to block publication of his article, claiming that it contained classified information. It was eventually published anyway.

Morland's quest was not universally admired, even outside of government. FAS opposed the frontal challenge to the Atomic Energy Act, concerned that it would set an adverse precedent, which it did.

But the case also raised fundamental issues about the boundaries of government control of information, the nature of nuclear secrecy, and the ability of individual citizens to challenge authority.

Morland recalled his experience in a March 2004 symposium at the Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University marking the 25th anniversary of the The Progressive case. See the text of his lecture, abundantly illustrated, here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/eprint/cardozo.html>

#### THE NETHERLANDS: NOT SO OPEN

While it's true that Dutch intelligence (AIVD) routinely publishes its budget and US intelligence so far does not, as noted in Secrecy News yesterday, that must be the only area where the Netherlands surpasses the US in openness, journalist Ton Biesemaat advised.

"I can assure you that the level of openness in the USA is far greater than in The Netherlands. For example, in the States archives are more accessible than over here in the Netherlands. Every Cold War archive is closed for too-eager journalists even if you are interested in things which occurred 40 or 50 years ago. Not always are things so nice as you see them in such a controlled publication as the annual report of the AIVD. So I regret to say that the American degree of public access to archives is still denied to another democratic country, the Kingdom of The Netherlands," wrote Mr. Biesemaat.

#### THE CLASSIFIED COST OF ALUMINUM TUBES

The cost of the aluminum tubes that were controversially acquired by Iraq was deleted by CIA classification reviewers from one page of the recent Senate Intelligence Committee report on pre-war intelligence on Iraq.

But the very same information was disclosed on another page.

Thus, on page 96, it is noted that "Iraqi agents agreed to pay up to [deleted] for each 7075-T6 aluminum tube. Their willingness to pay such costs suggests the tubes are intended for a special project of national interest."

Then, on page 115, the report states: "Iraqi agents agreed to pay up to U.S. \$17.50 each for the 7075-T6 aluminum tube. Their willingness to pay such costs suggests the tubes are intended for a special project of national interest."

It hardly needs to be pointed out that the Iraqis know what they agreed to pay, the tube vendors know what they agreed to pay, and those who monitor such transactions at the IAEA and elsewhere know what they agreed to pay.

So the flawed attempt at classifying the information serves no purpose except, optimistically, to motivate efforts towards classification reform.

Thanks to political scientist Christopher L. Ball of Iowa State University who spotted the inconsistency.

The two pages from the Senate report, along with the title page, are posted here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004\\_rpt/tubes.pdf](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004_rpt/tubes.pdf)

The full report may be found here:

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004\\_rpt/index.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004_rpt/index.html)

#### TIME OUT

The next issue of Secrecy News will appear the week of August 23.

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## East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

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Subject: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

Source: The Daily Gleaner - Kingston, Jamaica

October 25, 1954

Visitors from outer space may be mapping earth

By Ronald Batchelor  
Reuters Correspondent

Nairobi

Visitors from outer space are probably observing and mapping the Earth and have directing their recent attentions to East Africa.

That, at any rate, is the considered opinion of one of the leading astronomers in this area, the vice-president of Kenya Astronomical Association, Mr. G. Duncan Fletcher.

He put forward this startling and eerie suggestion after a deluge of reports from scores of observers throughout East Africa, who claim to have seen "flying saucers."

These reports have flooded newspapers offices in the three East African territories of Uganda, Kenya and Tanganyika.

Europeans, Asians and Africans claimed to have seen objects in the sky: stationary; zooming over the horizon; changing colour from white to red, blue and green; elliptical in shape and elongated with upright projections at either end.

First reports of "flying saucers" came from Dar-es-Salaam, capital of Tanganyika on the Indian Ocean coast, and were quickly followed by "sightings" at Mombasa, Kampala and this city.

Here, in Nairobi, citizens telephoned local police stations to say that they had spotted "saucers" circling the suburbs. More than one police patrol car, sent to investigate, reported following the course of "mysterious bright objects" in the sky. Two Europeans on duty at the international airport here observed an "aerial object" through binoculars.

Mr. Fletcher says that he has recently observed something in the sky over Nairobi from his well-equipped observatory here.

"It was about 7:40 p.m. that I had four friends in my observatory," he says. "Very low and towards the east, there was a large light in the sky which had no relationship to anything astronomical, to Verrey lights or to the aircraft which had just landed at the airport."

The altitude of Mr. Fletcher's "object" was about 2,000 feet, was stationary when first spotted by himself and his four companions and "emitted a bright orange light." This light brightened to a yellowish colour and the object rose, dropped and then rose again, finally disappearing through the clouds, he

states.

Mr Fletcher says that he thinks there is no question about the genuineness of reports about "flying saucers," which "have been given by very experienced observers" in all parts of the world.

"Not all the American and British people who have seen these unidentified flying objects have been suffering from hallucinations," he declares.

The most encouraging thing about reports of unidentified flying objects (or U.F.O. as they are labelled officially here), Mr. Fletcher avers, is that "they seemed to be friendly towards the people of this planet."

"From all the information which is available they are steadily mapping every part of our Earth," he concludes

Countless reasons, he believes - and he cites Dr. F. Hoyle, Professor of Astro-Physics at Cambridge and Sir James Jeans - can be offered as to why there should be many more planets, or bodies, in the universe capable of supporting life.

Probably this life would differ enormously from life as known on Earth. "It is possible that whereas we need oxygen and other elements to support life on this planet, entirely different elements may be supporting life on others," Mr. Fletcher declares. "Indeed, the forms of life could be completely different from any that we can imagine."

Whether the beings now visiting the Earth from outer space are short or tall, have blood in their veins, or whether they have veins at all, will have to await their contact with human beings here," he says, inferring that "Outer Space Men" will one day decide to land their "machines" and attempt to communicate with Earth men.

It may be sheer coincidence, Mr. Fletcher says, but he points out that these other beings seem to have been interested in activities on Earth since the time of the first atomic explosion about seven years ago.

"There does not seem to be any doubt that they are miles ahead of us in their methods of propulsion, and reports have been made by observers who have seen these unidentified flying objects over atomic plants, dockyards, airfields, naval bases and some of the larger cities of the world," he says.

"Their approach to us is, I suggest, similar to what our own approach would be if the shoe were on the other foot [illegible word] we were to visit Venus, I don't think until we had made every possible investigation we would land.

The obvious thing is that we should map, photograph if possible and carry out a thorough investigation before we [illegible word] risked life by hasty [illegible word] it is not unreasonable, therefore, that whatever controls the unidentified flying objects is doing exactly that."

Mr. Fletcher is convinced that the objects come from outer space and declares that "their behaviour cannot be mistaken for a meteorite which, on coming into contact with our atmosphere, is pulled at an ever-increasing velocity by gravity towards the earth. The velocity becomes so great that the objects burns up because of the intense heat generated by friction with our atmosphere.

"A meteorite does not turn or hover in the air. Its path is a parabolic curve similar to that of shell fired from a gun. Therefore the things which we have seen are undoubtedly unidentified flying objects."

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## Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 09:52:37 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 03:53:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

There are a few minor transcription errors in my previous posting of the article from the Kingston Daily Gleaner, 1954. Corrected text will be posted along with the clipping at my website, by tomorrow, along with a handful of articles from the year 1954.

Direct link:

<http://anomalies.bravepages.com/post47/53-54/1953-54.htm>

Best,  
Rod Brock

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## UFO Community Bashing

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 13:34:16 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 03:57:30 -0400  
Subject: UFO Community Bashing

Far too often I'm reading about how the UFO Community is this or that, disorganized, dispersed, unprofessional, argumentative, yadda, yadda, yadda.

We've gotta stop this. It's too divisive. This community is global. It comprises the viewpoints of various cultures and beliefs and procedures. One of the most diverse groups outside of 'Star Trek' fans ( yet you won't find Star Trek fans fighting, we get along! ).

With such a diverse group that's up against great opposition from the institutions that are sworn to protect and provide, there're bound to be mistakes, emotionalism, quarrels and such.

Yet bashing the community isn't helping the community. There is no collective group that doesn't have it's share of conflicts and this community isn't any different. Well, it is different I guess because we're trying to make sense from a sea of nonsense and overlooked common sense.

Antagonism and criticism aren't a good start post for getting answers and solving mysteries. Basic investigative and scientific procedure are what's called for. Yes, it's tough but we have to cut ourselves some slack because to study UFOs you're facing every physical and social science and it's there no matter which way you turn. You also have to be knowledgeable of history and religions, cultures etc. It's the most challenging field of study I've ever encountered and that's what makes it good, it keeps you on your toes. Makes you have to study, to deal with people, their viewpoints and conclusions. Often with little or no funding to do so. I've seen people go broke trying to help out in UFOlogy. I've offered help by hooking some of you up with pals of mine in entertainment. That's what I can contribute in one area.

So instead of bashing and berating why not just realize we're all just people (well some of us if you read Hopkins and Jacobs), and even for those of us that aren't 'just people' nobody's perfect even those of us who have four lobed brains. :)

Sure there are going to be attacks but those attacks come from persons with hidden agendas who can't confront, face, deal with issues that they themselves find threatening or above their level of competence.

So I'm not going to bunch us all up in one ball and generalise because it's unfair to the believers and honorable skeptics who do do the homework.

Best,

Greg

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## The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 13:52:04 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 04:16:53 -0400  
Subject: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

This refers to something that came up in another post.

I'm referring to the global dissemination of UFO related stories and events.

My original query focused on news and data from global sources like the former USSR. I had asked that since the fall of the USSR, why hadn't their top secret UFO files come to light by now? Surely they've had their share of 'Roswells' and 'Kecksburgs' etc. Why the silence, if there is one?

We're getting stories from various countries but none groundbreaking enough to shake the gum off our shoes.

So why all the secrecy if any? How is it that every nation on Earth can cover up the UFO/ETH stuff with such efficiency yet still can't feed their hungry, stop malaria ( just read 300 million a year get it and 3 million die.. you'd figure we'd solve this by now after 10 million years of it. )

Countries that don't have roads can somehow, somehow arrive at a UFO event and hush everyone up and cart away all the evidence? The only organization on Earth I know of with that much efficiency and alacrity is Walmart. You open a few acres anywhere in the world and Walmart will be there in a shot without breaking a sweat.

Don't the enemies of the U.S. like mainland China, Cuba, the Al Queda etc. know from the tabloids and websites and radio shows and newspapers and tv specials that the worst fear of the western powers is that UFO information might come to the fore? Wouldn't just one of these opposing powers take a glance around and find some bit of mindbending proof to shake the foundations of we 'Evil Americans'?

Iran, Russia, China etc. could wipe us out with just one, count 'em, one great UFO photo, video, even a shin bone.

Why hasn't it happened? Are we looking in the wrong places? are the billions of communication lines around the world so efficiently perused by secret government figures that no one can get an UFO word in edgewise?

Yes, we do get reports but they're far too often the 'fuzzy picture', 'my cousin's nephew's dentist's sister said' umpteen twice removed accounts.

Perhaps we need to reach out more. I know the lines are thin and resources sometimes scarce but I think if all the media folks from Noory to Bell to Rense to Errol and so forth teamed up and put that reach out there it would really be a blockbuster of a force to be reckoned with. It'd be a new news service like no other because it's what 'the people' are interested in.

Strength in numbers.

Best,



Greg

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 13:08:20 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 04:21:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - King

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 09:07:12 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 14:25:35 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

<snip>

>When did you become a judge? How much evidence have you provided  
>for the prosecution? The taint is from the attackers who make up  
>charges as they go along.

>According to the Questioned document community, those who claim  
>that a document is a fraud have the burden of proof on them.

>I think I should cross the fence and become a sniper instead of  
>a target. No need to visit archives, no need to wade through a  
>multitude of boxes of documents, no need to wait for years to  
>get responses to Mandatory Classification Review requests. No  
>need to find people who may be able to provide first hand  
>testimony about the people and offices involved. No need to  
>consult with archivists, no need to provide evidence. Just sit  
>back in my armchair and create scenarios. When one is shot down,  
>provide another.

>Soon I shall provide a detailed review concerning attacks on the  
>CTmemo. I have written literally hundreds of pages about the  
>documents and travelled tens of thousands of miles and spent a  
>ton of money. You guys sit in your armchairs and do your  
>research by proclamation. For shame.

Stan,

So, again I am labeled a "debunker" or at least an "attacker".

I feel ashamed, all right. Ashamed that I spent any time at all  
commenting on this expecting to be enlightened.

MJ-12 - a subject with only one expert, only one valid opinion,  
and only one studied advocate.

Gee Stan, you win.

I wont waste any more time "attacking". That would be absurd.

Kyle

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## Re: ETH Modeling - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 13:54:02 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 04:23:16 -0400  
Subject: Re: ETH Modeling - King

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 08:14:35 -0500  
>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 16:49:07 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

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>>The "debunkers" as you call "them" would rely on the lack of  
>>scientifically testable models because they inherently cannot be  
>>"debunked". "They" would never use this lack to further "their"  
>>more "evil" motives. Far better to inflame the tender egos of  
>>the "believers" and obfuscate the debate... or reduce it to  
>>name-calling.

>Since I do not know you - and, moreover, have no idea what you  
>think or do not think about UFOs - my remarks had nothing to do  
>with you, so I am at a loss to understand why you've decided to  
>take it personally and injected yourself into commentary that  
>was addressed to no particular individual.

>I would, however, encourage you to go easy with the scare  
>quotes. Nouns such as "debunkers" and "believers," pronouns such  
>as "them" and "they", and adjectives such as "debunked" and  
>"evil" do not require quotation marks, unless they're being  
>quoted - as, I gather, they are not in your remarks above.

Jerry,

My apologies... I must confess that after reading my post in its  
entirety, I included a reaction to another separate post when I  
replied to your post.

You noted that Brad was using an argument that even debunkers  
don't use. My sole point was that debunkers intentionally do not  
suggest what Brad advocates because they don't want science to  
interfere with their cottage industry. By inflaming the egos of  
the UFO advocates, they reduce the debate to mere name-calling  
and ridicule, thereby ensuring that the debate never rises above  
their debunking ability.

(I could barely restrain myself from placing quotes around some  
of the above terms, but for you... :))

Oh, and my use of the quotation marks was to qualify my use of  
the labels I so dislike. Since they are part of the vocabulary  
of this field, I am compelled to use them for clarity, but I do  
not personally feel that they are representative of the  
individuals at which they are aimed. So I am in effect quoting  
others when I use them.

The rest of my response actually was intended for a different  
post. Please accept my apologies for including it. It had no  
bearing on your comments. I must start going to bed before 4AM.

:)

Your post was not offensive to me in any way. I was just offering my opinion on why the individuals you cite have not raised Brad's point themselves.

No offense intended.

Sincerely,

Kyle

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 15:48:16 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 04:25:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 15:43:09 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 02:49:18 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

<snip>

>>I found Sheryl's data alarming. Good point there too Sandow.

>>Reason for asking about artists - including all arts from music  
>>to literature etc. - is because if this was one criteria for  
>>abduction it could mean that because artists communicate in  
>>their various ways.

>>Upon retrospect I've realized the abductees I've talked to  
>>appear all to be artistic in some way. If not all, I'd say the  
>>majority. One fellow, a top jazz musician, I'd like to get to  
>>talk more of his experiences but he's reticent to do so publicly  
>>anymore.

>>Further study and statistics are required.

>Couldn't that simply be because those are the circles you travel  
>in primarily or to a large extent? Various filter factors ar at  
>work in our perceptions of this, including your definition of  
>"artistic in some way." Wouldn't most of us qualify by that  
>definition? Yes, real statistics are needed, professionally  
>analyzed.

Hi Dick,

Gotta disagree big time here though I understand your logic.

Although I'm a professional in the arts, the majority of the  
people in my circles aren't professional artists although they  
are artistic.

The majority of people in my circles are police, scientists,  
journalists.

Yet the artists I do hang out with are for the majority ex or  
present military and law enforcement. My two best pals in comics  
are an ex police officer who became an illustrator and an ex  
lieutenant jarhead whose tv shows you've all seen.

I grew up in a military/law enforcement community so the  
majority of the contactees I've met there are from those  
lifestyles/occupations. Yet the other common denominator is that  
they're also artistic to some degree. Music, writing, sculpting  
etc.

Which brings to mind one of the hotspots in the Hudson Valley  
that people point to as a focal point of UFO activity, Storm  
King Mountain.

I couldn't recall the hundreds of people who've told me outright they've spent many a weekend at the river shore or in the hills watching UFOs fly in and out of this mountain. I thought they were nuts. Even the mobster kids would report the same thing as the cops' kids.

Then I found out there was an art school on top of the mountain.

I don't know if artistic communication is a common denominator of contact or abduction but it's something worth looking into.

Best,

Greg

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From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 07:23:35 +1000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 04:29:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 15:37:10 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 1 Aug 2004 11:07:48 +1000  
>>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>I have found that many of the abductees I have spoken to here  
>>in Australia (maybe 250- 300 by now) are artistically  
>>inclined, seemingly more so than the average person.

>>They either play musical instruments, sculpt, paint, sing,  
>>write (particularly poetry) and follow many other artistic  
>>pursuits.

><snip>

>But before any of us, including me, get too sure of what we're  
>saying, consider this. When we talk about abductees, there are  
>at least three groups of people involved. First, people who've  
>had the abduction experience (whatever that is). Second, people  
>who are willing to admit that they've had it, or - which I don't  
>doubt happens - believe that they've had it, even if they don't  
>have specific memories of such a thing. And third, people who  
>get involved in organized abduction activities, which includes  
>talking to researchers, attending support groups, and doubtless  
>other things.

>These could be three distinct groups of people, overlapping  
>somewhat, but not completely. Plenty of people, for instance,  
>might have the abduction experience and never talk about it to  
>anybody. So when we talk about the demographics of "abductees,"  
>which group of abduction-related people do we really have  
>information about?

><snip>

Greg,

To add to this, people who report their experiences to  
researchers are self selecting and may have a peculiarity of  
their own yet to be discovered.

Sheryl

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## Varginha - Gevaerd Bourdais & Pratt

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 17:40:48 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 08:49:40 -0400  
Subject: Varginha - Gevaerd Bourdais & Pratt

I have been exchanging info about Varginha with Bob Pratt, Gildas Bordais and Doc Leir - off-List - to clear the misunderstandings posted by Gildas. The only misunderstanding is in Gildas' mind.

The e-mail below clears all questions, I believe, and permission was specifically granted by Bob for posting to the List.

Thanks,

A. J.

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From: Bob Pratt  
To: Gevaerd  
Cc: Gildas Bourdais  
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2004 8:54 PM  
Subject: Varginha...

Hello Gildas.

I have re-read, several times now, all of the exchanges between Gevaerd and you and others on UFO UpDates, including the original report in Gevaerd's Revista UFO, and can honestly say I do not see where Gevaerd criticized Roger Leir or the doctor in the Varginha case, or said anything derogatory about anyone (other than possibly Brad Sparks and his friends).

I think again that the problem is one of language. Gevaerd has done a magnificent job learning English in the last few years and probably should have translated Ubirajara's report himself. The translator he used, Eduardo Rado, did (as I have said before) a good job translating but apparently could have done better; otherwise we might not have had this controversy. What was meant only to be an article promoting the upcoming UFO Conference in Varginha turned into a juicy bone that several rabid, grossly uninformed ufologists tore into.

I have no doubt the Varginha case is a good, solid one. I will not try to respond to attacks on my Varginha report because I doubt that anything I or Gevaerd or Roger or Ubirajara say about the case will ever convince the critics that they might be wrong.

When Gevaerd was being ironic and even sarcastic with Brad and the others, I understood immediately what he was saying and why. It meant nothing regarding the validity of the case. I am sure that if he had expected his words would be taken as anything other than irony or sarcasm, he would not have used them.

I believe that saying anything more about this on UFO UpDates will just prolong the mess.

Best wishes,

Bob

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## Re: More Daytime UFOs Videoed - Taylor

From: Barry Taylor <[stingray.nul](mailto:stingray.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 12:07:02 +1000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 08:55:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: More Daytime UFOs Videoed - Taylor

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 17:08:56 -0500  
>Subject: Re: More Daytime UFOs Videoed

>>From: Barry Taylor <[stingray.nul](mailto:stingray.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 10:02:52 +1000  
>>Subject: Re: More Daytime UFOs Videoed

>>Digital zoom is only used momentarily to see if anything useful  
>>can be salvaged from the digital zoom images. Sometimes  
>>something can. The greater part of the footage is in full  
>>optical zoom X40. This is camera max.

>>As far as your comment of "Mylar balloons" I find ridiculous.  
>>You must be of the opinion that if a UFO is not disc shaped it  
>>must be a balloon. Well hey, wake up to the fact that these  
>>objects are genuine UFOs.

>>I do not know what a person has to do to demonstrate this fact  
>>other than try to video them when these events are happening,  
>>then present the evidence for you viewing. If for one moment I  
>>thought they were 'Mylar balloons', I would not waste my time on  
>>it.

>>If you continually blatantly 'debunk' the genuine UFO footage  
>>Kyle, you will never learn anything about the subject. Maybe  
>>this is not you aim. Others with knowledge on the subject and  
>>willingness to advance by learning what is being caught on  
>>video, will advance in leaps and bounds. Some are.

>>It is 'simple research' just to sit back and blindly comment on  
>>something your are inexperienced in, when others are out there on  
>>the 'front line' doing the hard yards in gathering evidence. We  
>>know what side of the fence you are on.

>>I hope you can learn to 'look before you leap' next time Kyle,  
>>it is much more rewarding.

>Oops. My bad. A clearer video would have confirmed the  
>obvious... a Mercury-blob shaped, intelligently-meandering craft  
>from another planet.

>Forget that there is no evidence that this is anything else,  
>because it can be nothing else.

>Since you are the expert here, your rhetoric is sufficient as  
>rebuttal.

>I am without argument in the face of such "logic".

>And if you think me a "debunker", you reveal an ignorance that  
>is beyond my ability...or desire...to remedy.

>But to enlighten me, please explain the rationale behind the  
>behavior of this "UFO".

>And please remind me of where my thesis is in error, rather than  
>issue accusatory hyperbole which has no bearing on the  
>identification of the object in question.

>If I draw a logically conservative conclusion based on my  
>personal experience, and my conclusion differs from your own, is  
>it your feeling that accusing me of being a "debunker" lends  
>credence to your belief? If so, you deserve sympathy rather than  
>acquiescence.

>It's a few Mylar balloons, one or more of which has deflated,  
>creating the "dangling" object.

>That's my thesis. I can support it.

>Buy a few balloons, puncture one of them, and set them aloft  
>tied together, and whip out your video cam. There will come a  
>moment when the distance is such that your balloons will  
>magically transmogrify into an intelligently-meandering,  
>mercury-blob shaped craft from another planet.

>Ignorance is bliss... until it is challenged.

You have totally rejected the possibility of these objects being genuine UFOs without background research into other video of similar sightings from around the world and using them as comparisons, or listening to my descriptions about the sighting. This is called "debunking". You have thrown the baby out with the bath water.

If you insist on painting this type of genuine UFO that has been, and will continue to be filmed around the world with the "Mylar Brush", you are missing the unique opportunity to study very important UFO evidence.

I wish I had the answers to what these objects are other than UFO, but I can tell you what they are not. "They are not balloons". I have received numerous replies from around the world confirming these same types of UFO have been videoed, and are indeed UFO.

Positive contribution toward this subject is paramount in finding answers, you will see fine examples of this by other members/researchers on this List. Maybe you are on the wrong list.

Barry Taylor

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From: **Brian Vike - HBCC UFO** <[hbccufo.nul](mailto:hbccufo.nul)>  
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Rabun, South Alabama, USA Colored Lights

The next set is from a video I shot in the spring of this year. I would have to check the time/date stamp on the tape to get an exact date. It was a clear night and I was headed home down one of the local county roads, about 3 miles from the house. A small plane was out in front of me several thousand feet high when I noticed a red light approaching it. At a distance it appeared as just a single red light. The red light crossed just over the top of the small plane and on its present course would come right over the road ahead. I nailed the gas and managed to get under it as it crossed the road. Hanging out the driver window I shot the video which the following frames come from.

HBCC UFO Research Note: The witness is referring to the white lights which appear in the last few stills on the page.

Below is another set of frames from a video I shot in the front yard this year. I was standing in the yard when the movement of light caught my eye, a ball of light coming across the sky right at my me. I grabbed the camcorder out of the car and started shooting. At one point it passes by a bright star above.

Thank you to the witness for the report and interesting pictures.

To view the picture please visit:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1668>

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Possible Scoop Marks?

Here is the picture. The mark is on the front of my right shin. It is quite a chunk of flesh removed.

The story about this is a non-story. I didn't feel or see a thing.... no redness, no lost time experience, no weird dreams.

But I can tell you this, I periodically read about scoop marks and check for them, usually with no result. I last checked carefully about 1-2 months ago, when reading an article on them. Then a few days ago, I happened to notice this mark on my shin. An injury with that amount of skin tissue loss would be at least noticeable, if not glaringly apparent for 2 - 4 weeks.

I have an old injury on my left knee that isn't 1/2 as deep. It was the result of a nasty run in with the sharp side of a dog cage. It bled for an hour, and was painful and noticeable for over a month. The shin scoop?

It just appeared.

In fact, I just went on a cruise in June and was well aware of any marks that would be noticeable when wearing a swim suit for

a solid week. I knew of only my knee injury.

So where this scoop came from, I have no idea.

I live in Pittsburgh, PA.

Thank you to the person for the sending in the photos of this mysterious mark, where did it come from and when. Something of this size would surely have been noted by the person, but there was no sign of an injury, it just showed up !.

Photo can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1671>

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Sainte Maxime, South Of St. Tropez Enormous Black Ellipsoid Shaped Craft

Date: May - Either 1983 or 1984

Time: 9:00 p.m.- 10 p.m.

Strange how some things can haunt you. I was browsing the Internet the other day with a search for 'UFO St Tropez' because I had a strange experience in that area about twenty years ago.

I was camping in the Ste Maxime area with family and we were walking back to our pitch one splendid May evening having bought some ice-cream at Port Grimaud. I turned to speak when my attention was drawn up to the sky.

It was between 9:00 p.m.- 10 p.m. and the sky was a velvety black, filled with a myriad of twinkling stars. The air was very clear and it was a cloudless evening. I suddenly became aware of something traveling across the sky at an incredibly high speed. What was so strange was the fact that there was nothing to see. Rather, a large proportion of the sky was filled by something that itself was blacker than the sky, and where it was moving, the stars were no longer visible. I called to everyone to look up at the sky to see what I was seeing, and a few of the party had the merest glimpse of what was moving there. My sighting lasted only a few seconds until the shape disappeared over the horizon.

That black shape moving across the sky had been huge, filling about a quarter of my vision of the sky. It formed a perfect ellipsoid. It was silent. You would not have known anything was there had it not been that the stars behind it were hidden from view as it passed and that it was blacker in outline than the blackness of the sky.

I have never been able to explain this experience and there are no records on the internet that I have come across of similar sightings from twenty years ago. I sometimes wonder if I really did see something - but I know I did, and the experience still haunts today because I expect to go to my grave never really knowing what I saw that night.

It was certainly more spectacular than the 'black dot' in the photograph of the boat at the harbour in St Tropez taken on 05/08/2003!

Additional Information:

Dear Brian

I am amazed that you replied so quickly to my email of this morning! I just thought it would be filed away and forgotten about . . .

My memory of the sighting is in so many ways vivid, though the day and year are not clearly remembered! It was either 1983 or 1984 and the month was definitely May. I was on holiday with my Mother and Father, and we were having an evening stroll with some friends we had made at the camp site. There were about six or seven of us in total returning from purchasing ice-creams! To answer your questions:

Q: (Name removed) did the object travel in a straight line, or did it make any unusual movements as it traveled over head ?" and "Can you remember from which direction it came from and

heading to ?"

A: It moved in a straight line, and checking a map, from west to east. There was no erratic movement.

Q: "At the time of the sighting, did you or anyone else in your party observe any aircraft, ? Or were aircraft seen following the event ?"

A: There were no aircraft that I can remember. The only light came from the stars.

Q: "I understand it was a dark night, but I was wondering were you able at anytime to observe any other detail on the object ? Any light coming from it, even if just dim."

A: This is the detail that interests me the most. If it was not for the fact that it was blacker than the dark of the sky, and blocked the view of the stars filling the heavens, you would never have known anything was flying by! No lights. Totally silent. No air displacement. From west to east across the horizon in about three seconds.

Q: "Do you believe the object was high up in altitude ? If so, or not, would you be able to make a wild guess as to the height it was from you ?"

A: Difficult to say. But it was certainly huge and I guess between 10,000 feet - 20,000 feet in altitude. However, I often wonder if it was in orbit . . . and so really huge. The angle it traveled across the horizon makes me think it was not so high in the sky.

Q: "Is there anyway you might be able to make a rough drawing of what things looked like that evening and of course the craft itself and email it to me ?"

A: Other than saying there was an enormous black ellipsoid shape that a quarter filled the sky and moved from west to east at high speed, I could not add to anything with a drawing. My IT skills are not up to it!

I'm afraid that I cannot ask anyone else to add to this account. Those with me on that evening are now either dead, or did not see as clearly as I did because by the time their attention was drawn to it, the shape was gone. However, they all registered that they had been aware of something, but they were so busy talking at the time that it was not memorable enough for them. Only I, by turning to speak as I was walking ahead, saw the shape come from the distant horizon and disappear within a few seconds. They just caught a glimpse of something. If I had not turned round at the time, I would not have seen anything at all. Maybe that is the whole point . . . no-one was expected to see anything at all.

With best wishes.

Thank you very much to the witness for the interesting report.

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North East Minneapolis, USA  
Another Unusual Morphing Object Filmed

Date: February of 2003  
Time: 2:00 p.m.<?/color>  
REGARDING:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1640>

HBCC UFO Research Note: I have the video clip here and it shows a very interesting object which moves slowly through the sky. =46rom what I observe from the clip is that the object appear to be morphing, certainly changing shape as it moves along. Also something else which is extremely interesting is that at one end of the object, there is what appears to be a reflection off of the object caused by the sun, or the object has it's own light source which it is creating. You will see this also in the center part of the object from time to time as well. This is really an interesting bit of footage.



Also the clip is 4.91mbs in size and I will post it for a "short time only" due to bandwidth concerns. Then I will take it down. All of the 18 photos will remain, these still shots were taken from the clip in order. But there would have been hundreds that I could have grabbed but this will give everyone an idea of what and how the object acted.

Hello,

I shot a very similar object on video in North East Minneapolis. back on a cold day in February of 2003... Before I saw the Dallas UFO, I couldn't rule out the possibility that it was some black balloons, but what are the odds of two videos looking so much alike? It gives off irregular brilliant flashes that are too bright to be reflections of a balloon, and balloons would have a constant reflection.

What could this morphing object be?

Additional Information below:

Q: First of all, can you remember the time when this took place?

A: Just after 2:00 p.m.

Q: In what part of the sky was the UFO located? North, South, East, West? On the horizon or straight overhead or somewhere in between?

A: it was SE from my location moving North

Q: When the UFO moved? How far and how fast? Describe its movements in detail please.

A: It wasn't moving very fast I'd guess between 20-30 Mph., constant altitude about 40 Deg. from Horizon, I filmed it for about 2 minutes, until it was too far to see.

Q: Can you please describe the appearance of the UFO: shape, size, distance, color, texture, sound.

A: It seemed to be matte black with 3 round sections that appeared to move yet stay attached to each other. It emitted a bright flash from each section (1 section at a time) It's hard to judge size and distance, but I got the impression it was only '5 to '7 in length. it made no sound that I could hear. If I hadn't been scanning the skies, I'd never have noticed it.

Q: Can you describe the area in which you made the sighting. Is it near an airport? An Air Force Base? A military or research installation of any kind?

A: It's about 3 miles NE of downtown Minneapolis in over Hwy 36, in the 'Home Depot' parking lot. It is a high air-traffic sky (In fact I was filming chemtrails) I was using a Canon Elura MiniDV w40x digital zoom.

Q: Also I noticed a contrail high above in some of the frames. Did the Jet happen to make any changes in direction that is if you noticed?

No, they are much too high and the object is much too small for them to see. I lost sight of it a few times until it flashed.

Photos and video clip are =A92004'SS'

Video clip 1 is of Unknown shaped morphing object 4.91mbs

Pictures can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1676>

The video clip may be pulled by the time you received this report due to bandwidth, but the 18 pictures will remain.

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Phoenix, Arizona Red Object In Sky Over Chandler

Date: July 27, 2004  
Time: Approx: 8:05 p.m.

Brian, I have been trying to see if anyone has reported what my husband and I saw in the sky over the east phoenix area on the evening of July 27th 2004. My husband and I were sitting out on our back patio in Chandler that faces north, we estimate it was about 8:05pm. We were talking and I saw this bright red light coming south from the north. I asked my husband, "what do you think that is?" and we went back and forth for probably a couple of minutes and couldn't decide what it was.

All of a sudden it stopped. We stood and watched it until about 8:25. We got the binoculars out and were looking at it and it was just a red dot. It was the most bizarre thing we have ever seen. It would move a little then stop then move real quick then stop.. all of a sudden no more red light but we could still barely see the object. It didn't really flicker, but the red light would go away and then it would come back a few seconds later. It did the quick movements straight south and then started going east when the light started going on and off. I went and got my camera and my husband was watching with the binoculars. At one point we thought it was gone then it reappeared probably close to a minute later. All of a sudden it took off east faster than anything either of us have ever seen and boom it was gone.

We have been watching pretty much nightly to see if it's gonna be back. It was definately not an airplane because an airplane flew in between us and the object. And it was definately not a flare (usually what they say here) because flares don't move that way and they don't disappear and then come back. I took a couple of pictures but unfortunately all I had available was my little freeby digital camera (Vivicam 10). I have attached them but I was hoping that someone else saw this and has better pictures. Can you please let me know if anyone else saw this, I would've thought I was crazy if my husband and daughter weren't right there with me in amazement.

Thanks!

Thank you to the witness for the excellent report and the photos. Pictures are =A92004LBCSJ

Pictures can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1679>

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Glossop Valley, The Pennines United Kingdom

Date: July 30 2004  
Time: 5:29 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 2  
Number of objects: 1  
Shape of objects: Pipe-shaped

Full Description of event/sighting: I was walking down towards my house behind which is the view of the Glossop valley. Right in the middle of the valley, very high up, I noticed a black object seemingly floating along. Immediately I thought that it was something out of the ordinary as I had never seen anything like it before. It was shaped like a black pipe or rod and it was stood vertically though at a slight angle. I watched it for a few seconds before I called my sister on her mobile to come out and have a look, I didn't want to go and get her in case it disappeared. She came out and saw it and although I was adamant it was a UFO she was more skeptical, although she couldn't tell what it was either. The object was moving from right to left in our line of vision and as it seemed to be getting further away I went into the house and get my Dad's binoculars out. By this time it had moved much further into the distance, though through the binoculars I could see that it was slowly rotating, in the way that it was black but every so often it would show a silver metallic side opposed to black. The whole sighting lasted about 15 minutes before the object was out of sight. Although I believed I had seen a UFO, I was even more convinced when I looked on the website UFOINFO and found that someone had posted a sighting, one that had happened exactly a year before at

almost the same time and which had happened in the same place. The sight report could not have given a better description of what my sister and I saw, and when my sister read it even she agreed that it was a strange coincidence.

Thank you to the witness for this report.

Both John Hayes at UFOINFO and myself received this report.

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Kingsland, Texas Craft, But What Is It ?

Date: July 30, 2004  
Time: Daytime sighting

The sighting took place on July 30, 2004 in Kingsland, Texas after lunch. I am not sure what time it was exactly. I have several other pictures I took just before or just after. I did not see anything in the picture when I took it. This was made with a HP.315 photo smart digital camera. It doesn't really look like a bird when it's enlarged, maybe it could be a plane, but I didn't hear anything that sounded like a plane in the area at that time. I have seen unidentified objects before and I reported them to Mr. Davenport. I also was coming from a small town (Burnet, Texas) back to my home about a month ago. It was about 9:30 p.m. when I saw a big light, like a star shining (silver) just over to the right of my car. It was so close it felt like I could touch it. I am not good with distances or heights. Anyway I watched it until I couldn't see it any more. I started to stop and look at it, but this is a deserted road, no traffic. Anyway when I went back on Tuesday night I looked for it but it was gone. I couldn't tell the shape of it, just light. It was really bright. I travel this road two times a week and that's the first time I ever saw anything like it on that road.

Thanks and I hope this helps you.

Thank you to the witness for being kind enough to send the report and photo along to me.

To view the photo, please visit:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1675>

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Phoenix, Arizona - Incredible New Footage (Three Video Clips)

Date: July 31, 2004  
Time: Between 12:30 to 2:30

On July 31, 2004 I went to my office parking garage and did a stakeout there between 12:30 to 2:30. Between these times I can almost guarantee a sighting in the same general area around these times. A hot spot as we say. I noticed chemtrails being formed in this general area and when these are formed I can usually find a UFO at or around that vicinity. I was there for about an hour and decided to do a walk around because I didn't see anything yet and as luck would have it I noticed a strange formation of lights or orbs to the North.

They were moving West which was against the wind that day so I knew this was something worth taping. The objects never got any higher from the beginning of the sighting to the end but the sighting was only about 2 minutes long. I started to video tape them after a few seconds of looking through the binoculars just to make sure it was worth taping. It was. I was in a parking garage with my camera on the tripod but the objects started to go out of view and I had to go on the roof to see them. By the time I ran up 2 stories it was impossible to find where they went and that was the last I saw of those objects. A few minutes go by and I saw something coming in from the West where the string of lights were heading towards and this object was a silvery-black metallic and moving very fast towards the Southeast. I started to tape it and I noticed that it was turning over and spinning and reflecting the sunlight so you can tell it was metallic. The object was picking up speed and heading in the direction of the chemtrails (Southwest).

It kept a straight line, it never bobbed up or down, slowed down

or did anything erratic. I did notice a red distortion around the object when I played back the video though. After a minute of taping this I lost it somehow when I was trying to get a better view. It was going pretty fast.

I have to say that I was very excited and decided to hang around a little longer just to see if it came back. About 10 minutes later I noticed a white orb by the chemtrail that was formed when I got to the office about an hour ago. I taped the orb until it went over my head and out of sight. It could have been 10,000 ft or higher. I could have went on the roof again but it was hot and I decided to stay in the shade. It didn't matter because as soon as the orb went over my head I noticed a second orb getting ready to drift into the chemtrail. I taped it and it went through the trail from the left and came out the right side. It's so obvious that these are not planes, helicopters or balloons. You can see this for yourself on the video and the events that led up to the orbs in the trails. I lost that orb trying to get a better view, probably went into the trail and I couldn't see it anymore.

The orbs are white and difficult to see which is still amazing to me that I can see them at all. This area that I go to is a hot hot spot. I sent you many video clips from this location. It's right by Sky Harbor International Airport! Why would we be flying experimental aircraft over a heavy populated area and by the airport? Or are we? I have no explanation as to what these are but it's all over the area. I am sending you some clips through several emails in the order this happened. That was on Saturday...wait till you see what I taped on Sunday...more to come. Thank you.

Thank you to the gentleman for the excellent footage, still and the report.

Photos and video clips are =A92004RichG.

To view the stills and video clips please visit:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1669>

Or my main page: Looking for "Phoenix, Arizona - Incredible New Footage (Three Video Clips And Stills)"

<http://www.hbccufo.com/index.php>

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Thunder Bay, Ontario Orange Copper Colored Object Makes "S" Turn

Date: August 1, 2004  
Time: 12:20 a.m.

Location of Sighting: Above our house, over the city.  
Number of witnesses: 2  
Number of objects: 1  
Shape of objects: Round.

Full Description of event/sighting: Looked like a satellite that moves across the sky and twice as big. It was orange copper in the light coming from it....like a street light but brighter. It moved in a staright line like a satellite but much faster, then it did a "S" shape, but not a perfect "S" it was a tilted S so that it was going right and up, left and down then up again. During the S shape it picked up great speed and as it accelerated upward it disappeared into darkness. There was no streak or tail, no sound, and it looked high up like a satellite, but you could tell it was lower, as it maneuvered you could see that there was like a metal texture....that it wasn't pure light. My wife saw it first and pointed up and said "look", I saw it right away as it was the biggest and brightest object in the sky. First sighting ever for both of us. It lasted about 8 seconds or more.

We are both university educated people, I am a teacher myself.

Thank you to the witness for their report.  
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Gooderham, Ontario Two Circular Objects

Date: August 1, 2004  
Time: 3:48 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 1  
Number of objects: 2  
Shape of objects: Circular

Full Description of event/sighting: I was up at the cottage with some family and friends and decided to sit over by the small water falls which run beside our cottage and empty into the lake. The weather was mostly clear except for the occasional cloud drifting by. I was just admiring the view and watching my relatives splash around in the lake and I glanced up to the sky as a cloud obscured the sunshine we were all enjoying, when to my surprise I seen two circular objects with a very slight vapor or contrails behind them (one object flying directly behind the others slight contrail). I lifted my hand to further obscure the sun and watched the objects fly behind the cloud. I kept watching as I expected them to re-appear on the other side of the cloud. However they did not. Where did they go? We can only speculate. I estimate their height to be at least 25 to 35 thousand feet. With my arm outstretched and holding a thumb out they would have both fit inside my thumbnail. Duration of sighting was about 5 seconds. They were heading SW from the NW at a incredible speed. Faster than any aircraft I have ever seen.

They seemed metallic in colour as it appeared the sunlight reflected off their circular shapes. I would have yelled to everyone that was swimming to look up but I was waiting to see the objects come out the other side of the cloud, however to my disappointment they did not. I did mention it to my family and they also expressed some disappointment that they didn't get to see these objects as I described. We debated on what they might have been and decided the sighting worthy of report.

Thank You Brian for having this site for people like me to make these sightings known to all.

Thank you to the witness for the excellent report.

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Sydney, Australia Sighting Of Similar Orange/Reddish Ball Of Fire

Date: August 1, 2004  
Time: Approx: 1:00 a.m.

Gday

I have read with interest your report (Attached). I enclose for you a copy of a report of an incident that happened to me last Sunday Morning ie 1st August 2004. (HBCC UFO Research Note: The gentleman is referring to a sighting in which I received and can be found on my site at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1142>

The similarity is outstanding!

Report

The time is now 1.37 am Sydney Australian time. This incident happened approximately 45- 50 min ago. I am a 60 year old professional male I had been out to dinner with some friends and was driving home ( therefore sober) As I was driving home from Sydney to Camden (about 30 mile away) at about 1:00 a.m. this morning.

The night was clear except for a small amount of cloud but was dry and crisp.

I noticed a orange/reddish ball of fire at about 15 degrees above the horizon and about 2000 feet away from me, on my left coming towards my direction , but at a parallel line it was then joined by a second ball of similar size and shape. At first I thought it was the afterburners of a low flying military aircraft, but there were no other lights of any description. I stopped my car and got out to obtain an uninterrupted look.

The lights moved from right, to left and in a northerly direction, they were both clearly controlled by some sort of intelligence. They stopped and hung in the sky for about 2 minutes and then moved upwards and to the left or right.

The one on the left then moved to a higher altitude approximately 1-2 mile high and then moved away at such a great speed that it was clear that nothing we ( ordinary mortals ) know of as being made by us.

I immediately made a call to the Sunday Telegraph Newspaper and reported the incident and also tried to ring the Kingsford Smith Airport but was unable to get the number.

I have absolutely no doubt that these objects were controlled by a some sort of intelligence, They were defiantly not fire balls or swamp gas , they were objects being controlled by some sort of intelligence.

Thank you to the witness for the interesting report.

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 10:17:42 +1000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 09:17:37 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 19:02:34 +1000  
>Subject: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

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>I remember when Sheryl made some comment to me a while ago she  
>thought an abduction scenario could be attributed to thyroid  
>problems - as the symptoms were similar?

><snip>

Let's get it right. I did not make this comment to Diane. I spoke about this at the national UFO conference in Australia in 2003.

What I said was that I had come across some (please remember I said "some") people reporting abductions as also having a dysfunctional thyroid condition. I was particularly interested in this as I have this health condition myself and have delved quite deeply into the list of symptoms and manifestation of the condition.

When I searched for what others had found I discovered I was not alone in this observation. Some UFO researchers had found endocrine abnormalities as being quite common, especially dysfunctional thyroid conditions in those reporting close encounter experiences.

Surprisingly, the most common list of symptoms for thyroid dysfunction closely mimick many of those reported by close encounter experiencers and include menstrual problems, with interruption to cycles or cessation of them; lowered/raised metabolism; sensitivity to noise, sunlight and odours; night blindness; energy bursts or lack of energy, abnormal sleep patterns and insomnia.

Thyroid sufferers can also be phobic particularly agoraphobic, prone to "psychic attacks", paranoid with feelings of being watched, emotionally labile with extreme emotional swings in a very short time frame, have past sexual trauma, and hear buzzing or high pitched sounds.

Interestingly, it is estimated that 80% of dysfunctional thyroid sufferers are women and that 3% of the population have an undiagnosed condition.

The other intriguing thing that crops up is that these people have a flair for the creative which can manifest in artwork such as painting, sketching or sculpting, in music such as singing or playing a musical instrument, writing and many other artistic explorations.

A study, which I was part of, was conducted by an Australian health professional on a group of thyroid sufferers and all were found to have a higher than average level of creativity.

Mary Rodwell, a Perth-based Australian UFO researcher, has also

found that individuals reporting such experiences can have this same unleashing of creativity which manifests in artwork and unidentifiable script writing which the individuals allege to be an "alien language". I have received reports of script writing myself.

Dolores Cannon, regardless of her interpretation, also works with experiencers who produce similar scripts and in some cases claim to speak unrecognisable alien "languages". In my mind, these are clear examples of unleashed creativity in action.

Maybe this part of my email is for another List but interestingly, the metaphysical symbology of the throat chakra which governs the thyroid gland relates to creativity among other things. A disturbance can be caused by problems in the areas of communication, self expression, truth, creativity and willpower. All of these areas are affected in an individual's life when they undergo close encounter experiences.

They typically do not speak about their experiences to others, feel they cannot express their true selves, they cannot speak their truth freely, and feel their will is interfered with. With the extreme amounts of chronic stress some experiencers endure I would be surprised if they did not develop some health condition.

Sheryl Gottschall

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Harrison

From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 08:44:16 +1000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 09:36:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Harrison

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 17:13:19 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 08:40:33 +1000  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>>From: Erik Albrektson <[jaspub.nul](mailto:jaspub.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:20:20 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

<snip>

>>>For what it's worth, the most impressive UFO photos I have yet  
>>>to come across are from the 1993 Australian sighting near Maslin  
>>>Beach. I have seen printed versions of these that are far more  
>>>impressive than even the screen photos below. Do they feature a  
>>>"real" flying saucer? Beats the hell out of me, but they sure  
>>>are fun to examine!

>>>[http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/shaman/924/main\\_page.htm](http://www.fortunecity.com/roswell/shaman/924/main_page.htm)

>>>I would like to inform you the Maslin Beach photos have not yet  
>>>been proven to be fake. Debbie Pyane of AURA has informed me  
>>>another wittiness has come forward to verify that what is in  
>>>these photos is a real UFO as the witness says she saw the  
>>>objects.

>>>If you wanted to be more objective, you could have modified  
>>>that, by saying there is an, "alleged witness".

Hi Ray,

As a researcher I am waiting for more information re the witness  
not alleged witness but witness as passed on to me.

>>>But, I suspect your unconscious has spilled your real inner  
>>>knowledge to us by your spelling of the word "witness" as  
>>>"wittiness". Freudian slips are pretty witty and revealing,  
>>>sometime. :)

Sorry about the wittiness bit <g> No slip, just a mistake.

>>>Since this photographer has made his phony photos available on  
>>>the internet for years (You may know where else.), if one is  
>>>willing to accept the testimony of one single after-the-photos-  
>>>are-out witness in preference to the self-contained evidences  
>>>that the photos are fake, then I question that person's  
>>>reliability as a UFO photo case researcher.

The photographer contacted us only 8 weeks ago with a full  
statement and original pictures so as an investigative  
organization like MUFON we will look into the alleged story  
behind these pictures and collect evidence accordingly.

>If this alleged witness did not make her claim before those  
>photos were circulated, I say forget it. Yet, she might even be  
>an accomplice of the photographer. An independent person might  
>be seeking a bit of attention. There are some persons who can  
>read of almost any event and convince themselves of personally  
>having been there. They are known as schizophrenics.

Ray, I've been warned to be careful of these pictures and I  
am. If they are can proven to be fake or real then I will let  
you all know either way. But until then we will investigate  
these pictures with an open and objective mind.

<snip>

>Even with that plea for investigative caution and rationality,  
>the reporter refused to cooperate. What a dunce!

Not good.

>So, Diane, considering the fact that what was shown in those  
>Maslin Beach photos was potentially well-known all over the  
>world, an after-the-fact alleged single witnesses should really  
>not play a part in evaluating those photos.

Our investigator is no dummy and I'm sure she will cover all  
bases.

>>For the moment we are waiting for Debbie's to complete her  
>>report.

>>I must admit these photos are great...

If these photos are proven not to have been faked then they are  
truly great pictures of an Australian UFO.

>Great is as great does, and those fake photos don't do a thing  
>to help scientific Ufology, and potentially could harm it.

Ray, I hope you don't mind me asking, but, if you can help me  
with any scientific evidence which you have to support your  
claim on these pictures, I would be grateful for your help?

>I somehow don't think you're really sure about those photos  
>being "great", Diane. O.K., you are a blonde, but I've never  
>thought of you as a case of the fabled dumb blonde. :)

<LOL> This has nothing to do with me being "blond" or for  
example a man who is bald said to be labeled brighter than man  
with hair. <g>

One thing you can rest assured of, Ray, I'm not stupid.  
I may look blond. <g> oopps! Hang on there mate while I get  
me Whiteout, I've just spotted another spelling mistake <wink>

>Sorry, but "great" does not fit those photos. I could think of  
>a few short, descriptive words, but...

Now, now Ray.....

>One really lives in the fabled Land of Oz, though, if one  
>believes those photos! :)

Ray, we're are the end of the yellow brick road, the land of  
golden & honey and we have the worlds most beautiful beaches and  
me!! ;) <LOL> That's why everyone wants to come live in Oz.

If the photos reveal a straw man or Tin man I will let you know!  
<LOL>

Seriously now

Ray I thank you kindly for all the advise and it has not  
fallen on deaf ears you bring up some very relevant points which  
I am looking into.

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Regards Diane Harrison

National Director of The Australian UFO Research Network

Australian Skywatch Director

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 02:15:52 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 09:43:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - King

>From: Tim Shell <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 08:14:25 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 16:15:21 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>Also don't forget that a couple of garbage can lids duct-taped  
>>together and hurled through the air could work as well, and  
>>wouldn't require string or helium.

>Yeah, but from my experience they don't have that necessary  
>atmospheric haze to indicate they're really far away.

<snip>

>We'll still need a sweet combination of photos, physical  
>evidence (preferably in the form of an alien being), confirmed  
>analyses from government and independent sources, expert  
>testimony, high-ranking government testimony, and public  
>displays in major cities worldwide.

>I always said in my more ultra-skeptical moments, that I want  
>the same proof for non-terrestrial life existing as I do for  
>proving the chair I'm sitting on exists. Unfortunately, if these  
>things don't exist in quite the same reality I do (or my chair),  
>that might be difficult. Still, it's something to shoot for.

Tim,

The "haze" thing is a toughie when your object is close, no  
doubt.

I agree with your points and your conclusion. Everyone seems to  
agree that the volume of the evidence is more considerable than  
any single sighting... short of a landing at 1600 Penn. Ave.:)

The consensus appears to be building for assembling this volume  
of evidence, and undertaking a detailed and exhaustive analysis  
of the cases just as Blue Book was supposed to.

The efforts of several who post on this forum are actively  
serving to make this a reality. Brad for one certainly makes a  
strong (in content and in passion ;) case, and has the nucleus  
of this "assembly" underway.

There is light ahead... the field is overdue for an evolutionary  
burp, and the all too common emotional timbre of the debate is a  
sure cause for indigestion...

We reach...(making that funky Spock peace sign thing)

Kyle

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## Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 02:32:05 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 09:46:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites - King

>From: Tim Shell <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 08:21:17 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites

>>From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 16:04:39 -0700  
>>Subject: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites

>>Source: BBC News

>><http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/3530748.stm>

>>"One of the top places in the world to find meteorites is North  
>>America, due to its featureless landscape, which allows the  
>>meteorites to be spotted easily. Therefore, looking in similar  
>>landscapes in the UK could also be lucrative," says Dr  
>>Greenwood.

>Yeah, those Rocky Mountains are not much of a feature. Two or  
>three feet high at the most. Easy to find meteorites there. You  
>can pick 'em up by the handful.

Not a very flattering description.....

But if meteorite hunting gets really popular... it could yield a  
treasure-trove indeed.

The metal-detector makers will be smiling.

Kyle

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## Re: Secrecy News -- 08/05/04 - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 02:46:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 09:49:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: Secrecy News -- 08/05/04 - King

>From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood.nul](mailto:saftergood.nul)>  
>To: <[secrecy\\_news.nul](mailto:secrecy_news.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 11:34:05 -0400  
>Subject: Secrecy News -- 08/05/04

>SECREC Y NEWS  
>from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
>Volume 2004, Issue No. 74  
>August 5, 2004

>\*\* CHENEY BLOCKED INTELLIGENCE REFORM IN 1992  
>\*\* NEW RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC ACCESS AT NRC, NASA, FCC, ETC  
>\*\* HOWARD MORLAND RECALLS THE PROGRESSIVE CASE  
>\*\* THE NETHERLANDS: NOT SO OPEN  
>\*\* THE CLASSIFIED COST OF ALUMINUM TUBES  
>\*\* TIME OUT

<snip>

I fear that our kingdom is on a path and pace to... very soon...  
meet and exceed yours on this score.

Kyle

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## Re: ETH Modeling - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 07:19:48 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 09:52:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: ETH Modeling - Clark

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 13:54:02 -0500  
>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 08:14:35 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

<snip>

>You noted that Brad was using an argument that even debunkers  
>don't use. My sole point was that debunkers intentionally do not  
>suggest what Brad advocates because they don't want science to  
>interfere with their cottage industry. By inflaming the egos of  
>the UFO advocates, they reduce the debate to mere name-calling  
>and ridicule, thereby ensuring that the debate never rises above  
>their debunking ability.

>(I could barely restrain myself from placing quotes around some  
>of the above terms, but for you... :))

>Oh, and my use of the quotation marks was to qualify my use of  
>the labels I so dislike. Since they are part of the vocabulary  
>of this field, I am compelled to use them for clarity, but I do  
>not personally feel that they are representative of the  
>individuals at which they are aimed. So I am in effect quoting  
>others when I use them.

>The rest of my response actually was intended for a different  
>post. Please accept my apologies for including it. It had no  
>bearing on your comments. I must start going to bed before 4AM.

Kyle, I appreciate your clarification. No offense meant on this  
end, and none taken on it, either. I think the whole discussion  
is about differing emphasis as much as anything, not about  
substantive disagreement.

Cordially,

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Varginha - Gevaerd Bourdais & Pratt - Bourdais

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <[gbourdais.nul](mailto:gbourdais.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 15:39:59 +0200  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 09:54:06 -0400  
Subject: Re: Varginha - Gevaerd Bourdais & Pratt - Bourdais

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 17:40:48 -0300  
>Subject: Varginha - Gevaerd Bourdais & Pratt

>I have been exchanging info about Varginha with Bob Pratt,  
>Gildas Bordaais and Doc Leir - off-List - to clear the  
>misunderstandings posted by Gildas. The only misunderstanding is  
>in Gildas' mind.

>The e-mail below clears all questions, I believe, and permission  
>was specifically granted by Bob for posting to the List.

>Thanks,

>A. J.

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>From: Bob Pratt  
>To: Gevaerd  
>Cc: Gildas Bourdais  
>Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2004 8:54 PM  
>Subject: Varginha...

>I have re-read, several times now, all of the exchanges between  
>Gevaerd and you and others on UFO UpDates, including the  
>original report in Gevaerd's Revista UFO, and can honestly say I  
>do not see where Gevaerd criticized Roger Leir or the doctor in  
>the Varginha case, or said anything derogatory about anyone  
>(other than possibly Brad Sparks and his friends).

<snip>

AJ,

Very well.

Please note again that I did not say on this List that you, and  
Ubirajara, criticized Roger Leir. I only mentioned the Doctor.

Take care,

Gildas

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 13:41:39 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 09:56:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 15:48:16 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 03 Aug 2004 15:43:09 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 02 Aug 2004 02:49:18 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

<snip>

>>>Further study and statistics are required.

>>Couldn't that simply be because those are the circles you travel  
>>in primarily or to a large extent? Various filter factors ar at  
>>work in our perceptions of this, including your definition of  
>>"artistic in some way." Wouldn't most of us qualify by that  
>>definition? Yes, real statistics are needed, professionally  
>>analyzed.

>Gotta disagree big time here though I understand your logic.

>Although I'm a professional in the arts, the majority of the  
>people in my circles aren't professional artists although they  
>are artistic.

>The majority of people in my circles are police, scientists,  
>journalists.

>Yet the artists I do hang out with are for the majority ex or  
>present military and law enforcement. My two best pals in comics  
>are an ex police officer who became an illustrator and an ex  
>lieutenant jarhead whose tv shows you've all seen.

>I grew up in a military/law enforcement community so the  
>majority of the contactees I've met there are from those  
>lifestyles/occupations. Yet the other common denominator is that  
>they're also artistic to some degree. Music, writing, sculpting  
>etc.

Greg,

I'm not sure what your point is here, but I am one of five male  
siblings; all five of us served in the military. Two were MPs.  
One is a social psychologist and another an engineer. My oldest  
brother is a poet, writer, linguist, musician. I am a writer and  
do some painting on the side. So some of us are "artistic in  
some way." But to the best of our knowledge, none of us is an  
abductee nor has had any of the familiar odd experiences related  
to abduction reports.

I have a lot of friends who are writers, and some are musically  
inclined. None of them so far as I am aware are abductees

either. If your group of friends and acquaintances has a disproportionate number of abductees, then I suspect it has nothing to do with artistic interests or abilities.

<snip>

>I don't know if artistic communication is a common denominator  
>of contact or abduction but it's something worth looking into.

Yes, as is possible connections with one or more of many other personality traits, lifestyles, or demographics. But it has to be done in a scientifically meaningful way.

- Dick

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: **Greg Sandow** <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 10:18:10 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 17:00:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 07:23:35 +1000  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>To add to this, people who report their experiences to  
>researchers are self selecting and may have a peculiarity of  
>their own yet to be discovered.

Hi, Sheryl,

That's a good point. And just to make things more complicated, we then have the differing reactions of researchers to the people who want to talk to them. How do researchers screen the people they spend a lot of time working with? That differs from researcher to researcher, and certainly mucks up any definition of who, exactly, abductees are.

Greg Sandow

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## Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 08:15:00 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 17:02:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites - Shell

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 02:32:05 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites

>But if meteorite hunting gets really popular... it could yield a  
>treasure-trove indeed.

>The metal-detector makers will be smiling.

At least for the iron meteorite hunters. They don't work to good  
for those condritic types. A person can get good money for those  
Mars meteorites.

Hey, who's that dude who finds all those meteorites out in  
Arizona and New Mexico? I bought his meteorite/tektite book but  
can't remember. Claims to be the owner of the largest private  
extra-terrestrial materials collection.

If I had enough time to go wandering through the desert looking  
for meteorites... well, I'd use that time to do something more  
fun.

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Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

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## Winnipeg Sightings Soar Over Last 48 Hours

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08-07-04

'Peggars Relish Close Encounters UFO Sightings Soar Over Last 48 Hours

By Natalie Pona  
Staff Reporter

Little green men have taken an unusual interest in Winnipeg this week. The city was already on track to register a record-breaking year for UFO sighting when five more were reported in the last two days, said Winnipegger Chris Rutkowski, co-ordinator of Ufology Research of Manitoba.

Wayne Robillard, 20, was one of the five people who reported seeing a UFO.

He said he was swimming in his mom's pool in Crestview on Thursday night when he saw a light in the sky.

"It just shakes me up to believe that there is something curious about us... it probably has the innocence of a four-year-old but gets a little too close then takes off," said Robillard.

At first, he thought it was a shooting star.

"It was a bright light, then it stopped. It was a bright light again, then it just dropped," Robillard said.

He dug out his old binoculars and tracked the object in the dark sky. The light darted through the air. It was bright white with a red light rotating around the centre orbit, Robillard said.

Robillard was the second UFO-spotter to call The Sun yesterday.

Alfredo Perez was leaving home for work about 11:30 p.m. Wednesday when he saw a bright light in the northeastern sky.

"It was like a helicopter light. It lasted about five seconds bright and then it just took off," he said. "I tried to follow it with my eyes. It went so fast and so high that it just blended with the stars."

Like Robillard, Perez said he believes in life on other planets. That light was probably an alien craft, he said.

"There's got to be something else out there," said Perez.

Some of the spotters may have actually seen an advertising promotion for some local bars, Rutkowski said. Organizers shine a beam of light into the sky.

But many callers reported seeing more than one light, Rutkowski said. That would rule out the promotion.

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## Chile: Monsters or Ostriches?

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 11:01:47 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Aug 2004 16:30:40 -0400  
Subject: Chile: Monsters or Ostriches?

INEXPLICATA  
The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
August 6, 2004

SOURCE: La Estrella de Arica (Chile)  
DATE: Thursday, August 5, 2004

### Acha Phenomenon Attracts International Attention

Young men traveling in vehicle show the puncture marks in their vehicle's tire. The claim feeling blows against their car while touring the Presencias Tutelares sculpture.

Three young me from the Espa=Floleto sector of Villa Universidad visited the Presencias Tutelares section in Pampa Acha driven by reports of encounters with strange creatures. Their curiosity, however, played a trick on them: as they were reaching the site at 20:00 hours, their Ford Festiva received several blows from something they couldn't see. Their suprise turned to panic when they felt one of the tires begin to lose air, showing signs of having been punctured with a sharp object. "We turned around immediately," said Calezca Fuentes, who traveled with her brother Danelo and Paola Astorga, his girlfriend. Once they reached the city, they ascertained that the tire had eight puncture marks.

Phone calls were recieved yesterday from news media in Santiago, Colombia, Argentina and researchers linked to paranormal subjects all day, requesting more background information on the sightings of strange animals in Pampa Acha, near the Presencias Tutelares sculpture.

"La Estrella" also received a variety of opinions to account for the phenomenon, substantiating the opinion given by ostrich breeder Ricardo Arancibia, who claims that what the traveling families encountered on the road were these birds, which had escaped from another area breeder.

Yesterday, avian biologist Ronny Peredo provided information substantiating Arancibia's remarks, saying that ostriches can indeed reach speeds of 100 kilometers an hour, between 72 and 96 KMH to be exact, and are able to take flying leaps.

"We must udnerstand that at night, and when people have not seen an ostrich up close and personally, they tend to be startled and confuse things," Peredo explained. The biologist added that one of the characteristics that most led him to think that this type of flightless bird was involved is the description of the creature's wings being swept backward. "This is typical of these birds, because when they run, they extend their short wings backward, precisely to keep their balance, and that's what they often do when they encounter people."

Further supporting information can be found in the height and color of these birds, which coincides with the descriptions given of the creatures, which is to say, standing nearly 2 meters tall and grey in color. With regard to the question of

would ostriches be able to survive two months alone in the desert, Peredo said that it is probable that they adapted to their environment "because they eat everything, from insects to branches, fruits, anything they can get a hold of, and it is likely that they would come close to the highway to feed."

However, Dario Riquelme, the first one to go public with his story of the strange encounter with these beings, completely rejected the statements involving ostriches, because he is sure of having seen something he'd never seen before. Furthermore, he claims being knowledgeable about these birds, as well as the =Fland=FA, and says that neither bird looks anything like what he and the family of Army official Hernan Cuevas saw in the Pampa Acha sector last Thursday night. "I was afraid of being ridiculed when I told my story. Now those who say that ostriches are involved are the ridiculous ones. What they say is a laugh, because they don't look anything like what we saw, and one thing has nothing to do with another," he said decisively.

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## Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 11:36:46 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Aug 2004 16:38:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites - Stanford

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 02:32:05 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites

>>From: Tim Shell <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 08:21:17 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites

>>>From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 04 Aug 2004 16:04:39 -0700  
>>>Subject: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites

>>>Source: BBC News

>>><http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/3530748.stm>

>>>"One of the top places in the world to find meteorites is North  
>>>America, due to its featureless landscape, which allows the  
>>>meteorites to be spotted easily. Therefore, looking in similar  
>>>landscapes in the UK could also be lucrative," says Dr

>>Yeah, those Rocky Mountains are not much of a feature.Two or  
>>three feet high at the most. Easy to find meteorites there. You  
>>can pick 'em up by the handful.

>Not a very flattering description.....

>But if meteorite hunting gets really popular... it could yield a  
>treasure-trove indeed.

>The metal-detector makers will be smiling.

Hi Kyle,

So will we meteorite collectors, because more meteorites will  
become available.

If anyone wants to do some meteorite hunting, feel free ask me,  
privately, for the best references to help you look effectively,  
if you don't already know the best procedures.

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Date: Wed, 6 Aug 2003 18:40:23 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Aug 2004 16:45:21 -0400  
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>From: Nicholas Redfern <[nick.redfern.nul](mailto:nick.redfern.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 13:43:24 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: Link to Max Burns' "The Usual Suspects" PDF

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 09:10:57 -0500  
>>Subject: Link to Max Burns' "The Usual Suspects" PDF

>I have just read Max Burns' piece on Dave Clarke and Andy  
>Roberts.

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>their views/comments, changed my opinions on the Berwyn case  
>because of Andy's attacks and am now quite pally with the  
>terrible twosome and stand in line rather than stand up.

>Okay, let's look at the facts (quickly, as this in no way  
>advances ufology, but it does allow me to at least put the  
>matter in its right context for anyone that reads Max's  
>article). First, I don't ever go along with what people say  
>because it's the easy option. I go through life doing exactly  
>what I want to do on my own terms, hence the reason why I have  
>never worked 9 to 5 for nearly 20 years - I don't like being  
>told what to do by other people.

Nick, I can only say that this was not just my opinion but a  
fair amount of people's opinions some who are very friendly with  
you. We both know each other and I have spoken with you quite a  
few times over the years. It seemed to me that we got on well.  
We all know how head strong you are and on the whole I would  
normally have agreed with the above. I knew that this was going  
to upset you. But the fact remains that after Roberts  
criticising your Berwyn Mountains stuff many in UK ufology saw  
this to be the case.

You are saying this is not the case fair enough, you are only  
one person in a long line of people that Roberts and Clarke have  
brow beaten into submission or not as you state. However this does  
not diminish the content of the article in the slightest.

>Max also states that I am now friends with Andy and that this  
>largely stemmed following a vicious attack on me and my  
>conclusions on the notorious Berwyn case of 1974. Saying that I  
>am now quite friendly with Andy implies that this wasn't always  
>the case. However, it WAS always the case. I have got on very  
>well with Andy right back to the days when I used to subscribe  
>to his UFO Brigantia magazine way back in the 80s.

Nick, I am very pleased that you have chosen someone of such  
high moral standing to call a friend. I have spoken with Andy,  
in private, about his behaviour and he has not offered a proper  
rebuttal or apology to anything that I said to him about the  
behaviour of him & Clarke. Don't get me wrong. I can always  
spend ten minutes talking with Andy. Indeed we have spoken in  
person in the last year in person and it was good to see him on  
one of his few occasions with nothing to say of any of the  
points that I raised with him.

>For some reason, so many people in ufology seem to think that  
>if you disagree vehemently with someone else on a ufological issue,  
>you can't be friends with them - which is crazy.

I totally agree.

>Fact is: Andy and I still disagree on a lot when it comes to  
>ufology (and - shock! even on the Berwyns on a few points), but  
>it doesn't mean we can't sit down and have a pint together.  
>Furthermore, Max says that my turnaround and standing in line  
>approach came after I was viciously attacked in Andy's Armchair  
>Ufologist re my views on the "British Roswell" - the Berwyn  
>Mountain case of 1974.

>Er, no, actually, that isn't what happened. What happened was  
>this: Andy sent me his report on the Berwyn incident which, when  
>I read it, led me to believe that he had come up with the best  
>explanation for the case. Granted, there are still some  
>anomalies, but as far as being largely solved, I think Andy has  
>done that.

>And as someone who has never "needed" to believe in UFOs, I  
>decided to discard the Berwyn case as being an example of a  
>genuine UFO incident and I moved on. And this was based on me  
>studying Andy's data and comparing it to other people's and then  
>coming to a conclusion.

Is this the hoax data, or the alleged real data that Roberts  
produces without full disclosure how can you be sure that you  
are not just another victim of the Roberts dis-information game?

For example, Roberts has stated that Margaret Fry does not keep  
detailed contemporaneous notes from her interviews in public.

That is a lie, and I have seen the many diaries that Margaret  
Fry has kept concerning her investigation of the Berwyn case.

>It had NOTHING to do with me getting in  
>line, taking an easy option or not wanting to confront Andy and  
>Dave and playing it safe. It comes down to the fact (and nothing  
>else) that, as far as I am concerned, Andy had solved the story.  
>In fact, I fail to see how when presented with the evidence  
>anyone can see my stance as anything than what it is.

>Now it is true that many of my previous beliefs on the UFO  
>subject have changed and changed radically, and it's also true  
>that this is in part due to Dave and Andy. But...it's not due to  
>me taking a soft line or "towing the line" or bullying tactics.

>You really think I would stand for something like that Max?

I would like to have said no, but to be honest with you Nick, I  
am going to reproduce a private email that your mate Roberts  
just could not help himself from circulating around. It concerns  
this subject of the "Blue Hare" and your comments. If you,  
actually made these comments. You could confirm or deny this?

I was always of the opinion that you are a stand up guy and we  
have a number of mutual good friends in UK Ufology. I was  
stunned to hear from Roberts that you thought that the "Blue  
Hare" action against me and my research and ufology with regard  
to the hoaxing, made you "chortle".

Email Roberts to Burns/ Williams etc 24/04/2002

I think you're in for a suprise then Matthew. Also, I think you  
should ask Nick R what he thinks about the material he's seen  
from the book. Er, and I think you should digest Nick's comments  
(received yesterday evening) regarding our experiments:

>Hi Andy, Cheers for this, which made me chortle. I see nothing  
>wrong in your logic about seeing how hoaxes develop etc. Much  
>fun and keep up the good work! Best, Nick.

Nick, much fun? This was not even a hoax developing, it was an  
attempt to plant false info into my research. Nick you know me.  
So you thought that it was good fun that I had my time, money,  
and effort wasted. ? Not to mention that the agenda of Roberts

and Clarke was purely to try and discredit my research. NOTHING to do with science. If you believe that then you are not as smart as I thought you were. I am a bit smarter than they gave me credit for and to that end was able to resist the implantation of bogus data in to my research.

How would you be if they had tried that stunt on you?

>If you do, you truly don't know me at all. It is purely and simply  
>that the research they have done on Govt files in particular has  
>led me to alter many of my views.

Would you care to alter your views of Clarke & Roberts now that a fuller picture of what they are about has been revealed a year after publication Clarke remains silent and even un-subscribed from this list rather than answer the calls that the silence was deafening. Even though up to the point of publication of the usual suspects. Clarke had an opinion on just about everything. I have shown he is a liar. Roberts has been reduced to sending private posts to updates mailers, now claiming that the debate is best on a one to one basis.

You have read the article, have you got anything to say about the large amount of damning completely footnoted evidence against Roberts & Clarke. Or do you still support them?

I just know that it may damage your credibility if you were to write another book with an admitted HOAXER.

>It really is that simple. But  
>as I don't "live" for UFOs in a geeky "I want to believe" style,

Nick, I agree, listen if you say that I am mistaken along with the other UK Ufologists. Then OK, I am sorry if that was not the case, I did not mean to offend you. If you want to disagree we can do that and still remain on speaking terms, as you have all ready stated.

>I have no problem changing my views when the evidence suggests  
>change is needed.

What are your views now that evidence presented suggests change is needed? Nick, I don't wish to fall out with you, but let's face it you have read the article and change is needed, not apologies for the behaviour of Clarke and Roberts.

Alfred Lehmborg's review and the download of the PDF file of The Usual Suspects is available from

<http://www.rense.com/general56/RETRURN.HTM>

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Brock

From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 11:59:02 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Aug 2004 17:08:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Brock

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 13:52:04 EDT  
>Subject: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>This refers to something that came up in another post.

<snip>

>My original query focused on news and data from global sources  
>like the former USSR. I had asked that since the fall of the  
>USSR, why hadn't their top secret UFO files come to light by  
>now? Surely they've had their share of 'Roswells' and  
>'Kecksburgs' etc. Why the silence, if there is one?

I directed you to the following source, in a previous post. It may have become a victim of the nefarious post-eating server out there in the Virtually Strange universe - I didn't check. In any case, if you are interested in UFO reports from the former USSR, go here. This IS the single most authoritative source IN THE WORLD if you are looking for UFO reports from behind the "Iron Curtain."

<http://www.geocities.com/riap777/index.html>

(Note: it will take more than passive reading of free promotional PDFs to get to the good stuff).

>We're getting stories from various countries but none  
>groundbreaking enough to shake the gum off our shoes.

Is it a foregone conclusion that other countries must produce stories "groundbreaking enough to shake the gum off our shoes?"

>So why all the secrecy if any?

Considering the "if any" qualifier, why don't you find out if there is such international secrecy before trying to ascertain the reasons for said secrecy. There are other ways to find things out than simply querying the Ufo UpDates list, you know. Or maybe you don't know?

>How is it that every nation on  
>Earth can cover up the UFO/ETH stuff with such efficiency yet  
>still can't feed their hungry, stop malaria ( just read 300  
>million a year get it and 3 million die.. you'd figure we'd  
>solve this by now after 10 million years of it. )

Again, considering the previous "if any" qualifier, why is that you have leapt to the question "how do they do it?" when your question should be "do they do it?" And what does feeding the hungry and curing malaria have to do with it?

>Countries that don't have roads can somehow, somehow arrive at  
>a UFO event and hush everyone up and cart away all the  
>evidence?

Since you're invested in the coverup paradigm, I don't have an answer for you. Maybe Beelzebub or the Jersey Devil lends them a

hand. Something like that.

>The only organization on Earth I know of with that much  
>efficiency and alacrity is Walmart. You open a few acres  
>anywhere in the world and Walmart will be there in a shot  
>without breaking a sweat.

While I appreciate the humor in the above paragraph, I think it is probably an exaggeration.

>Don't the enemies of the U.S. like mainland China, Cuba, the  
>Al Qaeda etc. know from the tabloids and websites and radio  
>shows and newspapers and tv specials that the worst fear of  
>the western powers is that UFO information might come to the  
>fore?

This is the worst fear? Are you sure? If I was a "Western Power," my worst fear from our "enemies" would be that they smuggle a nuke into a major U.S. city, or that some loose cannon, Mad Dog Branzillo type takes over a bunch of missile silos in the former Soviet Union.

And, whence the assumption that Al Qaeda and other enemies of the United States regularly read those last bastions of journalistic integrity, the "Weekly World News," and "The National Enquirer?"

>Wouldn't just one of these opposing powers take a glance  
>around and find some bit of mindbending proof to shake the  
>foundations of we 'Evil Americans'?

I'd say some of the atrocities we have seen perpetrated upon U.S. civilians and others in the Middle East (impromptu beheadings, for example) ought to be sufficient to rattle we 'Evil Americans.' That's certainly the intention. However, Americans in general are becoming such a jaded lot that I can see them glued to the TV, contemplating Bin Laden's "extraterrestrial artifact," revealed in yet another non-descript video in Al-Jazeera's possession. Accompanied by the attendant subtitles detailing how the "Great Satan" has kept this news from the world for decades.

>Iran, Russia, China etc. could wipe us out with just one,  
>count 'em, one great UFO photo, video, even a shin bone.

You really believe this would "wipe us out?" End of United States? Dissolution of the Union, anarchy, looting, bodies in the streets?

>Why hasn't it happened? Are we looking in the wrong places?  
>are the billions of communication lines around the world so  
>efficiently perused by secret government figures that no one  
>can get an UFO word in edgewise?

No. Search "UFO" on Google, and think about it.

>Yes, we do get reports but they're far too often the 'fuzzy  
>picture', 'my cousin's nephew's dentist's sister said' umpteen  
>twice removed accounts.

You must have been reading Filer's Files. My guess is that you haven't even seen some of the more interesting cases from the former Soviet Union. Again, I refer you to the link at the beginning of this e-mail.

>Perhaps we need to reach out more. I know the lines are thin  
>and resources sometimes scarce but I think if all the media  
>folks from Noory to Bell to Rense to Errol and so forth teamed  
>up and put that reach out there it would really be a  
>blockbuster of a force to be reckoned with.

This is probably a wasted admonition, but you're looking in the wrong places for the sort of agency which you visualize, Greg.

>It'd be a new news service like no other because it's  
>what 'the people' are interested in.

Who are 'the people?' Legions of Bell-heads? The sort that sent in e-mails Hale-Bopp.com to say that Alan Hale had "Spoooge (sic) on his face," for not buying into the Hale-Bopp/Companion garbage (just one example, I have many more), perpetrated and

perpetuated in large part by Art Bell?

>Strength in numbers.

If anyone has been listening, some of us have been advocating "strength in numbers" for years, only to have our pleas fall mostly on deaf ears. Suffice it to say that in a best case scenario, the number of truly competent "ufologists" is small, and the ratio of noise to signal out there, including on this list, is high.

Rod Brock

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## Re: UFO Community Bashing - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 21:04:43 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Aug 2004 17:11:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Community Bashing - Rimmer

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 13:34:16 EDT  
>Subject: UFO Community Bashing

>Far too often I'm reading about how the UFO Community is this or  
>that, disorganized, dispersed, unprofessional, argumentative,  
>yadda, yadda, yadda.

>We've gotta stop this. It's too divisive. This community is  
>global. It comprises the viewpoints of various cultures and  
>beliefs and procedures. One of the most diverse groups outside  
>of 'Star Trek' fans ( yet you won't find Star Trek fans  
>fighting, we get along! ).

>With such a diverse group that's up against great opposition  
>from the institutions that are sworn to protect and provide,  
>there're bound to be mistakes, emotionalism, quarrels and such.

>Yet bashing the community isn't helping the community. There is  
>no collective group that doesn't have it's share of conflicts  
>and this community isn't any different. Well, it is different I  
>guess because we're trying to make sense from a sea of nonsense  
>and overlooked common sense.

I wonder how much sense it makes to talk about the "UFO  
Community"? (There seem to be some very odd 'communities' around  
at the moment. In another post, Stanton Friedman refers to the  
"questioned document community". Is this a politically correct  
way of saying 'forgery experts', 'forgery' presumably being too  
judgmental and 'experts' being too elitist?)

Does the UFO Community include everyone involved in UFO writing  
and research, or just those who broadly agree with the views of  
the person using the phrase? Am I, and fellow pelicanists  
members of the UFO Community? Robert Sheaffer? Is Phil Klass in  
the same community as Alfred Lehmborg?

Greg suggests that the UFO Community is a 'collective group'.  
Why? It's true that most people interested in UFOs are 'trying  
to make sense from a sea of nonsense', but whatever your  
viewpoint is, you soon become aware that much of this nonsense  
is being retailed by memmbers of the self-same 'community', so  
why \*not\* bash the individuals spouting the nonsense - and note,  
that this is just as valid for anyone who wishes to bash me.

I don't really buy this idea of a group of serious, hardworking  
researchers combining to fight the 'institutions that are sworn  
to protect and provide' (whatever they may be). Personally I  
feel that if the 'UFO Community' is "disorganized, dispersed,  
unprofessional, [and] argumentative", then I say excellent,  
that's how it should be. It's called free, vigorous, open  
debate, and there's far too little of it around these days.

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)



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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Harney

From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 22:05:32 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Aug 2004 17:13:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Harney

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 13:52:04 EDT  
>Subject: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

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No - it's because the evidence you want released just doesn't  
exist.

>Yes, we do get reports but they're far too often the 'fuzzy  
>picture', 'my cousin's nephew's dentist's sister said' umpteen  
>twice removed accounts.

Precisely.

John Harney

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## Re: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground Holes

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 17:19:53 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Aug 2004 17:14:33 -0400  
Subject: Re: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground Holes

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 01:25:39 EDT  
>Subject: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground Holes

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>Why is it every country on Earth seems to have an equally  
>effective 'hush up' campaign or am I wrong on this?

Quite a few researchers into political power structures say that a world power structure exists which effectively "owns", by dint of their members who own virtually all the world's visible governments. This is because their members own the private banks which masquerade as government institutions, and consequently, those members of this power structure own the national debts of virtually all governments. National debts which are often impossible to pay off.

Bottom line: Visible governments are not independent entities.

That could explain it, since a cabal of the world's wealthiest would very much not want UFO technology to leak into the unclassified world until and precisely how they wish to introduce such technology. Keeping the truth about UFOs secret also may make fake stories about UFOs to be used for political control.

Eleanor White

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## Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 17:53:56 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Aug 2004 17:16:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites - Stanford

>From: Tim Shell <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 08:15:00 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 02:32:05 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites

>>But if meteorite hunting gets really popular... it could yield a  
>>treasure-trove indeed.

>>The metal-detector makers will be smiling.

>At least for the iron meteorite hunters.They don't work to good  
>for those condritic types. A person can get good money for those  
>Mars meteorites.

>Hey, who's that dude who finds all those meteorites out in  
>Arizona and New Mexico? I bought his meteorite/tektite book but  
>can't remember. Claims to be the owner of the largest private  
>extra-terrestrial materials collection.

He's Robert A. Haag, of Tucson, Arizona

<http://www.meteoriteman.com/>

Actually, Bob buys or trades for most of his meteorites. Yes, he has the largest and finest private collection of meteorites in the world. Bob Haag's 2003 edition 'Collection of Meteorites' is, photographically, the best meteorite book ever! 280 color photos and 128 pages. At \$12.95 it is a bargain! \$5.00 shipping US and \$10.00 overseas. You can pay by PayPal.

>If I had enough time to go wandering through the desert looking  
>for meteorites... well, I'd use that time to do something more  
>fun.

If you know something more fun than coming across a never-before-seen piece of an asteroid, the moon, Mars, or even a comet, have at it, Tim!

But just let me tell you that aside from potentially helping scientists learn more about the origin of our solar system (etc.), if you find one of the rarer types of meteorites, you could keep whatever you like of the find except for the small part you would have to donate to a scientific institute for analysis, and sell the rest at \$1,000 to \$25,000 per gram (there are 453.59 grams per pound).

And, heck, one can search for meteorites while out on the desert for a UFO tracking trip. Just keep your magnetometer turned on passive monitoring so in case you're busy looking down for meteorites, you can know if a UFO comes around.

Happy Hunting,

Ray Stanford

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## Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 17:54:47 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Aug 2004 17:18:06 -0400  
Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 10:43:31 -0400  
>Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

>>Source: The Daily Gleaner - Kingston, Jamaica

>>October 25, 1954

>>Visitors from outer space may be mapping earth...

>>That, at any rate, is the considered opinion of one of the  
>>leading astronomers in this area, the vice-president of Kenya  
>>Astronomical Association, Mr. G. Duncan Fletcher.

Ray wrote:

>"One of the leading astronomers in this area...", huh?

...And proceeded to give Fletcher a sound thrashing for  
statements made in a 50 year old article

<snip>

Hi, Ray,

Easy, easy. Post-1947 historical material I include here, or at  
the Return to Magonia website, is for the most part posted as  
just that - historical material. Indeed, you can find, at the  
website, 50 year old advertisements for flying saucer toys, in  
addition to many different clippings from many different  
newspapers. Primarily Americana, although this particular nugget  
happened to be from a Jamaica newspaper. Your scathing and  
pointed analysis of Fletcher's position is understood and  
appreciated, by why not save your critical thinking skills for  
current lunacy, like the assertions made by Michael Salla and  
his ilk?

Henceforth (if I include any further historical posts in this  
venue, at all) I will open the subject line of such posts with  
the word "Historical" and make a note in the body of the post to  
the effect that:

"This article is posted as part of an historical overview of  
post-1947 written matter pertaining to the subject of UFOs,  
extraterrestrial life, etc. The views in these articles do not  
necessarily represent the views of the poster, and neither are  
they presented as casting illumination upon the the various  
scientific aspects of the UFO problem."

My colleague Chris Aubeck has tried posting material from our  
archives here, and on other lists like P-47 (material dating  
from antiquity onward) but was similarly misunderstood (or  
ingored/eclipsed) and gave it up.

Best,

Rod Brock

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 21:20:11 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Aug 2004 17:22:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

>From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 08:44:16 +1000  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 17:13:19 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>>From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 08:40:33 +1000  
>>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

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>>If you wanted to be more objective, you could have modified  
>>that, by saying there is an, "alleged witness".

>As a researcher I am waiting for more information re the witness  
>not alleged witness but witness as passed on to me.

Hi Diane,

Your calling her a "witness" suggests a belief that the photos  
are genuine.

>>But, I suspect your unconscious has spilled your real inner  
>>knowledge to us by your spelling of the word "witness" as  
>>"wittiness". Freudian slips are pretty witty and revealing,  
>>sometime. :)

>Sorry about the wittiness bit <g>No slip, just a mistake.

Maybe, but are you sure you know your unconscious very well?  
After all, it is, by definition, unconscious. :)

>>Since this photographer has made his phony photos available on  
>>the internet for years (You may know where else.), if one is  
>>willing to accept the testimony of one single after-the-photos-  
>>are-out witness in preference to the self-contained evidences  
>>that the photos are fake, then I question that person's  
>>reliability as a UFO photo case researcher.

>The photographer contacted us only 8 weeks ago with a full  
>statement and original pictures so as an investigative  
>organization like MUFON we will look into the alleged story  
>behind these pictures and collect evidence accordingly.

I would question whether your investigator has the photographic  
knowledge to do that, if she didn't know just by looking, that  
those are small models. Furthermore, the things in those photos  
simply do not have the appearance of reliably reported (or  
photographed) UFOs. Any resemblance is extremely superficial.

>>If this alleged witness did not make her claim before those  
>>photos were circulated, I say forget it. Yet, she might even be  
>>an accomplice of the photographer. An independent person might



>>be seeking a bit of attention. There are some persons who can  
>>read of almost any event and convince themselves of personally  
>>having been there. They are known as schizophrenics.

>Ray, I've been warned to be careful of these pictures and I  
>am. If they are can proven to be fake or real then I will let  
>you all know either way. But until then we will investigate  
>these pictures with an open and objective mind.

It is not a matter of proving they are fake. The claimant or a  
proponent must demonstrate that they are genuine photos of UFOs.

>>Even with that plea for investigative caution and rationality,  
>>the reporter refused to cooperate. What a dunce!

>Not good.

>>So, Diane, considering the fact that what was shown in those  
>>Maslin Beach photos was potentially well-known all over the  
>>world, an after-the-fact alleged single witnesses should really  
>>not play a part in evaluating those photos.

>Our investigator is no dummy and I'm sure she will cover all  
>bases.

>>>For the moment we are waiting for Debbie's to complete her  
>>>report.

What does Debbie really know of photography and photographic  
trickery? What is her experience?

>>>I must admit these photos are great...

>If these photos are proven not to have been faked then they are  
>truly great pictures of an Australian UFO.

You had said, "I must admit these photos are great".

What makes it a must? :)

IMO, it is irresponsible to call such photos "great" unless the  
evidence is incontrovertible.

Trying to demonstrate the phony nature of those photos to one  
inexperienced in photography, could be spinning one's wheels.

The burden of proof is upon the claimant, in a case like this --  
not upon those who question the photos.

Why not examine what comments I initially gave about individual  
photos of the series, or those made by other observant persons  
on this list who have examined them? For heavens sake, Diane,  
can't you see the flaws we have carefully pointed out?

>>Great is as great does, and those fake photos don't do a thing  
>>to help scientific UFOlogy, and potentially could harm it.

>Ray, I hope you don't mind me asking, but, if you can help me  
>with any scientific evidence which you have to support your  
>claim on these pictures, I would be grateful for your help?

For one, there is no evidence that they are real, and much that  
is indicative of fakery. Tell me what evidence in those photos  
makes you think they are great. :) I challenge you.

Why no disturbance in the water from which the craft had just  
allegedly emerged? Great photos would show that. Why are the  
shadows so dark? Don't just say it's because they are not first  
generation photos and are therefore just contrasty. Contrast  
due to reproduction works two ways. If the darks become darker,  
the bright areas become brighter. That is not in evidence.

Could it be that your only 'evidence' is that they fulfill your  
inner needs for what you think are evidences of UFOs?

You just demonstrated that you do not maintain a scientific  
position, saying, in effect, that the photos are real unless  
disproven!

I am not convinced that any more explaining of the plain and  
obvious facts would help you see the light.

The explanations of fakery that any good photographer would recognize immediately, which I pointed out the other day, require no specialized knowledge excepting Photography 1.1.

Now, hesitantly, I shall attempt to share with you some highly specialized knowledge that (aside from all the conventional parameters by which photographers recognize such fake photos) is known only through first-hand experience by a few physicists, aerospace engineers, and others who have worked closely with the daylight, color films my project has obtained, beginning in 1977. The broader world of UFO studies will have the chance beginning this autumn to actually see the evidence I am about to mention.

Briefly: UFOs emit a substantially broad band of effects, including extreme-low-frequency magnetic waves (that are clearly distinct from background 'noise' including solar and geomagnetic phenomena) and gravity or gravity-like waves in the same low-frequency range.

The gravity or gravity-like waves (of which we have well-documented recordings during a daylight, visible-object filming) bend light quite dramatically (evidence of which will be released this coming autumn).

But, Diane, guess what happens when you get two or more of those objects emitting such waves in field-proximity with each other?

Don't feel badly if you didn't guess it, but you get an interference pattern visible due to the effect of the interacting fields upon light from behind the UFOs coming past them to the eye and the film that hopefully is in your camera, if you are filming a daylight UFO event, and thus have enough light reaching the film to register upon it.

Now, guess what percentage of the time my project has captured such an interference pattern when we film more than one UFO in the same film frame.

The answer is 100% of the time. One does not get such an interference pattern by filming multiple balloons, aircraft, birds, or anything else, including models.

Aside from every conventional parameter suggesting small models near the camera that a photo expert can see in the photos under discussion, there is not a sign of the interference pattern that results when one photographs two (or more) bona-fide UFOs at the same time. When the patterns are there, they are linear-geometric and usually quite complex (degree of complexity is somewhat dependent on shutter speed, of course).

There is a second type of field-interaction that results with two or are UFOs in the sky together, but it is only visible under polarization bias, such as through a polarizing filter, through a transparent dielectric (glass or Plexiglas) with the light source passing through it at an oblique angle to the transmission medium, or against a sky area near a horizon in such relation to the sun that the backlighting is adequately polarized. A combination of those is especially helpful in filming the second effect.

That second effect results from two factors: (1) the pattern resulting by magnetic fields of the UFOs rotating the plane of polarization of the backlighting (visible only if there is an adequate ion differential between the distal and the proximal sides of the objects), and, (2) the interaction of the polarity plane rotation effects of the various objects involved.

Since the photos we are discussing were allegedly taken with the sun near the horizon, one might expect the second type effect to have been photographed, also, if the objects were bona-fide UFOs. It is nowhere in evidence, but the absence of the first-described effect may be more telling of hoax than absence of the second type effect, which involves subtle, alternately light and dark, sinuous bands, visible and fluid-looking, around the objects in filmed images.

Equally telling is the absence of any plasma-like glow discharge area in the air adjacent to the objects. It is invariably present in various forms if the object is in the air. Likewise, refractive phenomena that are propulsion-related should be in

evidence, effecting the images of clouds behind the objects, but they are absent.

That, Diane, is scientific evidence based on our knowledge gained from state-of-the-art UFO hard-data monitoring with cameras and instruments, demonstrating that those photos are as fake as can be, devoid of scientific value to UFOlogy, and as impotent as Methuselah without Viagra.

I'm sorry that you do not have the photographic experience to recognize photographs of small models close to the camera, or such experience in study of bona-fide UFO films as to recognize that alleged flying objects without propulsive effects are not self-propelled objects at all. (They usually are line-suspended or thrown, unless they are balloons.)

That was a very compressed description of my scientific evidence. Understandably, you are at a terrible disadvantage because you have not seen the evidence on which my conclusions are based. But, if you have an open mind and are seriously interested in learning how to tell the real UFO images (if of high enough resolution) from the fake ones, on-sight, have your group send me a ticket to the Yellow Brick Road to Oz. Then if you don't agree it was worth the investment, I will fully refund the road toll. :)

>>I somehow don't think you're really sure about those photos >>being "great", Diane. O.K., you are a blonde, but I've never >>thought of you as a case of the fabled dumb blonde. :)

><LOL>This has nothing to do with me being "blond" or for >example a man who is bald said to be labeled brighter than man >with hair. <g>

I hope you've not lost your sense of humor, Diane. :)

>One thing you can rest assured of, Ray, I'm not stupid.

Nor should one think that you are. Sorry for any misinterpretation.

>I may look blond. <g>oops! Hang on there mate while I get >me Whiteout, I've just spotted another spelling mistake <wink>

>>Sorry, but "great" does not fit those photos. I could think of >>a few short, descriptive words, but...

>Now, now Ray.....

>>One really lives in the fabled Land of Oz, though, if one >>believes those photos! :)

>Ray, we're at the end of the yellow brick road, the land of >golden & honey and we have the world's most beautiful beaches and >me!! ;) <LOL> That's why everyone wants to come live in Oz.

You also have the world's most dangerous spiders, the world's most deadly jellyfish, aggressive and deadly snakes... but, heck, send me a ticket!

>If the photos reveal a straw man or Tin man I will let you know!

They are the ufological hole and not the donut, Diane, and I have simply offered that fact and my experiential basis for it, for you to consider. Once you have become acquainted with the real UFOs, you will know how utterly sham and far-from-the-mark that photographer's concept of UFOs really is. They are incredibly more wonderful than those visually 'dead' models. I certainly don't hold it against you that you've not had the chance to learn the things it has taken me so many years and so much work with cameras and other instruments in-the-field to learn.

>Seriously now

>

>Ray I thank you kindly for all the advice and it has not >fallen on deaf ears you bring up some very relevant points which >I am looking into.

That's gratifying to hear, Diane. Please say "Hi!" to Bill Chalker for me.

Ray Stanford

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 11:35:31 +1000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Aug 2004 17:25:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 10:18:10 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 07:23:35 +1000  
>>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>To add to this, people who report their experiences to  
>>researchers are self selecting and may have a peculiarity of  
>>their own yet to be discovered.

>That's a good point. And just to make things more complicated,  
>we then have the differing reactions of researchers to the  
>people who want to talk to them. How do researchers screen the  
>people they spend a lot of time working with? That differs from  
>researcher to researcher, and certainly mucks up any definition  
>of who, exactly, abductees are.

Greg,

If you're asking how individual researchers qualify an abductee  
then that's a good question. I have given up qualifying these  
experiences because something new always turns up.

On another note, I have not had a person report a "classic"  
abduction experience to me for some years, if there ever was  
one. I now question that.

Sheryl Gottschall

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## Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 18:42:19 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Aug 2004 17:28:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 10:43:31 -0400  
>Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

>>From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
>>To: Updates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 09:39:31 -0700 (PDT)  
>>Subject: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

>>Source: The Daily Gleaner - Kingston, Jamaica

>>October 25, 1954

>>Visitors from outer space may be mapping earth

>>By Ronald Batchelor  
>>Reuters Correspondent

>>Nairobi

>>Visitors from outer space are probably observing and mapping the  
>>Earth and have directing their recent attentions to East  
>>Africa.

>>That, at any rate, is the considered opinion of one of the  
>>leading astronomers in this area, the vice-president of Kenya  
>>Astronomical Association, Mr. G. Duncan Fletcher.

>"One of the leading astronomers in this area...", huh? Well, how  
>many professional astronomers are in Kenya? :) They even have  
>problems getting jobs in the USA. Fletcher has been making pro-  
>E.T. statements for decades now, but he never has been able to  
>impress his colleagues, and one can see why. See, e.g., below:

>>He put forward this startling and eerie suggestion after a  
>>deluge of reports from scores of observers throughout East  
>>Africa, who claim to have seen "flying saucers."  
>>The most encouraging thing about reports of unidentified flying  
>>objects (or U.F.O. as they are labelled officially here), Mr.  
>>Fletcher avers, is that "they seemed to be friendly towards the  
>>people of this planet."

>I haven't noticed any help with our multiple planetary crises,  
>from environment to wars.

To give Fletcher the benefit of the doubt, perhaps what he had  
in mind was that the UFO occupants have not, after 57 years,  
taken over the Earth, wiped us out or enslaved us, and their  
UFOs have much more often than not retreated from approaches of  
military aircraft.

>>Mr. Fletcher is convinced that the objects come from outer  
>>space and declares that "their behaviour cannot be mistaken  
>>for a meteorite which, on coming into contact with our  
>>atmosphere, is pulled at an ever-increasing velocity by gravity  
>>towards the earth. The velocity becomes so great that the  
>>objects burns up because of the intense heat generated by  
>>friction with our atmosphere.

>>"A meteorite does not turn or hover in the air. Its path is a  
>>parabolic curve similar to that of shell fired from a gun.  
>>Therefore the things which we have seen are undoubtedly  
>>unidentified flying objects."

>Also, Fletcher may be so old, these days, that he has forgotten  
>this too: The paths of meteors and bullets fired from guns are  
>elliptical, not parabolic.

You may get a bit of feedback on that one, Ray. The bullet's trajectory as fired on the Earth, neglecting air resistance, is parabolic. So also, as far as I know, the meteor, if air resistance were to be neglected. But I suppose a meteoroid that doesn't get captured in the atmosphere could be in an elliptical orbit.

But how about Fletcher's statement that: "a meteorite which, on coming into contact with our atmosphere, is pulled at an ever-increasing velocity by gravity towards the earth." Due to the usual very large differential speed between the meteoroid and the Earth, a potential meteoroid has to be "aimed" pretty closely at Earth in the first place (when far out) before standing a chance of becoming a meteor or meteorite, as I see it. When that happens, air resistance is so important that the meteor is quickly slowed down. It's the case of a meteoroid that's close to being in Earth's orbit initially that, if caught within the Earth's gravitational pull, would undergo significant acceleration towards the earth before encountering friction. But I have no idea what fraction of potential meteors fall into this latter category even though my professional career was in an area of meteorology, (the non-astronomical kind).

Jim Deardorff

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lflaming6.nul](mailto:lflaming6.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 21:36:24 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Aug 2004 17:30:21 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Fleming

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 13:52:04 EDT  
>Subject: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>Don't the enemies of the U.S. like mainland China, Cuba, the Al  
>Queda etc. know from the tabloids and websites and radio shows  
>and newspapers and tv specials that the worst fear of the  
>western powers is that UFO information might come to the fore?  
>Wouldn't just one of these opposing powers take a glance around  
>and find some bit of mindbending proof to shake the foundations  
>of we 'Evil Americans'?

>Iran, Russia, China etc. could wipe us out with just one, count  
>'em, one great UFO photo, video, even a shin bone.

Assuming they had photos that were so sensational that they  
could "wipe out" the United States with them, then just might  
wipe themselves out, too. I think China is more interested in  
maintaining a favorable trade balance with the US than it is in  
destroying one of its most lucrative markets - and risking the  
destruction of the authority of the Communist state as well by  
exposing its citizens to contact with whatever dangerous ideas  
the ETs might have. What if ETs turned out to be capitalists who  
thought Karl Marx was an idiot?

>Yes, we do get reports but they're far too often the 'fuzzy  
>picture', 'my cousin's nephew's dentist's sister said' umpteen  
>twice removed accounts.

That's not completely true; the authenticity of the Barauna  
photographs was endorsed by the Brazilian government at the  
time. The photos were sufficiently clear to reduce some  
contemporary "skeptics" into alleging they were fakes  
perpetrated using 21st Century computer technology - back in the  
1950's.

There are quite a few governments that have shown they're not a  
part of any global "secret agenda," so I see no reason to  
suspect such a vast conspiracy exists. I'd leave that sort of  
conspiracy theory to folks like Seth Shostak. It's one of his  
"talking points," which he used successfully in his debate with  
Stan Friedman to divert the discussion from the compelling  
evidence of a UFO coverup by the United States Air Force.

It is true that while a number of foreign governments have made  
official statements conceding that UFOs were a concern to them,  
none has pushed vigorously for the UFO issue to be made a focus  
of international concern. Except one. The tiny island nation of  
Grenada. The United States invaded it. (A "preemptive" war that  
people seem to have forgotten about).

The real motive for the aggression against Grenada was most  
likely political. The Reagan Administration needed a cheap and  
quick military conquest after suffering some bad foreign policy  
setbacks in the Middle East. But the added bonus of shutting up  
Grenada's eccentric leader about UFOs certainly must have  
pleased some segments of the U.S. military command.



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## Press Release - NUFOC - 08-07-04

From: **Stephen Bassett** <[ParadigmRG.nul](mailto:ParadigmRG.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 03:40:55 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Aug 2004 17:34:42 -0400  
Subject: Press Release - NUFOC - 08-07-04

PRG  
Paradigm Research Group

Hollywood, CA - The National UFO Conference (NUFOC) has been scheduled for October 29-31, 2004 at the Renaissance Hotel in Hollywood, CA. The conference website is:

<http://www.nufoc.org>

Stephen Bassett, Executive Director of PRG and a conference speaker, commented, "I hope this becomes the permanent home for the NUFOC. It could be the "conference to the stars" offering an exceptional opportunity for entertainment professionals from behind and in front of the camera to meet and learn from the top researchers and activists dealing with extraterrestrial-related phenomena and exopolitics. It is my understanding that dozens of Hollywood celebs known to have great interest in these issues will soon receive VIP invitations to attend."

Speakers include: Stephen Bassett, Peter Davenport, Paul Davids, Richard Dolan, Ann Druffel, John Greenewald, Leslie Kean, Dr. Lynn Kitei, Robert Salas, Terry Hansen, Dr. Robert Wood,

The ultra-stylish Renaissance Hollywood Hotel is destined for fame as the premier luxury property in the movie-making capital of the world. Boasting a sophisticated mid-century modern design and breathtaking views of LA, this dazzling landmark hotel captures the legendary glamour and excitement of Hollywood's illustrious past. As cornerstone of the spectacular Hollywood & Highland retail and entertainment destination, the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel is located among trend-setting shops, world-class restaurants, legendary landmarks and state-of-the-art entertainment venues, including Kodak Theatre - new home of the Academy Awards ceremonies! The hotel's design and collection of contemporary artwork provide a truly creative atmosphere.

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 11:19:04 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Aug 2004 17:43:16 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Allan

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 09:07:12 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 14:25:35 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 22:53:02 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate  
>>>Is this supposed to prove nobody could have found the Aug,1,

>>>The forger had no need to ask the library archivist for dates of  
>>>the Truman-Smith meetings. He simply requested the Truman  
>>>appointments for, say, June 1949 to Nov. 1950. He did the  
>>>research himself, discovered the August 1, 1950 meeting and  
>>>found that it was the only such meeting for the period in  
>>>question. He then inserted that date in the Ike briefing memo.  
>>>This would have been long before you visited the library.

>>>Thus no insider was involved.

>>>There must be numerous historians who used the Truman diaries  
>>>for this period. No archivist could possibly remember which of  
>>>them did what, nor would the library disclose the names of  
>>>previous visitors (unless by police or court order I presume).

>>Cogent beyond reproach.

>Cogent? Absurd as noted in my response. Exactly the approach a  
>forger would use

>>if he wanted the document to be "verifiable". Particularly  
>>clever if the forger knew the recipient (Moore) would do the  
>>research... or have associate(s) who would.

>Really? Are you an expert at document forging? I take it this  
>same forger also went to the Eisenhower Library, the National  
>Archives, the Library of Congress Manuscript Division, the  
>Harvard Archives, ( etc etc) The Ike Library has 15 million  
>pages. The National Archives Record Group 341 (USAF HQ files  
>through about 1957) had about 9800 feet of material or about  
>1000 filing cabinets worth. They bring you boxes. You don't go  
>in the files.

The forger did indeed (except Harvard). See my remarks below.

>>Since the documents originated in someone's mailbox and not in  
>>any official archive, and since they clearly serve as an  
>>indictment of the government as complicit in a lie, and since  
>>our justice system provides for presumption of innocence, the  
>>presumption must be that the documents are fantasy. The burden  
>>is on those that claim them to be real. And so.....

>The documents originated in someones mail box?? Manufactured by

>an elf with nothing better to do? The Cutler Twining memo was  
>found in Box 189 of Entry 267 of RG 341.

Kyle is talking about the package received by Shandera here.  
What about those moronic 'postcards' Moore received, telling him  
where to search?

>The EBD and TF were on a roll of film shot in the 1983-84 time  
>frame according to the numbers on the side of the film

I can certainly accept this.

>>The MJ-12 documents are plainly too tainted to accept at face  
>>value. Decades of attempts to authenticate them have proven  
>>fruitless without fundamental conjecture (proclamation).In  
>>fact, much of the evidence used to support the case also support  
>>the alternative. These attempts fail to prove beyond a  
>>preponderance of the evidence that the documents are genuine, or  
>>anything beyond the capabilities of an informed forger who knew  
>>exactly to whom the documents should be "leaked".

>>As a "civil" matter, the case for the MJ-12 documents fails.

>>Likewise, the MJ-12 documents neither bear on the question of  
>>what actually happened at Roswell and vicinity in 1947, nor on  
>>the integrity of those who worked to confirm the documents'  
>>veracity.

>>Let us apply this kind of investigatory vigor and scientific  
>>mind-set to more contemporary cases...cases on which time and  
>>deceit have yet to have deleterious effect.

>When did you become a judge? How much evidence have you provided  
>for the prosecution? The taint is from the attackers who make up  
>charges as they go along.

>According to the Questioned document community, those who claim  
>that a document is a fraud have the burden of proof on them.

>I think I should cross the fence and become a sniper instead of  
>a target. No need to visit archives, no need to wade through a  
>multitude of boxes of documents, no need to wait for years to  
>get responses to Mandatory Classification Review requests. No  
>need to find people who may be able to provide first hand  
>testimony about the people and offices involved. No need to  
>consult with archivists, no need to provide evidence. Just sit  
>back in my armchair and create scenarios. When one is shot down,  
>provide another.

>Soon I shall provide a detailed review concerning attacks on the  
>CT memo. I have written literally hundreds of pages about the  
>documents and travelled tens of thousands of miles and spent a  
>ton of money. You guys sit in your armchairs and do your  
>research by proclamation. For shame.

I do not intend to let this debate last forever.

STF is 'padding' his arguments with irrelevancies. We are not  
talking about all the numerous archives, libraries, & classified  
records that exist. We are talking about one library only in  
this instance - the Truman Library, and the reviewing of T's  
diary for a given period.

No, I have never been there. Nor do I need to. Yes, you can call  
it 'armchair research', if you like.

Stan's visit to verify the Truman-Smith meeting was certainly  
not in 1980, but in 1987 at the earliest.

The forger visited the said library no later than 1984.

I guess his research took more than one visit but cannot be  
sure. I am positive the Truman appointments diaries for, say, 12  
months do not amount to tons of paper, though they would take  
some time to examine. Nor are they classified (or the forger  
would not have had access to them).

Computers? Why suggest computerisation? The forger did his  
research manually and took his time, perhaps spread over a few  
days.

Certainly he visited other research facilities, taking a year or so to complete his task, before forging the two MJ-12 docs. sent to Jaime Shandera. He did the Cutler memo as an afterthought.

At the T library, I would certainly bet that he found the Aug 1, '50 date, knowing that STF, or someone else, would visit the same library and verify it once the MJ-12 papers came out in June '87.

Exactly the same argument applies to the Sept 24, 1947 date. Stan tells us that the library staff managed, within about 3 days in 1987, to verify this date as the sole date of a Truman-Bush meeting during an 8-month period, without Stan needing to visit the place.

There is not one single aspect of the MJ-12 papers that cannot have been composed by a diligent forger with the time and motivation to do so. Not one.

And with that, I rise from my armchair to see what the racket is outside. Must be those noisy negativists again.

Finis

CDA

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From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 11:28:09 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Aug 2004 17:47:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 15:48:16 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>Although I'm a professional in the arts, the majority of the  
>people in my circles aren't professional artists although they  
>are artistic.

<snip>

>I don't know if artistic communication is a common denominator  
>of contact or abduction but it's something worth looking into.

The connection between artistic people and the UFO phenomenon  
has been known for quite a while. Five or 6 years ago there was a  
spate of messages on UFO UpDates regarding who played what  
instrument(s) and so on.

One lady introduced herself to the Llist by pointing out that  
she was into "music and UFOs" and "what a strange mixture that  
is"... or words to that effect. We all know that Budd is an  
artist, some know that Jerry Clark has written lyrics for  
popular songs, I play keyboard (piano, pipe organ, synth, etc)  
and have written 2 books and composed music with lyrics, and so  
on (others can "trump in" here).

I do not suggest that the fraction of artists (however one  
defines that) among ufologists is greater than the fraction of  
artists in the general population. I do not suggest this because  
I have no idea what the statistics would be.

You, however, are, to my knowledge, the first to suggest a  
definite connection between abduction and artistic ability.  
Whether or not that connection can be made on a statistical  
basis is yet to be determined. However the straightforward  
approach would be to determine what are the artistic abilities  
of all the abductees presently on record.

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## Military UFO Video Could Be Key To Credibility

From: Capt. Alejandro Franz <[alfafox.nul](mailto:alfafox.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 07 Aug 2004 11:31:21 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 11:25:00 -0400  
Subject: Military UFO Video Could Be Key To Credibility

Source: The Dallas Morning News

<http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/world/mexico/stories/071104dnintufos.39baf.html>

07-25-04

Military UFO video could be key to credibility in enthusiast's career (Jaime Maussan)

By Laurence Iliff  
Dallas Morning News

Jaime Maussan has spent the past decade collecting possible evidence of alien visits to Earth and maintains he has had personal contact with other "entities." And now Maussan says he has secured the most definitive proof yet of extraterrestrial visitors, and from an unlikely source: Mexico's super-secretive military.

MEXICO CITY, Mexico -(KRT)- Jaime Maussan has spent the past decade collecting possible evidence of alien visits to Earth and maintains he has had personal contact with other "entities."

He presents UFO photos, videos and testimony on two Internet sites, at conferences in Mexico and the United States, on the radio and on his new prime-time television show.

Entertainer, journalist and believer, Maussan is the guru of a subculture of UFO and space-travel devotees in Mexico, where there are a surprising number of reported sightings.

Like their astronomer ancestors, Mexicans embrace the notion of life in outer space and are generally less cynical about the UFO phenomenon than Americans.

"In no other place in the world is there such a commitment to producing evidence" of UFOs as in Mexico, he said.

And now Maussan says he has secured the most definitive proof yet of extraterrestrial visitors, and from an unlikely source: Mexico's super-secretive military.

The air force tape shows 11 luminous flying objects that military experts can't explain. So they sought out Maussan and cooperated with his investigation.

With the video has come a new dose of respect, Maussan said.

That could counter attacks on Maussan's credibility by Mexican scientists and even UFO buffs in other countries. While he is a darling among some in the UFO field, he is also considered one of the worst hucksters by scientists and skeptics, believers and nonbelievers, many of whom have their own Web sites.

UFO Watchdog, which is much more interested in debunking UFO theories than searching for proof of extraterrestrial life, is one. A Chile-based Web site, "La Nave de los Locos" or "Ship of



the Crazy," likewise is dedicated to debunking UFO stories and the people who make money off them.

Both sites suggest that Maussan accepts any and all UFO stories and repeats them - with little or no skepticism - to make money. The Web site UFO Watchdog has placed Maussan in its "UFO Hall of Shame," alleging that the longtime journalist is a "promoter and supporter of various UFO hoaxes."

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Maussan, 51, acknowledges that there are bogus UFO stories, but he said his new military-filmed video is bullet-proof.

"This is a watershed," he said of the video, which was broadcast worldwide in May and was the top story on Mexico's nightly news. In the history of UFOs, "there is a before, and there is an after," Maussan said in the dramatic tone that has made him a mainstream entertainer and global UFO "expert."

The video also may be a watershed in Maussan's career.

He used it on the June 13 debut episode of his two-hour weekly TV show, "Great Mysteries of the Third Millennium," which is broadcast live from his own studio.

On the show, air force pilots described their surprise at coming across luminous objects while looking for drug traffickers in the lower Gulf of Mexico on March 5.

Some of the objects showed up on radar, the pilots said, meaning they had mass. Others showed up on an infrared camera, meaning they emitted heat. During the incident, the pilots expressed surprise and even concern that they were being surrounded.

At one point, one soldier says with nervous laughter, "We are not alone."

National Defense Minister Ricardo Clemente Vega Garcia said the video was given to Maussan largely because the defense ministry was unaware of anyone else who actively studied the subject in Mexico.

"There are more copies for those scientists who want to see it, only we don't know them," Vega said. He added that the military had no opinion on what the shiny objects might be and had never used words like "UFO" or "flying saucer" to describe them.

Since President Vicente Fox became the first politician from an opposition party to hold that office in seven decades, the notoriously closed military has been somewhat more open.

Maussan, who dresses casually and exudes sincerity, said he is a skeptical journalist who simply presents the evidence.

He cites his credentials as the former host of the investigative news show "60 Minutos," which is unrelated to the popular U.S. TV news magazine "60 Minutes," and a long list of awards and achievements.

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Maussan is also a believer who said he has had contact with "entities". The experience, he said, was shared by half a dozen people and came in the early years of his UFO investigations.

"For me, it was something very important. It convinced me that this phenomenon is real and that it's just a matter of time. The most natural logic indicates that this universe must be full of intelligent life forms, and it's very likely that they are more intelligent than us and can reach our planet," he said.

Maussan said he did not want to go into the details of his personal experiences because that would make him, rather than his journalistic work, the focus of attention.

"We are talking about the most important story in history," he said. "When you accept that intelligent entities of unknown origin exist in our world, it changes everything."

While Maussan said he is not rich, his unique home in a wooded

area of Mexico City features underground bedrooms, connecting tunnels and ongoing construction.

An above-ground nook is carved from a single tree and resembles a pointy spaceship. But there are few other UFO knickknacks, and his two young children don't seem particularly interested in the topic. Maussan said his wife used to be a skeptic, too.

To be sure, scientists from Mexico and elsewhere are loudly skeptical of this latest video. The usual explanations - weather phenomena, offshore oil rigs, highway lights - have been suggested.

UFO believers are unmoved and remain elated about the rare military openness.

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An admitted workaholic, Maussan holds twice-a-week conferences around Mexico at \$20 per attendee, and he had his first in-person sessions in the U.S. on June 25 and 26, in Los Angeles.

He is a regular guest on U.S. Spanish-language programs such as the talk show "Cristina." His own TV show can be seen by U.S. viewers via streamed Internet.

"Many people ask me why the video was given to me" Maussan said from his downtown Mexico City office, which is sprinkled with a few UFO knickknacks. "Because of 13 years of presenting this type of evidence. For the scientists, this was an offense. But for the people, this was absolutely natural.

"The scientists," he added, "would have explained it away and guarded it in a drawer so that no one could see it."

c.2004, The Dallas Morning News.

Sources:

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Scheldroup

From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 14:03:21 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 11:30:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Scheldroup

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 13:08:20 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 09:07:12 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

<snip>

>>Soon I shall provide a detailed review concerning attacks on the  
>>CTmemo. I have written literally hundreds of pages about the  
>>documents and travelled tens of thousands of miles and spent a  
>>ton of money. You guys sit in your armchairs and do your  
>>research by proclamation. For shame.

>So, again I am labeled a "debunker" or at least an "attacker".

>I feel ashamed, all right. Ashamed that I spent any time at all  
>commenting on this expecting to be enlightened.

>MJ-12 - a subject with only one expert, only one valid opinion,  
>and only one studied advocate.

>Gee Stan, you win.

>I wont waste any more time "attacking". That would be absurd.

One or two said statements caught my little attention in a short  
review of parts in the new 23 page document.

by Linda Moulton-Howe

[http://dwij.org/pathfinders/linda\\_moulton\\_howe/linda\\_m\\_h12.htm](http://dwij.org/pathfinders/linda_moulton_howe/linda_m_h12.htm)

"(3) Underneath the power plant, was discovered a ball-turret, approximately ten feet in diameter. This turret was encompassed by a series of gears that has a unusual ratio not known by any of our engineers. On the underside of the turret were four circular cavities, coated with some smooth material not identified. These cavities are symmetrical, but seem to be movable. Just how is not known. The movement of the turret coincides with the dome-shaped cupola compartment above the power room. It is believed that the main propulsion system is a bladeless turbine, similar to current development now underway at AMC and the Mogul Project."

"A possible theory was devised by Dr. August Steinhoff (a Paperclip scientist), Dr. Werner von Braun and Dr. Theodore von Karman as the craft moves through the air, it somehow draws the oxygen from the atmosphere and by a induction process, generates a atomic fusion reaction (see TAB 2)."

Huh?

Nope.

Nuclear fusion was not von Braun's area of expertise in 1947 but for this reason being a major scientist involved in rocket engineering, that I doubt he would have devised a new theory for which was out of his respective field... I found one reference to the small fact that leads us to say that von Braun was aware of current developments of the day for advancement of big new rocket engines to employ fission, fusion and antimatter, see below.

<http://home.mho.net/schuessler/science.htm>

"WE MUST GO BACK TO THE MOON - AND BEYOND

The Wall Street Journal

July 20, 1999

Homer H. Hickam, a retired NASA engineer, says the next time we go to the moon, we should finally heed Werner Von Braun's advice. And the first thing we need to do is build some of the big new rocket engines currently on NASA drawing boards in Huntsville, Alabama. These engines, which rely for power on fission, fusion, and antimatter, can be constructed using technologies currently available. Once in operation, they will put the moon and the rest of the solar system well within reach for all of us."

Afforementioned:

"the main propulsion system is a bladeless turbine, similar to current development now underway at AMC and the Mogul Project."

First off, a US patent # 1,329,559, was issued to Nicola Tesla in 1916 which he called the Bladeless Boundary-Layer Turbine, see below.

Here's a short description of current advancements using Tesla's invention today.

<http://www.iaus.com/TurbineDesign.htm>

<http://www.iaus.com/TurbineDescription.htm>

Finally:

The Majestic-12 Document

"The latest delivery was July 2001 "

If we re-read parts of (3) above following its transcription thereof document, do we notice any at all likeness found in it to concept of one Chang-D=ECaz thesis in mid 70's, see below: now compare this to above (3) MJ-12 document.

Wired Issue 9.01 - Jan 2001

<http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/9.01/plasma.html?pg=3D3>

"By the early 1970s, Chang-D=ECaz was pursuing graduate studies in applied physics at MIT. That was the era of oil shortages in the US, and he decided to study controlled thermonuclear fusion as an energy source. Still fascinated by flight, he joined the MIT Soaring Association, a glider club, and became a glider pilot.

He earned his PhD in 1977 on the strength of a thesis about generating energy by using magnetic ducts and diverters to channel plasma from a fusion reactor to a turbine."

Nor am I debunk or believer in all parts of MJ-12 and their well intentioned work by researchers, but strange things and sh^^ do happen 23 pages and 7 months later.

John

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## Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 17:53:07 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 11:37:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites - Friedman

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 11:36:46 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 02:32:05 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites

>>>From: Tim Shell <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 08:21:17 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites

<snip>

>>>Yeah, those Rocky Mountains are not much of a feature. Two or  
>>>three feet high at the most. Easy to find meteorites there. You  
>>>can pick 'em up by the handful.

>>Not a very flattering description.....

>>But if meteorite hunting gets really popular... it could yield a  
>>treasure-trove indeed.

>>The metal-detector makers will be smiling.

>>So will we meteorite collectors, because more meteorites will  
>>become available.

>>If anyone wants to do some meteorite hunting, feel free ask me,  
>>privately, for the best references to help you look effectively,  
>>if you don't already know the best procedures.

It should be noted that the state of Maine and the adjacent  
Canadian province of New Brunswick - where I live - are more  
than 90% covered with thick forests. One could easily hide a  
host of meteoric material. On the average we get about 10' of  
snow per winter. Featureless is hardly the appropriate word for  
this region of North America.

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## Re: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground Holes

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 07 Aug 2004 21:26:39 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 11:40:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground Holes

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 17:19:53 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground Holes

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 01:25:39 EDT  
>>Subject: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground Holes

>>Why is it every country on Earth seems to have an equally  
>>effective 'hush up' campaign or am I wrong on this?

>Quite a few researchers into political power structures say that  
>a world power structure exists which effectively "owns", by dint  
>of their members who own virtually all the world's visible  
>governments. This is because their members own the private banks  
>which masquerade as government institutions, and consequently,  
>those members of this power structure own the national debts of  
>virtually all governments. National debts which are often  
>impossible to pay off.

>Bottom line: Visible governments are not independent entities.

>That could explain it, since a cabal of the world's wealthiest  
>>would very much not want UFO technology to leak into the  
>unclassified world until and precisely how they wish to  
>introduce such technology. Keeping the truth about UFOs secret  
>also may make fake stories about UFOs to be used for political  
>control.

Eleanor,

I will bite my tongue to prevent saying what I really think  
about this kind of 'reasoning', but at least let's have a little  
scholarship.

How about naming some of the "quite a few researchers into  
political power structures?" Cite some scholarly articles. Or  
are all scholars with real academic credentials part of the  
conspiracy?

- Dick

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## A Paper: The Year 1954 In Photos

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 23:27:46 +0200 (CEST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 11:49:15 -0400  
Subject: A Paper: The Year 1954 In Photos

Dear colleagues:

I am happy to inform that a paper titled "The Year 1954 in Photos" can be read and downloaded at the following URL - in English:

<http://www.anomalia.org/fotocat1954.pdf>

It is the first report produced from FOTOCAT, the Spanish Anomaly Foundation's worldwide photographic catalog (4,800 entries to-date), whose regular news reports are at:

<http://www.anomalia.org/fotocat1.htm>

I hope it can be an item of interest to you. As the author, I will be delighted to hear your comments, additions or corrections to the largest census of UFO photographic cases recorded for the wave year of 1954.

Best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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## Re: UFO Community Bashing - Lehmbert

From: **Alfred Lehmbert** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 16:31:00 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 11:53:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Community Bashing - Lehmbert

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 21:04:43 +0100  
>Subject: Re: UFO Community Bashing

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 13:34:16 EDT  
>>Subject: UFO Community Bashing

<snip>

>Is Phil Klass in  
>the same community as Alfred Lehmbert?

<snip>

Sure, we're in the same community! Just, Klass is in the community '\_cemetery\_'. Thanks for asking. You live on Convenient Filters Street, don't you? Or is that Ardent Denialist?

[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)  
[www.AlienView.net](http://www.AlienView.net)  
...content to read, content to hear, content to see.....

Photo Album: <http://www.alienview.net/AVAlbum.htm>  
(send picture as attachment to [alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul))  
Splash page: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AlienViewGroup/>  
AVGroup Splashpage <http://www.alienview.net/alienviews.htm>  
Support AVGroup: <http://www.alienview.net/help.html>  
<http://www.alienview.net/N2Ltune.html> -- The music in me...

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## Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 15:54:23 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 12:01:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Gehrman

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 14:51:06 -0400  
>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 13:03:11 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

><snip>

>>John, Roy, List, EBK,

>>I bought the last copy of Richard Brunswick's "UFO" photo  
>>collection after following the link Don posted. I too find it  
>>fascinating and well worth the \$23. Brunswick "also believes  
>>some of the photographs to be fake, though he's convinced  
>>that the majority are authentic." Many of them should be  
>>thoroughly discussed. John's vivid encounter and description  
>>closely matches several of Brunswick's photos.

>>If Ray still has his copy, I'd like him to debunk the series of  
>>photos on pg. 238-239. I'm not clear how he distinguishes the  
>>frauds from the legitimate so those photos should allow him  
>>demonstrate these abilities. All else being equal, I think the  
>>responsibility rests on the persons yelling "fraud" to provide  
>>evidence for their accusations.

>>How many Updates List members have a copy of "UFO"? Perhaps we  
>>could talk off-List?

>How funny! Go back from the photos to which you refer (on pages  
>238 and 239) to page 234 and 235, and look at that ridiculous  
>photo of a silly little UFO model, claimed to be a UFO  
>photographed in "Sta. Ana, California - USA 14 May 1962".

>Then go to the photos to which you refer on pages 238 and 239,  
>said to have been taken in, "Jacksonville, Florida - USA 24 May,  
>1953".

>Hey, you really are very, very funny, Ed. Does the house and  
>whole scene look familiar? :) Didn't you notice that, amazingly,  
>the house and even the palm tree frond ("May 14, 1953"), is the  
>very same house and palm frond transferred by time machine and  
>teleportation to "Sta. Ana, California" on May 14, 1962!

Ray,

No I didn't notice; thanks for pointing that out. How strange!

>The only difference is that the old Cadillac has been moved out  
>of the driveway and the photos were taken at different times,  
>with a clear sky and with a cloudy one. That palm frond is still  
>in exactly the same condition and place, nine years and  
>thousands of miles apart. :) LMAO!

That's very true but what does it mean? Were the photos somehow  
mislabelled during or before publication? Were there two

sightings over the same house on different days. Or did the hoaxer use the same location for two photo sessions, using different models, on different days? Were they taken by the same camera? The same person?

I am glad you pointed this out; what a mystery. I certainly agree: the four photos were taken at the same location. But that does not answer my question. What's wrong with the photos themselves? There are hundreds of photos in this collection and you said they were all frauds. Brunswick also admitted that some of them were frauds but that he felt most were authentic. I'd like to know how you are able to separate the fakes from the authentic. You claim to have a knack for this. I'd like you to demonstrate your ability and perhaps teach me and other list members how to be more observant.

>Zhazam! Your arrogant and silly question has demonstrated how >naive, unobservant, and sold-out-to-belief you are, Ed.

I wanted to know why you felt that those photos were fakes. You have not answered that question.

>And with such an appetite as you have for utter crap, perhaps >you like that stuff resembling diarrhea clearly splattered all >over those photos to make them look old. :)

I think you need to be a little more specific. What crap, and how and why? Do you mean the material that seems to be floating in the air?

>Some people have simply the will to believe. Others are even >more extreme and have almost a conscious will to make fools of >themselves. I leave it to other list members to decide where to >place you, Ed.

I have a very open mind, but I'm also skeptical of people claiming special skills and powers. You said that all the photos in Brunswick's collection are frauds and that you know this because of special skills you've developed over the years. I'd like you to demonstrate them, not just talk about them.

>I have never been a "debunker" (as your wording implies), but >since my teens, I have become increasingly a realist.

OK; "realist" is fine with me.

>Your ability to discern real UFO photos is about as good as your >ability to distinguish between volcanic rock and a UFO crash >site!

You're the person who tried to block discussion of these photos by making a blanket statement that they all were crap. I decided to buy the book because I was piqued by Roy's enthusiasm and trusted his judgment. I knew you had been very wrong before when you identified christobalite as agate, so there was a good chance you might be wrong this time.

>Thanks for the opportunity, Ed. :)

Since you seem willing to accommodate, please explain how these photos (UFO pgs. 234-235, 238-239) were hoaxed. You say you can look at a photo and know whether it's a fake or not. Teach me and the list that skill. Is there any way we could get scans of these specific photos posted at a site so other list members could follow the discussion. I don't have a scanner. And do you have an example of a UFO photo that you know is not faked?

Ed

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 09:38:11 +1000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 13:19:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 11:28:09 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 15:48:16 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>Although I'm a professional in the arts, the majority of the  
>>people in my circles aren't professional artists although they  
>>are artistic.

><snip>

>>I don't know if artistic communication is a common denominator  
>>of contact or abduction but it's something worth looking into.

>The connection between artistic people and the UFO phenomenon  
>has been known for quite a while. Five or 6 years ago there was a  
>spate of messages on UFO UpDates regarding who played what  
>instrument(s) and so on.

>One lady introduced herself to the Llist by pointing out that  
>she was into "music and UFOs" and "what a strange mixture that  
>is"... or words to that effect. We all know that Budd is an  
>artist, some know that Jerry Clark has written lyrics for  
>popular songs, I play keyboard (piano, pipe organ, synth, etc)  
>and have written 2 books and composed music with lyrics, and so  
>on (others can "trump in" here).

>I do not suggest that the fraction of artists (however one  
>defines that) among ufologists is greater than the fraction of  
>artists in the general population. I do not suggest this because  
>I have no idea what the statistics would be.

>You, however, are, to my knowledge, the first to suggest a  
>definite connection between abduction and artistic ability.  
>Whether or not that connection can be made on a statistical  
>basis is yet to be determined. However the straightforward  
>approach would be to determine what are the artistic abilities  
>of all the abductees presently on record.

If you pull out your proceedings of the MIT abduction study  
conference and go to "Cross Cultural Patterns In Abductions" by  
Jenny Randles. sub-heading Pre-Abduction Life Profiles, you will  
find that this was brought to researchers attention years ago.

It says:

"It was also found that a large number had obvious artistic  
potential (e.g. their sketches were expert and of superior  
quality or they habitually wrote poetry or painted)...."

So, what does it mean?

Sheryl Gottschall

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: Ray Dickenson <[editor.nul](mailto:editor.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 01:00:21 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 14:24:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 11:28:09 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>However the straightforwr d approach would be to determine what  
>are the artistic abilities of all the abductees presently on  
>record.

Sorry Bruce, that won't work.

All "abilities" are either self-reported (and therefore suspect) or judgmental (and therefore even more suspect).

Since "art" became fashionable (rather than an ability of slaves) we find all sorts of foolish upper-class idiots claiming "artistry".

(Find anyone who really likes modern classical "atonal" music - it's only there because it's composed by the posing rich - who have no talent for real music)

You're going to have to find a `scientific' test of `artistic' - and I'm inclined to think someone is already doing that.

Cheers

Ray D

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"Perceptions" <http://www.perceptions.couk.com>  
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real mail is CC'd [edfile.nul](mailto:edfile.nul)  
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## Re: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground Holes

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 07 Aug 2004 21:19:12 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 14:26:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground Holes

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 17:19:53 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground Holes

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 01:25:39 EDT  
>>Subject: Pravda Story On UFOs & Anomalous Ground Holes

><snip>

>>Why is it every country on Earth seems to have an equally  
>>effective 'hush up' campaign or am I wrong on this?

>Quite a few researchers into political power structures say  
>that a world power structure exists which effectively "owns", by  
> dint of their members who own virtually all the world's visible  
> governments. This is because their members own the private banks  
> which masquerade as government institutions, and consequently,  
> those members of this power structure own the national debts of  
> virtually all governments. National debts which are often  
> impossible to pay off.

>Bottom line: Visible governments are not independent entities.

>That could explain it, since a cabal of the world's wealthiest  
> would very much not want UFO technology to leak into the  
> unclassified world until and precisely how they wish to  
> introduce such technology. Keeping the truth about UFOs secret  
> also may make fake stories about UFOs to be used for political  
> control.

You have to ask yourself Eleanor. If a country defaults, say for  
argument the United States, who is going to collect the debt-  
and how? If you default on your mortgage payments the bank moves  
in and if you make it rough for them then the police/sheriff  
show up to enforce the bank's "rights" and throw you out of  
there.

Let's replace you with the United States and they default, and  
the cabal shows up and says get out and they refuse-who are they  
going to send to throw the US out of the "house"?

The whole idea doesn't make sense.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford - Hale

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 01:41:21 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 14:29:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford - Hale

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 21:20:11 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

<snip>

>It is not a matter of proving they are fake. The claimant or a  
>proponent must demonstrate that they are genuine photos of UFOs.

Hi,

Sorry I disagree, you have claimed that the Brunswick Photos are fake, once again I would like you to present your studies on each photo to this Llist, to show how you reached such an opinon.

Please no more side-tracking, simply bring your research of the Brunswick photos to this List.

Roy.

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## Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 23:46:41 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 14:31:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 18:42:19 -0700  
>Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 10:43:31 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

<snip>

>You may get a bit of feedback on that one, Ray. The bullet's  
>trajectory as fired on the Earth, neglecting air resistance, is  
>parabolic. So also, as far as I know, the meteor, if air  
>resistance were to be neglected. But I suppose a meteoroid that  
>doesn't get captured in the atmosphere could be in an elliptical  
>orbit.

Wrong! In the first place, air resistance acts on both meteors  
in motion and bullets shot from guns, so why bring in the  
subject of airless passage?! A meteor is not a meteor until it  
enters the upper atmosphere and adjacent air becomes luminous.

All meteoroids have elliptical paths in the solar system, and  
retardation by atmospheric passage only modifies the properties  
of the ellipse, constantly across time, but does not alter it to  
a parabolic course.

Your statement is just as imaginary as your belief in Billy  
Meier as messiah! To have a parabolic course, parabolic velocity  
must be present. That is not the case with bullets or meteors.

Ray Stanford

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**Re: Link to Max Burns' "The Usual Suspects" PDF -**

From: **Nicholas Redfern** <[nick.redfern.nul](mailto:nick.redfern.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 20:48:37 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 14:34:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Link to Max Burns' "The Usual Suspects" PDF -

>From: Max Burns <[max.burns.nul](mailto:max.burns.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 6 Aug 2003 18:40:23 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Link to Max Burns' "The Usual Suspects" PDF

>>From: Nicholas Redfern <[nick.redfern.nul](mailto:nick.redfern.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 13:43:24 -0700 (PDT)  
>>Subject: Re: Link to Max Burns' "The Usual Suspects" PDF

<snip>

Max, It may well be the case that other people were of the opinion that I changed my views because of Andy and Dave "browbeating" but the fact that this definitely wasn't the case only goes to show that all those same people had the wrong opinion. But I can't be blamed for the fact that these people didn't even bother to pick up the phone and ask me or email me but instead came to a conclusion about me on their own. Can I be blamed if they came to a conclusion that was wrong because of their inability to pick up the phone and call me to ask why I changed my views on Berwyns, UFOs etc?

Plus, I wasn't "upset" or "offended." I just wanted to get my point of view across to people who read your article and specifically the part that dealt with me. Something else you may forget or not know: implying that Andy and/or Dave browbeat me implies that they were constantly emailing me, calling me, calling people I knew, publishing things etc. Fact is: I've never had browbeating phone calls, visits etc from Andy, Dave on the Berwyns issue at all - or indeed on any subject. Nor has anyone ever said to me something like: "I got a call from Andy saying you better change your views or else." That would be just ridiculous.

Andy simply sent me his paper on the Berwyns case, I read it, I digested it and I changed my opinion because I felt his theory better explained the data surrounding the case. And that was it; end of story. No phone calls (anonymous or otherwise) from Andy browbeating me into accepting his views, no veiled threats if I didn't change my stance. Nothing.

In fact, aside from discussing a few years ago the idea of us doing a book on the Berwyns, the above is where things began and ended. I can only reiterate what I said before: Andy sent me his Berwyns paper, I read it, I changed my views. And that is the truth.

Now as far as the "chortle" remark is concerned, okay, I was over-hasty here. My comments were not directed at you as such and certainly not taking any pleasure in seeing you hoaxed or out of pocket as far as expending money is concerned because that is not my gig at all. My comment was a general one (although I concede I could have worded it better) based upon the fact that I have seen hoaxes conducted by people as kind of a psychological experiment and then seen "researchers" endorse those hoaxes and not ask too many awkward questions that might collapse the hoax because the hoax actually furthers their beliefs.

And to me, from a psychological perspective, this is interesting - how people respond to hoaxes and how some hoaxes come to be believed and then other people endorse the hoaxes - albeit usually unwittingly. And I stand by this: that understanding why people hoax things, how they hoax things, how those hoaxes then spread and become part of the UFO "lore" intrigues me. I don't do it personally but I maintain that the whole anatomy of a hoax situation is fascinating when you dig into it - the motivations, the responses, the creation of the legend behind the hoax etc.

Nick

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## Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 00:42:52 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 14:38:56 -0400  
Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 10:43:31 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

>>>Source: The Daily Gleaner - Kingston, Jamaica

>>>October 25, 1954

>>>Visitors from outer space may be mapping earth...

>>>That, at any rate, is the considered opinion of one of the  
>>>leading astronomers in this area, the vice-president of Kenya

>Ray wrote:

>>"One of the leading astronomers in this area...", huh?

>...And proceeded to give Fletcher a sound thrashing for  
>statements made in a 50 year old article

><snip>

>Easy, easy. Post-1947 historical material I include here, or at  
>the Return to Magonia website, is for the most part posted as  
>just that - historical material. Indeed, you can find, at the  
>website, 50 year old advertisements for flying saucer toys, in  
>addition to many different clippings from many different  
>newspapers. Primarily Americana, although this particular nugget  
>happened to be from a Jamaica newspaper. Your scathing and  
>pointed analysis of Fletcher's position is understood and  
>appreciated, by why not save your critical thinking skills for  
>current lunacy, like the assertions made by Michael Salla and  
>his ilk?

Hi Rod,

Good advice. I realized after posting my comments that it was a  
very old comment by Fletcher to which I had commented :-o -  
one, in fact, that I had in one of my old scrapbooks from way  
back when - and, in fact, I realize that, the likes of Sala  
deserve anything one can in fairness throw at them, IMO, much  
more than an astronomer whom I now realize is possibly long  
dead.

>Henceforth (if I include any further historical posts in this  
>venue, at all) I will open the subject line of such posts with  
>the word "Historical" and make a note in the body of the post to  
>the effect that:

>"This article is posted as part of an historical overview of  
>post-1947 written matter pertaining to the subject of UFOs,  
>extraterrestrial life, etc. The views in these articles do not  
>necessarily represent the views of the poster, and neither are  
>they presented as casting illumination upon the the various  
>scientific aspects of the UFO problem."

Excellent idea.



Thanks ,

Ray Stanford

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## Possible Mothman Photo?

From: Barry Taylor <[stingray.nul](mailto:stingray.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 15:49:33 +1000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 14:41:13 -0400  
Subject: Possible Mothman Photo?

Hi List,

While searching the web for the latest on the Mothman, I came across a site called "The Mothman, The legend of Point Pleasant, WV". On this site, a reader had sent in two photos taken at dusk of a dark winged creature standing on top of a bridge over the Ohio River. The creature then flies off.

I downloaded the two images and ran them through an enhancing process to see what could be learnt from the images. A close-up of the dark creature can be seen, plus an enhancement of the creatures facial details can be seen.

Could this be the first photo of the Mothman? The details show why the Natives of the area called it the "Thunderbird".

What do you think?

<http://theozfactor.nucleardays.com/mothman.htm>

Barry Taylor

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 02:38:06 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 14:44:37 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Sparks

>From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 11:59:02 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 13:52:04 EDT  
>>Subject: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

<snip>

>And, whence the assumption that Al Qaeda and other enemies of  
>the United States regularly read those last bastions of  
>journalistic integrity, the "Weekly World News," and "The  
>National Enquirer?"

How soon we all forget! Do you not know that the first target of the terrorist anthrax attacks was the publisher of Weekly World News and National Enquirer? A strange Iraqi address was a paid subscriber to the National Enquirer, apparently an intelligence mail drop. Some of the 9-11 hijackers lived some 2 miles away from National Enquirer headquarters. Not that this proves anything except that the Enquirer does attract a lot more interest from terrorists than we assume from its reputation level.

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 08:51:02 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 14:45:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 11:28:09 -0400  
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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 15:48:16 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

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>Whether or not that connection can be made on a statistical  
>basis is yet to be determined. However the straightforwr  
>approach would be to determine what are the artistic abilities  
>of all the abductees presently on record.

Pause for trumpet blowing ...

I mentioned a possible connection between the abduction  
phenomenon and the development of artistic ability in my book  
"The Evidence for Alien Abductions" published in 1984. A  
particularly interesting example of this link is shown in the  
Aveley abduction case in east London.

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 09:05:28 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 14:47:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Rimmer

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming6.nul](mailto:lfleming6.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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I think if the US military command were bothered about it at all, I suspect they'd be quite pleased that the only political leader openly interested in the subject was one who was such an obvious fruit-cake!

It might be worth reminding American readers that as the Head of State of Grenada is Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, when the US invaded the island it was also technically at war with the United Kingdom, a point which I think Margaret Thatcher made quite forcibly to her friend Ronald Reagan!

John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Rimmer

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A quick correction to this point and the reply I've just sent. It wasn't Eric Gairy who was toppled by the American invasion. It was the Marxist government which \*replaced\* Gairy!

John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
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## Things Are Looking Up With UFO Watch Tower

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THE NATION

Things Are Looking Up With UFO Watch Tower

\* Judy Messoline had the space after her cattle ranch went bust, and her modest platform now lures visitors from all sorts of wild places.

By David Kelly, Times Staff Writer

HOOPER, Colo. =97 Shortly after her cattle business went bust, Judy Messoline looked to the heavens for salvation.

She had never thought much of flying saucers but knew that her San Luis Valley ranch sat in a region renowned for bizarre, unexplained phenomena. So Messoline erected what she believes is the world's first UFO watchtower.

"I opened it as a tourist trap," she acknowledged.

But it became bigger than that. Over the last four years she has seen self-described alien abductees, psychics, channelers and visitors from Pluto, Jupiter and points beyond come through her door.

The straight-talking rancher has learned to bite her tongue during these close encounters, occasionally of the third kind.

"Who am I to doubt?" she asked.

The last year has been her busiest yet. Thousands have pulled off Highway 17 near tiny Hooper in south-central Colorado to climb the tower and scan the skies over the craggy Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

People search for mysterious flying lights, soaring triangles or hovering balls of fire. Messoline, 59, shows documentaries of local UFO sightings and discusses assorted odd happenings in the 120-mile-long alpine valley that stretches into northern New Mexico.

The UFO WatchTower isn't exactly towering. It's a metal platform in the middle of the desert standing about 14 feet above a spaceship-shaped gift shop.

"I don't know why more people are coming," said Messoline, who doesn't charge admission but accepts donations.

She's taking advantage of the newfound popularity by holding a conference at the site next weekend with UFO experts from around the country. And she's writing a book about her experiences here

titled "That Crazy Lady Down the Road."

There is certainly enough material.

"I had a guy come in and ask if I had a place to sign in," she recalled. "I told him yes and he said, 'No, do you have a place to sign in for us?' and I said, 'Where are you from?' and he said, 'Pluto.' "

A woman claiming to channel the thoughts of extraterrestrials rebuked Messoline because the aliens depicted in her shop all looked alike. She said the real space folks were annoyed that just one of their 157 races was represented. The channeler left after buying a rubber alien head for her car antenna.

Then there was the trucker who said he saw a bright light above the highway and later couldn't account for three hours of his life.

"I told him to see a hypnotherapist," Messoline said.

At an ethereal 7,600 feet above sea level, the San Luis Valley has always been a land of mystery, a place where the Wild West meets the Weird West. Early Native Americans claimed "ant people" lived underground here; other tribes talked about "star people"; and the Hopi believed all thought originated atop the valley's towering Mt. Blanca.

There are stories of Bigfoot sightings, clandestine military installations, secret alien bases and vortexes leading to other dimensions. New Agers and those seeking spiritual enlightenment flock to towns such as nearby Crestone, where Buddhist prayer flags snap in the windy foothills of the Sangres.

"The San Luis Valley was the first area colonized by the Spanish in Colorado, and it's just been sitting there for 400 years simmering in its own broth," said David Perkins, a journalist who has written about the region for nearly 30 years. "It's so isolated. It's ringed by mountains and there are a lot of superstitions."

Perkins said the mix of Indian, Spanish, Mexican and Catholic folklore might also make inhabitants predisposed to seeing certain things.

Leslie Varnicle, state director of the Colorado Mutual UFO Network, said the valley is an area of major military operations, full of low-flying, high-speed aircraft operating from bases in Colorado Springs.

"But that doesn't explain similar sightings 50 years ago when we didn't have that kind of technology," she said. "This is one of the biggest hotspots in the country for unconventional flying objects."

The valley's history was relatively unknown to Messoline when she arrived from Golden in 1995 to start a new life after her divorce.

It wasn't long before people asked if she had seen any UFOs.

Messoline hadn't. She was too busy trying to keep her ranch afloat. But dwindling pasture eventually forced her to sell her cattle, leaving her with 640 acres of unused land.

"My friend said, 'Why not put up a UFO watchtower?' " she recalled.

To her own amazement, she agreed.

After giggling her way through the permit process, Messoline had the tower built down the road from her house. She advertised with metal "aliens" along the highway. Soon after, she said, she saw her first UFO =97 a narrow, glowing object sailing over the mountains.

Since then, she's seen 19 more.

"You will see dots moving real fast. Then one will stop and the other will catch up," said Messoline. "I have talked to military men and they say no planes can do that."

Over the course of a recent day, about 75 people stopped in for a look.

"I won't say UFOs don't exist, but I haven't seen any yet," said Paul Orosz, 40, of Denver, looking toward the mountains. "A lot of what people see is very explainable by clouds or weather balloons."

Rick Castellini, 38, of Grand Junction said he had a friend so in love with extraterrestrials that his wall clock showed the time on Mars.

"I think this valley is strange in any case," he said. "It feels like time has stopped here."

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Friedman

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Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 11:10:50 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 15:04:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Friedman

>From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 11:19:04 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 09:07:12 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

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>I do not intend to let this debate last forever.

>STF is 'padding' his arguments with irrelevancies. We are not  
>talking about all the numerous archives, libraries, & classified  
>records that exist. We are talking about one library only in  
>this instance - the Truman Library, and the reviewing of T's  
>diary for a given period.

>No, I have never been there. Nor do I need to. Yes, you can call  
>it 'armchair research', if you like.

>Stan's visit to verify the Truman-Smith meeting was certainly  
>not in 1980, but in 1987 at the earliest.

>The forger visited the said library no later than 1984.

>I guess his research took more than one visit but cannot be  
>sure. I am positive the Truman appointments diaries for, say, 12  
>months do not amount to tons of paper, though they would take  
>some time to examine. Nor are they classified (or the forger  
>would not have had access to them).

>Computers? Why suggest computerisation? The forger did his  
>research manually and took his time, perhaps spread over a few  
>days.

>Certainly he visited other research facilities, taking a year or  
>so to complete his task, before forging the two MJ-12 docs. sent  
>to Jaime Shandera. He did the Cutler memo as an afterthought.

>At the T library, I would certainly bet that he found the Aug 1,  
>'50 date, knowing that STF, or someone else, would visit the  
>same library and verify it once the MJ-12 papers came out in  
>June '87.

>Exactly the same argument applies to the Sept 24, 1947 date.  
>Stan tells us that the library staff managed, within about 3  
>days in 1987, to verify this date as the sole date of a Truman-  
>Bush meeting during an 8-month period, without Stan needing to  
>visit the place.

>There is not one single aspect of the MJ-12 papers that cannot  
>have been composed by a diligent forger with the time and  
>motivation to do so. Not one.

>And with that, I rise from my armchair to see what the racket is

>outside. Must be those noisy negativists again.

>Finis

>CDA

Ignorance is such bliss. I asked the TL for the dates when Bush met with Ttruman for a many month period in 1947 and ditto for Smith in 1950. That was easy to look up, for them...In daily apointments list (often Pre and Post) which were often different.They alreadyhave cross check lists There are no useful diaries in this regard. That is enormously different from "I want a list of all Truman apointments and then cross checking etc."

In short, I envy your chutzpah in claiming to have so easily solved the MJ-12 documents puzzle without providing any evidence whatsoever, and doing no field research, but by proclamation.Comparable to the man who killed his parents and then asked for mercy because he was an orphan. Not a fact in a carload as Fate's Fuller used to tell Jerome Clark...pardon the paraphrase Jerry.

Oh, by the way, do we have a name for this mastermind forger?

Stan Friedman

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## The MUFON Conundrum - Part I

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Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 15:18:23 -0400  
Subject: The MUFON Conundrum - Part I

The MUFON Conundrum - Observations from the 35th Annual MUFON  
Symposium - Part One

Special to [www.CosmicTribune.com](http://www.CosmicTribune.com)

by Michael Brownlee

### INTRODUCTION

Despite an intense interest in the UFO phenomenon and its implications since I was ten years old, I have declined to join MUFON or any other organization that has the acronym UFO in its name. I have long been uncomfortable with the idea that we can learn much of significance about a distant civilization by exclusively studying its vehicles and methods of propulsion. The overwhelming preponderance of evidence gathered by MUFON and related researchers leads inexorably to the conclusion that many UFOs are the craft of extraterrestrial beings. It has seemed to me that by essentially limiting research to the study of these enigmatic craft and the technologies involved, MUFON has been all about the study of cars. Frankly, I am rather bored by vehicles but I am intensely interested in those who drive them.

To get an update on rumored positive changes within the organization, I finally decided to set aside my prejudices and experience a MUFON symposium for myself. My report follows, in four parts.

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### PART ONE: THE MUFON CONUNDRUM

While public surveys repeatedly demonstrate that a growing majority of people accept the reality of UFOs, it is ironic that organizations devoted to studying the phenomenon continue to decline. A striking example is MUFON International (the Mutual UFO Network), the oldest and largest surviving citizen-based research organization of its kind, whose ranks have steadily dwindled in recent years to some 3,500 members.

Since its birth in 1969, MUFON has struggled to distance itself from the fringe of UFO interest and overcome the giggle factor by positioning itself as a legitimate research effort whose mission is the scientific study of UFOs for the benefit of humankind. To do this, the organization has adopted a two-fold research strategy: training and organizing a grass-roots cadre of volunteer field investigators to document sightings, debrief witnesses, and file reports; and recruiting an impressive advisory group mainly comprised of PhDs and MDs who provide expertise in numerous disciplines (and hopefully some measure of scientific legitimacy).

The premise of this approach is that UFOs represent a complex scientific dilemma. This orientation drives the primary activities of the organization, which focus on sightings investigation and the creation of a massive body of evidence. This has produced a fundamental quandary for MUFON, summed up succinctly by International Director and longtime aerospace consultant John Schuessler at the organization's 35th annual

symposium in Denver, July 16-18: There is more evidence than any of us can deal with.

According to Schuessler, in a 35-year attempt to prove that UFOs are real, technological and not ours, MUFON has amassed such a large collection of data ( sixteen file cabinets full of UFO reports ) that virtually no one is able to adequately mine this extensive database in order to connect the dots and draw definitive conclusions.

In his theme-setting presentation, entitled Unconventional Flying Objects: The Body of Technological Evidence, Schuessler detailed the legal characteristics of evidence, such as first-hand knowledge, expert testimony, witness competency, authentication, official written statements which, if presented adroitly, can add up to subjective proof. But proof of what, exactly (throughout his presentation, Schuessler was very careful never to utter the words alien or extraterrestrial )? And who requires this proof other than the skeptics, who will never be convinced because they choose not to examine the voluminous evidence?

After more than fifty years of UFO study (somewhat ignominiously self-proclaimed as ufology ), it is more than apparent that the phenomenon is real. But much more challenging and increasingly urgent questions remain: What does it mean? Why are they here? How should humanity respond? These are questions that MUFON is most reluctant to address (and indeed they cannot be answered on a purely scientific or technological basis), which may be part of the reason why membership continues to decline.

Meanwhile, MUFON relentlessly presses forward with its data collection, in an attempt to finally prove the reality of UFOs. For instance, Schuessler spoke wistfully of Project Pandora, the organization's centerpiece strategy for making its vast database (once it's all been scanned into digital format) searchable by researchers. However, lamenting that the process will be staggeringly costly and time-consuming, he said: At the rate we're going, it will take forty years.

Here in Colorado, it is undeniable that the Rocky Mountains continue to hold an abundance of precious metals like gold and silver. However, the cost of extracting and refining ore is prohibitive, so the majority of the wealth remains landlocked. So it is with Project Pandora.

Another telling case is MUFON's infamous Abduction Transcription Project, arguably the world's most comprehensive compilation of testimony from alien abductees, painstakingly compiled from hundreds of victims by more than twenty abduction researchers. You haven't heard of this study? You'd like to read the report? Don't hold your breath. The project began in 1992 and continues to languish and may never see the light of day.

Meanwhile, it seems that much of the public has long since accepted the obvious conclusion of the reality of the UFO phenomenon and no longer requires the proof that MUFON investigators and researchers seem so anxious to deliver. As Schuessler admits, The American people are saying UFOs are real and that somebody's lying to us.

The tragedy of MUFON is that it stoically sits on a mountain of data that could be highly valuable in expanding our understanding of the nature and intentions of the beings who fly the UFOs in our skies and interfere in human lives. Thus, the challenge of connecting the dots and reaching conclusions continues to go unmet. As Schuessler says, It's never going to get done just with volunteers.

From all appearances at its Denver symposium, MUFON continues to be in the business of amassing evidence, but steadfastly avoids all conclusions or even inferences from the data. Worse, the evidence is so massively unwieldy as to be inaccessible.

Proof of the reality and meaning of the UFO phenomenon requires a willingness (and ability) to thoroughly examine the evidence and draw conclusions hard work that skeptics naturally avoid. Thus the proof is never seen. This is a conundrum that has MUFON caught in a downward spiral.

Oddly, MUFON has now declared that calling UFOs unidentified is

no longer appropriate, for according to Schuessler the organization has produced conclusive evidence that UFOs are not airplanes, rockets, planets, weather balloons, space debris, ball lightning, remnants of comets or meteorites, or constructs of the imagination. Now he prefers to call the phenomenon unconventional flying objects, meaning that they defy conventional explanation. Well, of course they do. But MUFON will not dare to offer an unconventional explanation of the phenomenon; instead, they simply continue to collect more data.

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**Dr. Salla**

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Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 15:23:58 -0400  
Subject: Dr. Salla

Sirs:

If it is true, that higher education in America is about learning to use and to promote America's freedom of thought, speech and action in advancing ideas, then in my view, it appears you have failed the test of leadership, embarrassed yourself and American University through recent action in regards to Dr. Salla.

In the months and years I've paid attention, I've seen academics, teachers, and too many other good people at many levels denied their rights to freedom of speech, their careers derailed and/or destroyed, simply because they were researching in an attempt to resolve questions around the issue of aerial phenomena.

At this moment, I am wondering what lesson students of American University will draw from this amazingly audacious, dare I say, scandalous(?) action in removing Dr. Salla from the campus? Off the top of my head, the lesson appears to be, students (and by extension any of us), have the right to America's freedoms only so long as we use right thinking; only so long as the subject matter in question is approved by those who inhabit the halls of White Tower academia; only so long as the "approved" party line is followed: No independent thinking for one's self is allowed.

Unlikely as it is that they would ask, I am wondering how to explain this episode coherently to my grandchildren.

I suppose Dr. Salla should be overjoyed in that he is not going to suffer the humiliation of being pilloried! Frankly, I do not accept fully the views of Dr. Salla however, this is America, where mostly, we are allowed dissenting, if not differing opinions; we are allowed freedom of association or disassociation; we are allowed to be creative and inventive. So, why not at American University?

Sincerely, I hope you'll find a way to rescind this rather heavy-handed, brutish decision, retain Dr. Salla with American University and take advantage of his capabilities and experience to advance education in America.

Gary C. Matteson  
Norfolk, Nebraska

"Posterity -- you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it."  
-- John Quincy Adams

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## Re: Follow Up On Origin Of Term 'Grays' - Pope

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Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 18:53:08 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 15:25:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: Follow Up On Origin Of Term 'Grays' - Pope

>From: David Chace <[davidwchace.nul](mailto:davidwchace.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 30 Jul 2004 02:39:33 -0700  
>Subject: Follow Up On Origin of Term 'Grays'

>A while back I asked about the origin of the term "Grays" or  
>'Greys' in reference to the small gray aliens seen by abductees.  
>I had a couple of private responses, which were helpful.

<snip>

>To sum up, it seems to me that the term "Grays" may have been in  
>use by people in government or military circles who dealt with  
>the alien presence as far back as the 1960s or earlier, though  
>I'd need further confirmation of that before I can feel very  
>certain about it, and I doubt that such confirmation will be  
>forthcoming because of the difficulty of knowing anything about  
>the jargon that was used in clandestine circles.

<snip>

This is not a term I recall having used or heard during my tour  
of duty (1991 - 1994) on the Ministry of Defence's UFO project.  
If we did, it would have been something we picked up from the  
UFO literature. When having speculative discussions about more  
exotic explanations for some UFO sightings, a term that was  
sometimes used was "these people", e.g. "If any of this is for  
real, who are these people and what do they want?"

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## Re: UFO Community Bashing - Klass

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>Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 16:31:00 -0500  
>Subject: Re: UFO Community Bashing

>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 21:04:43 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Community Bashing

<snip>

>>Is Phil Klass in  
>>the same community as Alfred Lehmborg?

><snip>

>Sure, we're in the same community! Just, Klass is in the  
>community '\_cemetery\_'. Thanks for asking. You live on  
>Convenient Filters Street, don't you? Or is that  
>Ardent Denialist?

Dear List:

Regretably, I am not yet in the cemetery - tho I am  
nearing 85 years of age. A year ago I moved to:

Merritt Island, Florida  
535 Nora Ave.  
Zip 32952.

Same e-mail address: [philklass.nul](mailto:philklass.nul)

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Brock

From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 11:59:41 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 15:31:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Brock

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 02:38:06 EDT  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 11:59:02 -0700 (PDT)  
>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>And, whence the assumption that Al Quaeda and other enemies  
>>of the United States regularly read those last bastions of  
>>journalistic integrity, the "Weekly World News," and "The  
>>National Enquirer?"

>How soon we all forget! Do you not know that the first target  
>of the terrorist anthrax attacks was the publisher of Weekly  
>World News and National Enquirer? A strange Iraqi address was  
>a paid subscriber to the National Enquirer, apparently an  
>intelligence mail drop. Some of the 9-11 hijackers lived some  
>2 miles away from National Enquirer headquarters. Not that  
>this proves anything except that the Enquirer does attract a  
>lot more interest from terrorists than we assume from its  
>reputation level.

Either that, or one of the terrorists was standing in line at  
the Megalo-Mart, purchasing envelopes at bargain basement  
prices, when he happened to spy a cut-and-paste job on the cover  
of latest issue of the Enquirer, portraying Bin Laden in a hot  
tub with Vanna White and Pat Sajak, and it offended his  
terrorist sensibilities, causing him to put the National  
Enquirer onto the hit list.

However, it never was directly pinned on Al Quaeda, was it?

Best,

Rod

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THE MAGONIA EXCHANGE LIST  
Collecting and sharing accounts  
of anomalous aerial phenomena  
from antiquity up to 1947.  
<http://nocturnal.lights.tripod.com/magoniax>

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THE RETURN TO MAGONIA PROJECT  
Parent project to the Magonia Exchange  
List.  
<http://anomalies.bravepages.com>

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ALIENS ATE MY BUICK  
Frank, unapologetic commentary  
on matters of ufological  
import.  
<http://aamb.blogspot.com/>

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 15:52:36 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 16:29:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 01:41:21 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 21:20:11 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

><snip>

>>It is not a matter of proving they are fake. The claimant or a  
>>proponent must demonstrate that they are genuine photos of UFOs.

>Sorry I disagree, you have claimed that the Brunswick Photos are  
>fake, once again I would like you to present your studies on  
>each photo to this Llist, to show how you reached such an opinon.

>Please no more side-tracking, simply bring your research of the  
>Brunswick photos to this List.

Roy,

If you don't think I have better things to do than explain how each of those hundreds of ludicrous photos were faked (many by similar means, and several using the very same little models), then..... What a joke.

If you choose to believe, come on, give us your reasons and prove them authentic. I'm not holding my breath. :) The truth is, you are just a dreamer.

I have real UFO movies and photos to work with, so why should I waste weeks explaining hundreds of fake UFO photos that should be obvious to a person with even a modicum of photographic knowledge and a visual IQ of anything over 60. My work is not in instructing visual morons in how to see, but in obtaining and analyzing propulsion-diagnostic UFO hard data. If UFO researchers spend all their time on the obvious fake, there is no time for trying to understand the real.

You've latched onto that idiotic book of fake photos like a fundamentalist Christian does to the Bible as the "revealed word of God", as they say.

Get a life in realistic Ufology.

And let me make it perfectly clear that if you think I jump to the demands of a willing-to-be-fooled person like you, think again!

Ray Stanford

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## HBCC UFO Research Regular Radio Appearances

From: **Brian Vike** - HBCC UFO <[hbccufo.nul](mailto:hbccufo.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 13:44:34 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 07:48:44 -0400  
Subject: HBCC UFO Research Regular Radio Appearances

Radio Shows - HBCC UFO Research

Howdy List

I receive a fair bit of email from folks wanting to know when and where they can catch the UFO reports I give on air. Since a new one was just added to the list I thought I would revise the list of regular spots I do.

There are lots of other radio shows I do, but these below are the regular spots. You can go to my site at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/index.php>

and at the top of the page there is the list of the shows and links to listen in. Also listed there will be other shows as they occur.

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On air with Brian Vike Director Of HBCC UFO Research:

1. - Jeff Rense Show - Every third Friday in each month with radio host Jeff Rense
2. - Lou Gentile Show - First Tuesday in each month with radio host Lou Gentile
3. - Mysterious Powers Show - Every other week with radio host Anne Strieber.
4. - Jack Landman's Cybercity Radio Show - Every Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. CST with radio host Jack Landman.
5. - Feet 2 The Fire Show - Monthly visits with radio host James Jancik
6. - The Big Breakfast Show - Weekly updates with radio host Wayne Kelly
7. - KYX 98 FM Radio - Weekly updates with radio host Adam Thompson.

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Take care

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[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HBCC\\_UFO\\_Newsletter/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HBCC_UFO_Newsletter/)

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## Re: ETH Modeling - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 16:44:39 EDT  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 07:52:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: ETH Modeling - Sparks

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 09:03:49 -0500  
>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 00:45:28 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

>>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 4 Aug 2004 08:16:32 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

<snip>

>>>Well, Swords's work, as I've stated explicitly several times.

>>>I've said a number of times now that Swords' latest ETH work I  
>>>can find, his article in your 1998 UFO Encyclopedia (which  
>>>references his own earlier work) does not make any reference to  
>>>testable quantitative ETH modeling by anyone within the UFO  
>>>community, Swords himself included.

>>>See Swords's JUFOS piece, cited in my encyclopedia.

Hi Jerry,

I see no indication in Swords' article in your 1998 UFO Encyclopedia of his having proposed any quantitative testable ETH models in his 1989 JUFOS article. Why would he withhold something important like that?

In fact, this is what Swords does say to sum up in his UFO Encyclopedia article on ETH and Science:

Swords 1998, pp. 372-3: "The only worthy objection to the ETH is that there is little or nothing upon\_which\_to\_do\_science\_ in a traditional physical-sciences mode.... It is a real problem but perhaps not an impossible one.... It is a hard job. Perhaps it is forgivable that academics do not want to try."

I gather from that and from the rest of Swords' article that "little or nothing" of scientific ETH modeling had been done by anyone\_ himself included (and including 1989 JUFOS).

Swords' next comments are quite apropos in their application to the "alien technology is like magic" and "aliens are too alien for us to understand" type arguments that pro-ETH advocates constantly throw at anyone trying to define rigorous ETH models:

Swords 1998, p. 372a: "What is not forgivable is their calling upon alleged impossibles [impossibilities], without science, without analysis, and with only an intuitive good feeling to go on."

Exactly my point. ETH needs to be put on a rigorous objective footing so that the subjectivity of "intuitive good feelings" (or "bad" feelings) do not dominate the debate, "without science, without analysis." Declaring alien technology to be "impossible to understand" by humans, and thus not subject to scientific analysis, is a copout.

The whole point of an "encyclopedia" is to provide a thorough overview of a subject encompassing diverse literature so that the knowledge is conveniently at hand. I am not going to the time, trouble and expense (which I cannot afford) of obtaining a very old JUFOS issue for an article by Swords that Swords himself does not indicate in his much later 1998 Encyclopedia article has anything about quantitative testable ETH models in it. I assume from Swords' 1998 treatment in your Encyclopedia that the earlier JUFOS piece was merely a more detailed survey of ETH writings.

I do have Swords' 26-page paper in the 1986 MUFON Proceedings on "The Case for E.T.: Within the Mainstream of Science" and I see nothing in there about any testable quantitative ETH models for UFO research.

If you have the 1989 JUFOS article in question (maybe you don't either?) please settle the matter by quoting from it to show that Swords did indeed propose a numerical testable ETH scenario. If that turns out to be the case then we can mull over why Swords would propose such an important scientific theoretical advance in UFO research in 1989 then choose to withhold all mention of it in his 1998 UFO Encyclopedia treatise on ETH & Science, and why you would likewise withhold all mention of such testable-ETH development by Swords in your own 20-page ETH article immediately following Swords' in your Encyclopedia. Maybe Swords had gotten too much flak like the "nuts and bolts" jabs constantly made at Stan Friedman over the years? Or too little response? Clearly no one built upon any foundation Swords might have laid in 1989 (if he did at all, it's still not proven that he did) and not even he himself or you built upon or added to it.

Is Swords making comments to you or others about this exchange of ours on UFO UpDates? Is that why there has been so much acrimony over such an abstruse subject? Is that it?

>>>More important, however, a question:

>>>Where exactly in the SETI literature has someone written that he >>>or she would take the UFO question seriously if ufologists >>>proposed a model of the ETH such as you demand?

>>>I don't think I ever said there was any such magnanimous SETI >>>spirit toward UFOs, but I've said to the contrary that SETI >>>takes a hostile, debunking attitude to the UFO phenomenon and >>>has modeled ETH usually in a way that tries to debunk UFO >>>reality, illogically arguing as if ETH was the only explanation >>>and thus if that fails then the whole UFO phenomenon itself does >>>not exist. You need to get out of the trap of the "debunker- >>>antidebunker" mindset, which only leads to nowhere. Free your >>>mind, as they say in The Matrix, from the traps of past cycles >>>of hopeless thinking, and sharpen it with more rigorous >>>thinking.

>Naw, I think I'll stay there, since it's an issue that one can >never entirely get away from, at least at this stage of the UFO >discussion. To pretend, even for the sake of argument, that it >doesn't exist and that it doesn't affect matters at just about >angle is to ignore reality. In any case:

I am not ignoring "reality" by choosing not to be paralyzed by the rigid and static "debunker-antidebunker" paradigm.

>My point was simply that in all my interaction with skeptics, >both sympathetic and hostile, I have never heard a serious >argument - a few frivolous ones, as you note - that rejected >ufology because it had not modeled the ETH. ... <snip>

It seems to me that most UFO skeptics and debunkers alike reject the UFO phenomenon because it does not fit their subjective

"intuitive good feelings" about alien behavior (to use Swords' words), but without scientific analysis to model ETH in a rigorous fashion (though SETI types have tried to a certain degree). UFO advocates respond with the "magic level of alien" as apologetic to try to trump the skeptic-debunker arguments, using one "impossibility" argument against another "impossibility" argument. And this cycle goes on and on without resolution because of a failure of either side to develop the rigorous quantitative frameworks of ETH and other explanations for the UFO phenomenon that can be subjected to scientific analysis.

Regards,

Brad Sparks

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lfl Fleming6.nul](mailto:lfl Fleming6.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 15:50:14 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 07:55:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Fleming

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 09:05:28 +0100  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>From: Lan Fleming <[lfl Fleming6.nul](mailto:lfl Fleming6.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 21:36:24 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>That's not completely true; the authenticity of the Barauna  
>>photographs was endorsed by the Brazilian government at the  
>>time. The photos were sufficiently clear to reduce some  
>>contemporary "skeptics" into alleging they were fakes  
>>perpetrated using 21st Century computer technology - back in the  
>>1950's.

>What nonsense. This is a complete re-writing of history. The  
>Brazilian government did not 'endorse' the photographs, but made  
>an ambiguous statement which seemed mainly designed to avoid  
>having to discuss the matter any further.

What ludicrous psychobabble. The Brazilian Navy's report stated  
(as presented on the CUFOS web site):

"After Brazil=B9s House of Representatives demanded further  
information from the Navy, it was given a secret report on the  
official investigation. The document was leaked in October 1964  
to Coral Lorenzen, director of APRO. After reviewing the various  
sightings and the January 16 photographs, its author, Corvette-  
Capt. Jose Geraldo Brandao, concluded that the 'existence of  
personal reports and of photographic evidence, of certain value  
considering the circumstance involved [absence of evidence of  
tampering, the presence of other witnesses], permit the  
admission that there are indications of the existence of  
unidentified aerial objects.' He also noted the "strong  
emotional upset... in all persons who sighted the object,  
including the photographer, civilians, and members of the ship=B9s  
crew"

It takes a heroic effort of unreason to force-fit the above into  
Mr. Rimmer's bizarre interpretation.

>The present-day  
>>sceptics have made no such allegations about 21st century  
>>computer technology.  
>The debate is fully archived on this List, I suggest you re-read  
>it.

I suggest Mr. Rimmer re-read it (or rather, "re-desconstruct"  
it, since that's what psychobabble enthusiasts seem to prefer  
doing rather than actually reading things). Here was my comment  
on Mr. Barauna's apparently remarkable powers to travel into the  
future and acquire technology not available to the average  
person-- or even scientists -- back in the 1950's.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/nov/m17-005.shtml>

>I think if the US military command were bothered about it at

>all, I suspect they'd be quite pleased that the only political  
>leader openly interested in the subject was one who was such an  
>obvious fruit-cake!

Quite a few world leaders are fruitcakes - including,  
unfortunately, the ones with largest armies who tend to invade  
small countries for strange or nonexistent reasons.

>It might be worth reminding American readers that as the Head of  
>State of Grenada is Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, when the US  
>invaded the island it was also technically at war with the  
>United Kingdom, a point which I think Margaret Thatcher made  
>quite forcibly to her friend Ronald Reagan!

Thank goodness we had Our Lady of the Big Hair and Ronnie Reagan  
to protect us from the tyranny of the fearsome Grenadan military  
juggernaut.

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Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 16:52:34 EDT  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 07:58:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Sparks

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 01:41:21 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

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>Sorry I disagree, you have claimed that the Brunswick Photos are  
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>each photo to this Llist, to show how you reached such an opinon.

>Please no more side-tracking, simply bring your research of the  
>Brunswick photos to this List.

Can you tell us what was done to screen these photos for IFO's  
and hoaxing? Until there has been a Hynek Screening and  
investigation that is scientifically-technically competent to  
eliminate conventional explanations, there is no basis for  
treating this as a real "UFO", yet.

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## Re: The MUFON Conundrum - Part I - White

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 17:10:19 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 08:15:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: The MUFON Conundrum - Part I - White

>From: Michael Brownlee <[michael.nul](mailto:michael.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 07:57:55 -0700  
>Subject: The MUFON Conundrum - Part I

<snip>

>According to Schuessler, in a 35-year attempt to prove that UFOs  
>are real, technological and not ours, MUFON has amassed such a  
>large collection of data (sixteen file cabinets full of UFO  
>reports) that virtually no one is able to adequately mine this  
>extensive database in order to connect the dots and draw  
>definitive conclusions.

With all the scholars running MUFON, I am flabbergasted that they don't seem to 'get it' when it comes to getting a collection of data to 'talk', connect the dots, and make arriving at conclusions rather easy.

The process is straightforward, and I've mentioned it on this List before.

You get some of the experienced ufologists to stop collecting data, and instead, start at one end of those sixteen file cabinets and begin to codify each sighting, one by one. By "codify", I mean assign numeric or alpha codes to every attribute of each case file, and enter those attributes and codes into commercial database software.

Example:

attribute = object shape

1 - point of light  
2 - spheroid  
3 - disk  
4 - cigar  
99 - other

(I've heard that MUFON has done some of this already, so this may mean a push to codify the full sixteen cabinets may be well within reach without requiring an army to do it.)

The ufologists undertaking this will at first continually be changing the layout of the coding system, ususally in the form of adding new attributes and code values, as they step through the cases. A point will be reached where it looks as if the attribute and code list is fairly stable. An initial "looks-stable" point might be reached at, say, 50 or 100 cases.

At that time, the codifying crew will return to the first case and re-do the coding of those first 50 or 100 cases. A decision might be made to do this one more time, to the next batch of 50 or 100 cases, to assure reasonable stability of the code system, so that very few codes end up in the "other" category.

Once you have a goodly chunk (how much, statisticians?) of case records codified, even as codifying continues, another phase, designing queries, which are short sets of rules as to how to

total up various codes and combinations of codes, and maybe perform statistical calculations, can begin.

It is through these queries that you will finally begin to get some useful answers from those sixteen filing cabinets of case records, and those answers can be had in a tiny fraction of the time it would take human UFO gurus to read and ponder the full sixteen cabinets' worth.

More than that, the query results then beget more queries. The best ideas don't come all at once. A query-able, codified, digital database is always available as more sophisticated questions occur to the UFO researcher community.

That's how it's done, and I only wish I could volunteer to work on it but my own activism group is where my time has to go for the moment. It would be a thrill to work on such a project, and the reward for doing the work is that as the codifying is in progress, queries and even conclusions will emerge almost automatically.

I'd suggest, by the way, that codifying the cases is probably a better use of available time than scanning the cases, though scanning is certainly a worthwhile effort too. A query-able database will take up only a small fraction of the disk space of a full scan, too. A current-day PC would be more than adequate.

Eleanor White

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Subject: Klass Not Yet In The Cemetary [was: Re: UFO

>From: Phil Klass <[PhilKlass.nul](mailto:PhilKlass.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 14:35:03 EDT  
>Subject: Re: UFO Community Bashing

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 16:31:00 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Community Bashing

>>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 21:04:43 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Community Bashing

><snip>

>>>Is Phil Klass in  
>>>the same community as Alfred Lehmborg?

>><snip>

>>Sure, we're in the same community! Just, Klass is in the  
>>community '\_cemetary\_'. Thanks for asking. You live on  
>>Convenient Filters Street, don't you? Or is that Ardent  
>>Denialist?

>Dear List:

>Regretably, I am not yet in the cemetary - tho I am nearing 85  
>years of age.

Good Lord Phil, why would you want to be south of the sod? Every  
day above ground, is a good day. Let's hope you stay round long  
enough to be a pain-in-the-ass for a good many years yet.

>A year ago I moved to:

>Merritt Island, Florida  
>535 Nora Ave.  
>Zip 32952.

Ah yes, the ultimate retirement home. I'm surprised you found a  
place left there with all of the Canadians taking up space. We  
are gradually taking over that State. Could be a Province before  
too long.

Good health,

Don Ledger

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## Bill Moore On Radio Misterioso Tonight

From: **Stephen MILES Lewis** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 16:26:38 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 08:27:04 -0400  
Subject: Bill Moore On Radio Misterioso Tonight

Greg Bishop to interview Bill Moore on Radio Mysterioso  
web/radio show:

William Moore, author of "The Philadelphia Experiment," "The Roswell Incident," researcher, lecturer, co-"discoverer" of the MJ-12 papers, and "bad boy of Ufology" will be Greg's guest this Sunday night on Radio Misterioso.

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In studio phone: (213) 262-0998

About Greg Bishop: Editor of The Excluded Middle magazine and researcher into UFOs and Alien Writing (carrying on the research of Mario Pazzaglini) and their interconnections with altered states of consciousness and shamanism. His articles have graced the pages of Fortean Times, Magickal Blend and others.

He recently spoke at the Majestic Documents/UFO Crash Retrieval Conference in November of 2003 on his research into the story of Paul Bennewitz, who thought he had stumbled onto evidence of an alien invasion, but in the process was directing attention to secret projects at Kirtland Air Force Base, in Albuquerque, New Mexico in the early 1980s.

The Bennewitz episode provided the blueprint for wild UFO conspiracy tales into the next decade, and a warning to researchers not to confuse the authority of the messenger with the truth of the message.

Wild alien stories cooked up by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations that were fed to Bennewitz, and which began as a simple counterintelligence operation, backfired and led to renewed calls for disclosure of government UFO secrecy.

The strangest part of the story is that Bennewitz actually had stumbled onto anomalous lights and signals that were confusing and worrying the Air Force, Defense Intelligence Agency, and the National Security Administration. Bennewitz also claimed that he had pictures of an atomic-powered aircraft crash site near Dulce, New Mexico.

The story will be told through Bennewitz' personal notes and correspondence, as well as some of the verified disinformation that was fed to him over a period of five years, leading to his eventual breakdown and institutionalization.

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## Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 17:31:36 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 08:38:57 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Stanford

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 15:54:23 -0700  
>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 14:51:06 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 13:03:11 -0700  
>>>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>><snip>

>>>John, Roy, List, EBK,

>>>I bought the last copy of Richard Brunswick's "UFO" photo  
>>>collection after following the link Don posted. I too find it  
>>>fascinating and well worth the \$23. Brunswick "also believes  
>>>some of the photographs to be fake, though he's convinced  
>>>that the majority are authentic." Many of them should be  
>>>thoroughly discussed. John's vivid encounter and description  
>>>closely matches several of Brunswick's photos.

>>>If Ray still has his copy, I'd like him to debunk the series of  
>>>photos on pg. 238-239. I'm not clear how he distinguishes the  
>>>frauds from the legitimate so those photos should allow him  
>>>demonstrate these abilities. All else being equal, I think the  
>>>responsibility rests on the persons yelling "fraud" to provide  
>>>evidence for their accusations.

>>>How many UpDates List members have a copy of "UFO"? Perhaps we  
>>>could talk off-List?

>>How funny! Go back from the photos to which you refer (on pages  
>>238 and 239) to page 234 and 235, and look at that ridiculous  
>>photo of a silly little UFO model, claimed to be a UFO  
>>photographed in "Sta. Ana, California - USA 14 May 1962".

>>Then go to the photos to which you refer on pages 238 and 239,  
>>said to have been taken in, "Jacksonville, Florida - USA 24 May,  
>>1953".

>>Hey, you really are very, very funny, Ed. Does the house and  
>>whole scene look familiar? :) Didn't you notice that, amazingly,  
>>the house and even the palm tree frond ("May 14, 1953"), is the  
>>very same house and palm frond transferred by time machine and  
>>teleportation to "Sta. Ana, California" on May 14, 1962!

>Ray,

>No I didn't notice; thanks for pointing that out. How strange!

>>The only difference is that the old Cadillac has been moved out  
>>of the driveway and the photos were taken at different times,  
>>with a clear sky and with a cloudy one. That palm frond is still

>>in exactly the same condition and place, nine years and  
>>thousands of miles apart. :) LMAO!

>That's very true but what does it mean? Were the photos somehow  
>mislabeled during or before publication? Were there two  
>sightings over the same house on different days. Or did the  
>hoaxer use the same location for two photo sessions, using  
>different models, on different days?

The later is obviously true.

>Were they taken by the same camera? The same person?

The book supplies no camera information. Didn't you notice. :)

>I am glad you pointed this out; what a mystery. I certainly  
>agree: the four photos were taken at the same location. But that  
>does not answer my question. What's wrong with the photos  
>themselves?

How about asking yourself, "What's wrong with that book?" :)

I don't intend to waste my time trying to provide an education  
(beyond what I've already provided in recent days to this List)  
in UFO photo forensics to someone who is a 'true believer' in  
anything that strikes his fancy. Some highly esteemed  
individuals on this List warned me not to waste my time with you  
because of attitude you have shown in the post to which I am now  
responding.

>There are hundreds of photos in this collection and  
>you said they were all frauds. Brunswick also admitted that some  
>of them were frauds but that he felt most were authentic.

Hey, did you ever wonder why you've never seen any of those  
ridiculous photos elsewhere? :)

>I'd like to know how you are able to separate the fakes from the  
>authentic.

I told you that.

>You claim to have a knack for this.

I said nothing about having a "knack", whatever that might be.  
What I have is information, Ed, pure and simple, plus as V-J  
Ballester-Olmos of FOTOCAT said, "common sense". You reject my  
special experience and knowledge in comparing bona-fide UFO  
photos and films with those that simply don't have 'the right  
stuff', while also rejecting common sense. With you, Ed, it's a  
no-win situation.

It is pretty clear that your asking me to tell you how to  
distinguish obviously fake UFO photos from the real is very much  
analogous to someone asking an oncologist to teach someone with  
no knowledge of cellular pathology to reliably distinguish  
cancerous tumors from benign ones by use of a few words and a  
ten-minute course!

Since I have much work to do with real, propulsion-diagnostic  
movie films and photos, why should I spend a week or two  
mentoring you in a discipline you really don't want to accept in  
the first place, despite your claims to the contrary. If what I  
pointed out about the book in response to your request about  
those photos on pages 238-239 is not enough to put you on the  
alert that there's something very phony about that book, then  
you'll just have to dream on.

By the way, didn't you bother to read the information V-J  
Ballester-Olmos provided this List about the background on that  
book? If you don't want to believe me, believe him. IMO, he is  
perhaps Europe's single most experienced and credible UFO  
researcher. Of course, I realize that experience, analytical  
ability, and common sense may not mean a heck of a lot to a  
dyed-in-the-wool believer, Ed.

>I'd like you to demonstrate your ability and perhaps teach me  
>and other List members how to be more observant.

I have already done so, but you refuse to use even common sense.



>>Zhazam! Your arrogant and silly question has demonstrated how  
>>naive, unobservant, and sold-out-to-belief you are, Ed.

>I wanted to know why you felt that those photos were fakes.  
>You have not answered that question.

I have done so several times. Quite aside from my specialized knowledge, they show the 'earmarks' of faked photos using a much less specialized basis of evaluation. If you cannot accept that, it's your problem, not mine. You know, Ed, there are visual IQs, just as there are verbal and mathematical IQs. In those respects, people are not created equal. Good photographers and visual artists tend to have rather high visual IQs. I don't say it to put you down, but possibly you just were not born with a lot of visual IQ. On the other hand, the emotional need to believe those photos may be the real problem you have, clouding your perception of how phony those photos look to experienced photographers. Please examine yourself and consider that possibility.

>>And with such an appetite as you have for utter crap, perhaps  
>>you like that stuff resembling diarrhea clearly splattered all  
>>over those photos to make them look old. :)

>I think you need to be a little more specific. What crap, and how  
>and why? Do you mean the material that seems to be floating in the  
>air?

Get some glasses, Ed - either optically, mentally, or both. Actually, you know what added-to-the-photo (to make it look old) crap I'm talking about - so why ask? It's what you said looked like 'angel's hair' to you! Black angel's hair, at that.

>>Some people have simply the will to believe. Others are even  
>>more extreme and have almost a conscious will to make fools of  
>>themselves. I leave it to other list members to decide where to  
>>place you, Ed.

>I have a very open mind, but I'm also skeptical of people  
>claiming special skills and powers. You said that all the photos  
>in Brunswick's collection are frauds and that you know this  
>because of special skills you've developed over the years. I'd  
>like you to demonstrate them, not just talk about them.

>>I have never been a "debunker" (as your wording implies), but  
>>since my teens, I have become increasingly a realist.

>OK; "realist" is fine with me.

>>Your ability to discern real UFO photos is about as good as your  
>>ability to distinguish between volcanic rock and a UFO crash  
>>site!

>You're the person who tried to block discussion of these photos  
>by making a blanket statement that they all were crap.

Wrong, again! I wasn't trying to block discussion at all. You and Roy Hale may discuss your all-day-sucker until you're blue in your faces. I just wanted to advise my fellow List members to save their money for a worthwhile UFO book, like, say, Dick Hall's excellent new book, Alien Invasion Or Human Fantasy? The 1966-67 UFO Wave, just published by the Fund for UFO Research, 144 pages, \$29. Hall's new book has on its cover a spectacular full-color illustration by List member John Velez. It would be nice if we could see more so such excellent art work on UFO books, because it is a helluva lot nicer and more hauntingly realistic than 99.99% of what I see on other UFO book covers. (Nice job, John.)

>I decided  
>to buy the book because I was piqued by Roy's enthusiasm and  
>trusted his judgment. I knew you had been very wrong before when  
>you identified christobalite as agate, so there was a good  
>chance you might be wrong this time.

Next time, buy only on the basis of what a more discerning and experienced UFO researcher tells you.

I was right about the agate, Ed. There was agate on that volcanic material, just as it forms from silica leeching from volcanic materials in diverse situations.

>>Thanks for the opportunity, Ed. :)

>Since you seem willing to accommodate, please explain how these  
>photos (UFO pgs. 234-235, 238-239) were hoaxed. You say you can  
>look at a photo and know whether it's a fake or not. Teach me  
>and the list that skill.

See what I wrote, above, please.

>Is there any way we could get scans of  
>these specific photos posted at a site so other list members  
>could follow the discussion. I don't have a scanner.

Do you usually advocate violating copyright law in that way, Ed?  
The book is copyrighted in the name of the publisher.

>And do you  
>have an example of a UFO photo that you know is not faked?

Thousands, via frame prints from the daylight movies and still photos my project has gotten, of course, but there are others. One propulsion-diagnostic example may be seen in at least two of the late J. Allen Hynek's books, including *The Edge of Reality*, Hynek and Vallee, 1975, Henry Regnery Company, Chicago, page 122. It shows a UFO taking off from a field of corn stubble near Fargo, North Dakota, on February 26, 1967, taken by a fellow who saw it while driving to a Beatles concert and witnessed the magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) domed disc taking off with a 'textbook' plasma swirl down-flowing from the flange edge, for MHD lift. Hynek tells us in the caption that the air force admitted that the object probably involves plasma. What shows that the plasma is not just a plasma ball but MHD down-flow is the fact that one can see the spatially-segregated MHD current streamers that have come from individual rim emitters (electrodes?), which phenomenon my project has been able to document (and much more clearly) in daylight films such as that of October 5, 1985, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Another seemingly authentic photo is the famous daylight photo of a white UFO taken by aircraft company executive, George Pfeiffer, as it hovered temporarily over the bank or beach of a lagoon or river in Brazil. It was published in that large special book on UFOs published by *Look Magazine*. I have it around somewhere, but cannot locate it or I'd provide a more accurate reference.

I could list a whole bunch more, but that's all I have time to mention right now.

That's it, Ed. I'm not going to waste any more of my time or that of this list explaining the fake UFO photos in that book to you or to Roy Hale.

"As you go through life, make this your goal: Watch the donut, not the hole." O.K., that's not very original, but it fits the situation.

Ray Stanford

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## Re: Dr. Salla - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 21:49:16 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 08:40:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: Dr. Salla - Hall

>From: Gary Matteson <[mystrius.nul](mailto:mystrius.nul)>  
>To: [asaid.nul](mailto:asaid.nul), [ibroder.nul](mailto:ibroder.nul), [ladner.nul](mailto:ladner.nul)  
>Cc: [sdi.nul](mailto:sdi.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 12:07:52 -0400  
>Subject: Dr. Salla

>Sirs:

>If it is true, that higher education in America is about  
>learning to use and to promote America's freedom of thought,  
>speech and action in advancing ideas, then in my view, it  
>appears you have failed the test of leadership, embarrassed  
>yourself and American University through recent action in  
>regards to Dr. Salla.

>In the months and years I've paid attention, I've seen  
>academics, teachers, and too many other good people at many  
>levels denied their rights to freedom of speech, their careers  
>derailed and/or destroyed, simply because they were researching  
>in an attempt to resolve questions around the issue of aerial  
>phenomena.

>At this moment, I am wondering what lesson students of American  
>University will draw from this amazingly audacious, dare I say,  
>scandalous(?) action in removing Dr. Salla from the campus? Off  
>the top of my head, the lesson appears to be, students (and by  
>extension any of us), have the right to America's freedoms only  
>so long as we use right thinking; only so long as the subject  
>matter in question is approved by those who inhabit the halls of  
>White Tower academia; only so long as the "approved" party line  
>is followed: No independent thinking for one's self is allowed.

>Unlikely as it is that they would ask, I am wondering how to  
>explain this episode coherently to my grandchildren.

>I suppose Dr. Salla should be overjoyed in that he is not going  
>to suffer the humiliation of being pilloried! Frankly, I do not  
>accept fully the views of Dr. Salla however, this is America,  
>where mostly, we are allowed dissenting, if not differing  
>opinions; we are allowed freedom of association or  
>disassociation; we are allowed to be creative and inventive.  
> So, why not at American University?

>Sincerely, I hope you'll find a way to rescind this rather  
>heavy-handed, brutish decision, retain Dr. Salla with American  
>University and take advantage of his capabilities and experience  
>to advance education in America.

Gary,

Will you please explain to me where you see any violation of  
freedom of speech? Salla has been entirely free to babble  
nonsense all over the place, to the point where (if you have it  
right that he has been fired) that he pretty well deserved it. A  
professor serves at the pleasure of the university, and if he  
embarrasses his employers by constantly making nonsensical  
utterances, he is likely to be fired. Duh!

He still retains his freedom of speech outside the university

and, knowing his type, I'm sure he will continue to babble away all over the place in every nutty venue available to him. You may be confusing "freedom of speech" with "academic freedom," which is another matter altogether. I have no idea whether he has a case there, but I rather doubt it. At this point I take it as a victory for rationality.

- Dick

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## Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 15:25:12 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 08:44:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate - Hatch

>From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 14:03:21 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 13:08:20 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

>>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 09:07:12 -0300  
>>>Subject: Re: Friedman/Shostak Debate

><snip>

>One or two said statements caught my little attention in a  
>short review of parts in the new 23 page document.

>by Linda Moulton-Howe

>[http://dwi.j.org/pathfinders/linda\\_moulton\\_howe/linda\\_m\\_h12.htm](http://dwi.j.org/pathfinders/linda_moulton_howe/linda_m_h12.htm)

>"(3) Underneath the power plant, was discovered a ball-turret,  
>approximately ten feet in diameter. This turret was encompassed  
>by a series of gears that has a unusual ratio not known by any  
>of our engineers.

<LOL>

<snip>

For any two gears that mesh, the gear-ratio is simply the number  
of cogs on one gear, divided by the cogs on the other. For a  
series of gears, you count cogs on the first and last gears.

Of all attempts to create mystery when there is none, this is  
one of the silliest and most amateur. One might as well say "The  
number of pages in this document (23) is unknown in literature."

[Cue: Theramin Music]

Please note the origin, and draw your own conclusions.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Klass Not Yet In The Cemetary - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 17:33:55 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 08:48:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: Klass Not Yet In The Cemetary - Lehmborg

>From: Phil Klass <[PhilKlass.nul](mailto:PhilKlass.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 14:35:03 EDT  
>Subject: Re: UFO Community Bashing

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 16:31:00 -0500

>>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 21:04:43 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Community Bashing

><snip>

>>>Is Phil Klass in  
>>>the same community as Alfred Lehmborg?

>><snip>

>>Sure, we're in the same community! Just, Klass is in the  
>>community '\_cemetary\_'. Thanks for asking. You live on  
>>Convenient Filters Street, don't you? Or is that  
>>Ardent Denialist?

>Dear List:

>Regretably, I am not yet in the cemetary - tho I am  
>nearing 85 years of age. A year ago I moved to:

>Merritt Island, Florida  
>535 Nora Ave.  
>Zip 32952.

>Same e-mail address: [philklass.nul](mailto:philklass.nul)

Yes Sir - I was aware that you were still this side of the  
'river'... Respectfully, I was speaking metaphorically, alluding  
to the divergence of our worldviews... to wit: that,  
ufologically, you're a 'dead-man' walking.

The hue and cry in personal e-mail from the reactionary  
Pelicanists... regarding their outrage that I would have the  
temerity to consign you to an early grave... is touching... but  
'telling' and 'descriptive' of their general lack of  
constructive imagination.

Live long and prosper, Sir. There's time for a complete  
turnaround on your part, yet.

[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)  
[www.AlienView.net](http://www.AlienView.net)  
...content to read, content to hear, content to see.....

Photo Album: <http://www.alienview.net/AVAlbum.htm>  
(send picture as attachment to [alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul))

Splash page: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AlienViewGroup/>  
AVGroup Splashpage <http://www.alienview.net/alienviews.htm>  
Support AVGroup: <http://www.alienview.net/help.html>  
<http://www.alienview.net/N2Ltune.html> -- The music in me...

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## Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites - Zachary

From: **Billy Zachary** <[bez012602.nul](mailto:bez012602.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 18:57:31 EDT  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 09:14:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites - Zachary

Would someone be kind enough to describe what an average small meteorite should look like?

I've found several chunks of iron-like material in my backyard, that looks as though it/they had come through space and got very hot - to the point of melting.

I have lived here for almost 30 years and I have found these things for many years right here.

I must have over a hundred lbs. of them by now. Please, someone get back to me on this.

Thanks,

B. Zachary

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## Extrasolar Planets

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 22:59:33 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 09:16:04 -0400  
Subject: Extrasolar Planets

Most of you will be aware that the first detection of a planet orbiting a sun (star) outside of our own solar system was made in 1995 by detecting (in simple terms) the apparent "wobble" in the position of the host sun (star).

What I was unaware of until now is that this method of looking for extrasolar planets was discussed at a BUFORA event on 27/3/1964. A lecturer called Stephen Smith from a Cambridge (UK) UFO group suggested the method.

The following is a quote from an article on page 6 of "Saucer Forum", V3 Issue 2 (April/May/June 1965) written by the editor at the time (Jimmy Goddard). The lecture by Stephen Smith was entitled "Life beyond the Earth".

"He then gave several theories as to how the Solar system started, after which he said that it was possible to note whether the nearest stars were likely to have planetary systems, by watching to see if they wobbled during their rotation."

I had no idea that the theoretical method of detection has been put forward so long before anyone produced results using it.

For more information about extrasolar planets, a good starting point would be:

<http://cfa-www.harvard.edu/planets/>

Regards,

Joe

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## Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 17:32:35 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 09:18:39 -0400  
Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 23:46:41 -0400  
>Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 18:42:19 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

>>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 10:43:31 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

><snip>

>>You may get a bit of feedback on that one, Ray. The bullet's  
>>trajectory as fired on the Earth, neglecting air resistance, is  
>>parabolic. So also, as far as I know, the meteor, if air  
>>resistance were to be neglected. But I suppose a meteoroid that  
>>doesn't get captured in the atmosphere could be in an elliptical  
>>orbit.

>Wrong! In the first place, air resistance acts on both meteors  
>in motion and bullets shot from guns, so why bring in the  
>subject of airless passage?! A meteor is not a meteor until it  
>enters the upper atmosphere and adjacent air becomes luminous.

>All meteoroids have elliptical paths in the solar system, and  
>retardation by atmospheric passage only modifies the properties  
>of the ellipse, constantly across time, but does not alter it to  
>a parabolic course. ...

We'd better pursue this trajectory question a bit further lest  
any readers receive bum dope. Fletcher was speaking of meteors,  
and bullets fired from a gun, in the presence of Earth's  
gravity, and mentioning the approximate trajectory. Air  
resistance soon causes either one to deviate from this  
trajectory, but only slightly in a rarefied atmosphere. However,  
the trajectory it deviates from is a parabola, not an ellipse.  
The potential meteor comes under the influence of Earth's  
gravity before it comes under the influence of air resistance.

You had previously written:

"Also, Fletcher may be so old, these days, that he has forgotten  
this too: The paths of meteors and bullets fired from guns are  
elliptical, not parabolic."

One may go to:

<http://www.wcsscience.com/bullet/trajectory.html>

for example, to see that the trajectory of the bullet when under  
the influence of earth's gravity (as per Fletcher's context) is  
parabolic. It is not elliptical. They even do the algebra for  
you.

A bullet fired in space a couple hundred miles up, say, thus follows a parabolic trajectory, except for complications due to variation of Earth's gravity with height, the Earth's curvature, and finally, air resistance. Give the bullet a large initial velocity, and it will be indistinguishable from a potential meteor. Fletcher was right there, upon speaking in simple terms.

If the bullet's initial velocity is so great that it achieves an orbit around the Earth or sun, and is not captured by the Earth's gravity, then its path may become elliptical; but then it's not a meteor.

Jim D.

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## Re: Klass Not Yet In The Cemetary - Scheldroup

From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 19:49:10 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 09:29:55 -0400  
Subject: Re: Klass Not Yet In The Cemetary - Scheldroup

>From: Phil Klass <[PhilKlass.nul](mailto:PhilKlass.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 14:35:03 EDT  
>Subject: Re: UFO Community Bashing

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 16:31:00 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Community Bashing

>>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 21:04:43 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Community Bashing

><snip>

>>>Is Phil Klass in  
>>>the same community as Alfred Lehmborg?

>><snip>

>  
>>Sure, we're in the same community! Just, Klass is in the  
>>community '\_cemetary\_'. Thanks for asking. You live on  
>>Convenient Filters Street, don't you? Or is that  
>>Ardent Denialist?

>Dear List:

>Regretably, I am not yet in the cemetary - tho I am  
>nearing 85 years of age. A year ago I moved to:

>Same e-mail address: [philklass.nul](mailto:philklass.nul)

You know Mr. Klass, I have a good friend at the young age of 83 enjoys a game of 9 hole golf, that doesn't include the few beers afterwards, believe me I know it's true <g>. I remember as younger man I saw a television program starring Bob Hope on the Larry King show, I thought, "Wow at 83!" think of that! you'd swear he must be about 60.

When my Uncle came from Norway he lived the life of on skis, but soon when WW2 started he enlisted while in his middle 30's. He witnessed for hisself just hogwild the germans were at the time, at the end of war he participated in liberation of a concentration camp.

I remember a family reunion when I was a teenager, he must have been 75 or something, still skiing till he was hit by a bus at 80 years, crossing a Seattle street. Had a few more beers and walked, more skiing albeit a snowplow but he lived to be 93. Never married, so it must have been a bad date that night. <g>

Thanks for your work and dedication over the years that gave us a glimpse into your scientific mind regarding how to think, regarding analysis of unexplained aerial phenomena.

I think your best work may subtly show positive results. When I look at younger people today that seem interested in

ufology, do somehow seem more judgemental of what someone says is so true, but yet are not scared away and speak their mind. I'm pretty sure that a quite a few have heard of Phil Klass, while not everyone like myself can logically layout the rythmic pace on how to look at raw data, even so probably quite a few of us have learned quite a bit from Klass.

John

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 19:52:54 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 09:31:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Clark

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 09:09:54 +0100  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming6.nul](mailto:lfleming6.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 21:36:24 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>That's not completely true; the authenticity of the Barauna  
>>photographs was endorsed by the Brazilian government at the  
>>time. The photos were sufficiently clear to reduce some  
>>contemporary "skeptics" into alleging they were fakes  
>>perpetrated using 21st Century computer technology - back in the  
>>1950's.

>What nonsense. This is a complete re-writing of history. The  
>Brazilian government did not 'endorse' the photographs, but made  
>an ambiguous statement which seemed mainly designed to avoid  
>having to discuss the matter any further. The present-day  
>sceptics have made no such allegations about 21st century  
>computer technology.

>Oh, and by the way, Jerry, when are we going to get this new  
>information which is supposed to blow our socks off?

My word, after the shellacking you pelicanists took last time  
you dredged this up, I'm amazed that you're still at it. I guess no  
one ever said that pelicanists don't have a death wish, or at least  
don't mind provoking hilarity at their own expense.

Anyway, my friend, the answer is simple: presumably well before  
you come up with the testimony of a single negative witness.

Of course, as we all know, pigs will likely be flying before  
that happens. At least, should that occur, you'll have the  
small pleasure of insisting that the witnesses were seeing only  
pelicans.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Hale

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 03:47:34 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 09:40:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Hale

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 15:52:36 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

<snip>

>Roy,

>If you don't think I have better things to do than explain how  
>each of those hundreds of ludicrous photos were faked (many by  
>similar means, and several using the very same little models),  
>then..... What a joke.

>If you choose to believe, come on, give us your reasons and  
>prove them authentic. I'm not holding my breath. :) The truth  
>is, you are just a dreamer.

Mr Stanford,

So finally you resort to name calling and insults, and all I  
asked you to do was to show this list your research into the  
photos of the Brunswick UFO book. I merely submitted the book  
for peer review, and have since been subjected to a tirade of  
"Fake", from you. You have been asked to prove they are  
fake - you resort to name calling.

I leave this List to decide who has been the genuine person -  
was seeking answers to these pictures.

I am sorry it has been virtually impossible to gain any information  
from you regarding your "Fake" stance on this book.

>I have real UFO movies and photos to work with, so why should I  
>waste weeks explaining hundreds of fake UFO photos that should  
>be obvious to a person with even a modicum of photographic  
>knowledge and a visual IQ of anything over 60. My work is not in  
>instructing visual morons in how to see, but in obtaining and  
>analyzing propulsion-diagnostic UFO hard data. If UFO  
>researchers spend all their time on the obvious fake, there is  
>no time for trying to understand the real.

And then Mr Stanford insults one who dared asked him to prove  
his opinions on UFO photos he calls "Fake".

>You've latched onto that idiotic book of fake photos like a  
>fundamentalist Christian does to the Bible as the "revealed word  
>of God", as they say.

I would expect more from a person who claims to have been in  
this game for fifty years.

>Get a life in realistic Ufology.

If what you demonstrate is "realistic ufology", then I want no  
part of it.

>And let me make it perfectly clear that if you think I jump to

>the demands of a willing-to-be-fooled person like you, think  
>again!

I am offended by a senior member of the UFO community displaying  
verbal abuse to a person who has asked a simple question:

Show this List your research into this book and its photos.....

Regards,

Roy

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## CNN's Look Into The Search For Extraterrestrial

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 23:27:41 EDT  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 09:41:29 -0400  
Subject: CNN's Look Into The Search For Extraterrestrial

<http://www.cnn.com/CNN/Programs/presents/index.html>

Interesting look at how the mainstream presents it's look into ET research.

I got word several months ago pals of mine in the press were given a rush-rush push to cover topics like this.

Guess it's a ratings thingie. Also a good betting pool is probably in the running.

Expect lots of ET/UFO stories in the next year ;)

Best,

Greg

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## New \*U\* UFO Database Map Of Scandanavia

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 22:09:32 -0700  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 14:07:14 -0400  
Subject: New \*U\* UFO Database Map Of Scandanavia

Hello all:

I have a new 3-color map up for the Scandinavia/Finland area. Colors indicate 3 arbitrary periods: antiquity to 1959, 1960 through 1979, and 1980 to the present.

<http://www.larryhatch.net/SCAND.html>

No database can pretend to have all the good cases, so I link and refer to the major organizations there with pages in English.

What stands out is the rather even distribution of sightings well North, even beyond the Arctic Circle. I don't have a ready explanation for this, maybe some of you can suggest reasons.

This is in sharp contrast with say Canada, where sightings are concentrated in the southern latitudes, much like the population.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 00:30:21 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 14:11:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - King

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 15:54:23 -0700  
>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 14:51:06 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

<snip>

>You're the person who tried to block discussion of these photos  
>by making a blanket statement that they all were crap. I decided  
>to buy the book because I was piqued by Roy's enthusiasm and  
>trusted his judgment. I knew you had been very wrong before when  
>you identified christobalite as agate, so there was a good  
>chance you might be wrong this time.

>>Thanks for the opportunity, Ed. :)

>Since you seem willing to accommodate, please explain how these  
>photos (UFO pgs. 234-235, 238-239) were hoaxed. You say you can  
>look at a photo and know whether it's a fake or not. Teach me  
>and the list that skill. Is there any way we could get scans of  
>these specific photos posted at a site so other list members  
>could follow the discussion. I don't have a scanner. And do you  
>have an example of a UFO photo that you know is not faked?

Ed,

As you know, I have an excellent optical scanner, and would be happy to offer my services gratis in scanning the photos in question. I can host them, and provide thumbnails and full-sized versions. I'd scan at 600 dpi and include any captions from the book.

I can watermark them with any needed copyright info. I feel that this would be covered under Fair Use, however...DMCA notwithstanding. ;)

I will gladly return the book...if you send me your copy...as received.

I can commit to turning them around in 72 hours, and your book returned within days of that.

If this discussion continues off-list, I'd be very interested in seeing the results of analyses by various members of the list. (Waste of time or not, whichever the case may be)

I for one have the time and the inclination to take a close look at these images, and I would gladly share my list of supported alternative explanations...and my list of unexplaineds...with the group.

Perhaps there is a learning exercise of value here. Perhaps for both sides of the debate. :)

Kyle

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## Re: HBCC UFO Research Regular Radio Appearances -

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 07:02:30 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 14:13:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: HBCC UFO Research Regular Radio Appearances -

>From: Brian Vike - HBCC UFO <[hbccufo.nul](mailto:hbccufo.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 13:44:34 -0700  
>Subject: HBCC UFO Research Regular Radio Appearances

>Radio Shows - HBCC UFO Research

>I receive a fair bit of email from folks wanting to  
>know when and where they can catch the UFO reports I give on  
>air. Since a new one was just added to the list I thought I  
>would revise the list of regular spots I do.

>There are lots of other radio shows I do, but these below are  
>the regular spots. You can go to my site at:

><http://www.hbccufo.com/index.php>

>and at the top of the page there is the list of the shows and  
>links to listen in. Also listed there will be other shows as  
>they occur.

<snip>

Wow dude... I think it's a credit to the value of service that  
you perform, and the rational manner in which you perform it  
that you don't suffer a Fred Durst-like over-saturation and  
we're not sick to freakin' death of Brian Vike. I know I'm  
not... rock on!

[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)

EXPLORE "AlienViewGroup" at its HostPros URL.

<http://www.alienview.net>

...content to read, content to hear, content to see.....

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.  
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put  
one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention  
he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.  
\$450.00 pledged -- \$300.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.  
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."  
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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## UFO photographed With A Celular Phone

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 08:20:04 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 14:19:07 -0400  
Subject: UFO photographed With A Celular Phone

Possible UFO photographed with a celular phone

On August 3rd three men were on Anhanguera Highway, Sao Paulo State, when they saw something unusual over a field. They stopped the car and 2 of the men jumped over the fence to get a little closer. One of them had a modern cell phone with him and took a picture of a strange, cylinder object a few meters above the ground.

Under the object, which remained hovering for 30 minutes and emitting a sound that seemed like "several engines working together", some dust could be seen being lifted into the air.

The witnesses do not want to be identified.

On August 04 I took part in a TV program in Brazil to comment on the photo - it is being analysed as I write.

If confirmed genuine, it could be one of the first ever images of a UFO taken by a cell-phone and confirmed.

The image is at:

<http://www.ufo.com.br/index.php?arquivo=notComp.php&id=457>

A. J. Gevaerd

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## Re: ETH Modeling - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 10:09:03 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 14:23:36 -0400  
Subject: Re: ETH Modeling - Friedman

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 16:44:39 EDT  
>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 09:03:49 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

<snip>

Brad, I surely wish you would define quantitative testable ETH Model. Sounds like asking a native in the jungle who claims to have observed a shiny object flying in the sky, to hypothesize where it is from, where it is going, how many beings, if any, are on board, what they look like, the objectives of the flight, and to describe the propulsion system, as well as the reasons for the passengers to be making the trip... and also when if ever the next flight will occur. I realize that much energy was spent years ago to determine how many angels would fit on the head of a pin. But is that a useful pursuit? Not for me.

Also, on several occasions you have talked about people wanting to ignore or dismiss what I say because I am a "nuts and bolts" guy. Can you be quantitative about this, please? How many people of the hundreds of thousands who have heard me speak or the millions who have seen me on TV or heard me on the radio have expressed this view? How big is your sample size? Is it 1%, 10%, 50%? Are they members of the general public (which after all is my major target) or are they ufologists?

In my MUFON 1999 paper "Star Travel? YES!" I review real systems such as fission and fusion rockets which we know to be feasible despite our very short technological history, and then point out that technological progress comes from doing things differently in an unpredictable way, so I expect alien visitors to be using technology about which we know nothing. The vacuum tube does not lead directly to the microintegrated circuit. It is certainly true that I generally avoid dealing with 4th dimensional space time warping, or 11 dimensional string theory, or even anti-Gravity... I don't know enough about any of these far out theoretical schemes so beloved of the theoretical astrophysicists, but I have seen no quantitative testable modelling of them either.

I once commented about Allen Hynek, that one can't blame a good washing machine for being a poor dryer. He certainly wasn't a Jim McDonald - he was an Allen Hynek.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: The MUFON Conundrum - Part I - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 09:22:02 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 14:39:36 -0400  
Subject: Re: The MUFON Conundrum - Part I - Kaeser

>From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 17:10:19 -0400  
>Subject: Re: The MUFON Conundrum - Part I

>>From: Michael Brownlee <[michael.nul](mailto:michael.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 07:57:55 -0700  
>>Subject: The MUFON Conundrum - Part I

><snip>

>>According to Schuessler, in a 35-year attempt to prove that UFOs  
>>are real, technological and not ours, MUFON has amassed such a  
>>large collection of data (sixteen file cabinets full of UFO  
>>reports) that virtually no one is able to adequately mine this  
>>extensive database in order to connect the dots and draw  
>>definitive conclusions.

>With all the scholars running MUFON, I am flabbergasted that  
>they don't seem to 'get it' when it comes to getting a  
>collection of data to 'talk', connect the dots, and make  
>arriving at conclusions rather easy.

>The process is straightforward, and I've mentioned it on this  
>List before.

<snip>

Eleanor,

Good ideas, but even the limited work you outline is massive to the small group of volunteers that actually run the three primary UFO organizations in the US. I would suspect that the total number of actual workers that support these three groups would total less than 30 people, and all but one or two are volunteers with personal lives and other interests.

My take on the problem facing MUFON (from conversations and not actual involvement) is that the data they now have in file cabinets had (for years) been stored in boxes. The fact that people are now looking at the hundreds of thousands of pages is because of a push to try and create a database, which started at about the time that John Schuessler became the International Director in 2000. Let's keep in mind that every piece of data put into storage through the years was most likely read by MUFON staff at the time and it's highly unlikely that there are any "smoking guns" in storage at MUFON.

One thing we have to consider is the potential value of this categorized information, and whether the final product justifies the resources utilized. Historical information is of interest to ufologists and a few others, but has little value as far as providing proof. These are, for the most part, older cases.

Some scrap of information could lead to Government documents of more interest, but scientists and the media aren't going to give much attention to an old case. If the major UFO groups are living "hand to mouth", which I believe is the case, then decisions have to be made as to how many resources can be dedicated

to a project with limited potential for impact.

The amount of data collected by the various UFO groups and researchers over the past 50 years is amazing, and for the most part unavailable to the general public. It is stored in hundreds of individual collections, and I believe that the MUFON collection is (indeed) one of the largest. There has been little or no interest in the establishment of a central repository for UFO data, so that it can be saved and organized for future researchers, and some have held their collections for ransom, asking tens of thousands of dollars. This issue has also been discussed on this list and the Sign Historical Group was formed. But, the funds needed to centralize and organize the data is beyond the anyone's means at this point.

Just a couple of thoughts,

Steve.

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## Re: Dr. Salla - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 09:26:16 -0400  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 14:41:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: Dr. Salla - Kaeser

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 21:49:16 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Dr. Salla

>>From: Gary Matteson <[mystrius.nul](mailto:mystrius.nul)>  
>>To: [asaid.nul](mailto:asaid.nul), [ibroder.nul](mailto:ibroder.nul), [ladner.nul](mailto:ladner.nul)  
>>Cc: [sdi.nul](mailto:sdi.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 12:07:52 -0400  
>>Subject: Dr. Salla

>>Sirs:

>>If it is true, that higher education in America is about  
>>learning to use and to promote America's freedom of thought,  
>>speech and action in advancing ideas, then in my view, it  
>>appears you have failed the test of leadership, embarrassed  
>>yourself and American University through recent action in  
>>regards to Dr. Salla.

<snip>

>He still retains his freedom of speech outside the university  
>and, knowing his type, I'm sure he will continue to babble away  
>all over the place in every nutty venue available to him. You  
>may be confusing "freedom of speech" with "academic freedom,"  
>which is another matter altogether. I have no idea whether he  
>has a case there, but I rather doubt it. At this point I take  
>it as a victory for rationality.

Can anyone find an article on his dismissal, if that's the case.  
I can't seem to find any reference to it on the Internet.

Steve

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## Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 08:31:08 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 20:19:36 -0400  
Subject: Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites - Shell

>From: **Billy Zachary** <[bez012602.nul](mailto:bez012602.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 18:57:31 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites

>Would someone be kind enough to describe what an average small  
>meteorite should look like?

They can look like a lot of different things, but generally they show some sign of being heated and melted as they were traveling at high speed. Iron meteorites can be black (like the Hajar ul Aswad, below) or rust-colored. Rocky meteorites can be blackish brown. Cone shapes, egg shapes, wave shapes, burned. Tektites are often little blobs of green glass.

>I've found several chunks of iron-like material in my backyard,  
>that looks as though it/they had come through space and got very  
>hot - to the point of melting.

Sometimes industrial slag can look like a meteorite, but they usually lack that "well-traveled" shape. Is there a good meteorite site with photos?

<http://geology.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?zi=1/XJ&sdn=geology&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.al-islam.org%2Fgallery%2Fphotos%2Fhajraswd.gif>

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## Re: ETH Modeling - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 08:47:17 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 20:23:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: ETH Modeling - Clark

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 16:44:39 EDT  
>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 09:03:49 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

<snip>

>The whole point of an "encyclopedia" is to provide a thorough  
>overview of a subject encompassing diverse literature so that  
>the knowledge is conveniently at hand. I am not going to the  
>time, trouble and expense (which I cannot afford) of obtaining a  
>very old JUFOS issue for an article by Swords that Swords  
>himself does not indicate in his much later 1998 Encyclopedia  
>article has anything about quantitative testable ETH models in  
>it. I assume from Swords' 1998 treatment in your Encyclopedia  
>that the earlier JUFOS piece was merely a more detailed survey  
>of ETH writings.

Those of you interested in Michael D. Swords's JUFOS paper,  
a major (maybe the major) scientific look at the ETH in the UFO  
literature, should contact

<http://www.cufos.org/pubs3.html>

or write CUFOS at:

2457 West Peterson Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois  
60659

The full citation is Swords, "Science and the Extraterrestrial  
Hypothesis in Ufology." Journal of UFO Studies 1 (1989): 67-102.

A fascinating follow-up piece is:

"Astronomers, the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis, and the United  
States Air Force at the Beginning of the Modern UFO Phenomenon."  
JUFOS 4 (1992): 79-129.

In my judgment these are essential reading to any serious  
student of the UFO phenomenon.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 08:47:32 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 20:26:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 23:27:41 EDT  
>Subject: CNN's Look Into The Search For Extraterrestrial Life

><http://www.cnn.com/CNN/Programs/presents/index.html>

>Interesting look at how the mainstream presents it's look into  
>ET research.

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>given a rush-rush push to cover topics like this.

>Guess it's a ratings thingie. Also a good betting pool is  
>probably in the running.

>Expect lots of ET/UFO stories in the next year ;)

Hey, maybe this is G.W. Bush's "October Surprise." "We've  
contacted aliens from another planet, but they'll only give us  
the cure to all diseases if I'm re-elected."

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## Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 09:10:12 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 20:29:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 23:27:41 EDT  
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We're being prepared for something (...Mars microbes?), and all this is just grease to make them look like they are doing a journalist's job, which, decidedly, they are not. A pox on the lot of them. We wouldn't find out a damn thing at all but that we are our own media, support our own alternative media, and work hard to expand same. We owe them nothing but our disgusted and impatient contempt...

The one shining star in the program was the suggestion by the SETI diva (I can't recall her name) in answer to Fermi's paradox (...roughly "...if they existed, they'd be here...If they were here we'd know it... "), that maybe they were here, we just didn't know it...

Fermi was right. They are 'here', and we do 'know' it. Anything else just keeps us tethered to the nineteenth century, to our cultural shame, and to our repeated complacent mistakes.

[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)

EXPLORE "AlienViewGroup" at its HostPros URL.  
<http://www.alienview.net>

...content to read, content to hear, content to see.....

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.  
\$450.00 pledged -- \$300.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.  
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."  
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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## Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <[Stuart.Miller4.nul](mailto:Stuart.Miller4.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 15:46:37 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 20:31:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo? - Miller

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 17:31:36 -0400  
>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 15:54:23 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 14:51:06 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>>>>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 13:03:11 -0700  
>>>>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

>>>><snip>

>I don't intend to waste my time trying to provide an education  
>(beyond what I've already provided in recent days to this List)  
>in UFO photo forensics to someone who is a 'true believer' in  
>anything that strikes his fancy.

<snip>

>On the other hand, the emotional need to believe those photos  
>may be the real problem you have, clouding your perception  
>of how phony those photos look to experienced photographers.  
>Please examine yourself and consider that possibility.

<snip>

>>>Some people have simply the will to believe. Others are even  
>>>more extreme and have almost a conscious will to make fools of  
>>>themselves. I leave it to other list members to decide where to  
>>>place you, Ed.

It's war! Yea verily (sorry Alfred) this unwarranted and above  
all, blasphemous attack on one of our brothers cannot be  
tolerated. A call to arms bretheren.

Go to <http://www.uforeview.net/>

and then press the second button from the bottom, on the left -  
"For those who like presing buttons". First item.

Stuart Miller

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## Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 00:57:51 +1000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 13:15:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 10:17:42 +1000  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 2 Aug 2004 19:02:34 +1000  
>>Subject: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>><snip>

>>I remember when Sheryl made some comment to me a while ago she  
>>thought an abduction scenario could be attributed to thyroid  
>>problems - as the symptoms were similar?

>><snip>

>Let's get it right. I did not make this comment to Diane. I  
>spoke about this at the national UFO conference in Australia in  
>2003.

Sorry for the lateness of my reply, publication deadlines. Folks  
this is a long one so go put the kettle on and grab a cup of  
coffee... or simply press delete. :>)

I hate starting an email on the defensive; Let's get it right.  
Hmmm! Wow snappy Sheryl. <g> There's one thing we can agree  
on... you did say something about Thyroid disfunction right?

With your lecture, I thought you spoke to an audience and when  
one is speaking to an audience then one in the audience can  
perceive they are being spoken too, right?.

Yes I was member of the audience, I heard what you had to say  
and I question the validity of the information you presented and  
if a researcher presents his or her research to an audience then  
said researcher should be prepared to validate the evidence if  
asked?

>What I said was that I had come across some (please remember  
>I said "some") people reporting abductions as also having a  
>dysfunctional thyroid condition. I was particularly interested  
>in this as I have this health condition myself and have delved  
>quite deeply into the list of symptoms and manifestation of the  
>condition.

Sheryl you failed to mention some symptoms relating to Thyroid  
Disfunction.

In later signs: increased mental instability, puffiness in the  
face and extremities; thin, dry hair; loss of libido; loss of  
appetite; hand tremors; and abdominal bloating.

For the record ,so I don't getchewed off by some, <g> it is  
health professionals who studied Endocrine Disfunction, not I,  
who made the above assessment and statement.

See source links provided for more information with regards

to Endocrine dysfunction and symptoms:

<http://www.pdrhealth.com>

Sheryl you say you studied some? how many 2 - 6?

What statistical study have you done which helped you substantiate your observation/claim which lead you to base your lecture on thyroid dysfunction = artistic ability and UFO close encounter similarities?

How many people did this Australian health professional study, and how many did he ask if they had been abducted by aliens? Or had a close encounter with a UFO, for him/her to assume thyroid sufferers suffered the same symptoms as close encounter experiencers?

Sheryl you stated thyroid dysfunction mimicks symptoms of UFO close encounter symptoms? After doing some research of my own, one could say any form of Human Glandular Disorders could mimick almost anything.....

>When I searched for what others had found I discovered I was  
>not alone in this observation. Some UFO researchers had found  
>endocrine abnormalities as being quite common especially  
>dysfunctional thyroid conditions in those reporting close  
>encounter experiences.

Who might these researchers be? I would be interested in contacting them and I'm sure other researchers would like to discuss findings such as these.

Glandular Disorders might, I add, include the pituitary, thyroid, parathyroid, adrenals, testes, ovaries, pineal, thymus glands, and islet cells of the pancreas.

I would like to throw this subject open to researchers like Budd Hopkins, David Jacobs, Roger Leir, Whitley Striber, Keith Basterfield, Bill Chalker, Richard Hall and others, who may like to comment on their findings.

I would also like to know if any researchers have come across any abductees/contactees/close encounter experiencers, who have shown any signs of Human Glandular Disorders and if so, did they document their findings? If so do they feel it is possible that this type of illnesses might be the antidote which could prove to mimick the symptoms of an alleged UFO close encounter?

No disrespect intended, but has anyone checked if any of the best known abductees such as Betty & Barney Hill, Travis Walton, Kelly Cahill or others may have suffered from some form of Human Glandular Disorder, either before or after their experience? If so, have their disorders been documented and to what extent do they suffer - if at all?

Sheryl, I was unable find anything which indicated, scientifically, that Thyroid sufferers are prone to 'psychic attacks' as part of the symptoms of thyroid dysfunction? I have searched high and low for some form of scientific evidence to prove your claim is correct, but I have been unable to find anything - maybe I'm looking in the wrong place?

I searched 236 documents at:

<http://www.endocrineweb.com>

Your Search - "psychic attacks" did not match any files on this site.

How thyroid problems can affect your health:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/health-public-affairs/mhcs/publications/5425.html>

>Surprisingly, the most common list of symptoms for thyroid  
>dysfunction closely mimick many of those reported by close  
>encounter experiencers and include menstrual problems, with  
>interruption to cycles or cessation of them; lowered/raised  
>metabolism; sensitivity to noise, sunlight and odours; night  
>blindness; energy bursts or lack of energy, abnormal sleep  
>patterns and insomnia.



Sheryl, please read the symptoms listed below. You'll see how one could step into a mine field of problems when trying to determine if a person is suffering any form of Human Glandular Disorder. Let alone cross-referencing these symptoms with symptoms of UFO close encounters.

I mean Menopause, Eating disorders, Alcoholism, Mental Disorders and many others which could also be seen to mimic UFO close encounter symptoms. The list is endless.....

I look forward to some feed back. I have my hard hat on and await the incoming <g>.

#### Thyroid Disorders

<http://www.pdrhealth.com>

Hypothyroidism occurs more frequently in women than in men and is diagnosed most often between the ages of 40 and 50. Hypothyroidism, essentially an underproduction of thyroid hormone, can be caused by an insufficiency of the hypothalamus, the pituitary, or the thyroid gland itself.

In the early symptoms of hypothyroidism tend to be vague?

Early Symptoms of thyroid disfunction:

Short-term memory loss, fatigue, lethargy unexplained weight gain, intolerance to cold, poor wound healing, and constipation.

Later signs increased mental instability puffiness in the face and extremities; thin, dry hair; loss of libido; loss of appetite; hand tremors; and abdominal bloating. Hyperthyroidism is caused by overproduction of thyroid hormone.

Hypoparathyroidism results from diseased, injured, or congenitally defective parathyroid glands. Injury to the glands most often occurs during surgery involving nearby tissue. Hypoparathyroidism may also be caused by the prolonged, severe magnesium deficiency associated with alcoholism.

Hypoparathyroidism leads to low blood concentrations of calcium, which may cause neuromuscular excitability, including spasms and twitching of the face, hands, and feet; abdominal pain; hair loss; dry skin; and cataracts.

#### Pituitary Disorders

Hypopituitarism is characterized by growth retardation in children, sexual immaturity, and metabolic dysfunction. Hypopituitarism results from a deficiency of the hormones secreted by the anterior pituitary gland. Panhypopituitarism involves a partial or total failure of all this gland's hormones.

Symptoms usually develop gradually and may include impotence, the absence of menstrual periods, infertility, decreased sexual drive, and diabetes insipidus (a state of high urinary output unrelated to the more common diabetes mellitus). Other symptoms are hypothyroidism and adrenal insufficiency (Addison's disease).

Hyperpituitarism results in the extreme overgrowth of the skeleton and is often caused by a tumor. When hyperpituitarism occurs before puberty, the entire body becomes abnormally large.

This condition is called gigantism. Post-pubertal hyperpituitarism is called acromegaly and produces bone thickening; this rare condition usually strikes between the ages of 30 and 50.

Other symptoms of hyperpituitarism include oily skin, severe headaches, blurred vision, profuse sweating, a loss of peripheral vision, nervous system impairment, and a rapid metabolism. The head and facial features become enlarged and distorted in hyperpituitarism, and the individual may show symptoms of irritability, hostility, and other psychological disturbances.

Another symptom of thyroid disfunction is Graves' disease, the

most common form of hyperthyroidism.

Graves Disease Symptoms:

Enlarged thyroid, heat sensitivity, nervousness, difficulty in concentrating, prematurely gray hair, weight loss, increased appetite, diarrhea, palpitations, tremors, sweating, and, in some cases, bulging eyes. Graves' disease is thought to result from an immune-system malfunction that overstimulates the thyroid. The disease may not become apparent until it is triggered by trauma or by a benign tumor of the thyroid gland.

More links to study this problem:

<http://www.thyroid-fed.org/intro/patients.html>

Regards,

Diane Harrison

National Director of The Australian UFO Research Network  
Australian Skywatch Director

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## Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 12:19:07 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 13:24:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 03:47:34 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 15:52:36 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

><snip>

>>If you don't think I have better things to do than explain how  
>>each of those hundreds of ludicrous photos were faked (many by  
>>similar means, and several using the very same little models),  
>>then..... What a joke.

>>If you choose to believe, come on, give us your reasons and  
>>prove them authentic. I'm not holding my breath. :) The truth  
>>is, you are just a dreamer.

>So finally you resort to name calling and insults, and all I  
>asked you to do was to show this list your research into the  
>photos of the Brunswick UFO book. I merely submitted the book  
>for peer review, and have since been subjected to a tirade of  
>"Fake", from you. You have been asked to prove they are  
>fake - you resort to name calling.

>I leave this List to decide who has been the genuine person -  
>was seeking answers to these pictures.

People on this List are probably not as gullible as you seem to  
surmise. And, hey, I haven't seen any response by you to the  
facts that Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos (Director of FOTOCAT)  
reported about that book and its contents, as 100% fake. You  
cannot deal with those facts, can you, Roy? :)

>I am sorry it has been virtually impossible to gain any information  
>from you regarding your "Fake" stance on this book.

You are a pretender. I have given clear-cut evidence of the  
book's phony nature in my response to Ed Gehrman's query, and  
keep in mind that he chose the photos to which he requested  
comment, I did not. If what I pointed out to Ed doesn't give you  
great caution in believing the book to be highly suspicious,  
then you do not deserve to call yourself a UFO researcher. I  
think you are more likely just a gee-whiz UFO report collector.  
Also, from the beginning, I carefully explained my insights  
based on knowledge of how the real UFOs present in photos and  
movies, and I am not accountable for your lack of such knowledge  
as would enable you to know every photo in the book is fake.

Since it is you who promoted attention to that phony book from  
the start, I, again, challenge you to tell this list why you  
believe the photos might be authentic. I suspect your reason to  
be emotional predisposition to believe. How could there be  
anything more? Not a single photographer is named, no camera or  
film data are provided. Most of the photos are evidently faked  
using similar techniques, many using the same type model. An

experienced person can walk into a building where there are mouse colonies living in the walls or under floorboards and, without ever seeing a single mouse, tell you that they are there. How? By smelling the distinctive odor of mouse urine.

Wake up, Roy, and smell the mouse urine, unless that's a clothes pin on your nose as well as blinders on your eyes. :)

Ray Stanford

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## Re: A Paper: The Year 1954 In Photos - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 11:19:24 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 13:25:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: A Paper: The Year 1954 In Photos - Groff

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 23:27:46 +0200 (CEST)  
>Subject: A Paper: The Year 1954 In Photos

>Dear colleagues:

>I am happy to inform that a paper titled "The Year 1954 in  
>Photos" can be read and downloaded at the following URL - in  
>English:

><http://www.anomalia.org/fotocat1954.pdf>

>It is the first report produced from FOTOCAT, the Spanish  
>Anomaly Foundation=B4s worldwide photographic catalog (4,800  
>entries to-date), whose regular news reports are at:

><http://www.anomalia.org/fotocat1.htm>

>I hope it can be an item of interest to you. As the author, I  
>will be delighted to hear your comments, additions or  
>corrections to the largest census of UFO photographic cases  
>recorded for the wave year of 1954.

Hi V-J,

Is there an ac

cessible database of these photographs on the Anomolia.org  
website?

Thanks,

Terry

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## Woman Builds UFO Attractor

From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 11:23:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 13:26:24 -0400  
Subject: Woman Builds UFO Attractor

Source: ABC Local news (channel 7)

[http://abclocal.go.com/wls/news/strange/080904\\_ap\\_sn\\_UFO.html](http://abclocal.go.com/wls/news/strange/080904_ap_sn_UFO.html)

Woman builds UFO attractor

August 9, 2004 (DULUTH, Minn.) - Julie "Jitterbug" Pearce wants to make a long-distance call -- very long distance. Pearce has built what she calls a UFO Attractor.

The gizmo has colored strobe lights, low-powered lasers and a radio transmitter. She hopes she can grab the attention of any passing saucers and persuade ET to land for a chat.

Pearce spent a recent weekend with friends camping in the Minnesota woods with the contraption. She didn't have any success attracting UFO's, but she says she and her friends had a good time sitting around the campfire.

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## Re: Dr. Salla - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 14:03:00 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 13:28:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Dr. Salla - King

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 09:26:16 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Dr. Salla

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 21:49:16 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Dr. Salla

<snip>

>Can anyone find an article on his dismissal, if that's the case.  
>I can't seem to find any reference to it on the Internet.

Steve,

Found this...

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2004/2/prweb104795.htm>

Regards,

Kyle

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## Re: UFO photographed With A Celular Phone - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[shell.nul](mailto:shell.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 14:08:57 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 13:30:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO photographed With A Celular Phone - Shell

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 08:20:04 -0300  
>Subject: UFO photographed With A Celular Phone

>Possible UFO photographed with a celular phone

>On August 3rd three men were on Anhanguera Highway, Sao Paulo  
>State, when they saw something unusual over a field. They  
>stopped the car and 2 of the men jumped over the fence to get a  
>little closer. One of them had a modern cell phone with him and  
>took a picture of a strange, cylinder object a few meters above  
>the ground.

Because of the reflection, I have to assume the photographer  
stayed in the car.

>Under the object, which remained hovering for 30 minutes and  
>emmiting a sound that seemed like "several engines working  
>together", some dust could be see been lifting into the air.

I don't know. It looks very mirage-like to me, but it would with  
my debunking hat on. It also looks like a small rain cloud,  
although the rest of the photo doesn't suggest such a thing  
could develop there. Interesting, though.

>If confirmed genuine, it could be one of the first ever images  
>of a UFO taken by a cell-phone and confirmed.

What about that dude in Ireland a month or so ago? Did I imagine  
that?

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## Re: Dr. Salla - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 14:11:55 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 13:31:56 -0400  
Subject: Re: Dr. Salla - King

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 09:26:16 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Dr. Salla

<snip>

>Can anyone find an article on his dismissal, if that's the case.  
>I can't seem to find any reference to it on the Internet.

Steve, and list,

There is another link I found:

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2003/3/prweb59705.htm>

The cited article doesn't appear to be on his web site any longer...  
although interestingly it is an American University address, and is  
still working as of this morning.

I would like to see the cited article. If anyone is familiar with it,  
please let me know.

Kyle

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## Re: Dr. Salla - Brock

From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 12:42:39 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 13:34:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: Dr. Salla - Brock

>From: Gary Matteson <[mystrius.nul](mailto:mystrius.nul)>  
>To: [asaid.nul](mailto:asaid.nul), [ibroder.nul](mailto:ibroder.nul),  
> [ladner.nul](mailto:ladner.nul)  
>Cc: [sdi.nul](mailto:sdi.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 12:07:52 -0400  
>Subject: Dr. Salla

>Sirs:

>If it is true, that higher education in America is about  
>learning to use and to promote America's freedom of thought,  
>speech and action in advancing ideas, then in my view, it  
>appears you have failed the test of leadership, embarrassed  
>yourself and American University through recent action in  
>regards to Dr. Salla.

>In the months and years I've paid attention, I've seen  
>academics, teachers, and too many other good people at many  
>levels denied their rights to freedom of speech, their  
>careers derailed and/or destroyed, simply because they were  
>researching in an attempt to resolve questions around the  
>issue of aerial phenomena.

Gary,

"researching, in an attempt to resolve questions around the  
issue of aerial phenomena...? There's the understatement of the  
new century.

Michael Salla is not simply "...researching, in an attempt to  
resolve the questions around the issue of aerial phenomena..."  
This innocuous statement conjures the image of a level-headed  
scientist endeavoring to create ball lightning in a sealed glass  
chamber, or making a foray to a wetland to try to photograph  
will-o'-the-wisp. Taking a small excerpt from the abstract of  
his "paper," "A Report on the Motivations and Activities of  
Extraterrestrial Races -- A Typology of the most Significant  
Extraterrestrial Races Interacting with Humanity," reveals that  
Dr. Salla is a species quite different from the above  
bespectacled researcher in a white lab coat:

"There are an extensive number of extraterrestrial races known  
to be currently interacting with Earth and the human population.  
In a 1998 interview, Clifford Stone, a retired US army Sergeant  
who served in the US Army for 22 years and participated in  
covert operations to retrieve crashed extraterrestrial ships and  
extraterrestrial biological entities (EBE=92s), revealed there  
were a total of 57 extraterrestrial races known to the US  
military. From this pool of extraterrestrial races, a number are  
more active than others, and can be claimed to have the most  
significance for human evolution and sovereignty..."

And how did he come by this astounding, mind-blowing, earth-  
shattering, shake-the-foundations-of-sanity conclusion? An  
article from the Washington Post discloses his source:

"For much of the '90s, Salla studied conflict resolution and  
tried unsuccessfully to apply that knowledge to prevent war in  
East Timor and the Balkans, he says. Frustrated, he began

looking for an extraterrestrial connection to human misery and, he says, he found evidence of ET visitations -- including the Ike encounter -- on the Internet."

"There's a lot of stuff on the Internet,' he says, 'and I just went around and pieced it together.'"

In a move that suggests an even more profound lack of good judgement on his part, the article from the Washington Post is reproduced at Salla's own website:

<http://exopolitics.org/Wash-Post-Ike%20and%20ETs.htm>

(\_underscores\_eliminate\_percentiles,\_Dr.\_Salla)

This particular passage from the above Washington Post article seizes my attention, particularly:

"For much of the '90s, Salla studied conflict resolution and tried unsuccessfully to apply that knowledge to prevent war in East Timor and the Balkans, he says. Frustrated, he began looking for an extraterrestrial connection to human misery and, he says, he found evidence of ET visitations..."

I begin to realize that the comments I included in my weblog, on Saturday, July 31, 2004, make even more sense when viewed in the light of this article from the Washington Post:

"Considering all the factors I have discussed here, I suggest that "exopolitics," be it the philosophy of Salla or Webre, is essentially a highly secularized version of a contactee cult. Among the differences from the fifties cults are: generalization of the alien leader(s) of the fifties into either a Universal Society (Webre) or 57 different races of aliens which interact with the black government (Salla). Ergo, "Orthon"\* is now the "Universe Society." The blatantly religious elements (e.g., Van Tassel singing hymns with his followers, etc.) have also been dropped, but the concept of the "world in quarantine," needing to be "saved" by the benevolent Universe Society remains. Similarly, in Salla's version, there are certain races which are capable of "saving" us, although there are certain other ones that are less benevolent."

"It makes even more sense when we consider that Salla's professional career in teaching was concerned with the political aspects/problems involved in the implementation of world peace."

My complete article on the "exopolitics" of Webre/Salla, can be read at:

[http://aamb.blogspot.com/2004\\_07\\_25\\_aamb\\_archive.html](http://aamb.blogspot.com/2004_07_25_aamb_archive.html)

The Washington Post article also discloses the following, which fits right with the conclusions of my article linked above:

"Salla...figures the dentist trip is just a cover story. He believes Ike went to Edwards Air Force Base, where he met with two ETs with white hair, pale blue eyes and colorless lips."

"These aliens -- nicknamed "Nordics" in UFO circles because they resemble Scandinavian humans -- traveled to Edwards from another solar system in a flying saucer and, Salla says, they spoke to Eisenhower."

"There was telepathic communication,' says Salla, 45, as he sits in his suburban Falls Church living room. 'It's as though you're hearing a person but they're not speaking.'"

The "Nordics" offered to share their superior technology and their spiritual wisdom with Ike if he would agree to eliminate America's nuclear weapons.

"They were afraid we might blow up some of our nuclear technology," Salla says, "and apparently that does something to time and space and it impacts on extraterrestrial races on other planets."

"Ike declined the ETs' offer, Salla says, because he did not want to give up the nukes."

Eisenhower... blonde Nordics... Orthon..... In the light of

everything I have said about the exopolitics of Webre and Salla, I rest my case. "Exopolitics" is just another contactee cult in shabby academic clothing.

So, Gary, you may as well defend George Adamski or Van Tassel, or any of the other 50s contactees, and their right to solicit money from their adherents. On a more recent front, you might defend Dr. Stephen Greer, as well. I note that Dr. Salla charges \$250 per course, plus required texts (his own book being the first text on the list).

My final statment, Mr. Matteson, is that your vehement letter posted here does not, in actuality, address the issue of "academic freedom." Rather, it defends the right to sell snake oil.

Rod Brock

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THE MAGONIA EXCHANGE LIST

Collecting and sharing accounts  
of anomalous aerial phenomena  
from antiquity up to 1947.

[http://nocturnal\\_lights.tripod.com/magoniax](http://nocturnal_lights.tripod.com/magoniax)

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THE RETURN TO MAGONIA PROJECT

Parent project to the Magonia Exchange  
List.

<http://anomalies.bravepages.com>

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ALIENS ATE MY BUICK

Frank, unapologetic commentary  
on matters of ufological  
import.

<http://aamb.blogspot.com/>  
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## Lights Over Phoenix Site?

From: Louise Nicolaidis <[Louise.Nicolaidis.nul](mailto:Louise.Nicolaidis.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 16:07:05 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 13:37:10 -0400  
Subject: Lights Over Phoenix Site?

Is anyone familiar with the website:

[www.lightsoverphoenix.com](http://www.lightsoverphoenix.com)

Apparently they have in their possession, a box which contains information/evidence about the, now famous, Phoenix lights experience which took place on March 13th, 1997.

I had been following their findings for some time, but they stopped posting new information back in 2002 with no explanation of why. It almost seems as if they had been shut down, or prevented from continuing... but that makes no sense because the website is still fully functional.

If anyone has any information about why these researchers have stopped progressing with the "re- enactment" of the events which took place that night to, specifically, a priest, husband (who is well known) and wife, and a women in her 20's, I would be highly interested.

Louise Nicolaidis

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## Re: Dr. Salla - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 20:09:23 +0000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 13:39:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Dr. Salla - Hall

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 09:26:16 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Dr. Salla

<snip>

>Can anyone find an article on his dismissal, if that's the case.  
>I can't seem to find any reference to it on the Internet.

>Steve

Steve,

All I have noticed so far is that in the controversial post which Salla did/did not post (according to his soul brother, Alfred Webre, who apparently feels strongly both ways), Salla was referred to as a "former" AU professor.

If anyone has more information, it would be appreciated if they would post it. Especially a non-Disclosure-type person with objective information rather than the standard propaganda from true believers in wild fantasies.

- Dick

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## Re: ETH Modelling - Kelleher

From: Colm Kelleher <[nids.nul](mailto:nids.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 13:38:21 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 13:46:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: ETH Modelling - Kelleher

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 16:44:39 EDT  
>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

<snip>

Jacques Vallee and Eric Davis's recent paper: A six layer model for anomalous phenomena

[http://www.nidsci.org/pdf/vallee\\_davis.pdf](http://www.nidsci.org/pdf/vallee_davis.pdf)

and

Eric Davis's paper on Tunnelling through the Cosmic Neighborhood

[http://www.nidsci.org/pdf/davis\\_mufon2001.pdf](http://www.nidsci.org/pdf/davis_mufon2001.pdf)

both begin the process of modelling UFO phenomena. As such I believe they constitute useful contributions to this debate.

Of course for anybody in the game of attempting to test some testable hypotheses, especially involving attempts to distinguish between "Ours" and a putative "Theirs", it has not escaped notice that one quickly runs into the problem of National Security. Especially in 2004.

Colm Kelleher  
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## Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 16:49:32 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 13:48:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 17:32:35 -0700  
>Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 23:46:41 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

>>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 18:42:19 -0700  
>>>Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

>>>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 10:43:31 -0400  
>>>>Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

>><snip>

>>>You may get a bit of feedback on that one, Ray. The bullet's  
>>>trajectory as fired on the Earth, neglecting air resistance, is  
>>>parabolic. So also, as far as I know, the meteor, if air  
>>>resistance were to be neglected. But I suppose a meteoroid that  
>>>doesn't get captured in the atmosphere could be in an elliptical  
>>>orbit.

>>Wrong! In the first place, air resistance acts on both meteors  
>>in motion and bullets shot from guns, so why bring in the  
>>subject of airless passage?! A meteor is not a meteor until it  
>>enters the upper atmosphere and adjacent air becomes luminous.

>>All meteoroids have elliptical paths in the solar system, and  
>>retardation by atmospheric passage only modifies the properties  
>>of the ellipse, constantly across time, but does not alter it to  
>>a parabolic course. ...

>We'd better persue this trajectory question a bit further lest  
>any readers receive bum dope.

Jim, FYI, I don't give out "bum dope", and I doubt many readers are worried about your mistaken view of the mathematical properties of meteor trajectories. Your only interest in this is clearly to try and put me down because I have exposed Billy Meier's hoaxed photos, and their early-on chief promoter, ex-convict Wendelle Stevens, who told me he knew Meier photos we were discussing were fake, and who seems to be a friend of yours (judging from the way you shared some of my statements with him) despite his court-documented molestation of young girls 14 and substantially younger.

When I asked Wendelle why he was promoting a fake case, instead of exposing it, he said it was because promoting it makes more money than exposing it.

In case you have forgotten, the photo alleged to show "Semjase's spacecraft" descending, but a day-glow sticker representing an



emission mechanism or whatever, was partially peeling off the side, and the masking tape (unmistakable due to its texture) holding together the bottom potter's-wheel-turned plate (with finger marks from a slowing potter's wheel) was also starting to peel off at one end. :-o

After Wendelle returned from his next visit to Meier in Switzerland, he told me that those photos and the one I had pointed out to him that showed a poorly faked, stuffed dinosaur (claimed to have been taken during a trip via Semjase's 'time scanner') with a button so poorly sewed in for an eye that you could see all holes in the button and the thread holding it onto the side of the head, had been "reclaimed" by Semjase and would be returned to Meier for destruction! LMAO!

So, Jim, it is you who puts out, to use your words, "bum dope" when you promote the hoaxes of Meier, and his lies not only about UFOs but about being the Messiah, as you have done in diverse contexts, privately and publicly. :)

>Fletcher was speaking of meteors,  
>and bullets fired from a gun, in the presence of Earth's  
>gravity, and mentioning the approximate trajectory.

Approximate, huh? :)

>Air resistance soon causes either one to deviate from this  
>trajectory, but only slightly in a rarefied atmosphere. However,  
>the trajectory it deviates from is a parabola, not an ellipse.

False! All meteoroids are in elliptical orbits of the sun, and their paths remain elliptical until retardation from cosmic velocity (and the air around them becomes incandescent well before that), but by the time that happens, incandescence is no longer produced, and it was visible meteors (due to incandescence of the adjacent atmosphere) to which Fletcher was referring. Sightings of cosmic objects falling after luminescence ceases is very rare, indeed, and not likely to cause a UFO report.

>The potential meteor comes under the influence of Earth's  
>gravity before it comes under the influence of air resistance.

Of course Do you think that I or anyone else on this list in possession of common sense does not know that?

A bullet's trajectory in the denser, lower atmosphere is, of course, quite different (from a meteor's before retardation), but I don't buy any claim a bullet fired upward at any angle from the horizontal follows a parabolic trajectory. My physics professor taught me differently, and maybe I was taught incorrectly, but doubt that would be the case.

Well, Jim, trajectories aside, are you still in the good graces of your messiah, Billy Meier, who claims to be the reincarnation of Jesus? Too bad Jesus doesn't have anything better to do in recent years than fake silly looking UFO photos with ever-increasing numbers of balls attached to them! Could it be that those ludicrous photos with their proliferation of shiny perlite-painted balls are telling us far more about Meier's unconscious need to compensate a diminishing testosterone level in his old age than about any real UFO? :) Or maybe it is just that, as with the crop circles' makers, Meier felt he had to embroider them more and more over the years to keep interest and attention flowing toward them, to energize his ego, and, perhaps, his bankroll, through increased discipleship.

Ray Stanford

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Allan

From: Christopher Allan <[cda.nul](mailto:cda.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 22:55:37 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 13:49:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Allan

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 09:05:28 +0100  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming6.nul](mailto:lfleming6.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 21:36:24 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>The real motive for the aggression against Grenada was most  
>>likely political. The Reagan Administration needed a cheap and  
>>quick military conquest after suffering some bad foreign policy  
>>setbacks in the Middle East. But the added bonus of shutting up  
>>Grenada's eccentric leader about UFOs certainly must have  
>>pleased some segments of the U.S. military command.

See below about this "eccentric leader".

>I think if the US military command were bothered about it at  
>all, I suspect they'd be quite pleased that the only political  
>leader openly interested in the subject was one who was such an  
>obvious fruit-cake!

>It might be worth reminding American readers that as the Head of  
>State of Grenada is Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, when the US  
>invaded the island it was also technically at war with the  
>United Kingdom, a point which I think Margaret Thatcher made  
>quite forcibly to her friend Ronald Reagan!

Quite right.

Also, the US invasion of Grenada was in late 1983. The 'fruit-cake' leader (UFO believer et al) of Grenada, Eric Gairy, had been deposed several years before in a coup, in 1979.

Therefore the US had no interest in this guy when they invaded the island, and thus had no need to "shut him up".

CDA

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## Re: FO Photographed With A Cellular Phone - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 19:00:37 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 13:55:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: FO Photographed With A Cellular Phone - Ledger

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 08:20:04 -0300  
>Subject: UFO Photographed With A Celular Phone

>Possible UFO photographed with a celular phone

>On August 3rd three men were on Anhanguera Highway, Sao Paulo  
>State, when they saw something unusual over a field. They  
>stopped the car and 2 of the men jumped over the fence to get a  
>little closer. One of them had a modern cell phone with him and  
>took a picture of a strange, cylinder object a few meters above  
>the ground.

>Under the object, which remained hovering for 30 minutes and  
>emmiting a sound that seemed like "several engines working  
>together", some dust could be see been lifting into the air.

>The witnesses do not want to be identified.

>On August 04 I took part in a TV program in Brazil to comment on  
>the photo - it is being analysed as I write.

>If confirmed genuine, it could be one of the first ever images of a UFO  
>taken by a cell-phone and confirmed.

>The image is at:

><http://www.ufo.com.br/index.php?arguivo=notComp.php&id=457>

Nothing there A.J. Just gave me the text page. It truncated the  
URL which I added and still only the text page re. info and an  
appeal to get the Brazilian gov. come clean.

Don Ledger

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## Whither MUFON At The Crossroads Of Ufology?

From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci.nul](mailto:overtci.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 18:08:32 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 13:58:36 -0400  
Subject: Whither MUFON At The Crossroads Of Ufology?

== Whither MUFON At The Crossroads Of Ufology? ==

By Larry W. Bryant

Rarely, if ever, can an organization undergo reform from within.

For a perennial example of that axiom, we need look no farther than the U. S. Federal Bureau of Investigation. Since institutional bureaucracy feeds off itself, and hence becomes threatened by the prospect of reform, the organization's leaders have little incentive (or power) to initiate, much less carry through, any major reform. MUFON fits the mold here. Likewise, this same problem of inertia hampers the organization's ability to undergo paradigm shifts in its mission/operations/management.

In the case of MUFON, it may be helpful to install both an inspector general (for accountability oversight and managerial review) and an ombudsman (for representation of the public's stakeholderhood in MUFON's status as a "501(C)(3)" charitable organization).

As usual, the question arises: "Any volunteers?"

Thank you, Michael Brownlee, for your insightful, thoughtful critique of MUFON's past/present/future role in helping the public deal with the reality of Universal Flying Objects.

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 23:40:36 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 14:09:21 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Rimmer

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming6.nul](mailto:lfleming6.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 15:50:14 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 09:05:28 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming6.nul](mailto:lfleming6.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 21:36:24 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>>That's not completely true; the authenticity of the Barauna  
>>>photographs was endorsed by the Brazilian government at the  
>>>time. The photos were sufficiently clear to reduce some  
>>>contemporary "skeptics" into alleging they were fakes  
>>>perpetrated using 21st Century computer technology - back in the  
>>>1950's.

>>What nonsense. This is a complete re-writing of history. The  
>>Brazilian government did not 'endorse' the photographs, but made  
>>an ambiguous statement which seemed mainly designed to avoid  
>>having to discuss the matter any further.

>What ludicrous psychobabble. The Brazilian Navy's report stated  
>(as presented on the CUFOS web site):

>"After Brazil=B9s House of Representatives demanded further  
>information from the Navy, it was given a secret report on the  
>official investigation. The document was leaked in October 1964  
>to Coral Lorenzen, director of APRO. After reviewing the various  
>sightings and the January 16 photographs, its author, Corvette-  
>Capt. Jose Geraldo Brandao, concluded that the 'existence of  
>personal reports and of photographic evidence, of certain value  
>considering the circumstance involved [absence of evidence of  
>tampering, the presence of other witnesses], permit the  
>admission that there are indications of the existence of  
>unidentified aerial objects.' He also noted the "strong  
>emotional upset... in all persons who sighted the object,  
>including the photographer, civilians, and members of the ship=B9s  
>crew"

It's worth noting that the phrases in square brackets are Mr  
Fleming's insertions. Without this, the statement is rather more  
ambiguous, with typical weasel phrases such as "of certain  
value...", "permit the admission that..." and "there are  
indications that..." I find this a carefully worded statement by  
a military officer who was trying not to offend too many people.

>It takes a heroic effort of unreason to force-fit the above into  
>Mr. Rimmer's bizarre interpretation.

>>The present-day  
>>>sceptics have made no such allegations about 21st century  
>>>computer technology.  
>>The debate is fully archived on this List, I suggest you re-read

>>it.

>I suggest Mr. Rimmer re-read it (or rather, "re-desconstruct"  
>it, since that's what psychobabble enthusiasts seem to prefer  
>doing rather than actually reading things). Here was my comment  
>on Mr. Barauna's apparently remarkable powers to travel into the  
>future and acquire technology not available to the average  
>person-- or even scientists -- back in the 1950's.

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/nov/m17-005.shtml>

In this posting Mr Fleming is criticising the Brazilian researcher Kentaro Mori for using a ditigal technique to simulate the type of double-exposure methods Barauna might have adopted. At no point does Mori suggest that Barauna used digital technology, and Mr Fleming suggests above.

As it is obvious to anybody that a 1950s photographer could not use modern-day digital techniques, Mr Fleming must be suggesting that either that Kentaro Mori is aware of this and is deliberately lying, or that he is too stupid to recognise the fact. Which is it?

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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## Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 20:59:42 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 14:11:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites - Stanford

>From: Billy Zachary <[bez012602.nul](mailto:bez012602.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 18:57:31 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites

>Would someone be kind enough to describe what an average small  
>meteorite should look like?

>I've found several chunks of iron-like material in my backyard,  
>that looks as though it/they had come through space and got very  
>hot - to the point of melting.

>I have lived here for almost 30 years and I have found these  
>things for many years right here.

>I must have over a hundred lbs. of them by now. Please, someone  
>get back to me on this.

Hi Billy,

That would require a very complex answer because the several types of meteorites 'weather' quite differently, and from the sounds of things, if what you've been collecting are meteorites at all, they are likely quite corroded, from your description.

A freshly-fallen stony meteorite usually has a black fusion crust caused by upper-atmospheric passage at hypersonic speed. If the stone of the meteorite is a high-calcium type, that black crust will be glassy and glossy. If it is low calcium, it will look more gray, because of a matte finish. The black fusion crusts tend to turn brown, if the meteorite contains much iron and it is subjected to moisture.

Much more rarely, the fusion crust can show various degrees of translucency, appearing brown, tan, even milky, and in rare instances can be so transparent that it reveals the natural color of the stone, within. Meteorites with that general class of fusion crust are rare types, from aubrites to lunaites (although not all lunaites have that type fusion crust), which tend to be on the slightly greenish side when not just the color of the meteorite, itself.

Most Martian meteorites, when freshly fallen, tend to have a black fusion crust.

When fresh, metallic (iron-nickel) meteorites usually have a nice gun-metal type exterior, but when not fresh, they are rust colored.

Most meteorites are magnetic, primarily due to various amounts of iron, but stony meteorites of the achondritic types (including the known Martian meteorites, lunaites, and aubrites) may, in many cases, have no free iron and are, thus, not appreciably magnetic, except for some magnetic minerals, at times.

Grind an edge off a stony meteorite and you will often see blebs or speckling of nickel-iron, especially if it is a chondritic



meteorite.

Send me a image of some of your material in question, and I may be able to tell you if it is meteorite. The things you describe might be meteorites, but if I were betting, sight-unseen, I would probably bet they are 'meteowrongs' -- things that if one thinks they are meteorites, one is wrong. Hematite, goerthite, magnetite, and smelter slag are often mistaken for meteorites.

Even the stony meteorites (but not all) are usually appreciably denser (more weight per volume) than are terrestrial rocks of similar appearance. However, lunaites (lunar meteorites) generally tend to be of lower density than other meteorites.

If you do not understand some of word I have used, put it in a google search.

I hope this helps.

Ray Stanford

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## Re: Dr. Salla - Matteson

From: Gary Matteson <[mystrius.nul](mailto:mystrius.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 20:57:22 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 14:41:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: Dr. Salla - Matteson

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 21:49:16 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Dr. Salla

>>From: Gary Matteson <[mystrius.nul](mailto:mystrius.nul)>  
>>To: [asaid.nul](mailto:asaid.nul), [ibroder.nul](mailto:ibroder.nul), [ladner.nul](mailto:ladner.nul)  
>>Cc: [sdi.nul](mailto:sdi.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 12:07:52 -0400  
>>Subject: Dr. Salla

>You may be confusing "freedom of speech" with "academic freedom,"

I agree, you are correct and I stand corrected. Thank you.

Gary

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## The MUFON Conundrum - Part II

From: Michael Brownlee <[michael.nul](mailto:michael.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 19:52:04 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 14:45:54 -0400  
Subject: The MUFON Conundrum - Part II

The MUFON Conundrum - Part II

=46rom Research To Exopolitical Activism?  
Observations from the 35th Annual MUFON Symposium

Special to [www.CosmicTribune.com](http://www.CosmicTribune.com)

by Michael Brownlee

Observers might question the wisdom of MUFON directors in inviting exopolitical lobbyist Stephen Bassett to be a featured presenter at the 35th annual MUFON symposium. After all, Bassett is not a researcher or field investigator, nor even a member of the organization. Instead, he is a self-declared activist dedicated to ending the government-imposed "truth embargo on the fact of an extraterrestrial presence engaging the planet earth and the human race."

Known as the only "UFO lobbyist" in the nation=92s capital, Bassett has since 1966 tirelessly campaigned for open congressional hearings on UFO/ET events and evidence, in hopes of bringing about Disclosure of what the government knows and has kept secret about the extraterrestrial presence. He is the founder of the Paradigm Research Group, Executive Director of the Extraterrestrial Phenomenon Political Action Committee (X-PPAC), and in 2002 was a congressional candidate for the 8th District of Maryland, openly campaigning for the truth about the extraterrestrial presence.

Following on the heels of John Schuessler, Bassett offered a direct challenge to MUFON (which he sees as "a citizens=92 science movement") to change its mission statement and reassert itself as the pre-eminent activist organization in the world on the UFO/ET issue and=97after increasing its membership to 100,000=97to exert its new-found influence to break the political impasse that prevents Disclosure from happening. Bassett made it clear that he would like MUFON to adopt his own motto: "If Congress will not do its job, the people will."

In essence, Bassett exhorted MUFON to reorganize itself as a political power and "go to Washington and kick butt," thus ending the truth embargo which he says began in July, 1947, when General Roger Raimy rescinded an official Air Force press release claiming retrieval of a crashed "saucer" in the desert near Roswell, New Mexico, and substituted a dubious "weather balloon" explanation of those enigmatic events.

Not surprisingly, there was no immediate response by MUFON officials to Bassett=92s "modest proposal," nor is it likely that there will be.

For Bassett, Disclosure means that "the presence of extraterrestrials becomes a known fact, with all its implications," thereby precipitating the death of an outmoded worldview and the birth of another. In this scenario, the current dominant paradigm=97absent a recognition of the extraterrestrial presence=97collapses, ushering in a new golden age "in which the human race will step up and out, entering a galactic reality."

Strikingly, Bassett assured his audience that the ETs "are not here to turn us into some alpaca farm." Here, he subtly echoes Steven Greer, director of The Disclosure Project and the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence (CSETI), who preaches that extraterrestrials offer humanity both technological and spiritual redemption (a view that is either profoundly naive or unabashedly Machiavellian).

According to Bassett, the truth embargo institutionalized with passage of the 1947 National Security Act and the initiation of the secret "Majestic 12" management group has "broken the social contract, compromised the mission of NASA, eroded trust in government, withheld life- and environmental-enhancing technology and warped the relationship between two branches of government (executive and legislative) and the military intelligence community."

This truth embargo is now unraveling, says Bassett, "due to the emergence of military and agency witnesses since the end of the Cold War." Indeed, he insists that the witness process, exemplified in a dramatic press conference at the National Press Club four months before the 9/11 attacks, "is the number one factor driving the vector toward disclosure."

Ever ready to exploit a political moment, Bassett took advantage of his MUFON symposium platform to read open memos to Presidential candidates George Bush, John Kerry and Dennis Kucinich, who in his view are being increasingly pressured "to take a position on the most controversial and implicative issue in the world today."

In his memo to George Bush, Bassett holds out the prospect of becoming "the disclosure president" (the Republican power brokers' choice), thereby creating a legacy of "the leader who ended the truth embargo and informed the nation and the world of the extraterrestrial presence engaging this planet."

To John Kerry, he advises repudiating his membership in Skull and Bones an "absurd and dangerous secret society" in order to gain credibility, and if elected to reject need-to-know excuses from intelligence agencies "for their refusal to give you the information you need to make a disclosure decision."

Finally, Bassett exhorts Dennis Kucinich (whose worldview "already embraces the possibility of an extraterrestrial presence") to utilize his spot at the Democratic convention "to place the most important issues in the world before the nation," promising that "millions of people around the planet will stand and applaud true political courage."

Where does Bassett himself stand on the election? "I don't care who's president," he says, "disclosure has to happen."

For Bassett, the truth embargo simply cannot last four more years. He explains that "the national security state" (the military/intelligence infrastructure needed to hold the ET cover-up in place) has produced a growing disease that has severely eroded the foundations of democracy: "the need to lie, when the truth would probably serve."

The result has been a profound cynicism among the citizenry, Bassett says, to the point that "76 percent of Americans didn't vote in the last election, and George Bush was elected by 12.5 percent of the public. What are we talking about?"

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## Re: Perseid Meteor Shower - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 23:25:16 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 14:47:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: Perseid Meteor Shower - Stanford

IMO, it's a rather corny presentation (below), but the meteor show might be nice:

NASA Science News for August 9, 2004

Like bugs streaking colorfully down the side window of a moving car, Earthgrazing Perseid meteors could put on a striking show after sunset on August 11th.

FULL STORY at

[http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2004/09aug\\_horseflies.htm?list159275](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2004/09aug_horseflies.htm?list159275)

Through volunteer translation, at least some Science.nul stories are translated into 9 languages. Learn more at:

<http://science.nasa.gov/OtherLanguages.htm>

Wishing you good weather and clear vision,  
Ray Stanford

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## Re: UFO Photographed With A Celular Phone - Booth

From: **Billy Booth** <[Ufocasebook.nul](mailto:Ufocasebook.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 23:34:46 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 14:49:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Photographed With A Celular Phone - Booth

Just a note to let you all know that I rec'd info on the Brazil cellphone case this morning, and translated the details, and enhanced the images. You can access it here:

<http://ufocasebook.com/brazilcellufo.html>

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## Factsheet On Salla's Termination

From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 21:42:26 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 14:53:36 -0400  
Subject: Factsheet On Salla's Termination

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 09:26:16 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Dr. Salla

>Can anyone find an article on his [Salla's] dismissal, if  
>that's the case. I can't seem to find any reference to it on the  
>Internet.

Hi, Steve,

There's a factsheet on Dr. Salla's termination posted at his  
very own website:

<http://exopolitics.org/PA-termination-factsheet.htm>

It begins:

"On August 3, 2004, I was interviewed on George Noory's Coast to  
Coast and was asked about the status of my present association  
with the Center for Global Peace, American University,  
Washington DC. I informed George that as a result of my  
exopolitics research, the program I had been developing, the  
Peace Ambassador Program, was summarily terminated in late  
April, 2004..."

I had admonished myself when this exopolitics stuff surfaced  
that it was only a matter of time before Salla (and possibly  
Webre) would be making appearances on George Noory. I make no  
particular claims of prophet-hood, however, since it's a  
foregone conclusion that if it's nuts, it's gonna be on  
Coast-to-Coast.

Best,

Rod Brock

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Collecting and sharing accounts  
of anomalous aerial phenomena  
from antiquity up to 1947.  
[http://nocturnal\\_lights.tripod.com/magoniax](http://nocturnal_lights.tripod.com/magoniax)

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THE RETURN TO MAGONIA PROJECT  
Parent project to the Magonia Exchange  
List.  
<http://anomalies.bravepages.com>

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ALIENS ATE MY BUICK  
Frank, unapologetic commentary  
on matters of ufological  
import.  
<http://aamb.blogspot.com/>  
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## Re: Extrasolar Planets - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 01:07:08 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 15:43:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: Extrasolar Planets - Sparks

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 22:59:33 +0000  
>Subject: Extrasolar Planets

>Most of you will be aware that the first detection of a planet  
>orbiting a sun (star) outside of our own solar system was made  
>in 1995 by detecting (in simple terms) the apparent "wobble" in  
>the position of the host sun (star).

>What I was unaware of until now is that this method of looking  
>for extrasolar planets was discussed at a BUFORA event on  
>27/3/1964. A lecturer called Stephen Smith from a Cambridge (UK)  
>UFO group suggested the method.

>The following is a quote from an article on page 6 of "Saucer  
>Forum", V3 Issue 2 (April/May/June 1965) written by the editor  
>at the time (Jimmy Goddard). The lecture by Stephen Smith was  
>entitled "Life beyond the Earth".

>"He then gave several theories as to how the Solar system  
>started, after which he said that it was possible to note  
>whether the nearest stars were likely to have planetary systems,  
>by watching to see if they wobbled during their rotation."

>I had no idea that the theoretical method of detection has been  
>put forward so long before anyone produced results using it.

<snip>

The first detection of an extrasolar planet, using this same  
gravitational "wobble" method, was claimed as far back as 1963,  
not just a theoretical suggestion. Astronomer Peter van de Kamp  
claimed to have found a planetary companion of Barnard's Star  
(Astrophysical Journal, vol. 68, p. 515, 1963). It probably  
goes back earlier than 1963 (I seem to vaguely recall something  
in a Keyhoe book).

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## Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For

From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 02:14:20 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2004 16:04:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For

>From: Tim Shell <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 08:47:32 -0500  
>Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For Extraterrestrial Life

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 23:27:41 EDT  
>>Subject: CNN's Look Into The Search For Extraterrestrial Life

>><http://www.cnn.com/CNN/Programs/presents/index.html>

>>Interesting look at how the mainstream presents it's look into  
>>ET research.

>>I got word several months ago pals of mine in the press were  
>>given a rush-rush push to cover topics like this.

>>Guess it's a ratings thingie. Also a good betting pool is  
>>probably in the running.

>>Expect lots of ET/UFO stories in the next year ;)

>Hey, maybe this is G.W. Bush's "October Surprise." "We've  
>contacted aliens from another planet, but they'll only give us  
>the cure to all diseases if I'm re-elected."

Hello fellow Listerions,

I still hope this list remains above partisan politics as we  
come closer to the election. Please don't send me partisan  
fodder offlist.

While watching CNN's "Are We Alone" program I noticed that they  
showed the Weekly World News issue that had the headline of  
"ALIEN BABY FOUND ON MARS". It showed Mars landscape in the  
background. The foreground was composed of a dying African child  
with protruding ribs, a big distended belly, and a head that  
appeared huge next to its shrunken body. It was topped off with  
large and protruding eyeballs staring at the reader.

That is really the sickest of tabloid exploitation! Take a dying  
child who by now most likely passed away from starvation and try  
to palm it off as a Mars alien baby. The publisher needs a  
shave with BS rubbed all over his face for shaving cream.

Years ago I posted to the List that in MUFON LA we had a poor  
fellow who used to hold up that tabloid while believing every  
word of its BS. We were gentle with him because he was mentally  
disabled. I sure hope he did not believe the Mars alien baby  
lies issue.

Josh

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## Re: ETH Modeling - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 05:58:38 EDT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2004 16:05:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: ETH Modeling - Sparks

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 08:47:17 -0500  
>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 16:44:39 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

>>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 09:03:49 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

<snip>

>>The whole point of an "encyclopedia" is to provide a thorough  
>>overview of a subject encompassing diverse literature so that  
>>the knowledge is conveniently at hand. I am not going to the  
>>time, trouble and expense (which I cannot afford) of obtaining a  
>>very old JUFOS issue for an article by Swords that Swords  
>>himself does not indicate in his much later 1998 Encyclopedia  
>>article has anything about quantitative testable ETH models in  
>>it. I assume from Swords' 1998 treatment in your Encyclopedia  
>>that the earlier JUFOS piece was merely a more detailed survey  
>>of ETH writings.

>Those of you interested in Michael D. Swords's JUFOS paper,  
>a major (maybe \_the\_ major) scientific look at the ETH in the UFO  
>literature, should contact

><http://www.cufos.org/pubs3.html>

>or write CUFOS at:

>2457 West Peterson Avenue,  
>Chicago, Illinois  
>60659

>The full citation is Swords, "Science and the Extraterrestrial  
>Hypothesis in Ufology." Journal of UFO Studies 1 (1989): 67-102.

>A fascinating follow-up piece is:

>"Astronomers, the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis, and the United  
>States Air Force at the Beginning of the Modern UFO Phenomenon."  
>JUFOS 4 (1992): 79-129.

>In my judgment these are essential reading to any serious  
>student of the UFO phenomenon.

>Jerry Clark

Hi Jerry,

Guess what? I too am a "serious student of the UFO phenomenon"  
because I \_do\_ in fact have copies of both issues of JUFOS and  
did indeed read both years ago long before I received my own

copies (my thanks to a very gracious source who shall remain nameless). They were in storage and I didn't think I had them but I did. And your very impressive-looking "full citations" are both wrong, because they are not Volumes 1 and 4 but New Series Volumes 1 and 4.

I was absolutely right, Swords' 1989 paper does not present any testable quantitative ETH models, except those of the SETI literature that he criticizes, and even then he does not get into what he derides as the "numbers game." This was just as I had surmised from Swords' 1998 article in your UFO Encyclopedia which made no reference to any such theoretical advance in scientific UFO theory development as having taken place in his own 1989 article. Swords merely criticizes SETI's modeling of ETH without getting into the UFO numbers, and he does not even mention Richard Greenwell or Stan Friedman within the UFO community, both of whom have had extensive critiques of SETI's work on ETH and UFO's. Swords does not represent the UFO community as developing testable ETH models, only an array of IFO-type conventional explanations all of which have been "falsified" he says, leaving the ETH and "unknown natural phenomena" (if I read him correctly, he literally seems to say only ETH is left, see his p. 95).

Swords tends to lean too heavily on UFO "data-gathering, data-clarification, and pattern-finding" as scientific methodology (what "data" did Einstein "gather" when he theoretically derived the famed mass-energy equivalence,  $E=mc^2$ , in 1905 ??) but he recognizes that, "Beyond the pattern-finding step, scientific methodology requires testing or at least some form of pro-active observation to proceed further." Swords cautions that "as in many non-laboratory sciences, [UFO] variables were [are] difficult to control and replication ... not possible, in general." Yet Swords concedes that "Scientific deductions based upon the available patterns are possible in part" but it is difficult and "only the crudest predictions can be made and checked [= tested]."

Well that is exactly what is needed, regardless how "crude" the ETH and other testable models to explain UFO's may be at the start, you have to start somewhere. With SETI and the famous Drake Equation the initial numbers were very "crude" in some cases just outright wild guesses, e.g., planets around other stars had not even been found yet, and now 40+ years later we have a database of very tentative planetary data to firm up some of the Drake numbers, etc. The model framework was already established by Frank Drake in 1961 when he set up the Drake Equation (based most likely on reports of Fermi's 1950 calculations).

But should someone have told Drake in 1961 to stop what he was doing because it was just "sheer speculation" and "wild guesswork" and "wait till we have real data before indulging in such theoretical fancies" or that he must have actual solid numbers for each and every part of his formula instead of guesses???

Even the somewhat over-empirical Swords praises the Drake Equation yes that's right, the "numbers game" Drake Equation of the evil SETI Empire, as the one single breakthrough that broke the back of conservative scientist opposition to SETI. Here is what Swords writes:

Swords, 1989, pp. 67-8: "The major tool which has swung the atmosphere of opinion has been the 'Drake Equation,' constructed as a heuristic device by Frank Drake.... This mathematical 'outline' has allowed discussants to split up the complex problem into more discrete bits upon which current science may have a say. Tentative conclusions from the last decade's debates are sometimes surprising in their concreteness...."

Wow, that sounds like quantitative ETH modeling is not such a worthless futile endeavor after all, it worked for the SETI community, why not for the UFO community? Or does success have to be measured by the breaking the back of scientific opposition to the study of UFO's instead of being measured by the truth and new discoveries made as a happy result of undertaking rigorous ETH modeling in the UFO community? The UFO community has so far failed utterly and completely in every one of its efforts using past methods to attract ongoing study by the establishment scientific community, so I do not see why that can be such a

wonderful recommendation in favor of continuing to do as we have always done - fail.

Hmm, I also see that Swords applauds the concept in the Drake Equation of breaking up a "complex problem" into simpler more solvable parts. This is the opposite of the constant drumbeat within the UFO community of appealing to the horrendous alien "complexity" whenever this ETH modeling is attempted, saying that it is just too far advanced for us to understand, aliens are too different from us to comprehend.

In fact, Swords makes a very strong statement against the usual suffocating wet-blanket approach of the UFO field which damns all efforts to understand aliens because they are too wholly "alien" to us.

Swords 1989, pp. 92, 93: "It has been said, loosely and without any depth of analysis, that alien intelligence would never share any behavioral similarities with our species.... it is essentially a certainty that these advanced life forms have several instincts/ motivators/behaviors in common with \_Homo\_sapiens\_...."

Yes that is what we need, a "depth of analysis" into modeling the ETH (and other theories) to explain UFO's, like the Drake Equation, though not necessarily using that exact formula itself, but the scientific methodology it embodies and which was used in formulating it (without any real "data" I might add, mostly theory at the beginning). With UFO's we have a wealth of data to use to test the ETH models. Data and theory need to be interactive. Theory needs to suggest things to look for in the UFO data which have been overlooked before or not thought significant until "theory" made it significant.

Brad Sparks

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## Explorers Find UFO Fragments In Tunguska

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 05:16:38 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2004 16:07:10 -0400  
Subject: Explorers Find UFO Fragments In Tunguska

Explorers Find UFO Fragments In Tunguska Meteorite Area

Source: Pravda

[http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/13705\\_tunguska.html](http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/13705_tunguska.html)

Explorers find UFO fragments in Tunguska meteorite area  
08/10/2004 15:13

The meteorite flight culminated in the powerful blast up to 40 Mt of trotyl equivalent

Members of the scientific expedition of the Siberian state foundation Tunguska Space Phenomenon say they have managed to uncover blocks of an extraterrestrial technical device. The space body, which was later called the Tunguska meteorite, fell down on Earth on June 30th 1908, 65 kilometers off the Vanavara settlement, the Evenkiya republic.

The first expedition to study the Tunguska meteorite was organized in 1927. Professor Leonid Kulik headed the mission. However, explorers have never managed to discover any fragments of the celestial body.

The press service of the Evenkiya republic administration reported the expedition worked in the western part of the region in the summer of the current year. The mission's itinerary was based on the results of the space footage analysis. Explorers believe they have discovered blocks of an extraterrestrial technical device, which crashed down on Earth on June 30th, 1908. In addition, expedition members found the so-called "deer" - the stone, which Tunguska eyewitnesses repeatedly mentioned in their stories. Explorers delivered a 50-kilogram piece of the stone to the city of Krasnoyarsk to be studied and analyzed.

It is generally believed a giant ball of fire flew above Central Siberia before the Tunguska meteorite blast. Scientists have analyzed hundreds of eyewitnesses' stories and revealed a still inexplicable detail. Thunder-like sounds and incredible light effects were seen not only during and after the bolide flight, but also before it. Several eyewitnesses, including a political exile (a highly-educated individual), mentioned that in their stories. It is very hard to explain it with subjective mistakes, because such affirmations reiterate independently. Observers were located tens of kilometers far from the area of the fall. A ballistic wave could not create such a sound: it could remain behind the bolide, but it could never outdistance it. The only real explanation can be linked with powerful electromagnetic phenomena, albeit scientists have not developed a complete analysis of the issue from this point of view.

Another circumstance is tied with the direction of the body's movement. On the ground of eyewitnesses' testimonies collected in the 1920s and 1930s, scientists concluded the bolide had flown northwards from the south. The analysis of the woods destruction, though, testified to the westwards movement of the body from the east. It is noteworthy it is the direction that can be traced in eyewitnesses' stories.



The discrepancy is evident. A lot of scientists have tried to explain the mysterious phenomenon using various approaches. It was particularly said several bolides had flown above the Siberian woods in 1908. This point of view seems to be rather unfounded - no eyewitness could see several bolides in one day. Another theory provoked a discussion in the scientific world, when professor F.Zigel proposed the meteorite maneuvered in the Earth's atmosphere. It would be possible to discuss the theory only if the Tunguska meteorite was a man-caused catastrophe. The meteorite flight culminated in the powerful blast up to 40 Mt of trotyl equivalent.

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## UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 32

From: John Hayes <[John.nul](mailto:John.nul)>  
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Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2004 16:09:48 -0400  
Subject: UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 32

Posted on behalf of Joseph Trainor.

<[Masinaigan.nul](mailto:Masinaigan.nul)>

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Editor: Joseph Trainor

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Website: <http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/>

REPTOIDS SPOTTED IN  
NORTHERN CHILE?

Strange creatures described as "dinosaur-like" and standing 2 meters (6 feet, 6 inches) tall have been seen in recent weeks in Pampa Acha, a small town 17 kilometers (10 miles) from the city of Arica in northern Chile.

The "two strange creatures, described as small dinosaurs and with a physical appearance similar to that of a kangaroo, were reported by the occupants of a Terrano pickup truck between Iquique and Arica on Thursday night," July 30, 2004.

"The vehicle's driver, Dario Riquelme, was traveling in the company of (Chilean) Army official Hernan Cuevas, his wife and two young children. According to his account, the situation which left the family rather nervous and confused at 9:30 p.m. that evening. The event took place in the Pampa Acha sector, only a few moments before passing" the barrio "Presencias Tutelares, 17 kilometers south of Arica."

"Riquelme and his party left Iquique," just south of Chile's border with Peru "at 6 p.m. They were only a few minutes away from Arica and were holding a normal conversation when something strange darted in front of the vehicle."

"My companion said, 'Look at that tremendous beast!' and I managed to hit the brakes. Then, after a few minutes, the second one ambled past, and it was even more startling because it was just like a dinosaur, walking on two legs. It had very noticeable thighs," Riquelme said."

"According to the driver's description, the figures were grey and hairless. The second one, which crossed a few minutes later, was clearly seen by Riquelme, Hernan Cuevas and his 12-year-old daughter, Tania. They estimated the creatures' height at 2 meters (6 feet, 6 inches), thanks to the fact that the beasts' distance from the vehicle at the moment it crossed was not more than 4 meters (13 feet)."

"In the case of the second 'animal,' they said it was smaller but were able to see it clearly because it was a clear night and there was moonlight. However, what was most remarkable about both creatures was the speed at which they crossed the road and the strides they took."

Riquelme and Cuevas had gone "to Arica to purchase a vehicle...But the strange event caused nervousness among

Sr. Cuevas's wife and daughter. 'The good thing is that when they started screaming, my companion and I didn't lose control and kept calm. Later we stopped to smoke a cigarette and walked around. From there I descended (drove--J.T.) calmly to Arica, but I'm still nervous,' explains the driver, who contacted (the Chilean newspaper) La Estrella immediately after reaching the city."

"Riquelme's account coincides with that of Hernan Cuevas, who is a recruiting officer with the Army."

"When the first crossing occurred, I asked Dario if he had seen it, and he said yes. Then we started making comments as to what it might have been. Shortly after, another one walked by, shorter, but very similar to a dinosaur or a lizard running on two legs. Even my eldest daughter saw it and let out a scream,' Cuevas said."

"Twelve-year-old Tania stated that the creatures were very similar to a dinosaur and had small hands."

"Meanwhile, Sra. Cuevas almost didn't realize what was going on because she was paying attention to the couple's younger child, who was asleep."

"Neither Riquelme nor Cuevas had ever experienced a similar situation and would not even compare it with descriptions of other creatures, such as the alleged Chupacabras that attack and exsanguinate (drain of blood--J.T.) animals in their fields. But they still have not managed to find an explanation for what they saw Thursday night."

"A new report involving the sighting of strange animals in the Pampa Acha sector was made known" Monday, August 2, 2004, "and coincides almost exactly with the one described Thursday by driver Dario Riquelme."

"The case involves the six members of the Abett de la Torre Diaz family, who live at Fuerte Baquedano, in the community of Pozo Almonte. All of them were traveling from their home to Arica two weeks ago, and, as they crossed the Pampa Acha sector, less than 20 kilometers (13 miles) from the city, near Presencias Tutelares, they were faced with four creatures they described at first as 'dog-faced kangaroos' that moved slowly through the air."

"The event occurred at approximately 9 p.m. and left almost all of the family's members traumatized. The family consisted of Carlos Abett de la Torre, a (Chilean) Army non-commissioned officer, his wife Teresa (Diaz), their three children and a three-year-old nephew."

"I was traveling in the back seat with my brothers, talking, and suddenly everything went dark. Then I told my brother what I was seeing, and he told me to keep quiet because Mom gets nervous. Later I looked through the window and saw more things that looked like birds, with dogs' heads and backswept wings. My father said they were like gargoyles,' explained Carmen Abett de la Torre, the couple's daughter."

"Carmen added that she wasn't sure if the creatures had wings or legs, but then they moved them toward the rear. The height of the animals was calculated at 2 meters. Two of the beings flew over the vehicle; another two appeared, but this time darting in front of the vehicle."

"We were speechless for some 10 minutes, and my Mom told us to react, and then we started discussing what we had seen.'"

"Teresa Diaz, Carmen's mother, was traveling in the front passenger seat beside her husband and was the one who saw the creature the clearest. Her impression was that these animals were moving slowly over the car first and then in front of it. However, they appeared to match the vehicle's speed, which was 100 kilometers per hour (60 miles per hour--J.T.)."

"The situation caused such nervousness among the whole family that all they wanted to do was get to Arica and forget the traumatic incident. Once in the city, they told their relatives what had happened."

"Then we were terrified to go back,' Teresa added, with regard to the day they were getting ready to return to their home in Fuerte Baquedano."

"At the time of the strange encounter, the moonlight provided certain visibility, which as well as the similar (Riquelme) case made known last week, enabled the beast to be clearly seen. Furthermore, the animals did not go any further than 20 meters (66 feet) from the car in which the Abett de la Torre family was driving. All of the family

members agreed as to what they had seen. They were startled and nervous as a result of the sighting. None of them went public for fear of ridicule and mockery."

"Carabinero (Chilean national police--J.T.) members of the Cuya barracks stated that until now no one had approached them to report a similar event. However, they had heard of strange creatures being witnessed in the Pampa Acha sector from third parties. In any event, they added that they constantly patrol the road near the sector where the incident occurred." (See the Chilean newspaper La Estrella of Arica for August 1, 2004, "Strange creatures reported in Pampa Acha," and for August 3, 2004, "More strange creatures reported in Acha." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales, Claudio Ojeda y Liliana Nunez para estos articulos de diario.)

(Editor's Comment: And welcome to Alien Invasion Week here at UFO Roundup. The Reptoids aren't the only six-foot-plus extraterrestrials on Earth this week. Keep reading...)

#### MANTIS ALIENS SPOTTED IN FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS

On Wednesday, August 4, 2004, at 10 p.m., eyewitness A.T. and his girl friend were lying on the grass in Kay Rodgers Park, just off Midland Boulevard in Fort Smith, Arkansas (population 80,268) when they spotted two aliens nearby.

"My girl friend and I were hanging out at a local park when we saw two figures walk out of the bushes about 10 feet (3 meters) away from where we were sitting. They wore grey or off-white tunic-style outfits. They had shiny bronze or gold medallions on the center of their chest or shoulder. They had (praying) mantis-like heads and made strange clicking noises. Their eyes would change from blood red to neon green."

"We stood there staring at each other for five or six minutes, when they disappeared into a white light. Both were approximately 7 feet (2.1 meters) tall, but the one of the left was a few inches short. They appeared from the south (the Harper Stadium area--J.T.) at an average walking speed." (Email Form Report)

#### FIVE SIGHT UFOs NEAR PERRIS, CALIFORNIA

On Saturday, July 31, 2004, at 10 p.m., eyewitness L.D., "my two sisters, my cousin's boyfriend and my cousin" saw UFOs approaching from the east near Perris, California (population 36,189), about 30 miles (48 kilometers) south of San Bernardino.

"We were admiring the stars out in a field near Perris when we saw a bright star," L.D. reported, "Then it dimmed and brightened in an odd way. The object wasn't moving while it was doing this. The object appeared to be a star at first. Then we were arguing about what it was when my cousin pointed out that it had a shape around it, and it was moving like a blob with very dim lights on it."

"My sister's boyfriend said, 'It's a blimp.' A few seconds later, the object separated. The dim lights on the blob all left at a fast speed, looking like a mini-meteor shower, but all separating from that first object. After that, you could see the new objects flashing in no (particular) pattern. The new objects all went out of view in a few minutes."

The first UFO "probably entered Earth's atmosphere," L.D. added, "It moved at an alarmingly fast rate away from the first 'star,' then disappeared." (Email Form Report)

#### FOUR TRIANGULAR UFOs SEEN IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

On Sunday, August 1, 2004, at 11:49 p.m., Paul S. was walking down the street in Savannah, Georgia (population 131,510) when he sighted something unusual in the sky.

"The UFOs approached from the northeast," Paul reported, "There were four of them. I saw four triangular objects flying in a diagonal formation. The objects were

light grey on color and heading south. I heard no sound from that direction. The sighting was over in less than a minute." (Email Form Report)

ORANGE SPHERE UFO SEEN  
IN WEST SUSSEX, UK

On Saturday, August 7, 2004, at 10:05 p.m., "Frater" was outdoors in his hometown of Horsham, West Sussex, UK when he saw "a bright orange ball approaching from the northeast. It was moving very slowly for about three minutes. Then it split in two. Both objects continued moving west and disappeared. They were moving too slowly to be aircraft, and there was no noise." (Email Form Report)

MYSTERIOUS FIREBALL SEEN  
IN MARINA DI MODICA, SICILY

On Saturday, July 24, 2004, at 2 a.m., the witness, "Giorgio, was talking to a friend in Marina di Modica," a town on Sicily, an island off the coast of Italy, when he saw something unusual in the sky.

"A bright light caught my attention," Giorgio reported, "I saw a yellow fireball which stood still in mid-air for a second, and then it moved to the left and disappeared. I saw some kind of smoke around the fireball and a strange grey dust coming out of it. The object was not too far away."

Marina di Modica is about 225 kilometers (140 miles) southeast of Palermo, the provincial capital. (Grazie a Fabrizio Monaco per questo rapporto.)

MYSTERIOUS HOLE APPEARS  
IN A RUSSIAN PASTURE

"One morning Pyotr Malinkin took his cows out to the pasture, as usual. Having gone 5 kilometers (3 miles) into the field, the man was shocked to find a large hole in the ground 6 meters (20 feet) in diameter. The pit was not on the spot the day before--it appeared overnight."

Malinkin "said the animals were scared to approach the hole. They would not eat the grass nearby. Specialists from the Labyrinth Group," a Fortean research organization based in Russia, "which was organized to 'study anomalous phenomena,' went out to examine the field."

"Local elderly women confirmed that a large hole had indeed appeared in the field. They said the hole had a perfectly round shape, as if someone had taken a huge lump of ground with a cup. Local townspeople built a fence around the hole" so as to prevent "'curious people and cows' from falling into it."

"The hole became a local place of interest. People came to see it and picnic nearby. Others took photographs against its background."

"As it turned out, the pit was not round but oval. It does not look like an excavated pit. There are no bulldozer tracks on its walls. Nothing is seen in the meadow, either. There is some water in the bottom of the 4.5-meter (14-foot) deep pit."

The Labyrinth Group "believes the hole probably appeared as a result of a UFO's activities. Aliens landed their spaceship on the meadow to take soil samples."

"However, ufologists failed to find any evidence to prove the landing of an extraterrestrial spacecraft."

"Ufologists also proposed that the ground hole was a result of a rare, inexplicable natural phenomenon."

"An identical phenomenon occurred 10 years ago (in 1994--J.T.) in the Ryazan region, when a huge crater reminiscent of a shell-hole appeared in the ground near Sasovo village. Nobody was able to explain the appearance of the pit."

"Such holes appeared earlier in the Rostov and Tula regions of Russia." (See the ITAR-Tass report for August 3, 2004, "Anomalous ground hole appears in Russian province." Many thanks to Jim Hickman, executive director of Skywatch International, for this news report. Don't

forget to visit Jim's Web site at  
<http://www.skywatch-international.org> .)

#### UNUSUAL CROP CIRCLE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

An unusual crop circle appeared in Grand Forks, British Columbia, Canada "in early July (2004) but wasn't reported until July 30."

According to Paul Anderson of Canadian Crop Circle Research Network (CCCRN), "It was a circle with two small rectangular appendages in barley. It was approximately 27 metres (88 feet) across. Single lay with broken stalks. 'Gold-coloured stars' were found in two areas of the formation."

Anderson warned that the find was "probably a hoax coinciding with the Star Dreams crop circle film tour through the area and around the country."

Grand Forks, B.C. (population 3,994) is on Provincial Highway 3 about 300 miles (480 kilometers) east of Vancouver and just over the border from Danville, Washington state, USA. This is the sixth Canadian crop circle formation of 2004.  
(Many thanks to Paul Anderson of CCCRN for this report.)

#### BLACK HELICOPTER STALKS A HOME IN NEW JERSEY

On Thursday, August 5, 2004, Louise R. was asleep at her home in Galloway, New Jersey when she was awakened by a strange loud engine noise.

"I was asleep, in a deep sleep, and I thought I heard a loud noise approaching," Louise reported, "I dismissed it somewhat because there had been a thunderstorm overnight. As the noise grew nearer, I thought it was a helicopter until it didn't pass over--or leave. I tried to get up but couldn't at first. I was conscious but couldn't get up."

"Finally, I went to a window and looked outside but couldn't see anything. It was cloudy overhead. But I could hear a loud, oscillating, roaring noise hovering very near. By now, my husband was awake, and he heard it, too. We live near an Air Force base so I hear planes traversing regularly. Could this be a plane? If so, when did they start to hover?" (Email Form Report)

#### MESSENGER BLASTS OFF FOR MERCURY

"An early morning launch Tuesday," August 3, 2004, "sent NASA's Messenger spacecraft on its way to Mercury."

"All systems appear ready for a planned 4.9-billion-mile (8-billion-kilometer) trip to the sun's closest planet, say mission controllers at the John F. Kennedy Space Center. The \$427 million probe will fly by Venus (twice) and Mercury (three times) on its way into orbit around the planet in 2011."

"From orbit, the spacecraft will map Mercury while probing its magnetic and mineral characteristics with unprecedented detail."

"We will see things that no human has ever seen, and know infinitely more about the formation of the solar system than we know today," says Michael Griffin of the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, which built (the spacecraft) and manages the mission. Messenger (short for Mercury Surface, Space Environment, Geochemistry and Ranging--J.T.) is the first mission to Mercury in three decades."

"It's an unusual planet, even by the standards of the inner solar system," says mission scientist Sean Solomon for the Carnegie Institution of Washington, D.C."

"About one-third the size of Earth, Mercury orbits the sun once every 88 days, but it spins so slowly that a day on Mercury lasts nearly six months on Earth. The planet endures temperatures above 840 degrees (Fahrenheit) on its days and minus-350 degrees at night."

"Like its larger cousins, Earth and Venus, Mercury is regarded as a 'terrestrial' planet, a rock with an iron

core. And it is a bit of a mystery as well."

"Visible from Earth for only several weeks each year, the planet orbits too close to the sun for safe viewing by the sensitive optics aboard the Hubbard Space Telescope. That makes Mercury only slightly better understood than Pluto, the most distant planet from the sun."

"Understanding Mercury is vital to understanding the terrestrial planets," says NASA solar system exploration official Orlando Figueroa. The spacecraft will rely on an 8-foot-by-6-foot (2.4 meter by 1.8 meter) sunshade, heated to pizza-oven temperatures by the sun, to shield its instruments as they try to answer long-standing questions about Mercury."

Mercury's "dense iron core makes up more than 60 percent of the small planet's mass and produces a magnetic field of surprising strength, which perplexes astronomers."

"NASA's last visit to Mercury, the Mariner 10 flybys of 1974-75 mapped only 45 percent of the planet's surface. Messenger will map the entire planet in greater detail."

"Craters in Mercury's poles, which are shielded from the sun's rays, could contain ice. The spacecraft's instruments might be able to sense whatever minerals might be hidden in the craters."

"Like other interplanetary missions, Messenger will use 'gravity assists,' flybys of Earth, Venus (twice) and Mercury (three times) to send the spacecraft on its 4.9-billion-mile, 6.5-year trip around Mercury."

"We have to gradually slow down the spacecraft relative to Mercury," says Robert Farquhar of the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Maryland, the mission manager."

"Without gravity assists, the 1,100-pound instrument weight limit on the craft would have dropped to 360 pounds, which would have forced scientists to jettison several experiments."

"By 2012, mission controllers might lower the probe's altitude to only 18 miles (30 kilometers) above Mercury. The craft will eventually crash-land on the planet, Farquhar says, bearing a U.S. flag to the surface." (See USA Today for August 4, 2004, "NASA spacecraft bound for Mercury," page 8D; and USA Today for August 2, 2004, "NASA sending a 'messenger' for a closer look at Mercury," page 9D.)

From the UFO Files...

#### 2004: TALL, THIN ALIENS SIGHTED IN OREGON

For Carol Lowder of Salem, Oregon, June 28, 2004 was a quiet Sunday in their heavily-wooded neighborhood. But things didn't stay quiet for long.

At approximately 10:30 a.m., Carol reported, "My granddaughter was facing south when she saw the beings at the edge of the woods. My granddaughter saw a tall, thin but muscular white being approximately 10 feet (3 meters) tall, in the woods behind where they live. Her large German shepherd (dog) went after it, but the white being moved extremely quickly, and he was unable to catch it."

"My granddaughter managed to drag the dog back and run home. When my son came back home, he and I went out back but could not find anything. I told my granddaughter, who is a mature 13-year-old, to call me if anything else strange happened, as both her parents work and my 13- and 14-year-old girls are home alone."

"The next day (Monday, June 29, 2004), at 11 a.m., she called me--scared--as she saw the being again in the woods where she took the dog for a walk. He again gave chase, and she had to drag him back home. I went over there immediately with a .38 (caliber) revolver and searched, but the woods were overgrown with blackberry bushes and underbrush, and, in most places, it was impossible to get through."

"We were waiting at the picnic table at the outskirts of the woods when Nichole (the granddaughter--J.T.) again spotted the being. But now there were two of them. Before I could get my gun and myself up from the bench, the beings disappeared once again."

"My son and I once again took our guns and walked through the woods, but could not find anything. But, as I

said, anything could be hiding in those dense woods, and we would not have been able to find it if it didn't want to be found."

"The picnic area and the surrounding woods were searched for tracks and broken branches but, due to the thickness of the woods and the fact that this one is inhabited by deer, coyotes and other animals, nothing unusual was found."

"My son and my granddaughter did see a UFO on the second day (Monday, July 29, 2004). According to my son, it was southeast of him in the sky, golden in color, and the shape was blurred but it appeared to be a (child's) top shape. And it hung in the sky at the same spot for about an hour."

"No sightings have been seen since then. He has not talked to any of his neighbors to see if they saw anything."

"It was the first time he and my granddaughter had seen anything of this kind, ever." (Many thanks to Canadian ufologist Brian Vike for this encounter report.)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us in seven days for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home-UFO Roundup." See you next time.

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## Chances Of Aliens Finding Earth Disappearing

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Chances Of Aliens Finding Earth Disappearing According To Frank Drake

Basically, Drake sais its OK we haven't heard radio signals from other worlds because radio is only around for a short time until it's replaced by fiber optics and the like. If the aliens are like us they will quickly evolve away from radio communications so we should be looking for something else like laser pulses.

(Can SETI even detect radio leakage yet? I thought they could only hear directed transmissions. Anyway...)

Will

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Chances of aliens finding Earth disappearing

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A pioneer of the search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI) has warned that for any intelligent aliens trying to search for us, "the Earth is going to disappear" very soon.

Frank Drake's point, made at a SETI workshop at Harvard University on Friday, is that television services are increasingly being delivered by technologies that do not leak radio frequencies into space.

But he added that in some ways the observation is good news for SETI, as it means that the failure of Earth-based observers to detect aliens so far may be less worrisome than it would otherwise seem.

Most SETI efforts have focused on detecting radio signals that might be emitted by intelligent beings on planets around nearby stars. For humans, such signals "are the strongest signs of our existence", Drake said, thanks to television.

Traditional television broadcast antennas put out one megawatt each, and this radio-wave bubble now extends about 50 light years out from the solar system.

Straight down

But that is changing fast, Drake says. More and more television is now delivered by cable, with no radio-frequency leakage to space, and by direct-broadcast satellites that put out just 20 watts per channel, all efficiently directed straight down the intended areas on the Earth's surface.

So from the point of view of being detected through such inadvertent broadcasts, the longevity of humanity's detectability may be just 100 years.

And longevity may be the most important figure in Drake's famous equation for estimating the number of detectable intelligent civilisations on other worlds. The best estimates show that all the other crucial factors nearly cancel out, so that the number of such civilisations in our Milky Way galaxy is roughly equal to their average longevity of detectability in years.

Laser beacon

Drake's insight has important implications for search strategies. It means that eavesdropping on unintended alien transmissions is unlikely to succeed and "argues for an emphasis on detecting beacons", i.e. signals intentionally sent our way.

Some SETI strategies have already begun shifting toward that approach, including efforts to find optical beacons based on high-powered lasers deliberately aimed at nearby stars.

While optical communications across interstellar distances was initially thought impractical, military research has led to lasers sufficiently powerful to make such signalling much more efficient than any radio beacon.

Nuclear-powered lasers on the drawing boards could produce pulses that would outshine the sun by a factor of 10,000, said Harvard University physicist Paul Horowitz, who has already been searching for such pulses. He has designed a new telescope that will soon be dedicated full-time to that search.

And other innovative ideas keep coming along. Planet hunter Geoffrey Marcy of the University of California, Berkeley, said someday we may learn to use the sun itself as a gravitational-lens telescope, with a detector parked at its focal length of 500 astronomical units.

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## Paul Davies Proposes GSETI

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Paul Davies proposes searching for signs of alien tampering with our genes.

Will

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Space isn't the only place to look for proof of extraterrestrial life, writes Paul Davies.

The question of whether we are alone in the universe is one of the biggest of the Big Questions of Existence. One way to settle the matter is to find some cosmic company. A direct approach to this problem is to scan the skies with radio telescopes in the hope of stumbling across a message from an alien civilisation.

It is a long shot of literally astronomical proportions, but that hasn't deterred a dedicated band of radio astronomers from trying.

Known as SETI - the search for extraterrestrial intelligence - this project has been running for 40 years. So far the silence has been deafening. There could be all sorts of reasons for this, including the obvious one that ET simply doesn't exist. But while the radio astronomers seek to beef up their efforts, it seems worth asking whether other approaches should be tried.

Put yourself in the situation of the aliens, out there somewhere in the galaxy. They surmise that Earth looks promising for the emergence of intelligent life one day, but they have no idea when. There would be little point in beaming radio messages in this direction for eons in the vague hope that one day radio technology would be developed here and someone would decide to tune in. Advertisement Advertisement

A better plan would be to leave a message for us to find when we are ready. The trouble with this set-and-forget strategy is the time factor. Life takes billions of years to evolve intelligence. Even if ETs figured there was animal life on Earth, they could be faced with a wait of tens of millions of years. That is a long time for an artefact to survive.

Putting the text inside a large metal object and plonking it on the Earth's surface is expensive in transportation costs, and risky. Our restless planet leaves nothing untouched for long. The artifact could easily end up buried or drowned or eroded to scrap.

The ideal solution would be to encode the message inside a large number of self-replicating, self-repairing microscopic machines programmed to multiply and adapt to changing conditions.

Fortunately such machines already exist: they are called living cells. The cells in our bodies, for example, contain genetic messages written by Mother Nature billions of years ago.

DNA, the molecule that contains the script of life, encodes its data in a four-letter alphabet. This would be an ideal medium for storing a cosmic calling card. In many organisms, humans included, genes make up only a tiny fraction of their DNA. Much of the rest seems to be biological gobbledygook, often called "junk DNA". There is plenty of room there for ET to etch a molecular message without damaging any vital genetic functions.

How long would such a message survive? Mutations continually scramble sequences of DNA, especially the junk part. Recently, however, scientists in the United States have discovered whole chunks of human and mouse junk DNA that seem to have remained virtually unchanged for tens of millions of years. That would be a good place to store a message.

The beauty of this scheme is that ET wouldn't have to visit Earth to implant the message. A lot of junk DNA consists of genomic fragments inserted by viruses over the course of evolution. An alien civilisation could, for negligible cost, dispatch tiny packages across the galaxy, loaded with customised viral DNA. The cargo would be designed to infect, without harm, any DNA-based life it encountered.

How would we know if there was a message in our genomes? Presumably ET would make it easy for us to spot. Some sort of in-your-face pattern would be best, something that stood out from the random scatter of genetic letters.

A good way to do this would be to use the letters to represent pixels on a screen tracing out a shape like a circle - an idea mooted in a different context by the late Carl Sagan in his novel Contact. That way, the artificial nature of the pattern would still be apparent even if a few pixels got scrambled.

The arresting pattern would serve to flag the message itself, which would otherwise be overlooked as a meaningless jumble. The message would then need to be decoded with the help of a computer. What would ET have to say to us? Most likely, any message in the genome would be rather basic, like people waving between mountain tops.

It might contain the co-ordinates and transmission times of a conventional radio message, broadcast every century, perhaps. Or it could direct us to a larger artefact located safely in the fringes of our solar system, in which we would find the entire contents of an encyclopedia galactica, including the rise and fall of ET's civilisation, which may have died out long before human beings even existed.

I have to admit that my proposal is at the extreme end of the spectrum of speculation, but genomic SETI is probably no dafter than radio SETI, which has the blessing of the US space agency, NASA, and the scientific community. And I am certainly not advocating that we abandon radio SETI just yet.

The co-founder of Microsoft, Paul Allen, recently gave \$US35 million (\$49 million) for an array of radio telescopes being constructed in northern California and dedicated to expanding the search for alien signals. Other scientists think ET would prefer to use lasers to beam messages and have started a search using optical telescopes.

But the advantage of genomic SETI is that scientists are sequencing and analysing genomes like crazy anyway. For little extra cost they can scan the burgeoning database for signs of alien tinkering. Given the momentous nature of finding a message from ET, a bit of effort seems worthwhile.

Radio SETI generates such huge amounts of data that scientists have enlisted the public to help analyse it on their desktop PCs. So successful has this SETI.nul project become that molecular biologists have emulated it with [Genome.nul](#)

It would be simple to merge these projects under the catchy slogan: The truth is inside us.

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## Black Vault Radio Network Premiers

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## HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings - 08-10-04

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UFO - Three Stories Of Interest

My interest in this subject began at a family gathering in the early 1960s when my brother, who served in a special part of the armed forces, revealed that the military was fully aware of the existence of UFOs. My brother, now deceased, had worked in what he described as "missile guidance and control." At least that is how I remember it. Before joining the military he did not believe in UFOs.

He told us that, as part of the schooling, he and 30 others received special training in reading radar and being able to identify UFOs from other aircraft. He said the military did not want an accidental nuclear exchange as a result of confusing UFOs with possible missile strikes from the People's Republic of China or the Soviet Union. The army, he said, not only revealed UFO existence but also trained him and the others of his crew in how recognize their peculiar movements and characteristics on radar. The military, he told us, revealed nothing further other than that they were just here.

In 1978 I hired a 70-year-old (approx.) woman named Vivian, as my secretary. I was director of an organization that planned and created activities for older Americans. Vivian told me when she was a young woman in her early 20s (around 1928) and living in the state of Wyoming that she used to get up early in the morning 2 or 3 times a week and play golf. She recounted one very early summer morning just after 4:30 a.m. that she walked about a quarter of a mile to the golf course. When she reached the top of a small hill overlooking the playing area, she said she was stunned to see a greenish glowing sphere-like object hovering (she said "setting") about 10 feet off the ground. She told me she was so shocked that had she could not move. She described it as being approximately 50 feet in diameter with oval shaped windows around the top third area.

She said she knew instinctively it was not from our world. After nearly 10 minutes of just staring at this most unusual sight she said the object rose slowly from its position and began making a faint humming noise. Then, quite suddenly, it just streaked away and was gone with in a few seconds. She told no one about this for over 25 years for fear people would think she was crazy. I believed Vivian's story because she always told me the truth. If she did not like how I was running the Agency she would tell me about it and not always pleasantly. She was a no-nonsense person who believed neither in God, nor honest politicians.

For a few months in 1980 I worked at a car rental agency. One of my duties was to go to the Seattle International airport and pick up airline flight crew and bring them back for a car rental. Every time I picked up a pilot I would always find some way of asking them if they had ever seen a UFO.

Every pilot but two replied no. I felt some were even irritated with the question but most were good sports and gave me their opinion (usually negative) on the subject. A few told me while



they did not believe in them, other airline pilot friends did report seeing them on occasion. One evening I picked up an airline pilot captain whose name was Frank. When I asked Frank if he had ever seen anything strange like a UFO, he was very silent for a few minutes. I thought maybe he was insulted by the question. I was worried he would tell my boss.

However, to my surprise he opened up and told a very interesting story.

"During the Carter administration, I was flying out of Washington DC with not only the regulars (passengers), but the Secretary of Transportation, and his staff as well. We were about 20 miles out when three green globes or spheres appeared in front of my plane." He said they appeared to be about 50 feet or better in diameter and were flying formation. "We not only had visual, but they were being tracked from ground radar. " He told me because these objects were in front of the plane none of the passengers were aware of what was going on. "I called the Secretary of transportation to my cockpit. I wanted a witness and I thought he would want to know. I thought this would be the biggest news story of the century. I asked him if they might have been experimental craft. He replied flatly; "No," he went on to say they were globe shaped and had oval windows or what appeared to be windows around the top third of the structures. "Not one of my flight crew nor did the secretary of transportation think they were other than what they appeared to be?shy; some kind of space craft from another world."

I found it remarkable that the type of craft described by both Vivian and the Airline pilot were identical even though the two events took place more than 50 years apart.

Anyway that's my story. I am sorry it is second hand info.

Thank you to the person for relating these stories for us all to read. I also asked about the names, if I should remove them, but the person said it was fine to publish as is, mainly due to the first name given only.

As for the military story above, if others who were involved in this program, or may know military folks who were. Would you please be kind enough to contact me over this part of the story.

Also I would very, very interested in hearing from Airline Pilots, retired or still flying who may know something about the story above, or have witnessed an unusual object while flying the many different routes around the world.

I would like to "stress", I will not release anyone's personal information.

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Fort Bragg, North Carolina Brilliant Oval Shaped Object

Hello Brian,

After reading some of the former military personnel sightings on rene.com, I'd thought I'd add my two cents. Although I was never in the military, my father was Regular Army and retired in 1985 after around 30 years of service.

When I was a child in the late 70's we lived at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Actually, we lived in the small town next to it called Fayetteville in military housing. In the summer of 1976, I saw something strange that I'll never forget. I walked next door to a friend's house and rang the doorbell. He shortly opened the door and said he'd be right out and ran back into the house leaving the door open, but the screen door closed. I then turned around to see an oval shaped object that was an absolutely brilliant pure white. I couldn't see windows or any other features on this UFO because its entire elliptical face was shining brightly. It was like pure light, but the object had a distinct outline.

It was a calm sunny day with nothing but blue sky all around. The UFO must have been located in the northwest because the sun was to the right of me and behind a ways, so I was in standing in shadows. I stood there in shock for a few seconds as the thing moved very slowly and very solidly (in other words it

didn't bob around in the air) from the left to the right, or north easterly direction. It was probably about 1000 feet or so off the ground and at 40 degrees elevation angle. It made no sound whatsoever.

After I gathered my composure I started yelling to my friend to hurry up and come outside. He came back to the front door and I saw him sit on the floor and start to put on his sneakers just inside the screen door. I watched the object for a few more seconds and then it simply blinked out as if someone turned off a light. A second later my friend came outside to join me. I suddenly felt afraid not knowing where the thing had gone and what would happen next, so I entered his house and got him to follow me then told him what I saw. We spent the next several minutes looking out of windows for it and that's all I can remember.

I had forgotten all about this sighting until about 5 years later. I was living in Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas when I read an article that startled me. It was an interview with a man who lived in North Carolina who said that he and an elderly couple had seen the oval UFO's that I had seen. Furthermore, this man stated that he had been told by unnamed government sources that there was a secret or hidden base somewhere in the area which he believed they were coming from. Incidentally, Pope Air Force Base was right next to Fort Bragg.

I've lived in Phoenix, Arizona for the past 9 years. I did not see the Phoenix lights that made the national news a few years back, nor have I seen some of the things that people have captured on video, though I'd really like to. However, a few years ago I did see a strange V-shaped craft here at sunset. It was totally black, very big, and had no lighting at all. I was driving directly east straight toward it and estimated it to be around a mile or so up. I also saw a commercial airplane, silver in color, higher, further distant, and to the left or north of this V-shaped craft. The commercial plane, probably a 737 or airbus, had its landing lights on as it approached Sky Harbor airport.

At first I thought this big black object heading toward me was just a flying wing or something similar that didn't have its lights on, but as it banked to eventually head directly south, I saw it was a V-shaped craft that was hollow in the middle, but also seemed to have the bottom part, or the tips of its wings connected. In other words, a flying triangle. Really strange.

Anyway, I don't know what the truth behind the UFO mystery is, but there can be no doubt that strange things have been seen flying in the skies everywhere in the world by credible witnesses for many years that defy identification, and therefore, explanation.

Sincerely,

Thank you to the witness for the excellent reports.

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Denver, Colorado Triangular Object And More

Date: Varies

Time: Varies

Message: All shorts of stuff the last few months. Just before Halloween last fall, was called out to see a triangular object, that was not the same length on all sides. It was longer on two sides, and very long on the bottoms. The angles were all rounded. It flew pretty low, was silent, and when it was in the light clouds above my head, it glowed in bluish white light, short of like the moon does. It was going in a more or less circular path. When I say I got called out, it means I was intended to see it. It kept on for a long time and every time I moved to a different location it saw where I moved and changed its course to fly directly over me. Lately in the last month I have seen a large glowing ball, silver colored in the western sun, and also the long rod, in the west, that was shining. I don't know if it was reflecting the sun as it was setting or was lit.

I also saw a formation of dark triangles, though at first I

thought it was geese, but on closer look, not birds. There were 7 of them and they just suddenly vanished. I have seen red lights at the edge of Venus, but have come to the conclusion that what we think is Venus is not, as 2 nights ago around 4 am, I went outside to look at Venus intentionally, and it slowly faded and went out before my eyes. I went in, had a snack and went back out. I watched it slowly reappear, get very bright and disappear again. I do live between 3 airports, and planes taking off will show a single bright light until they change position and I observe the flashing lights. I am an avid star watcher, and notice several months ago that when Venus is in west sky it is so bright that it looks like the airplane scene described above. Me and my neighbors came to the conclusion is not Venus. In the early morning in the East sky the same is true.

I think that many of the stars are not stars at all, but stars ships. Stars did not twinkle this much years ago, nor would a star change color while you watch it. One night recently, I saw 4 starships blink out. One night there was a star ship in the bowl of the big dipper. And recently, on clear nights I have noticed many totally new stars I have never seen. They also super twinkle and change colors and move sometimes. On the evening of June 20 around 10:30 pm my visiting 5 year old granddaughter saw something thru the window and was jumping up and down, so we went outside in our jammies and watched the stars. She did not find what she saw out the window, but we were treated to quite a show anyway as many of the "stars" were doing quite a dance in the sky and we again saw some that I had never seen particularly looking south. These 2 little girls had a wonderful time watching. It was all very obvious to them and they are still talking their little heads off about it. I have seen several other strange lights that don't match the planes I normally see. I have also seen a V shape object with 5 lights in the V that was silent. Folks, all these increased sightings are because we are about to have a brilliant wonderful "first contact" and I know of what I speak! Get ready!!

Thank you to the witness for the reports.

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Los Angeles, California UFO Hovering Above Witness

Date: 1993

Message: Hello,

I would like to just say that in 1993 I was driving on a busy freeway ( interstate 10) in Los Angeles, California when ( being in rush hour traffic) the far left lane and at a complete stop, I heard out of no where..." Look Up" ! I thought it was very strange and so I rolled down my window and stuck my head out of my window and looked just above me, and to my surprise, there was this extremely large object hovering above me, maybe about 20 feet above my car and I looked around at all the cars next to me, but no one even noticed this object that to me seemed clearly visible.

At the time of the sitting, I felt really strange...like numb all over and really feeling like I needed to sleep. It still is so vivid to me even all of these years later, I remember seeing these huge yellow lights (maybe ten or so) and they were so bright...I wasn't able to see the sky in-between these lights, it was completely black , so I knew this was not an airplane and it was gone in seconds... it was just hovering above me and didn't make a sound.

I drove home that evening feeling like something had happened to me ( not in a bad way) but I just knew!

I really felt that this craft was there to see me, and only me.

Just wanted to share my story with you...hope it helps in some way.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Retired U.S. Air Force Security Serviceman Sees Objects.

Date: 1996

Hi. My name is (removed). I'm 63 years old and retired after 30 years in the newspaper business and four years in the U.S. Air Force Security Service (intelligence). Just thought I'd give you my credentials so you don't think I'm a kook.

Anyway, I've seen a few UFOs in my life, and most are types I've seen described elsewhere. But back in the 1990s -- it was the year Bob Dole was running for president (HBCC UFO Research Note: A quick check on the internet reveled that Bob Dole was running for president in 1996) -- I was a volunteer parent for my younger son's marching band. We were in Fresno, CA, for a marching band contest.

While the band was getting ready, I looked up and saw what looked like a bunch of black balloons that someone had released.

I went back to helping the band prepare, and then glanced up a few minutes later, expecting that the balloons would have gotten farther away from us and from each other. Instead, they were no farther away from us, but they were getting closer to each other.

I alerted others to this, and many in the band and among the other parents all looked up, shrugged and went back to what they were doing.

These black objects kept getting closer and closer together, moving very slowly. It took about an hour before they came together and coalesced. I kept pointing this out to everyone, but no one was impressed. One young band member told me it was probably helicopters.

Finally, they coalesced into a large, black mass, then flew away at about the speed of a propeller-driven craft, but made no noise.

I have never heard or read of this type of phenomenon anywhere else.

Thank you to the gentleman for his welcomed report. This comes from a long time professional and ex-military man.

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Granite Bay, California Hovering Saucer

Date: Aril 24, 2004  
Time: 8:00 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 1  
Number of objects: 1  
Shape of objects: Saucer shaped.

Full Description of event/sighting: On April 24th about 8 o'clock I was standing on my front porch after returning from dinner when I saw a bright light hovering in the sky above the ridge line to the east. For some reason I was curious and got in my truck and drove up the road to where the light was coming from. As I approached a turn in the road I noticed A metallic translucent saucer hovering over the eastern downward slope about 35 to 50 feet above the ground. It was making no noise, and for several minutes it remained motionless. It's size appeared to be about 30 feet in length. I observed the saucer and it's surface I now noticed was completely smooth, mirror like and glowing only slightly now. After several minutes The saucer began to move toward the road and my truck.

At this time I became distracted with my truck and began to feel afraid. When I looked up the saucer was almost directly overhead, it also appeared to have descended to about 25 feet above me. Then I felt disoriented for what seemed to be only a moment. the saucer moved back to its original location hovering over the downward slope of the hill. As I can only describe it as, I felt like I was coming to, when my truck shut engine died. I fumbled with the ignition trying to get my truck to start. Then oddly I saw a black sedan and a black suburban across the street with their running lights on not their headlights. Before the saucer moved over my car they were not parked across the street and it seemed that they were observing me and the saucer.

Finally, the engine started and I left as quickly as I could. To me it felt like only 15 to 20 minutes had passed, but when I returned home the time was 10:45. I had left a 8:00 I lost 2 hours and 45 minutes.

Thank you to the witness for this interesting report.

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Alexandria, Louisiana Black Orb Type Object

Date: June 2004  
Time: 6:45 p.m.

(HBCC UFO Research Note: I have removed a portion from the following report to keep this witnesses personal information private, due to the position he holds in Alexandria, Louisiana. I called and I had a nice conversation with the person).

HI Brian,

Anyway, when I saw the post by the retired USAF serviceman describing a black balloon-like orb, it brought to mind a similar sighting I had here in Alexandria a little over a month ago.

It was about 6:45 p.m. and overcast on a day in late June. I had driven to the post office and was cutting through a parking lot by a hobby shop called Fads and Frames. I was busy tuning in the "Glenn Beck Program" when I happened to look up and saw this black balloon, or what appeared to be a black balloon. What struck me as odd was that this "balloon" would slowly move around but never seemed to rise higher in the air. Then it would move up higher. There was no visible string or tether. Then it began moving further away. I remained in the car listening to the radio and watching this thing and wondering if it was a spy balloon or something. I did take a picture (which I have not developed). At one point I looked away and it was gone. It was very eerie. It didn't act like a normal wayward balloon caught on an evening breeze (there was a slight breeze as I recall). In fact, about a week ago I was driving past the same area where I saw this and commented to my friend about the object. My friend didn't seem interested in pursuing it further.

Thank you to the witness for their report.

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Saskatoon, Saskatchewan More Spheres

Date: August 6, 2004  
Time: Approx: 2:00 p.m.

Yesterday, Aug. 6, in my office, about 2:00 in the afternoon I walked over to a window to check out what kind of day it was going to be. Being Friday it was nice to see hardly any wind, a bright blue sky with not a single cloud. Almost immediately I noticed something in the sky. It was coming in from the north east and moving very slowly to the south, no lights, just a single bright white sphere quite high up but very distinguishable. I wanted to get outside to the parking lot to get a better look as the window was giving me a limited view. But then I thought by the time I get out there it will be gone so I just decided to watch it until it went out of view over our building. I thought "wow" that was kewl as my eyes back tracked the path it took. As soon as my eyes reached the spot in the sky where I first noticed it, another one appeared at the same spot and took the exact path as the previous one did until it too left my view over the top of our building.

Now I'm getting excited as you can well imagine. I thought, well maybe its time to go outside for a smoke as I took one last scan of the little bit of sky I could see from the window. Right at that moment, from the opposite direction, appeared a black sphere travelling at a terrific rate of speed, from over our building headed northeast. It lasted maybe 2 or 3 seconds and it was gone. That was something I had never seen before and it happened so fast I started to second guess myself, did I really see it? But I know I did. By this time, my nose is almost pressed against the window trying to get as much of sky possible in my line of sight (one of those long narrow windows) and

again, from the west this time, a white sphere moving a little faster than the first two did. But this time as soon as it got right in the centre of my line of vision it just started zig zagging, up and down, sideways at extreme right angles for a few seconds, then leveled off into a smooth straight line again for a bit, then repeated the same sequence of strange movements, then again leveling off to a smooth line disappearing into the east. Well, now I had to go outside, besides I think my co-workers were beginning to wonder why I was spending so much time with my head against the window.

Now outside, I'm leaning against the building with a terrific view. I'm thinking now I probably won't see anything. And it began to look like I wasn't going to see anything as about 10 minutes past by. This next part is a bit hard to explain. You know how when your looking at a large area and your eyes scanning back and forth? Well, that's what I was doing, so you pretty well know what is up there at every given couple of seconds, especially if its noticeable. My eyes were scanning the sky back and forth, from the time I started at a particular point, where there was nothing, to the time it took to look at the rest of the sky and return to that point was maybe two seconds. But now not quite directly above me, slightly to the west as if it just appeared out of nowhere, sitting in the sky motionless, was a large pure white solid sphere. I say large because not that it was actually larger than others I have seen, but alot closer to me and not as high as they generally are. I was in total amazement and my eyes glued to this object as I noticed just above it another one appear but very high up, I could actually see it come into sight, either it materialized or it simply just came down from the higher atmosphere, I don't know. It was just a dot, but also white, and it remained stationary at a much higher altitude as the larger object started to move slowly to the northeast. It must of taken 5 or 6 minutes for it to cross the sky and then it just stopped motionless. As the larger one crossed the sky, I kept looking over at the second one that was much higher up and it just sat in the same location, never moving, as if it was keeping watch or something, who knows. This was so amazing, I could keep going on, but it all ended about five minutes later after both of them remaining motionless, the larger one just disappeared while I was looking at it, I looked back over at the one that was higher and it was already gone.

That's about it, truly amazing, thought provoking and mysterious. Thanks again Brian for the great work your doing, please keep it up.

Thank you to the witness for the excellent report.

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Auburn, CA Three Orbs

Date: August 6, 2004  
Time: Approx: 6:55 p.m.

I would like to mention that yesterday evening at approximately 6:55 p.m. local time I witnessed three orbs of light coming out of the setting sun. I was going for my evening walk down (removed) here in Auburn, CA when, I saw the first of the three orbs coming out of the setting sun. I quickly got out my binoculars which I carry with me and was able to track and view the last of the three orbs. It was translucent yet very white and bright. It was constantly changing shape, going from circular to a dodecahedron shape with star or pointed like protrusions coming out of the circumference and then back to circular. All three orbs passed over me at great speed. They looked like about 15,000 feet in altitude and after passing over me they disappeared. I believe that these three orbs are portents to more serious sunspot activity within the next two to three weeks. ( Two nights past I witnessed one very bright orb appearing in the eastern sky UNDER the cloud layer. It made a 90 degree turn to it's left in an instant then traveled for approximately an inch at my arm's length and disappeared rapidly.)

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 16:52:34 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

>>From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 01:41:21 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos - Stanford

>>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 21:20:11 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Close-Up Photos

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>>>It is not a matter of proving they are fake. The claimant or a  
>>>proponent must demonstrate that they are genuine photos of UFOs.

>>Sorry I disagree, you have claimed that the Brunswick Photos are  
>>fake, once again I would like you to present your studies on  
>>each photo to this Llist, to show how you reached such an opinon.

>>Please no more side-tracking, simply bring your research of the  
>>Brunswick photos to this List.

>Can you tell us what was done to screen these photos for IFO's  
>and hoaxing? Until there has been a Hynek Screening and  
>investigation that is scientifically-technically competent to  
>eliminate conventional explanations, there is no basis for  
>treating this as a real "UFO", yet.

Brad,

Brunswick was a collector of UFO memorabilia, and these photos were selected by the editors of his book from hundreds that he possessed. Their first criteria was that the photos selected had not been published before. Their second was based on beauty and impressiveness. Brunswick also admits that some could be frauds but he feels most are authentic.

Roy and I would like to see a discussion of the photos without someone yelling from the sidelines that they're all a bunch of crap. Obviously Ray hasn't studied these photos and as I suspected he has no more knack for separating the real from the fake than the average knacker.

The purpose of further discussion would be to screen the photos and determine their legitimacy. These are pretty amazing photos and every UFO researcher must have their own copy of "UFO". Some of these photos may turn out to be fakes but that's what a screening process is for.

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>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

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>>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

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>>>Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 14:51:06 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: The Most Interesting UFO Photo?

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>I for one have the time and the inclination to take a close look  
>at these images, and I would gladly share my list of supported  
>alternative explanations... and my list of unexplaineds... with  
>the group.

>Perhaps there is a learning exercise of value here. Perhaps for  
>both sides of the debate. :)

Kyle,

If you think that's possible, I'll be glad to send you my book

Ed

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## Burisch Story Exposed

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Subject: Burisch Story Exposed

Looks like UFO Magazine has sunk the Burisch tale in its latest issue. Yet another UFO kook has been exposed.....

<http://www.ufowatchdog.com/burischdirtbag.html>

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
UFOWATCHDOG.COM

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## More Mysterious Lights Over Ticul Mexico

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Subject: More Mysterious Lights Over Ticul Mexico

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MEXICO: MORE MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS OVER TICUL  
\*\* Two youths record "flying object" \*\*

For some weeks now, numerous residents of Ticul and even other municipalities in the area have made use of the hill that dominates the Benito Juarez neighborhood of La Perla del Sur as their nocturnal gathering place.

The reason for these gatherings has become a fashionable subject in this part of the State: alleged UFO sightings, a situation that has also attracted the attention of experts in supernatural phenomena.

There is no scientific explanation for these events; the alleged witnesses claim they are real, but other people in the vicinity consider them a product of the euphoric sensation experienced at the meeting site.

The fact remains that it a party atmosphere is readily visible on weekends at this site for at least a month now, including consumption of alcoholic beverages and the presence of street vendors.

This weekend, the UFO subject took a turn: two young men claimed having filmed the apparition of a mysterious "vessel" that was visible for only seconds.

The youths, with the characteristic excitement of those who have made a great discovery, showed the video of the alleged sighting to a reporter from Diario de Ticul. A circle of eight lights spinning on an axis can be seen; the lights then become tilted and elongated.

Suddenly, the mysterious object changes course and vanishes.

Image taken from the recording of an alleged UFO sighting over Ticul on Saturday night. The parties responsible for the recording are two youths.

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## UFO Reported Over Progreso Mexico

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Subject: UFO Reported Over Progreso Mexico

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MEXICO: Another UFO Reported, this time over Progreso

PROGRESO.-97 Members of the Centro de Analisis de Fenomenos Espaciales (Space Phenomena Analysis Center) have pointed out that cases involving people who claim having seen unidentified flying objects are fairly common in the Yucatan Peninsula, but they are never widely known due to a lack of diffusion.

Cindy Martinez Selnchez, a partner with this statewide organization, reports that the phenomenon was seen two nights ago not only over Ticul, but also over Progreso.

Many residents of the Vicente Guerrero neighborhood were witnesses to a mysterious cloud with a light that appeared and vanished in the southern reaches of the port, she says. The sighting lasted some five hours.

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## Filers Files #34 - 2004

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Filers Files #34 - 2004, Skywatch Investigations  
George A. Filer, Director MUFON Eastern  
Vice President of Skywatch International

August 11, 2004, Webmaster: Chuck Warren --

Canada -- Most UFO Sightings

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. These Files make the assumption that extraterrestrial intelligent life exists. Are There Alien Messages In Our DNA Strands? NASA Scientist Sees Possible Mat of Martian Microbes, Mars - Sea Shell, Perseids - May Cause Damage Tonight, Alaska - Anti - Missile Interceptor Deployed, Greenland - Ice Melting Fast, New York - Strange Neon Light UFO, New Jersey - Disc, Georgia - Tom Sheets Retires, Ohio - Circle UFO, Tennessee - Disc, Iowa - Disappearing Lights, Nebraska - Fast Moving Light, Texas - Orbs and Rectangular UFO, Arizona - Numerous Orbs, California - UFO Videos, Canada -- Record Number of UFO Sightings, Germany - Oval, and Were Foo Fighters Real or Not?

"Pure logical thinking cannot yield us any knowledge of the empirical world. All knowledge of reality starts from experience and ends in it." - Albert Einstein

Are There Alien Messages In Our DNA Strands?

SYDNEY - Forget waiting for ET to call - the most likely place to find an alien message is in our DNA, according to an expert in Australia. Professor Paul Davies, from the Australian Centre for Astrobiology at Macquarie University, believes a cosmic greeting card could have been left in every human cell. The coded message would only be discovered once the human race had the technology to read and understand it. Writing in New Scientist magazine, Davies said the idea should be considered seriously. For more than 40 years astronomers have been sweeping the skies with radio telescopes hoping to catch a signal from an alien civilization. So far the search has been in vain. But Davies believes it is wrong to assume that extraterrestrials who may be hundreds of millions of years ahead of us technologically will have chosen to communicate by radio.

Leaving artifacts for humans to find once they are sufficiently evolved - like the obelisk in the movie 2001: A Space Odyssey - might be a more attractive strategy, he explained. But ensuring the survival of such an artifact over possibly millions of years would be difficult. A better solution would be to incorporate information into the human genome, allowing it to be copied and maintained over immense periods of time. One way to do this might be to deliver alien viruses which could infect cells with message-laden DNA, said Davies.

Scientists have recently discovered large sequences of "junk" DNA that contain no genes and appears to be very stable. "If ET has put a message into terrestrial organisms, this is surely where to look," said Davies. A computer could be used to find obvious attention-grabbing patterns within these stretches of

DNA, he said. If a sequence of junk units of DNA were displayed as an array of pixels on a screen and produced a simple image "the presumption of tampering would be inescapable". The DNA code was easily big enough to contain a decent-sized novel or a potted history of the rise and fall of an alien civilization. Davies added: "Trying to second-guess alien communication strategies is fraught with uncertainty, so we should try everything we can afford. The truth may be out there somewhere - or it could be a lot closer to home."

[http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set\\_id=3D1&click\\_id=3D588&art\\_id=3Dqwl0920265=21143B252](http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=3D1&click_id=3D588&art_id=3Dqwl0920265=21143B252)

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#### NASA Scientist Sees Possible Mat of Martian Microbes

COLORADO -- By Leonard David Senior Space -- A future astronaut traipsing across the landing sites of the Mars Exploration Rovers - Spirit and Opportunity - might be squishing into a welcome mat of microbes, according to one NASA scientist. While the twin robots push ahead in scouring their real estate locations at Gusev Crater and Meridiani Planum, they leave behind a tantalizing trail of issues that need to be sorted out. One big unknown: Did life ever take root on Mars? And if so, is that planet home to living organisms today? So far, the life-on-Mars card has not played out. Rover scientists have seen nothing they regard as needing a biological explanation. But the twin robot landers weren't built to prowl around for life.

According to David McKay, chief scientist for astrobiology at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, visual evidence from the rovers is pretty enticing. The chronicle of Mars being viewed as a comfy habitat for biology is an unfolding one, and he led the research group that in August 1996 presented evidence of ancient life from Mars. The observations, they researchers said, strongly suggested primitive life may have existed on Mars more than 3.6 billion years ago. The NASA-funded team found the first organic molecules thought to be of Martian origin, several mineral features characteristic of biological activity, and possible microscopic fossils of primitive, bacteria-like organisms inside of an ancient Martian rock that fell to Earth as a meteorite - the often-called "Mars Rock" or as scientists like to professionally label it: ALH84001. "I've seen the saga move from 20 or 30 years ago when virtually no one believed there was life on Mars=E2=80=A6or that there was even water on Mars," McKay said last week. "Now the whole pendulum is swinging." Microbial mat McKay said it is now clear a lot of water flowed across Mars. Furthermore, there may still be water spurting out onto the planet at certain times. "The same pendulum may be swinging back toward life," he said. "We'll wait and see. These are exciting times. "The Mars rovers represent an incredibly successful mission, McKay said. Moreover, they seemingly have "uncovered" a major find. He points to pictures taken by the rovers that show areas of the martian surface disturbed by the retraction of landing airbags.

Patches of surface "acted as a cohesive blanket of some sort" when the airbags pulled back, McKay explains. "It didn't simply crack apart like a dried-up crust. But one possibility is that this is the fossilized remains of a biological mat of some sort," he speculated. The mat would be made up of bacterial parts and pieces. That claim can't be proven at this point, McKay said. "That's one reason you have to go get samples to be sure. "Swept under the Magic Carpet Mars has all the conditions for life: water, energy, and organic substances, McKay pointed out. "It is very clear that Mars was a habitable place in terms of life as we know it. Meteorite evidence show there was microbial life on Mars," McKay said. "And for all we know, there still could be. It's hard to kill off life once it has started. "Early in the mission of Spirit at Gusev Crater, scientists dubbed the region messed up by landing bags as the "Magic Carpet." The crumpled portion of the soil appeared to have been peeled away, as noted by rover scientists. "I think there's really something there," McKay told SPACE.com. "There is some cohesiveness to that material. Talk about the Magic Carpet just



went away. I don't think it should have gone away. "He pointed to work being done at Guerrero Negro, Baja California by NASA's Ames Research Center on the evolution of a microbial community functioning in microbial mats. "They've also produced some in the lab. You pick that stuff up and it's kind of like a fabric. It is fairly cohesive. A crusty material like dura crust breaks up immediately," McKay said. Resolving power According to a NASA Ames web site, microbial mats here on Earth are important because their 3.4-billion-year fossil record indicates they are our planet's oldest known ecosystems. 9 August 04 snip

[http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/mystery\\_monday\\_040809.html](http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/mystery_monday_040809.html)

Note: Filer's Research Institute has been telling our readers for many years there is life on Mars like this possible sea shell?. "We find life the old fashion way, we look at it in the images."

#### Perseids - May Cause Damage

On August 11, 2004, at about 21h UT, the Earth will pass through the dense core of the Perseid meteoroid stream from the parent comet Swift-Tuttle. The stream is calculated to pass within 0.0013 AU from the Earth's orbit and should provide plenty of shooting stars. Observation should be good throughout the night. There is a possibility that larger meteoroids will pass through our protecting atmosphere. There is always a danger from space, but fortunately our observation of the skies is increasing.

#### Alaska - Anti - Missile Interceptor Deployed

FORT GREELY - The United States deployed its first of six ground-based missile interceptors that would theoretically stop a nuclear missile attack. Deployment of the interceptor "marks the end of an era where we have not been able to defend our country against long-range ballistic missile attacks", said Major General John Holly, program director for the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense system. North Korea, China, Russia and Iran are believed to be building nuclear tipped missiles that could hit the US. The missile interceptor could likely be programmed to hit an incoming meteorite if needed, although, scientists argue about the effectiveness of this procedure. Actually diverting an incoming meteorite from hitting the Earth would be more effective.

#### Greenland - Ice Melting Fast

By Hamish Macdonell, The Scotsman reports, "Greenland's cover of ice is melting ten times quicker than previously thought, an increase that could lead to floods across the world," scientists have found. Newly published research shows an alarming rise in the rate of collapse of the massive Greenland ice-sheet as a result of global warming. Scientists now believe the ice-sheet is shrinking at the rate of ten meters a year, not the one meter previously thought. If the entire ice-sheet melts, the resulting flood waters would raise the level of global seas by seven meters, submerging large areas of land, including sea-level cities such as London. Greenland has the biggest ice-sheet in the northern hemisphere: almost 772,000 square miles of ice which is up to 1.9 miles thick, the base of which is below sea level. <http://news.scotsman.com/scitech.cfm?id=3D891712004>

#### New York - Strange Neon Light UFO

STATEN ISLAND --The witness has been going to visit a relative's house for BBQ nearly every weekend and had seen three sightings on three different days. The witness states, "The latest occurred on July 17, 2004, at 5 PM, when we saw a sphere shaped craft hovering over my house at nearly 2500 feet." It did not move at all, and twice it was not visible and reappeared in the same original location. It was equipped with a self luminous white light like neon a fluorescent white. I did have my camcorder with me, but was hesitant on filming at first because it is very difficult to find small distant objects in the view finder and LCD. When I first pointed the camcorder into the sky and hit record I did not realize that the craft was in the bottom left corner of the viewfinder so I tried to zoom in thinking I did not yet find it. The other sightings were black spheres. The other sightings were also with my sister, and I again pointed out to look in the sky over the backyard which she

did and saw what she described as "birds" possibly out of denial. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

New Jersey - Disc

EDGE WATER - The witness was riding in a car with my friend along Water Street and reports seeing a curved UFO on July 17, 2004, when he noticed four lights that consistently lighted in the sky. Basically, it's a little curved circle with four lights, while two lights are on each curved side. These four lights attracted me, because they constantly had a little vibration, which is very impossible for a aircraft or a bug. And the light vibration with those four light fly in a curved shape from left to right. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

BOUND BROOK -- The two objects flew from the right to the left, stopped for about ten seconds and then flew slowly on July 17, 2004, at 12:30 PM. The witness was out looking at the stars through a pair of binoculars, and saw a satellite, and then two white Disc shaped UFOs went across the sky about half way and stopped for about ten seconds and then left. He states, "There was a screech that sounded really weird and the two crafts were too slow for it to be a comet, asteroid or a plane." It was about 12:30 in the morning when it had occurred in a clear sky. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

Georgia - Tom Sheets Retires

John C. Thompson and I wish to commend former Police Chief Tom Sheets who is retiring as an outstanding Georgia MUFON Director. John C. Thompson writes, from my perspective of a once active UFO investigator, "Chief" Tom Sheets, with his departure, leaves mighty large shoes to fill. His leadership as state director for MUFON in Georgia was remarkable, attentive to detail, and always steady. During his long tenure he turned what before had only been amateur UFO investigator training into a professional, no-nonsense, standardized, doctrine of intense examination. His expertise in investigating came about from an exemplary, quarter-of-a-century, career in Georgia law-enforcement. Chief freely provided valuable hands-on experience in investigative techniques--that many private security and investigating firms would have eagerly paid for--to MUFON. Despite having investigated many UFO cases before having the honor of meeting Chief, I was immediately impressed with the quality of his first case submitted to MUFON. The thoroughness of his work provided many ideas which aided my own later investigations. He was clearly a man that ufology badly needed. MUFON loses its finest state director with his leave. For active or future investigators take what he has taught and shared with you and remember it well. I can assure you that MUFON will never have another "Tom Sheets." I wish Chief well in all his future endeavors. I know whatever he does, he will excel. I also extend my best to long-time friend Mark Ausmus, who has spent nearly three decades in ufology, in his new leadership of MUFON of Georgia. Thanks to John C. Thompson" [gingerjohnt.nul](mailto:gingerjohnt.nul)

Note: Both Tom Sheets and John Thompson have been exceptionally excellent investigators and Georgia State Directors. Tom was able to take over ably from John and he will be sorely missed. I sincerely thank him for all his great work and outstanding leadership.

Ohio - Circle

PORTSMOUTH -- It started with one white circular object that came out of almost nowhere and dropped above a tree on July 17, 2004, at 10:45 PM. The object(s) moved effortlessly and one came very close to the ground, hovered and emitted beams. The others just seem to float by. The tree is probably 30 feet high and the craft hovered about 20 feet above that. It sent down four beams of light to the street and just stayed there. The witness states, "My girlfriend and I noticed darker squares or rectangles towards the middle of the circle, and after hovering with no noise for about 20 seconds it lifted slowly then bolted out of sight.

A triangular shape also came into focus that was a pulsing red color. When it got closer it turned bright white. We saw about 15 of these that came from the southeast. Five of the craft seem to flow back and forth, and change altitudes the other ten just

flew straight. They were red at first and proceeded to change to white. I tried to put it off as a helicopter but it just didn't seem right. All the triangles were changing from red to white. There were also small dark squares or rectangles. We called the local police and guess what the craft stopped coming, so the police thought we were crazy. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

LEWISBURG - Also on July 17, 2004, three friends were traveling west on I-70 not far from Dayton at 3 AM, when they spotted an illuminated triangular shaped object about a mile high.

FOSTORIA - George Ritter video taped two UFOs over a near by farm the same day. Many of the UFOs appear to fly east or west across Ohio and land near Fostoria. There are vast underground caverns in the area that could be used by the UFOs.[]

Thanks to George Ritter

Tennessee - Disc

PARIS - The witness was sitting on a curb, and saw an object sailing by at a pretty fast speed on July 14, 2004, at 9:43 PM. He reports seeing one disc shaped object in bright daylight that was moving at a fast pace and it was silver and reflecting light. I am familiar with weather balloons and this was not one. It was lower than an aircraft, low enough where I could see the light reflecting and determine shape and color quite easily. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

Iowa - Disappearing Lights

SIOUX CITY - On July 25, 2004, At first it was on solid bright light, coming from the north, traveling pretty fast. It was a solid light until it got above us, and then it stopped and was flashing, or it moved away. This was really high up. Then we saw about 6 more lights, one of them looked like a cop car in space, circling the sky. All of the others ended up disappearing also, but not as dramatically as the first one. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

Nebraska - Fast Moving Light

CHADRON - - The witnesses saw a small light almost straight above them that was solid white or white/yellow in color on July 24, 2004 at 10 PM. It started out very bright and slowly dimmed as it traveled from west to east. It lasted only a few seconds, but seemed to be traveling too fast to be a plane. There were two commercial aircraft in the area and both were traveling northeast to southwest. The light moved quickly from west to east and slowly dimmed then disappeared. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

Texas - Orbs and Rectangular UFO

DALLAS -- On July 19, 2004, I took about a dozen pictures of different areas of the sky about 8:15 PM, but there was nothing in any of them, except for one. I'm sending it to you. I took this yesterday, 07-19-04, about 8:15 p.m. or so. Be for sure, I will be doing this some more.

Picture can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1615>

FORT WORTH TO DALLAS -- As I was driving eastbound, from, almost directly in front of me, I saw just for maybe two seconds, a white, possibly round object, disappear into a cloud on July 25, 2004. There are a lot of military aircraft in the area, so it seems like I'm always looking up. I watched the cloud, nothing came out.? Bear in mind, I was driving, probably about 30 mph, so I had to keep one eye on the road. Usually military, and some commercial aircraft, I would have heard, but I heard nothing. I pulled over. I watched the cloud for ten minutes. Nothing came out. I wear glasses, so I'm not above saying I could have been mistaken. It just seemed so clear. The sky was clear with white clouds on a blue sky. What I call a Simpson sky. I don't have the ability to judge the distance of a cloud, but if I had to guess I would guess ten miles away. I just came directly in and entered "UFO" on my computer to see if maybe someone else saw it.

HOUSTON - The witnesses state, "We were driving east down memorial drive at 6:30 PM, between Kirkwood and Dairy Ashford when my daughter and I saw a huge object in the sky on July 25, 2004." It had to have been larger than a football field. It was white on top and light gray on the bottom. It was rectangular shaped but the top was kind of rounded. Not like anything I have ever seen before. It was pretty far away but it was huge. Probably 5 times bigger than any plane I have seen in the sky. It was also completely motionless. We turned back around to look again because some trees got in the way but it was gone." Thanks to Peter Davenport [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

Arizona - Numerous Orbs

PHOENIX - The witness reports, "I have noticed for the last month or so that around 1 PM, I have been seeing the same orbs at or around the same exact area in downtown Phoenix on Saturdays. Well July 24, 2004, today was no exception...It is a clear day today and the winds are coming in at a constant 10-15mph from the south. I went to the roof of my parking garage six floors up and spotted a white orb that was heading northeast about 10 mph at 1,500 feet high. I called a friend and described to him what I saw when out of nowhere the object came back and headed in my direction. I video-taped this and noticed it was going southwest against the wind and descending at a slow rate. I saw two strings of orbs float down near the other object. There were eight to ten objects in each bunch. They were multicolored with reds, white, orange, blue and there was a distortion around the objects like they were under water in the sky. At first it was really hard to focus then I finally got in on them and they were changing shapes and colors and barely moving, kind of meandering in the general area. They were starting to go through a thin haze and I couldn't focus in on them anymore. The sighting started about 1:15 and I couldn't see them anymore by 1:50 AM. These are the weirdest objects I have ever seen. They were side by side the whole time as if shadowing each other. To view the clips:  
<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1625>

California - UFO Videos

LOS ANGELES -- It was around 11 PM, on July 23, 2004, and there was a red and white blinking light in the sky that flew from one place to another at the blink of an eye. It was circling around the night sky until it flew higher and vanished. It was very small and very high up and continued to circle around and around very slowly. I kept on looking at it until it just went higher and higher into the sky until I could no longer see it. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

SAN BERNARDINO - The witnesses report seeing these objects several times in the last two years. On July 25, 2004, the witness reports seeing strange lights in the sky while driving east at 12:15 AM. He states, "I saw one of them, they fly about 1000 feet up and glow orange or red, they just appear out of nowhere for about two minutes and just float there, and then disappear. There are some strange things going on here. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

AUBURN -- On August 6, 2004, at 6:55 PM, p.m. local time I witnessed three orbs of light coming out of the setting sun. I was going for my evening walk in Auburn, CA when, I saw the first of the three orbs coming out of the setting sun. I quickly got out my binoculars which I carry with me and was able to track and view the last of the three orbs. It was translucent yet very white and bright. It was constantly changing shape, going from circular to a dodecahedron shape with star or pointed like protrusions coming out of the circumference and then back to circular. All three orbs passed over me at great speed. They looked like about 15,000 feet in altitude and after passing over me they disappeared. One made a 90 degree turn to it's left in an instant then traveled for approximately an inch at my arm's length and disappeared rapidly.) Mark A. Olson, D.M.  
[www.sonorasightings.com](http://www.sonorasightings.com) [drmarkolson.nul](mailto:drmarkolson.nul) "

SONORA -- A new sighting of a flying triangle was videotaped on August 8, 2004! This object was videotaped on separate Sony Camcorders, one on Hi-8 using a tripod, the other on a hand-held Digital. (The digital video clip will be added to the later today.) Video clips of the object have been posted at:

<http://www.sonorasightings.com> on the "JULY & AUGUST CLIPS" page.

Washington - Triangles and Helicopters

TROUT LAKE -- James Gilliland reports, "We have had almost a week of constant activity with as many as 13 eye witnesses at a time." Several ships came in very low and expanded into a brilliant light. Some side slipped back and forth changing speeds exhibiting behavior unlike any conventional craft. There was a triangle on August 6th around 10:30 PM which swooped down banked and turned upward like a ghost ship. It was a bit larger than my hand. Two out of thirteen saw it. It happened very quickly. On August 8th at 9:50 PM, a ship came in low from the southeast. It bust into a brilliant golden light dimming to orange then white. It continued northwest and repeated the signal yet this time it was brilliant white like a welding ark. Three witnesses were present. The skies are getting busier.

[www.eceti.org](http://www.eceti.org)

Photo taken on April 29, 2003, of similar objects.

Thanks to James Gilliland

Canada -- Record Number Of UFO Sightings

OTTAWA -- Jim Bronskill in the Canadian Press reports, "From a translucent, saucer-shaped object in British Columbia to mysterious lights buzzing motorists in New Brunswick, Canadians are on their way to reporting a record number of UFO sightings this year. More than 400 stories of curious encounters were filed through the end of July, compared with just over 300 by this time last year, says Ufology Research of Manitoba, a group that tracks reports of unidentified flying objects.

At this rate, the total for 2004 will surpass the current record of 673 sightings reported last year, said Chris Rutkowski, research co-coordinator for the Winnipeg-based organization. The group receives reports directly by telephone and e-mail from sister agencies that follow the phenomenon, and via federal departments such as transport and national defense.

Rutkowski says, "I think there is a resurgence of interest in space," he said yesterday. Dazzling mid-air maneuvers were a feature of some of the more dramatic otherworldly episodes.

At a military base in Beaverbank, N.S., on April 23, three people spotted several lights in the east, including a slow-moving red one bobbing up and down. Suddenly, a second red light swooped in, prompting the first one to climb upwards and fly over it.

The Prairies seem to be a hotbed of unexplained activity. In Alberta, 61 sightings occurred up to the end of July, compared with 76 in all of last year. There were 50 in Manitoba, already double the total for 2003, while 19 reports emerged from Saskatchewan, topping last year's 13. In a widely reported incident, the pilot of Prime Minister Paul Martin's plane reported seeing a "very bright light" falling through the air, with smoke trailing, while the aircraft passed over Suffield, Alta., on March 21.

REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN -- The craft hovered in the eastern skies, not too far from Regina Airport (YQR ); on July 25, 2004. It seemed to align itself with the approaches to the airport and a bright light would come on just like on night landings at the airport. Then two big lights in an horizontal fashion came on. Then the format changed with four or more lights to look like the crescent moon. The craft spent about twenty minutes in my view and then curved an exit to the southeast. I have two digital images on my Olympus camera. Thanks to Brian Vike [www.hbccufo.com](http://www.hbccufo.com)

Germany - Oval

KASSEL - On German Highway 44 the witness reports seeing a star flying towards Earth on July 18, 2004. After two or three seconds it was moving into our atmosphere and became a big oval object at quarter to midnight. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

## Australia -- Astronomer Sheds Light on 'UFO sightings'

UFO spotters will not need to report a red flare and a fast moving white light in the sky over Darwin on Tuesday, 10 August 2004, - they have already been identified. The white light will be the International Space Station, on one of its rare transits that is clearly visible across the Top End. The red flash comes from an Iridium flare, generated by one of 70 satellites launched by the now-defunct phone company in the 1990s. Charles Darwin University astronomy tutor Geoff Carr says the two phenomenon are often mistaken for 'close encounters'.

"You'll see a tiny light and that will brighten up enormously," he said. "It looks almost like a flare, one of those out of a flare gun, and then it will just disappear and people have rung me up saying 'I'm sure I saw a UFO last night, it just skirted into the atmosphere, then it took off', so you know what they're talking about when they do contact you, because you know when they're visible."

<http://www.abc.net.au/darwin/news/200408/s1172651.htm>

## Were World War II Foo Fighters Real Or Not?

Columnist Fred Alexander in The Franklin Press writes, " Foo Fighters was the name given to unexplained balls of glowing light seen by U.S., British, and German pilots late in World War Two in the skies over Europe. The Objects were also seen in the Pacific by U.S. and Japanese soldiers Wally Hoffman recalled, but "The mission to Schweinfurt was historically tough with huge loss of planes and men, but somebody positively was out there trying to help us. Soon after we had dropped our bombs on Schweinfurt we began a shallow right turn away and from the target and the black wall of flak to reform in a tight diamond combat formation. As I looked to the east I could see several groups advancing to the initial point to begin their bomb run. I then observed one of the most baffling incidents of my life. There I observed an enigma, which to this day still defies a suitable explanation.

"I saw that the Bombers of the 384th Bomb Group under a concentrated fighter attacks had turned on the initial point and began their bomb run to the target. The persistent fighter attacks suddenly ceased. I then noticed the reflection of what appeared to be circular type objects all around the bomber formation. There were absolutely no German fighters that ordinarily seemed to swarm around and through the formations with their deadly 20mm cannons. Where were they? It was as if the 384th Bomb Group was flying in a vacuum.

Later I learned the pilots and several crews in the nose and top turret reported a cluster of discs in their flight path and apparently closing on the bombers. The discs in clusters to more silver colored. They were easily seen by the B-17 crewmembers, gliding down slowly in a uniform cluster. One fortress closed rapidly with a cluster of these discs, however the pilot was unsuccessful in trying to evade the discs. He reported at debriefing that although his right wing went through the cluster there was absolutely no effect on the engines or the plane surfaces. The pilot further stated that one of the discs was heard to strike that tail assembly. None of the crew heard or witnessed any explosion as a result. About 20 ft. from the discs the crewmembers sighted a mass of black debris of varying sizes also in clusters of about four feet. Other aircraft were observed flying through the discs with no apparent damage. Other discs were sighted but they were unable to determine where they had originated," concluded Hoffman." Thanks to The Franklin Press and Cal Cotrell

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### In-Home Abduction Detection?

From: Eleanor White <[eleanor.nul](mailto:eleanor.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2004 21:09:01 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 17:14:04 -0400  
Subject: In-Home Abduction Detection?

Hi -

I'd like to re-ask this question, because if an answer can be had, I'm sure it would be of considerable interest to all Listers.

I'm guessing it might have been in 2002, on the Strange Days... Indeed program, one particular experiment had been then recently set up to verify the reality of abductions. I wish I could remember details but unfortunately I was on the job at the time and wasn't taking notes.

The experiment was designed to monitor the home environment of abductees in such a way that anomalous changes would show up clearly, yet no actual audio or video footage was to be recorded. Quantities like temperature, light level, electromagnetic field strength, and sound intensity were continuously monitored and recorded on a computer. The lack of audio and video taping was to respect the privacy of the volunteer abductee.

The experimenters were to analyze patterns versus time of day which occurred normally, and compare the readings taken during reported abductions. An experimenter on the show stated that it was quite easy to get a feel for the routine in the abductee's home by simply using the non-privacy-invasive parameters, and was looking forward to readings during the next abduction experience.

I believe one such instrument cluster had actually been placed in one abductee's home.

One of the UFO organizations - might have been a chapter of MUFON but I can't remember - was hosting this series of experiments. Does anyone remember this experiment?

A while back, I asked the List whatever became of this experiment. One person replied and gave me the email address of someone he thought might have been involved, but I got no reply.

This type of experiment seems to have the same potential for excellent progress for abductions as passive radar for the craft themselves, and it seems a shame that no one is able to remember it, and what became of this effort.

Also - it seems like something worth trying anew, even if the previous program can't be recalled. What a shame that such a promising experiment has apparently vanished in to thin air! (A shame and more than a little suspicious!)

Eleanor White

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## Italian UFO Newsflash No. 426

From: **Edoardo Russo** <[e.russo.nul](mailto:e.russo.nul)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 17:15:58 -0400  
Subject: Italian UFO Newsflash No. 426

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NEW ISSUE OF CISU JOURNAL

Issue No. 28 has hit the stands of "UFO - Rivista di informazione ufologica" (UFO Journal of Ufological Information), the four-monthly periodical from the Italian Center for UFO Studies.

On the cover: =93The Official History of Ufology in Italy,=94 effectively semi-monographic in theme, featuring articles on the founding of the Italian Air Force UFO Committee in 1978, the case of the flying saucer over the presidential compound of Castel Porziano in 1963, and the pursuit of a UFO by a Navy helicopter.

Among the other topics: the phenomenon of =93ghost rockets=94 and the inception of modern ufology; new witnesses in the Valentich case; investigations into sightings; an overview and the statistics on the Italian case reports of 2003; and also the latest newsflashes, CISU activities, book reviews and debates.

The journal (sent to members of the Italian Center for UFO Studies at no cost) is available at Librerie Feltrinelli bookstores or via mail subscription (3 issues: 15 Euro in Italy; 20 Euro abroad); free by exchange with similar publications.

[Report by Gian Paolo Grassino; [www.cisu.org/riu25\\_28.htm#28](http://www.cisu.org/riu25_28.htm#28)]

FIRST CHIUMIENTO'S BOOK

Fresh off the presses is the first book by Antonio Chiumiento, entitled "Ho le prove - La verit=E0 sulla presenza degli alieni" (I Have the Proof - The Truth about the Presence of Aliens) 25 years of investigations in the Triveneto area in the words of the noted Pordenone ufologist, collected and recounted by the writer Alessio Pasquini.

The volume (published by Biblioteca dell'immagine in Pordenone) totals 168 pages, featuring illustrations and selling for 12 Euro.

The book is available through our e-commerce website ([www.upiar.com](http://www.upiar.com)) for 13 Euro (20% discount for CISU members only).

[Il Gazzettino, 25 June; collaboration by Renzo Cabassi and Gildo Persone']

A UFO GUIDE TO "TAKEN" IN NEWSSTANDS

Beginning July 1st, a magazine will be available in bookstores at 5 Euro and totaling 98 pages, titled "Capire Taken: Rapiti ET e UFO - Dal serial TV di Spielberg alla realta'" (Understanding Taken: ET and UFO Abductees - From the Spielberg TV Series to Reality).

It's a monograph in the series "Speciali del mistero" (Mystery Specials), appearing alongside the journal "UFO Notiziario" by Roberto Pinotti and divided this time into two sections: the first part (27 pages) is devoted to the phenomenon of alien abductions, flanked by and taking its cue from the similarly-titled television series airing over the last few weeks on Italia 1 TV; and the second part (71 pages) concerns a photographic and iconographic dossier reviewing the years 1933 through 2003.

[Report by Nico Conti]

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## 'Keel' Investigates Body In Pascagoula Mobile Home

From: Loren Coleman <[lcoleman.nul](mailto:lcoleman.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 08:25:52 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 17:21:39 -0400  
Subject: 'Keel' Investigates Body In Pascagoula Mobile Home

Talk about "hot names" with weird links to UFO history... try this one from today's news.....

John Keel and Pascagoula, in an article by a Reeves... and the location, a trailer, a la' Jim Brandon!! What will be revealed in the name of the victim?

Loren

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Source: Pascagoula Mississippi Press

<http://www.CopycatEffect.com>

08-12-04

Body found in mobile home

By Mollie Reeves  
The Mississippi Press

MERRILL -- A 911 call to the George County Sheriff's Department Wednesday afternoon led to the discovery of a body in a mobile home in the Merrill Community.

The call came in about 3 p.m. Wednesday, according to Investigator John Keel. Deputies responded to the call by going to a residence located at 206 Boyd Smith Road where the body was found.

The cause of death has not been released pending the results of an autopsy, Keel said.

The name of the deceased is also being withheld pending notification of family members, Keel said. No other details have been released at this time.

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## Dr. Salla At Sky Island Ranch

From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 11:03:46 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 17:24:02 -0400  
Subject: Dr. Salla At Sky Island Ranch

Here you go, Earthlings,

Follow the link. This is the coup de grace, that last piece of information which seals my position that the "exopolitics" of Michael Salla is nothing more than a 21st century contactee cult.

<http://www.joanocean.com/contactsem.html>

E.T. Contact at Sky Island Ranch August 8 - 20, 2004. Happening. Now. Just think - you could have been there, experiencing it, with Joan "Ocean", the seminar leader, and Michael Salla, the guest of honor.

In the words of Joan "Ocean": "Our lives change for the better as we experience wholeness, unconditional love and universal wisdom."

\$2450 for 13 days.

See: <http://www.joanocean.com/Seminars.html>

My guess is that airfare is not included.

I wouldn't be suprised if the Ancient of Days, himself, was there - kicking back with a Margarita and catching some rays.....

Best,

Rod Brock

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Collecting and sharing accounts  
of anomalous aerial phenomena  
from antiquity up to 1947.  
[http://nocturnal\\_lights.tripod.com/magoniex](http://nocturnal_lights.tripod.com/magoniex)

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THE RETURN TO MAGONIA PROJECT  
Parent project to the Magonia Exchange  
List.  
<http://anomalies.bravepages.com>

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ALIENS ATE MY BUICK  
Frank, unapologetic commentary  
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import.  
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## Re: UFO Photographed With A Celular Phone - Gevaerd

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 15:49:28 -0300  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 17:28:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Photographed With A Celular Phone - Gevaerd

>From: Billy Booth <[Ufocasebook.nul](mailto:Ufocasebook.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 23:34:46 EDT  
>Subject: Re: UFO Photographed With A Celular Phone

>Just a note to let you all know that I rec'd info on the Brazil  
>cellphone case this morning, and translated the details, and  
>enhanced the images. You can access it here:

><http://ufocasebook.com/brazilcellufo.html>

Very well, Billy. Many thanks. Maybe you would like to post, on your site, the 15=B4 video the man made with his cell phone, after he stopped the car and crossed a small field with trees? I sent it to you.

A. J.

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## Re: UFO photographed With A Celular Phone - Gevaerd

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 15:57:14 -0300  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 17:30:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO photographed With A Celular Phone - Gevaerd

>From: Tim Shell <[shell.nul](mailto:shell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 14:08:57 -0500  
>Subject: Re: UFO photographed With A Celular Phone

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 08:20:04 -0300  
>>Subject: UFO photographed With A Celular Phone

>>Possible UFO photographed with a celular phone

>>On August 3rd three men were on Anhanguera Highway, Sao Paulo  
>>State, when they saw something unusual over a field. They  
>>stopped the car and 2 of the men jumped over the fence to get a  
>>little closer. One of them had a modern cell phone with him and  
>>took a picture of a strange, cylinder object a few meters above  
>>the ground.

>Because of the reflection, I have to assume the photographer  
>stayed in the car.

Actually, he and a fellow stopped the car and walked about 200 m  
through a small wood. It was only when he reached the other side  
that he took the picture. He filmed 14'' of the crossing with  
his cell.

>>Under the object, which remained hovering for 30 minutes and  
>>emmiting a sound that seemed like "several engines working  
>>together", some dust could be see been lifting into the air.

>I don't know. It looks very mirage-like to me, but it would with  
>my debunking hat on. It also looks like a small rain cloud,  
>although the rest of the photo doesn't suggest such a thing  
>could develop there. Interesting, though.

A friend of mine, UFO photo analyst, also thinks it could be a  
mirage, but nothing is conclusive yet. The strange thing is that  
the object was emmiting some sound.

>>If confirmed genuine, it could be one of the first ever images  
>>of a UFO taken by a cell-phone and confirmed.

>What about that dude in Ireland a month or so ago? Did I imagine  
>that?

I haven=B4t info about that. Now I do. Very interesting indeed.

A. J.

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## Russians Claim To Have Found Remains Of Craft

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 14:43:29 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 17:36:11 -0400  
Subject: Russians Claim To Have Found Remains Of Craft

Source: Xin Hua Net

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2004-08/12/content\\_1766126.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2004-08/12/content_1766126.htm)

08-12-04

Russians Claim To Have Found Remains Of Alien Craft

BEIJING (Xinhuanet) -- Russian scientists said they have discovered the wreck of an alien device at the site of an unexplained explosion in Siberia almost a hundred years ago, China Daily reported today, citing the Interfax news agency as the source.

The scientists, who belong to the Tunguska space phenomenon public state fund, said they found the remains of an extra-terrestrial device that allegedly crashed near the Tunguska river in Siberia in 1908.

Their findings also include a 50-kilogram (110-pound) rock which they have sent to the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk for analysis.

The Tunguska blast, in a desolate part of Siberia, remains one of the 20th century's biggest scientific mysteries.

On June 30, 1908, what is widely believed to be a meteorite exploded a few kilometers above the Tunguska river, in a blast that was felt hundreds of kilometers (miles) away and devastated over 2,000 square kilometers of Siberian forest. Enditem

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## Re: UFO Photographed With A Cellular Phone -

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 16:02:10 -0300  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 17:38:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Photographed With A Cellular Phone -

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 09 Aug 2004 19:00:37 -0300  
>Subject: Re: UFO Photographed With A Cellular Phone

<snip>

>>The image is at:

>><http://www.ufo.com.br/index.php?arquivo=notComp.php&id=457>

>Nothing there A.J. Just gave me the text page. It truncated the  
>URL which I added and still only the text page re. info and an

Sorry about that Don. I may have confused the URL. Please note  
that Billy Booth <[Ufocasebook.nul](mailto:Ufocasebook.nul)>has just translated the  
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<http://ufocasebook.com/brazilcellufo.html>

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## Re: Factsheet On Salla's Termination - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 16:12:04 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 17:39:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: Factsheet On Salla's Termination - Kaeser

>From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
>To: Updates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 21:42:26 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Factsheet On Salla's Termination

>>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 09:26:16 -0400  
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>exopolitics research, the program I had been developing, the  
>Peace Ambassador Program, was summarily terminated in late  
>April, 2004..."

Thanks Rod,

I've written to the PR office at American to see if they have  
any information on Dr. Salla's status and when it changed.

Of course, terminating an educational program is not quite the  
same as dismissing a Professor, but Salla is painting it that  
way.

I'm sure that he'll find an audience to try and convince of his  
views.

Steve

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## Re: The MUFON Conundrum - Part II - Brock

From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 13:14:41 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 17:41:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: The MUFON Conundrum - Part II - Brock

>From: Michael Brownlee <[michael.nul](mailto:michael.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 19:52:04 -0700  
>Subject: The MUFON Conundrum - Part II

>Where does Bassett himself stand on the election? "I don't  
>care who's president," he says, "disclosure has to happen."

What a pathetic viewpoint.

While clearly standing outside the mainstream in the essence of his views, Stephen Basset shares one characteristic with his fellow Americans of more mundane outlook: he's single-minded, unable (or unwilling, for whatever reason) to focus on more than one issue at a time.

With the right combination of circumstances, not caring who's president and caring only about "disclosure," could conceivably be Mr. Basset's undoing.

He probably hasn't thought of that, though.

Rod Brock

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From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 17:19:08 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 05:02:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: Factsheet On Salla's Termination - Friedman

>From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
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>I had admonished myself when this exopolitics stuff surfaced  
>that it was only a matter of time before Salla (and possibly  
>Webre) would be making appearances on George Noory. I make no  
>particular claims of prophet-hood, however, since it's a  
>foregone conclusion that if it's nuts, it's gonna be on  
>Coast-to-Coast.

I am glad you are not suggesting that all who appear on the show  
are nuts. And surely not all nuts appear on the show.

Frankly, I have been very pleased by the response my appearances  
have brought forth. And surely you don't consider Dr. Seth  
Shostak, of the SETI Institute, a nut? He may be a SETI Cultist,  
but even I don't consider him a nut.

If you want to improve the quality of the guest list, get more  
of the good guys to go on. I hope to appear with Frank Feschino  
Jr., the author of an important new book about the Flatwoods  
(WV) Monster UFO case of September, 1952, as soon as the pub  
date is set. I wrote the foreword and the Epilogue.

In a similar sort of situation, there will be a huge Paraworld  
Expo at the very large Los Angeles Convention Center, October  
21-24. They are expecting 250,000 people. I will be doing 7  
different lectures, workshops, etc. Will I be standing behind  
everybody there? Of course not. Would the world be better off  
and there be greater appreciate of Ufology if guys like  
me boycotted these events? I don't think so.

Stan Friedman  
<http://www.stanfriedman.com>

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## Re: Explorers Find UFO Fragments In Tunguska -

From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 13:32:10 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 05:04:16 -0400  
Subject: Re: Explorers Find UFO Fragments In Tunguska -

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 05:16:38 -0700  
>Subject: Explorers Find UFO Fragments In Tunguska

>Explorers Find UFO Fragments In Tunguska Meteorite Area

>Source: [RAG]-->Pravda<--[RAG]

>[http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/13705\\_tunguska.html](http://english.pravda.ru/science/19/94/378/13705_tunguska.html)  
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Wow, that was quick. We've already established that "Pravda" is a sensationalist rag, but for posterity, here's my former commentary to the announcement on July 29 that this "team" was leaving to find evidence to prove that the Tungus event was caused by a UFO:

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2004 12:53:14 EDT  
>Subject: Team To Study Tunguska To Prove It Was UFO

>Pravda: Team To Study Famed Tungus Event To Prove It Was A UFO

>This story states that a scientific team lit out for Tungus  
>last week to gather 'evidences' that the famed blast was not  
>caused by a meteorite but a UFO.

Morons. Make a sensational hypothesis completely opposed to the body of evidence gathered through serious scientific research over the last century or so, and go tramping out to the Tungusk to "prove" that "hypothesis." Probability of claims of success: High. Probability of actual success: Unknown. Probably zero.

>This ought to be fun to keep an eye on.

Naw. Bring me a bucket. <:-O[r.a.l.p.h.]

Best,  
Rod

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## Re: UFO Photographed With A Celular Phone - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 15:32:29 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 05:05:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Photographed With A Celular Phone - King

>From: Billy Booth <[Ufocasebook.nul](mailto:Ufocasebook.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 23:34:46 EDT  
>Subject: Re: UFO Photographed With A Celular Phone

>Just a note to let you all know that I rec'd info on the Brazil  
>cellphone case this morning, and translated the details, and  
>enhanced the images. You can access it here:

><http://ufocasebook.com/brazilcellufo.html>

Billy,

Good work, and fast! Kudos!

First impression... very square to the ground, as if sitting on it. Very dark... darker than the nearby shadows. Either not as far away as it looks or is of a very very dark material.

The image clearly exhibits 4 "legs" lit from the right. There is perhaps a 5th in the center, but it appears obscured if it exists. These could be thrust or exhaust lines, as the pixels would lend a rectilinear shape to anything at this magnification.

I imagine that a large canopy with no sides might look like this. From a good distance, the undulations of the fabric in the breeze could even make it appear to move closer or further away. A canopy intended as shelter would generally not be made in a heat-absorbing color, though. The sounds noted would be indicative of large air-moving fans which would not be out of place under such a canopy. Even the sound of such fans would fluctuate in volume with the breeze, at a distance.

Drat that there is no photo of the object further above the ground! Or from a more revealing angle.

If something like this had been meandering around a field in my 'hood, we'd be neck deep in photos. :)

Kyle

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## Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 15:42:03 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 05:08:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For

>From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 02:14:20 -0700  
>Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For Extraterrestrial Life

>>From: Tim Shell <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 08:47:32 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For Extraterrestrial Life

>>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 23:27:41 EDT  
>>>Subject: CNN's Look Into The Search For Extraterrestrial Life

>>><http://www.cnn.com/CNN/Programs/presents/index.html>

>>>Interesting look at how the mainstream presents it's look into  
>>>ET research.

<snip>

>Hello fellow Listerions,

>I still hope this lList remains above partisan politics as we  
>come closer to the election. Please don't send me partisan  
>fodder offlist.

>While watching CNN's "Are We Alone" program I noticed that they  
>showed the Weekly World News issue that had the headline of  
>"ALIEN BABY FOUND ON MARS". It showed Mars landscape in the  
>background. The foreground was composed of a dying African child  
>with protruding ribs, a big distended belly, and a head that  
>appeared huge next to its shrunken body. It was topped off with  
>large and protruding eyeballs staring at the reader.

>That is really the sickest of tabloid exploitation! Take a dying  
>child who by now most likely passed away from starvation and try  
>to palm it off as a Mars alien baby. The publisher needs a  
>shave with BS rubbed all over his face for shaving cream.

>Years ago I posted to the List that in MUFON LA we had a poor  
>fellow who used to hold up that tabloid while believing every  
>word of its BS. We were gentle with him because he was mentally  
>disabled. I sure hope he did not believe the Mars alien baby  
>lies issue.

Josh,

I think the likelihood of some sort of 'October Surprise' far  
outstrips that of an ET landing on the White House lawn.

One side expects it, and the other prays for it.

I think any candidate in GWs position would pray for one, too.

Democrat or Republican.

Tabloids are in existence for the express purpose of generating publicity. You have performed admirably as their pawn.

Your outrage is their investment, and your outcry is their income.

Ignored, they go away.

Kyle

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## Re: ETH Modeling - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 15:45:59 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 05:20:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: ETH Modeling - Clark

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 05:58:38 EDT  
>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 08:47:17 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: ETH Modeling

<snip>

>>Those of you interested in Michael D. Swords's JUFOS paper,  
>>a major (maybe \_the\_ major) scientific look at the ETH in the UFO  
>>literature, should contact

>><http://www.cufos.org/pubs3.html>

>>or write CUFOS at:

>>2457 West Peterson Avenue,  
>>Chicago, Illinois  
>>60659

>>The full citation is Swords, "Science and the Extraterrestrial  
>>Hypothesis in Ufology." Journal of UFO Studies 1 (1989): 67-102.

>>A fascinating follow-up piece is:

>>"Astronomers, the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis, and the United  
>>States Air Force at the Beginning of the Modern UFO Phenomenon."  
>>JUFOS 4 (1992): 79-129.

>>In my judgment these are essential reading to any serious  
>>student of the UFO phenomenon.

>Guess what? I too am a "serious student of the UFO phenomenon"  
>because I \_do\_ in fact have copies of both issues of JUFOS and  
>did indeed read both years ago long before I received my own  
>copies (my thanks to a very gracious source who shall remain  
>nameless). They were in storage and I didn't think I had them  
>but I did. And your very impressive-looking "full citations" are  
>both wrong, because they are \_not\_ Volumes 1 and 4 but \_New  
>Series\_ Volumes 1 and 4.

Oh, for crissake. In the encyclopedia bibliography these volumes  
are cited as "new series" - three issues of an old, long  
forgotten, differently formatted, all-in-all inferior JUFOS were  
published in the 1970s - but so what? UFO UpDates is not exactly  
a formal medium, and I was typing quickly. No apologies are  
herein offered.

Beyond that, this discussion has grown too tedious for further  
comment, so I'll just recommend the Swords papers again - they  
are, let me repeat, excellent and important - and sign off.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Chances Of Aliens Finding Earth Disappearing -

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 18:08:34 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 05:23:21 -0400  
Subject: Re: Chances Of Aliens Finding Earth Disappearing -

>From: William Wise <[w.wise.nul](mailto:w.wise.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 12:50:44 -0400  
>Subject: Chances Of Aliens Finding Earth Disappearing

>Chances Of Aliens Finding Earth Disappearing According To Frank  
>Drake

>Basically, Drake sais its OK we haven't heard radio signals from  
>other worlds because radio is only around for a short time until  
>it's replaced by fiber optics and the like. If the aliens are  
>like us they will quickly evolve away from radio communications  
>so we should be looking for something else like laser pulses.

>(Can SETI even detect radio leakage yet? I thought they could  
>only hear directed transmissions. Anyway...)

>Will

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>Source: New Scientist News Service

><http://www.newscientist.com/news/print.jsp?id=ns99996255>

>Chances of aliens finding Earth disappearing

>15:59 09 August 04

<snip>

>David L Chandler

It is truly amazing that the SETI cultists keep insisting there is nobody coming here now and that basically no aliens have ever been here.

Seth Shostak tried to give me a hard time for saying SETI Specialists have said said aliens won't know we are here until they pick up our TV signals. I had mentioned Lawrence Maxwell Krauss as having said that there wasn't enough time for an alien group to pick up our signals and get somebody to Roswell by 1947. I give the exact quote in my next MUFON Journal column, an open letter to Seth, which I will be posting on my website soon.

Since we already know how to go to the stars, even though we have had radio for only a century and satellites for less than half a century, it seems to me very reasonable, in view of the UFO evidence, that there have been alien travellers all over our local galactic neighborhood for millions of years at least.

I guess the SETI Cultists can't believe that anybody coming here wouldn't want to talk to them. They will always find ways for justifying continuing a Silly Effort To Investigate by listening for primitive radio signals and looking for primitive laser signals rather than examining the evidence we are being visited. Psychologists call this DENIAL. They are not really interested in ET Intelligence... only in ET signals. How sad.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Paul Davies Proposes GSETI - Friedman

From: **Stanton Friedman** <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 19:04:51 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 05:26:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: Paul Davies Proposes GSETI - Friedman

>From: William Wise <[w.wise.nul](mailto:w.wise.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 13:06:55 -0400  
>Subject: Paul Davies Proposes GSETI

>Paul Davies proposes searching for signs of alien tampering with  
>our genes.

>Will

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>Source: The Sydney Morning Herald

><http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2004/08/09/1092022404578.html>

>08-09-04

>Space isn't the only place to look for proof of extraterrestrial  
>life, writes Paul Davies.

<snip>

Davies has been writing this kind of stuff for years. As with the SETI cultists, he says look everywhere but at the evidence. Look to the sky. Look to the DNA, but don't look at the evidence. They seem to think that all that matters are exciting theories. Don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up. What the public doesn't know, we won't tell them.

There ought to be a great comedy for the stage in this somewhere. Don't go out to the barn to count how many teeth the horse has, theorize. To paraphrase Tom Lehrer, let no one else's theory evade your eyes. Theorize.

This is a parody of science.

Stan Friedman

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## Inevitable Tunguska Backlash From Scientists

From: **Dante Rosati** <[dante.nul](mailto:dante.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 18:21:55 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 05:27:41 -0400  
Subject: Inevitable Tunguska Backlash From Scientists

I'm having fun watching this story spread and see where it turns up. I agree with the following two reports that the chance that actual "alien" technology has been recovered is slim at best, but it will be interesting to see what was found out there on the blasted heath.

[http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/tunguska\\_event\\_040812.html](http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/tunguska_event_040812.html)

<http://msnbc.msn.com/id/5686713/>

Dante

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>From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 13:14:41 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: The MUFON Conundrum - Part II

>>From: Michael Brownlee <[michael.nul](mailto:michael.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 19:52:04 -0700  
>>Subject: The MUFON Conundrum - Part II

>>Where does Bassett himself stand on the election? "I don't  
>>care who's president," he says, "disclosure has to happen."

>What a pathetic viewpoint.

Now lets look at your reactionary and unconstructive one.

>While clearly standing outside the mainstream in the essence of  
>his views,

I'm astonished that you could lead your debate with this. You propound this like you thought a mainstream, such as it is, was acceptable. If the mainstream 'was' the mainstream you'd have the beginnings of a stronger but still failing argument Mr. Brock... but the mainstream, as it is inflicted upon us, does not have the verity you would airily assign. Instead, it is an ongoing propaganda, a fiction, a convenience for the administrators of it. Mr. Bassett can hardly be taken to task and disparagingly criticized for recognizing that he is, and we all are, mere objects of the crassest kinds of duplicitous manipulation, marginalization, and oppression. Lies, fear, and loathing. Myself, I abhor the mainstream as an artful lie, a pointed disrespect for the individual, and a tool of the few against the many. It's not a 'good' thing, Sir.

>Stephen Basset shares one characteristic with his  
>fellow Americans of more mundane outlook: he's single-minded,  
>unable (or unwilling, for whatever reason) to focus on more than  
>one issue at a time.

That's a laugh. We're only criticized on our single-mindedness when we're not being criticized for our lack of focus, short attention span, and inability to see a problem in depth.

>With the right combination of circumstances, not caring who's  
>president and caring only about "disclosure," could conceivably  
>be Mr. Basset's undoing.

I think you missed Mr. Bassett's point, Mr. Brock. It doesn't matter who the president is or even if we don't presently have a president - which we don't in my opinion. It doesn't matter who your prime minister, warlord, or tribal chief is, either. At the whim of sociopaths, you and I exist at the convenience of the few in our non-elected leadership, cling to our illusion of real freedom, and hope we escape their notice as we eat, sleep, and breed. It's the creative stuff outside the box that provides the satisfactions beyond eating, sleeping, and breeding.

It's disclosure that is the cure for all that monotonous

futility of E,S & B, Mr. Brock. Disclosure does have to happen. It's disclosure that will revalidate culture and society because it will of needs be based more on reality than is presently endured. We walk the edge to think a different thought, qualify our freedoms, aspire to touch truth on the face. Your naivet=E9 with regard to that could be your undoing and eventual despair, Sir.

>He probably hasn't thought of that, though.

Well - he's thought past his bias, deigned to look behind the curtain, stepped out of the box, read from more of the forbidden index... It may be his thinking is well past what little original thinking you display here. It may be he spreads his arms and soars to more of the infinite, leaving far behind him what you perceive far before you. Though, you probably hadn't thought of that.

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## Grenada

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lflaming6.nul](mailto:lflaming6.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 18:30:36 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 05:33:13 -0400  
Subject: Grenada

After having brought up the subject of Grenada in an off-hand way, I did a little additional reading and I feel I should clarify my previous comment. The effort by Grenada to bring the subject of UFOs before the United Nations happened two coups d'etat before the invasion by the United States.

A brief outline of its recent history is at:

<http://www.iexplore.com/dmap/Grenada/History>

Eric Gairy, deposed in coup #1, was a leader of the Grenadian independence movement but had gotten the reputation of a corrupt tyrant by the time of the coup, which happened shortly after the UFO business.

Whatever crimes Gairy was guilty of, at least he did provide Dr. Allen Hynek the opportunity to speak to the UN General Assembly about UFOs:

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/documents/doc757.htm>

Hynek's closing statement was:

"The UFO phenomenon, as studied by my colleagues and myself, bespeaks the action of some form of intelligence... but whence this intelligence springs, whether it is truly extra-terrestrial, or bespeaks a higher reality not yet recognized by science, or even if it be in some way or another a strange psychic manifestation of our own intelligence, is much the question. We seek your help, Mr. Chairman, in assisting scientists, and particularly those already associated with the many formal and informal investigative organizations around the world, by providing a clearing house procedure whereby the work already going on globally can be brought together in a serious, concentrated approach to this most outstanding challenge to current science."

It's too bad the UN didn't act on Hynek's proposal, but the UN has a hard time getting its act together about anything.

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## Even Drudge Report Highlights Tunguska Story

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 19:32:50 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 05:35:12 -0400  
Subject: Even Drudge Report Highlights Tunguska Story

I was suprised and not suprised that the popular website  
[www.drudgereport.com](http://www.drudgereport.com) highlighted the Tunguska story today,  
08-12-04

Of course it linked to space.com's story focusing on the  
skepticism. Which ain't a bad thing considering the numerous  
hoaxes perpetrated over the years but what was funny is that the  
first scientific quote used in the story is:

"a rather stupid hoax,"

Mind you there's far better scientific information buried lower  
in the story, but the first quote is " a rather stupid hoax," ?

Reminds me of the old Grade B " Plan 9 From Outer Space "  
dialogue.

Sure the Russian claims are fantastic and it's going to take a  
helluva lot of evidence, no... proof.

Best,

Greg

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## Roswell Debris & 'Smart Skin'

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 19:37:57 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 05:36:57 -0400  
Subject: Roswell Debris & 'Smart Skin'

Roswell Debris Reports & Popular Science's Story On 'Smart Skin'

Saw this story at Popular Science. I giggled as it reminds me of the stories from the Roswell incident about material that behaved in a similar manner.

<http://www.popsci.com/popsci/science/article/0,12543,676853,00.html>

Best,

Greg

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## Alien Toy Mistaken For Human Foetus

From: **Geoff Dittman** <[ggd.nul](mailto:ggd.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 19:14:18 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 05:42:40 -0400  
Subject: Alien Toy Mistaken For Human Foetus

From Urban Legends e-mail List:

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From: Brian Chapman <[wt046.nul](mailto:wt046.nul)>  
To: urban legends <[urban-legends.nul](mailto:urban-legends.nul)>

I've got reports from as far back as Nov 1999 of toy aliens being mistaken for human fetuses.

<http://www.sunderlandtoday.co.uk/ViewArticle2.aspx?SectionID=1107&ArticleID=829662>

Sunderland Today - 28 July 2004

Alien toy mistaken for human foetus

Police sealed off part of a busy Sunderland street after reports a human foetus had been discovered on the steps of the Mowbray Park Hotel.

But a closer examination by forensic experts revealed the suspicious bundle was something out-of-this world - a plastic alien toy.

A cordon was put up around the city centre hotel at 1pm yesterday after a member of the public reported seeing a human foetus covered in paper on the steps.

Paramedics were called to Toward Road and reported the find to police. Inspector John Freeman, from Sunderland Police, said: "There are certain procedures we have to follow and we cordoned off a small part of the pavement in order to preserve the scene.

"Scenes of crimes officers and CID supervision were then notified and we waited for medical advice before deciding exactly what to do." Bemused shopkeepers and members of the public watched as forensic experts in white suits examined the 10-inch long bundle.

Inspector Freeman added: "Scenes of crimes officers removed the small object which turned out to be a plastic-alien baby.

"It had been partly covered in paper which may have added to the confusion surrounding what exactly it was."

This is not the first time the toys have sparked a major police alert.

In February, a police cordon was thrown around a Shotton Colliery house at Bruce Glazier Terrace after the discovery of one of the toys. The synthetic alien babies are sold in their own slime and are foetus-shaped.

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<http://www.barnsleytoday.co.uk/ViewArticle2.aspx?SectionID=86&ArticleID=836238>

Barnsley Today [UK] - 10 Aug 2004

'Dead foetus' in bag is alien baby toy, say police

A major police investigation was launched in Barnsley after reports that a dead foetus had been found in a bag.

Uniformed officers, scenes of crime experts and even a top police surgeon were drafted in and CID put on alert after a former ambulance driver called the police to tell them of her gruesome find.

But after the major scramble of all the police resources it was discovered it was in fact not a dead foetus - but an alien baby toy!

Today police insisted they had reacted properly to the situation, but admitted now they had identified the 2.60 "Alien baby in an Egg" toy, they were not listing the find in their 'X-Files'.

The call to police was made just after 6pm on Sunday night when the woman told officers she had found a bag in the Blacker Hill area which contained what appeared to be a dead foetus. She said she could see tiny fingers and that the 5 -6in long foetus was a green colour. An acting Sgt went to the address and he confirmed that he could make out what looked like two small legs and an arm and the full police operation was swung into action.

Inspector Mark Spooner said: "It is very easy to be wise with hindsight, but at the time we thought we were dealing with what could have been a very serious situation.

"Scenes of crime officers were called out along with a police surgeon, and CID were notified that we could be dealing with what could have been a major investigation.

"We have to follow correct procedures when something like this is reported to us and we ensure we preserve any potential evidence."

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<http://www.nwemail.co.uk/news/viewarticle.aspx?id=122940>

North-West Evening Mail [UK] - 10 Aug 2004

#### ALIEN TOY SPARKS DUMPED BABY ALERT

A supermarket car park was cordoned off after a child's toy was mistaken for a dumped foetus.

Dalton Co-op staff were distressed by the find on Saturday.

A nurse doing some shopping alerted store manager, Joanne Dunne, that she had found a foetus lying in the Market Street supermarket's car-park, close to the recycling bins.

Ms Dunne said: "She said that it was about 12 weeks old. When we touched it with a stick it looked like a baby because its skin was all squashy. The nurse said it looked fresh."

Staff cordoned off the area and called police at 11.25am. Police officers and CID were called to the Co-op - but they still thought that the baby was real, so a doctor was called.

The doctor eventually identified the foetus as an Alien Cosmolight. The 3 children's toy is an alien foetus encased in a plastic egg which flashes when jolted.

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## Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 16:13:42 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 06:19:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 16:49:32 -0400  
>Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

>>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 17:32:35 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

>>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 23:46:41 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

<snip>

>>>All meteoroids have elliptical paths in the solar system, and  
>>>retardation by atmospheric passage only modifies the properties  
>>>of the ellipse, constantly across time, but does not alter it to  
>>>a parabolic course. ...

>>We'd better persue this trajectory question a bit further lest  
>>any readers receive bum dope.

>Jim, FYI, I don't give out "bum dope", and I doubt many readers  
>are worried about your mistaken view of the mathematical  
>properties of meteor trajectories.....

>A bullet's trajectory in the denser, lower atmosphere is, of  
>course, quite different (from a meteor's before retardation),  
>but I don't buy any claim a bullet fired upward at any angle  
>from the horizontal follows a parabolic trajectory. My physics  
>professor taught me differently, and maybe I was taught  
>incorrectly, but doubt that would be the case.

Hello Ray,

I take this to be mean that you now accept that the bullet's  
trajectory is a parabola, when fired horizontally, until air  
resistance causes significant deviation. Good.

However, its trajectory under the condition of negligible air  
resistance is still parabolic even when the bullet is fired at  
an angle from the horizontal. Your physics professor must have  
gotten careless for a moment. You could try:

<http://216.239.57.104/search?>

[q=cache](#)

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in order to check this out. The derivation's algebra is merely  
simpler when the projectile is fired horizontally.

So G. Duncan Fletcher knew what he was talking about, when  
describing the meteor's or bullet's trajectory in the close  
vicinity of the Earth as a parabola (not an ellipse), in  
simplest terms. He shouldn't be faulted on that account.

Jim Deardorff

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lfl Fleming6.nul](mailto:lfl Fleming6.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 20:11:36 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 06:22:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Fleming

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 23:40:36 +0100  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>From: Lan Fleming <[lfl Fleming6.nul](mailto:lfl Fleming6.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 15:50:14 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sun, 8 Aug 2004 09:05:28 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>>>From: Lan Fleming <[lfl Fleming6.nul](mailto:lfl Fleming6.nul)>  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Fri, 06 Aug 2004 21:36:24 -0500  
>>>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>>>That's not completely true; the authenticity of the Barauna  
>>>>photographs was endorsed by the Brazilian government at the  
>>>>time. The photos were sufficiently clear to reduce some  
>>>>contemporary "skeptics" into alleging they were fakes  
>>>>perpetrated using 21st Century computer technology - back in the  
>>>>1950's.

>>>What nonsense. This is a complete re-writing of history. The  
>>>Brazilian government did not 'endorse' the photographs, but made  
>>>an ambiguous statement which seemed mainly designed to avoid  
>>>having to discuss the matter any further.

>>What ludicrous psychobabble. The Brazilian Navy's report stated  
>>(as presented on the CUFOS web site):

>>"After Brazil=B9s House of Representatives demanded further  
>>information from the Navy, it was given a secret report on the  
>>official investigation. The document was leaked in October 1964  
>>to Coral Lorenzen, director of APRO. After reviewing the various  
>>sightings and the January 16 photographs, its author, Corvette-  
>>Capt. Jose Geraldo Brandao, concluded that the 'existence of  
>>personal reports and of photographic evidence, of certain value  
>>considering the circumstance involved [absence of evidence of  
>>tampering, the presence of other witnesses], permit the  
>>admission that there are indications of the existence of  
>>unidentified aerial objects.' He also noted the "strong  
>>emotional upset... in all persons who sighted the object,  
>>including the photographer, civilians, and members of the ship=B9s  
>>crew"

>It's worth noting that the phrases in square brackets are Mr  
>Fleming's insertions.

Wrong. The comments in brackets were as they appear on the CUFOS  
web site:

[http://www.cufos.org/trindade fs1.html](http://www.cufos.org/trindade_fs1.html)

I suppose they were added either by Jerry Clark, who wrote the

article, or by the investigators who originally learned of the Brazilian navy document on the incident. (I haven't seen the full report, but I'd like to).

>Without this, the statement is rather more  
>ambiguous, with typical weasel phrases such as "of certain  
>value...", "permit the admission that..." and "there are  
>indications that..."

What Mr. Rimmer tries to spin as "weasel" phrasing, a more objective person would see as obviously a responsible statement that did not go beyond the available evidence. What else was he going to say - that the photographs proved that Brazil had been invaded by "space aliens?" I'll bet Mr. Rimmer would have like that.

<snip>

>>>The present-day  
>>>>sceptics have made no such allegations about 21st century  
>>>>computer technology.  
>>>The debate is fully archived on this List, I suggest you re-read  
>>>it.

>>I suggest Mr. Rimmer re-read it (or rather, "re-desconstruct"  
>>it, since that's what psychobabble enthusiasts seem to prefer  
>>doing rather than actually reading things). Here was my comment  
>>on Mr. Barauna's apparently remarkable powers to travel into the  
>>future and acquire technology not available to the average  
>>person - or even scientists - back in the 1950's.

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/nov/m17-005.shtml>

>In this posting Mr Fleming is criticising the Brazilian  
>researcher Kentaro Mori for using a digital technique to  
>simulate the type of double-exposure methods Barauna might have  
>adopted. At no point does Mori suggest that Barauna used digital  
>technology, and Mr Fleming suggests above.

>As it is obvious to anybody that a 1950s photographer could not  
>use modern-day digital techniques, ...

It's only obvious to someone who has a slight familiarity with the history of digital image-processing technology\_and\_who happens to think about it long enough to see beyond the hand-waving.

>Mr Fleming must be suggesting  
>that either that Kentaro Mori is aware of this and is  
>deliberately lying, or that he is too stupid to recognise the  
>fact. Which is it?

You'd have to ask him why he put up that silly web page. All I know is that it's highly misleading to support a claim of hoaxing with images produced by processing techniques that are absurdly anachronistic for the time of the alleged hoax. I'll try to be more charitable than Mr. Rimmer usually is and assume that Kentaro, in his zeal to debunk the Trindade incident, didn't realize the illogic of what he was doing. It looks like an act of thoughtless desperation more than anything else. That's my own "psychosocial" theory, at least.

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## Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lflaming6.nul](mailto:lflaming6.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 20:19:15 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 06:25:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For

>From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 02:14:20 -0700  
>Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For Extraterrestrial Life

<snip>

>While watching CNN's "Are We Alone" program I noticed that they  
>showed the Weekly World News issue that had the headline of  
>"ALIEN BABY FOUND ON MARS". It showed Mars landscape in the  
>background. The foreground was composed of a dying African child  
>with protruding ribs, a big distended belly, and a head that  
>appeared huge next to its shrunken body. It was topped off with  
>large and protruding eyeballs staring at the reader.

>That is really the sickest of tabloid exploitation! Take a dying  
>child who by now most likely passed away from starvation and try  
>to palm it off as a Mars alien baby. The publisher needs a  
>shave with BS rubbed all over his face for shaving cream.

Isn't it equally disgusting that CNN, supposedly a responsible  
news organization, would use such exploitative junk? I didn't  
see the program, but I assume that the motive was, as usual, to  
associate legitimate UFO research with cheap tabloids. The  
Weekly World News is garbage. And so, increasingly, is CNN.

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## Re: Russians Claim To Have Found Remains Of Craft

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lflaming6.nul](mailto:lflaming6.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 20:43:09 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 06:28:16 -0400  
Subject: Re: Russians Claim To Have Found Remains Of Craft

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>,  
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 14:43:29 -0400  
>Subject: Russians Claim To Have Found Remains Of Craft

>Source: Xin Hua Net

>[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2004-08/12/content\\_1766126.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2004-08/12/content_1766126.htm)

>08-12-04

>Russians Claim To Have Found Remains Of Alien Craft

>BEIJING (Xinhuanet) -- Russian scientists said they have  
>discovered the wreck of an alien device at the site of an  
>unexplained explosion in Siberia almost a hundred years ago,  
>China Daily reported today, citing the Interfax news agency as  
>the source.

>The scientists, who belong to the Tunguska space phenomenon  
>public state fund, said they found the remains of an extra-  
>terrestrial device that allegedly crashed near the Tunguska  
>river in Siberia in 1908.

>Their findings also include a 50-kilogram (110-pound) rock which  
>they have sent to the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk for analysis.

I'm kind of puzzled about why a rock is of any great  
significance if the scientists found the remains of an alien  
spacecraft.

I guess the rock might have traces of radioactivity or anomalous  
materials, but given that the original source of the story  
apparently was Pravda, I'm inclined to suspect that it may be a  
bit of tabloid nonsense that diffused its way into the general  
media for some reason.

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## Re: Question About Artists And

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>Date: Sun, 08 Aug 2004 01:00:21 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>(Find anyone who really likes modern classical "atonal" music  
>- it's only there because it's composed by the posing rich -  
>who have no talent for real music)

I like it.

Or, rather, I like it when it's good, just as I like 18th century classical music or 20th century jazz or 21st century pop when they're good. I especially like Webern, but today I was listening quite happily to Schoenberg.

I've even written "modern classical atonal music." What a strange notion, that only posing rich people write it! Ray, would you care to name some names? In my experience - 30 years as a classical music professional - this kind of music is written (at least at the present time) by reclusive, dedicated, slightly nerdy people who don't expect fame or fortune. They don't expect fame or fortune because they'll never find either, writing music in this unpopular style. They're not rich at all. They're lucky if they get a grant now and then, or land a teaching job at a university.

And if you go back into the past, to the people who pioneered atonal music - Schoenberg, for instance - you certainly don't find rich poseurs. Schoenberg at one point had as regular income only a tiny pension, after he reached mandatory retirement age and had to retire from his teaching job at the University of California. He supplemented that pension (less than \$50 a month) with private teaching. To add insult to injury, he'd be asked to evaluate candidates for major grants, even though he himself was turned down when he applied.

There's no reason you should like this music - to each his own poison - but there's no need to spread nonsense about the people who write it.

Greg Sandow

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## The MUFON Conundrum - Part III

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The MUFON Conundrum - Part III

Abductions - The Weight Of The Evidence

Special to [www.CosmicTribune.com](http://www.CosmicTribune.com)

by Michael Brownlee

What MUFON refers to as "UFO abduction" is for many people a disturbingly uncomfortable subject, and researchers and authors who specialize in this phenomenon are frequently met with great skepticism and derision even by UFO researchers. Nevertheless, MUFON briefly yielded its symposium podium to two individuals who for decades have been studying "the most controversial aspect of the UFO phenomenon."

First up was Deborah Lindemann, a Colorado-based clinical hypnotherapist whose focus is not research but "the well-being of my clients." Her work has ranged beyond abduction and extraterrestrial contact into territory routinely viewed as "new age"-unusual and mystical experiences including out-of-body and near-death experiences, reincarnation/past-life, life after death, contact with "the other side," and angel encounters. These are clearly not the province of MUFON research. Nevertheless, she clearly has access to important data of great interest to UFO researchers.

Accordingly, Lindemann conservatively limited her presentation to the telltale signatures of extraordinary technology present in her abduction cases. She said she has found a consistent "forensic blueprint" in these cases which points to "unworldly implications" (suggesting that the perpetrators of these events are extraterrestrial, or at least non-human).

Sensing a shift in recent abduction patterns, she noted "more of a boldness in the way they're showing up." This is in apparent contrast to the extraordinary level of "camouflage" that has apparently shrouded so many abduction cases.

Lindemann presented "the tapestry of the alien signature" in a rapid review of numerous individual cases, including the bizarre story of Stan Romanek, a Lakewood, Colorado resident who has experienced at least four abductions over the last three years and continues to be harassed by otherworldly intruders. Lindemann's presentation included a series of dramatic video clips of some of Romanek's encounters (see <http://www.rense.com/general46/stan1.html> for more information about this case).

Abduction cases, she says, are often characterized by physical trace evidence, including wounds and scars, fluorescence of skin that has been in direct contact with abductors, and implants that can be observed radiologically and sometimes even surgically removed. She also cites the frequent use of unexplained technology, such as mysterious (and often-photographed) orbs of light which by some accounts occasionally "morph into little grays."

Another form of technology characterizing many these cases,

Lindemann says, is the apparent ability to move abductees through solid walls or transport them to hovering craft via a coherent light beam.

Of particular interest to Lindemann is the phenomenon of "out-of-place knowledge," where unusual information will suddenly and inexplicably "pour out" of an abductee. Here, ordinary citizens may spontaneously draw complex mathematical equations and symbols, or describe detailed schematics for propulsion systems or other seemingly technologically advanced devices. Lindemann calls this phenomenon "hypercommunication," meaning that the information is simply "downloaded" to abductees. "They don't know what to do with it," she says.

Curiously, as Lindemann notes, when these impressive sketches are examined by scientists, they rarely reveal anything new, useful, or verifiable. They do, however, provide grist for endless speculation and fascination, raising the possibility that they may be intended as a form of distraction (if so, the strategy is quite successful!).

Another crucial marker of abduction cases, she says, is "the profound emotional impact these encounters have upon individuals." While this is the primary focus of Lindemann's therapeutic work with abductees, she carefully refrained from detailing this aspect of abduction for her MUFON audience, preferring instead to simply conclude that "the evidence for alien contact is robust and undeniable."

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In the field of UFO research, Budd Hopkins is a legendary figure, perhaps having brought more public exposure to the issue of abduction than anyone else. Over the last three decades, his pioneering efforts to understand "the systematic abduction of human beings by UFO occupants" have spurred such credentialed academics as John Mack and David Jacobs to specialize in this unique field of research.

Though an artist by training and profession, Hopkins' careful investigations and well-documented discoveries-derived from working directly with more than a thousand abductees, often using hypnosis-have formed the basis of much of what we now know about such encounters. In 1989, he founded the Intruders Foundation, which focuses on research and public education regarding the abduction enigma.

When Budd Hopkins speaks, the UFO/ET research community listens. And at the MUFON symposium in Denver, he did not disappoint. Tasked with presenting the medical evidence for abduction, Hopkins reviewed a veritable avalanche of cases to graphically illustrate the mysterious visible signs that appear on the bodies of victims.

To begin, he showed numerous photographs of now-familiar "scoop marks," odd oval-shaped or round surface depressions-sometimes quite deep-where flesh has apparently been scooped out from under the skin. As he demonstrated in slide after slide, these bizarre marks often appear on people's legs-usually along their shins, on their thighs, and near the knees-immediately after an abduction experience.

A scoop mark apparently resembles a "punch biopsy," Hopkins says, a commonly-performed medical procedure (performed under anesthetic) used to diagnose abnormal skin growths or tumors, where a thin cylinder of tissue is removed for analysis.

Other marks that Hopkins routinely sees are inexplicable bruises and elaborate patterns that appear burned into the skin.

Perhaps less well known are dramatic straight-line incisions, sometimes several inches long. As Hopkins' photographs dramatically demonstrated, there is little room for doubt that a significant surgical operation has been performed in such cases. Like scoop marks, these precise cuts leave lasting and sometimes significantly disfiguring scars.

Characteristically, says Hopkins, such cuts and scoop marks not only appear overnight but usually are already completely healed-with no blood, no pain, no swelling of tissues, and no signs of sutures. "These are permanent marks that baffle the doctors," he



says.

Hopkins suggests that while such external marks are prominent, the beings responsible for abductions seem to be primarily interested in human reproductive organs and the central nervous system. For instance, he has studied several abductees with "implants," small metallic objects embedded deep within their skulls, revealed by x-rays and other radiological reports. These are apparently injected directly into the interior of the brain—sometimes through the eye sockets, according to Hopkins. Since such implants can only be detected radiologically, they are rarely reported and even more rarely seen by researchers.

Although Hopkins would not speculate as to why strange implants are being forced into people's skulls, the clear implication is that large numbers of abductees unknowingly carry such implants in their bodies.

"I wish we had more precise evidence to back these things up," he said, apologizing for his apparent lack of rigor in documenting such anomalies.

However, he made it clear that his research indicates that UFO abductees are often the victims of even more radical and invasive procedures. He recounted several cases where routine medical examination or surgery revealed suddenly missing fallopian tubes or ovaries in women. Similar procedures happen to men as well, he says, as testicles are sometimes removed or "shrunk to the size of a pea."

Hopkins also reported a new development in recent abductions, "severe and sudden bleeding from the bladder" in men, a particularly extreme and dangerous symptom that requires immediate medical attention. In addition, he described cases of extreme mutilation of genitalia in both women and men.

All of these cases represent true "medical mysteries," he says. In other words, there is no way of explaining in medical terms what has happened to these abductees.

While Hopkins has written and spoken elsewhere about the increasing number of reports of "disappearing pregnancies," or the painful emotional trauma that frequently haunts abductees, he chose not to discuss these at the MUFON symposium. Surely these are an important part of "the medical evidence," but apparently not deemed appropriate for this audience.

Why do abductees so often display one or more of the kinds of medical evidence Hopkins reports? "I am the first to say I don't know," he says. "We need to look into these cases very seriously, and we need medical help."

While Hopkins has pioneered the identification of persistent patterns in abduction scenarios, an occasional case goes far beyond these patterns. In October last year, researchers Rob and Sue Switek consulted with Hopkins on a highly unusual case in which a man suffered severe burning of his lungs during an abduction encounter. His captors reportedly said they were "sorry we hurt you," and promised not to leave him unattended. Hopkins reports that medical examinations have revealed a burn pattern in the man's lungs "so symmetrical that it must be mechanical." The victim, now 33, needs a double lung transplant in order to survive.

To Hopkins, UFO abduction occurs far more frequently than most of us would like to believe. A Roper Poll he helped design suggests that up to 2.9 million Americans may be abductees. Meanwhile, the phenomenon continues unabated. "Probably right now in Denver somebody is going up the chute," Hopkins said.

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## Re: The MUFON Conundrum - Part II - Bassett

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>Subject: Re: The MUFON Conundrum - Part II

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>>Subject: The MUFON Conundrum - Part II

>>Where does Bassett himself stand on the election? "I don't  
>>care who's president," he says, "disclosure has to happen."

>What a pathetic viewpoint.

>While clearly standing outside the mainstream in the essence of  
>his views, Stephen Basset shares one characteristic with his  
>fellow Americans of more mundane outlook: he's single-minded,  
>unable (or unwilling, for whatever reason) to focus on more than  
>one issue at a time.

>With the right combination of circumstances, not caring who's  
>president and caring only about "disclosure," could conceivably  
>be Mr. Basset's undoing.

>He probably hasn't thought of that, though.

>Rod Brock

As the world's leading authority on what I think about (or don't  
think about), permit me to clarify Michael's characterization.

I care very much who is President of the United States and will  
vote in November to assert that intention. With respect to which  
president effectuates disclosure, I do not care. Think Nixon  
opening China.

As for single mindedness, I confess. Does that mean I am not  
aware of other issues? No. I am immersed in national and  
international news coverage on a daily basis. When I conducted  
an activist campaign for congress, it was appropriate to put  
forth dozens of positions. That is what is expected of a  
candidate - even one challenging the ET truth embargo.

Without diminishing the importance of any other issue, I would  
maintain the matter of "disclosure" is of transcendent  
importance. Further, one cannot be all things at all times. I am  
an activist for disclosure. It is a full plate, and there is not  
a host of full time advocates in this genre.

It is also important to note that disclosure of the  
extraterrestrial presence and the fact of an engagement of the  
human race by such beings is as nonpartisan as it gets. It  
requires the attention of everyone. My personal views on the  
myriad of other issues is not relevant and would only serve to  
divide support for the disclosure process.

After disclosure has taken place, all of the other matters

facing the earth and the life upon it will still be there. It is only hoped that paradigm change will open new doors and create new options to deal with these issues in a fashion more effective than what is now unfolding on the world stage.

I hope this is helpful, and I very much appreciate Michael Brownlee's effort to further examine the very interesting option of a political addition to MUFON's mission statement.

Steve Bassett

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## Beam Me Out Scotty - The Farewell Dinner

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Beam Me Out Scotty - The Farewell Dinner

Source: The Alzheimer's Research Foundation

<http://www.alzinfo.org/startrek/>

James Doohan is best known to Star Trek fans as Scotty (Montgomery Scott), the chief engineer aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise. On August 28, the iconic Doohan will be honored at a dinner at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel.

With the recent announcement that James Doohan has Alzheimer's disease, the dinner and tribute will be a fundraiser to help support Alzheimer's Disease Research. This occasion will be a star-studded event unlike any Star Trek celebration before.

Join stars of the hit show, along with other celebrities and those at the forefront of science to pay tribute to Doohan and raise funds for The Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation. We invite you to attend and sit down to a sumptuous meal, prepared by Wolfgang Puck Catering and Events, and reminisce with other fans about your favorite Star Trek moments.

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## HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings - 06-12-04

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Subject: HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings - 06-12-04

HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings

Jackson, Mississippi Disc/Saucer Shaped Craft

Date: May 3, 2004  
Time: Daytime sighting

It was a gorgeous, bright and sunny day! Temps were in the 70s. It was disc/saucer-shaped. Based on where it was in comparison to the building it was hovering over I'd have to say it was at a good and certain 20-30 feet long. I was checking on my local television station's webcam over downtown Jackson, Mississippi, which in traveling distance is about 15 minutes from me. It was hovering above the Standard Life Insurance building which is the tallest building we have here in Jackson. It's no skyscraper, but a tall building nonetheless and the disc was hovering about 50-70 feet, at most, above the roof just to the right of the building and it was tilted a bit sideways...that caught my eye immediately. It was metallic silver in color. I don't really know what you mean by texture, but it appeared smooth in appearance if that helps.

Q. - Could you please describe the area in which you made the sighting. Is it near an airport? An Air Force Base? A military or research installation of any kind? If you know the names of any, or all this would be great.

A. - Downtown Jackson, MS, which is the capital here and it is a typical downtown area with a lot of businesses. It is not very close to Jackson's airport, but is about a good half an hour from it and no military bases or installations of any kind in our area here.

Q. - Did you happen to see any aircraft in the area around the time of the sighting? Before, during or just afterwards?

A. - No, none at all before, during, or afterwards...and I was checking specifically for that. Also, since it was the middle of the day the traffic choppers were not out. In addition to this, no chopper or any other aircraft would be flying that low above such a tall building. This was no aircraft however. It was extremely visible on the cam as a disc/saucer shaped craft. If it had been anything else it would have been extremely easy to tell...I had that good and clear of a shot of it.

It hovered for about 2 minutes and then zip, zip, zoom, GONE!  
Took off in the blink of an eye and left no chemtrails.

Obviously since it was a webcam I had no sound capabilities so I can't tell you if there was any sound, but I'd venture to take a guess and say it did not make any sound based on experience with these "UFOs". It seemed to have a fuzziness around the edges even though it was a very definitive shape. If you've ever seen a professional photograph taken with a soft focus lens then that is what it was like. It makes the subject in the photo soft around the edges but still very, very definable. Many photographers use soft focus lenses when taking wedding pictures for the soft and romantic effect. (I'm a shutterbug so know a

little about this stuff...do my own black and white processing, developing, etc.). One more thing...I read somewhere on a UFO reporting sight (and I'm sorry I simply do not remember what site) about a UFO spotted over downtown Jackson just a few weeks or couple or so months prior to my sighting! I don't remember the descriptive details either, but I do remember seeing that report !

Thank you very much to the witness for their report.

UFOINFO and HBCC UFO Research were involved in this report.

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Dallas Texas, Triangular Lights

Date: April 22, 2004  
Time: Approx: 7:30 p.m.

Hi Brian

This was just after the sun went down on 04-22-04 about 7:30 p.m..I was mostly taping the sunset earlier when I saw this light in the southwest sky.Thinking it was probably a plane,I went ahead and zoomed in on it.It was really high because it seemed to be reflecting the sun still.When I zoomed in on it,I noticed it didn't look like a plane,it was triangle shaped.I'm sending you several grabs for you to look at to see what you think.If you need more info,let me know.

Additional Information:

On the sighting of 04-22-04, I observed the object approximately one minute. The leading light/ball was the most prominent, but the other two were glowing brighter at times. I can't say for sure if the lights/balls came together in a tight formation or formed into one light. The best I could tell was that it was triangular and had a light/ball in each corner. It's direction of travel was heading southwest in a straight line. The direction it was traveling, it had to have flown right over my head, but I never heard it, just saw the light afterwards. Thanks for looking at this Brian..Later my friend.

P.S. I'm sending you the whole taping on two clips, this one now, the second one soon as this one goes. Maybe you can get better grabs off these than I can, my software's not too great. If I send too big of a clip, it locks down my e-mail. Both clips are approximately 25 seconds each. I'm sending you the second one now. I forgot to tell you that a jet with a contrail was coming from the west (Dallas) right after I lost the light, came right over me, of course I taped it. The light was long gone before it got here. It was a large jet (passenger or chemtrailer)

Thank you to the witness for the report, pictures and video clip.

To view pictures:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1724>

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Barriere B.C. Near Kamloops B.C. Bright Light

Date: July 16, 2004  
Time: 12:07 a.m.

Number of witnesses: 3  
Number of objects: 1  
Shape of objects: A bright light moving faster then the airplane.

Full Description of event/sighting: We were visiting friends in Barriere B.C., it was after midnight and we were outside in the back yard because it was so hot in there house. Our friends live on property and there are no streetlights, there is nothing.

I know stars twinkle, and planets are very bright depending on the time of year and all that. I also know planes especially at night have those flashing lights on the tail part of the plane.

I was looking at the big dipper, little dipper and the sky in general. I saw a plane in the left part of the sky, and underneath where the plane was, another light was very bright and moving much faster than the airplane, I was glad to have an example of that planes speed because that other light was not a plane, it was something else , no flashing lights, just a brighter light going super fast !

I called to (removed) and his wife to look at this in the sky, I said "what the heck is that?" (name removed) and his wife looked up and I pointed to the plane and said see that, well look slightly below it, what the heck is that thing going really fast !

Don't tell me that's a plane because it is nothing like that plane, aircraft normally don't go that speed. (name removed) who believes in nothing, actually said he has seen that twice before, going that crazy speed. He said it was a UFO, only because it goes fast then quickly disappears. Also something in me said it wasn't human. Did anyone out there witness something in the sky that night, and if so what could that be.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Phoenix, Arizona White Orb

Date: August 3, 2004  
Time: 7:00 p.m.

This little nugget I captured is my second favorite video in my archive. This is the one and only orb out of 50 I have on video that flashes like this. I went out in the backyard like I always do around 7:00 p.m. to look around for UFOs and I saw this orb coming over my house heading Northeast. I was somewhat excited but as you know I see these orbs all the time and I taped it just in case it did something else other than pass by out of sight. It was a clear day, no breeze and around 7:00 p.m.. The altitude of the object was approximately 3000'-5000'. It's always hard to tell how high these are but the size and clarity was better than usual so that's just my guess compared to others I've taped. I had the camera on a tripod but it wasn't working with me and the video is a little jumpy. The actual movement of the object was in a straight line slowing down and speeding back to normal. When the object lit up it was so bright that you can easily see it with your naked eye but when it was not lit up it was difficult to see. As usual I had the camera on it and it shows me moving the camera around on the tripod until it stopped shaking. That's why the object moves so much. You can see how it moves when I stop moving. It was going about 5-10 mph to the N.E. until it vanished out of my sight. Very exciting. Thank you again and I will talk to you soon.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Halifax, Nova Scotia Unusual Object

Date: August 5, 2004  
Time: Approx: 8:30 p.m.

Brian,

Thanks for the reply. Sounds good. I think this one is probably explainable because of the military bases near by but well see what you can find out.

The details are simple.

Location: Halifax, Nova Scotia (see attached map)

Date: Aug 5th, 2004 around 8:30 PM Camera: Digital Canon  
Powershot A70 set to size 1600x1200 set on full auto. Operator:  
me

We were driving in to town, heading south along Highway 118 (in Dartmouth still) just were it turns into Woodlands drive when I noticed them from the back left passenger seat. I rolled down



the window and took a few pictures as best I could when the car was slow or stopped. That would put them approximately out over the Halifax Harbour between Dartmouth and Halifax. They seemed to be stationary or if they were moving they must have been very slow (or at high altitude). The reason I thought they were bizarre is that if they were at altitude, I expect to see at least a short vapour trail. If they were low, I would have been able to see detail and they would have appeared to be moving faster with respect to my position. If they were moving, I would say it was in a northerly direction, with one object slightly to the east and behind (south) the other one.

Anyway, they really don't look much different in the photo than in reality even though the photos aren't great. I was hoping to get some detail later when I loaded the photos onto the computer and zoomed in but the quality isn't good enough. They just look like spots. Some of the photos have the tops of buildings in them that give an idea of how fast we were going. One catches a power line which shows that I was nearly stationary but there are still few details. One is really out of focus but I snapped a bunch to see what I could get. The sky seems pretty light in the photos for 8:30 now that I look at them but I think I'm right because we were supposed to be in by 8:00 and we were ~1/2 an hour late.

Let me know if you find anything out. Have fun.

Regards

Thank you to the witness for the report and photos.

Pictures can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1704>

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Kingsland, Texas Bizarre Picture Of ?

Date: August 8, 2004

Time: 11:30 p.m.

It was about 11:30 p.m., I stepped out my back door and it was very dark. I couldn't see any stars but I thought I would just point my camera at the sky and see if I could get anything. Well I was surprised when this, whatever it is, came up. Pretty interesting. I thought maybe it was a star or satellite. I took a lot of pictures and this is the only one with anything on it. It came up on the pictures really big. But I enlarged it some more so I could see it better.

Hope you can figure it out. I've seen UFOs before, several times in fact. There sure are a lot of unexplained things out there. Huh! This picture was taken from my back porch, over the lake. The other picture I sent was from the front of my house. Lake L.B.J., Kingsland, Texas. Thanks Brian, I will keep looking at the sky.

Thank you to the witness for the report and picture.

Picture can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1709>

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Surrey, British Columbia Strings Of Beads - UFO

Date: August 7/8, 2004

Time: Approx: 10:55 p.m.

Hi Brian, Sat. night about 10:55, saw that large yellow light appear almost directly above the Surrey Place Tower heading North to South. It was so big I thought for a second it was a landing light but it rapidly faded out and I remembered seeing it before several months back and telling you at that time.

Sunday night, I aimed my camera at that same area and left it running but the big light did not appear. Instead I caught two of those objects which look like strings of beads. The first appeared at approx: 9:30 pm. headed in SE, direction. Up to

that point it was the largest I've ever seen and the most colourful. It consisted of 9 spheres, pink and green in colour. At approx. 10:40 I saw a similar object heading in the opposite direction, NW,

When I freeze framed, I found it to be even larger and more colorful than the first. It consisted of 14 spheres and was in a kind of stretched out W pattern instead of straight like the others I've seen. It had pink, green, tan, brown and two bright yellow spheres in its line up. I've tried putting them onto that same photo I sent you the other day of the Green tower. I did make them quite a bit larger to give you a better idea of what they look like and the colours are correct but I couldn't get the same shade. Just after 10 pm. I was watching a small plane flying towards the tower. It was just approaching the tower on the left when all of a sudden a white object appeared on the right heading for the ground. I thought it was a meteorite but at the last second it made a very sharp right hand turn and flew behind the tower. I didn't see it again so it must have flown directly away from behind the tower.

While playing with the picture I noticed several anomalies that I hadn't noticed before. Four in total. This photo is another from the set I took the first week of Jan. 2004. I tried several things to try and make them show up better and the embossing seems to work the best. The one on the upper left is a little harder to see but there is something there and all four appear to be saucer shaped.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Pictures can be viewed at: <http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1716>

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Hitchcock, Texas Blue Light

Date: August 9, 2004  
Time: 10:00 a.m.

I was having coffee and reading when I glanced toward the sky, expecting rain. At about ten am I caught a glimpse of a blue light crossing over head at about ten feet from the ground, as I watched it pass by at a slow speed it blinked like a strobe light. The thing I don't understand is that I couldn't see it unless the light was on. When it blinked off, there was nothing there, not even a shadow on the ground.

This event took about 10 - 15 seconds to end, and then it went through the tree line and was blocked from view by the trees. I would like to know more about this as this is my first experience with this type of phenomenon.

I then heard a voice behind me asking, "What the hell was that?" I turned around and my neighbor was standing there with a cup in hand, ready for coffee no doubt, I then asked her what she saw and she repeated the same as I saw. Thanks,

Additional Information:

Weather: Cloudy, overcast, rainy looking.

Location: Near Hwy 6 and Delany Rd. just appeared overhead, at 10 feet above ground. Movement: On a north west direction, very slow speed. Level altitude, no weaving or bobbing.

Area of Sighting: I live in a R.V Resort Park and it is about 15 miles from the nearest airport, I did not see any planes in the area, nor did I hear any sound to indicate the presence of a plane. It is a secluded area from any major city or high way.

UFO description: It was about six inches long and 2 inches round with rounded ends, it blinked like a strobe light, when the light was off, I couldn't see any thing, the light was a florescent blue.

Additional witness: Refuses to make a statement, says she don't want anyone to think she's nuts. I tried to explain to her about being anonymous about it, still refused.

That's About all I can think of at this time, thanks.

Thank you to the witness for this report.

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East Los Angeles, California/Monterey Park Hills Sighting

Date: August 10, 2004  
Time: Approx: 11:00 a.m. to midday

Number of witnesses: 2  
Number of objects: 2  
Shape of objects: While shining no shape/while dull round orb  
inverted center/silver/black.

Full Description of event/sighting: My name is (removed), at about the noon hour while in a eight story court building (8) I was at the 6th floor level. This court house had a 180% degree view, of the Monterey Hills of east Los Angeles, Ca. It was brought to my attention by my 11 years old granddaughter that there was a shining star like light over some palm trees, at about the 200 feet high level. To get a better idea if you were to look at the object while at a arm length distance the shining object if you were to gage it at your ring finger/the shining object would be like size of your ring finger nail. I have never seen a bright star like object as this object, at about the noon hour/11:00 a.m. We watched this shining daytime star like object for about 40 minutes, it remained stationary and brighter than any nighttime star! After 45 minutes the shining light began to get smaller/with a combination of dull silver/with a black inverted center, while it was in this stage a black military type helicopter flew by the left side of this object, but to my surprise this black helicopter made no attempt get closer that 1/4 mile to 1/2 mile of this object. After 45 minutes this object turned into a round duller silver ball/ with an inverted black center.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Wardsville, Ontario Bright Light

Date: August 11, 2004  
Time: 3:33 a.m.

Message: I awoke from a terrible dream last night,I went outside to have a smoke.I write this report,hoping someone else last night at 3:30 am,saw the bright white light hovering over the Thames River,about a mile away from my home....I took some pictures, but none showed the light. It was bright white,hovering in the same area for 5 min. then disappeared. No sound present.

It looked very similar to the light I saw in 1998. Maybe someone else saw it. Thanks.

Additional information:

This morning, is when the sighting took place, it was in the north/east section of the sky. It hovered in the same spot for about 1 min. It was a color-white-sparking, at a distance of approx:one mile. It seemed to be over the Thames river.

The size was about a pea, compared to the other stars and approx.30 degrees in the horizon. I looked at it with my binoculars-just a bright white light-no form inside it. Time- 3:33 am- Aug 11, 2004.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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## Re: Burisch Story Exposed - Gates

From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254.nul](mailto:RGates8254.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 01:48:21 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 07:20:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: Burisch Story Exposed - Gates

>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog.nul](mailto:ufowatchdog.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2004 00:01:32 -0700  
>Subject: Burisch Story Exposed

>Looks like UFO Magazine has sunk the Burisch tale in its latest  
>issue. Yet another UFO kook has been exposed.....

><http://www.ufowatchdog.com/burischdirtbag.html>

Royce, Listers,

The whole Burisch story can sum up a lot of the manure that is spread in the UFO field. A thank-you to the journalist who did the research (alas, I wish it would have been one of our own) and thanks to Royce and UFO Magazine for posting the story.

In the Burisch case we have a person(s) who comes forward and tells some breathless story about ET, biology etc etc that can't be independently verified or checked out because of all the usual reasons, i.e. black govt, black op, cover up blah blah blah. The person unloads the story (or another story) to journalist George Knapp who checked into to, but couldn't verify anything so he blew it off, then gives it to others in the field. Finally at long last somebody takes the bait and runs with it. Finally after the story is spread around like manure in a garden a independent journalist checks into Burisch's background and low and behold discovers that the story is bogus.

Remember Hoagland's intel community sources who wagged the tale on him about the ET landing to happen on a Arizona mountain top in Dec of 2000? Same thing happened as above. They wagged the story on Hoagland, and he passed it on to the research community and listeners at large, the date comes and goes, nothing happens and everybody discovers that the story was bogus.

Can you see the pattern here?

- 1) Somebody tells some incredible story. For example think of the terms Burisch, Reed/Raith, Shargel and others.
- 2) The story can't be verified or checked out, usually the reason given is because it is some super secret black project that nobody can talk about.
- 3) Researchers don't check much into the back ground of the person telling the story, and don't verify any claimed degrees...after all the black government covers all of that up.
- 4) Researchers promptly start promoting and distributing the story all over the Internet, talk radio and many other sources. They do so in such a fashion that it is believed to be absolute fact, never to be doubted
- 5) Story disintegrates and those people who promoted, distributed, and defended are rarely to be found, preferring to move on to the next person telling a story or news item. In essence slink into the shadows.

I give Linda Howe credit for publishing what the journalist found on her web site and adding the word "alleged" when discussing Burisch.

One wonders if the rest of the people who distributed, promoted and talked up this story are now willing to step up to the plate and with the evidence at hand admit that they were misled and issue an apology. Further tell us that they learned from the experience and will check out peoples backgrounds/story more carefully next time before vomiting the story all over everybody.

I mean the whole thing reminds me of another person in Ufology who indicated that checking out the persons background wasn't near as important as unloading the storys publicly.

Not to mention Bill "I am part of a government disinformation program" Moore who said the AFOSI seeded all the tales and stories into Bennowitz, who promptly passed them along to other researchers which formed the basis of the Lear/Cooper axis of ET treatys, Dulce, and various other stories.

Point to all of this is when some alleged govt insider unloads some incredible tale, they need to be checked out and (here is the hard part) verified before unloading them.

Cheers,

Robert

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## Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For

From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 04:58:37 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 18:30:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 15:42:03 -0500  
>Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For Extraterrestrial Life

>>From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 02:14:20 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For Extraterrestrial Life

<snip>

>>I still hope this List remains above partisan politics as we  
>>come closer to the election. Please don't send me partisan  
>>fodder off-list.

>>While watching CNN's "Are We Alone" program I noticed that they  
>>showed the Weekly World News issue that had the headline of  
>>"ALIEN BABY FOUND ON MARS". It showed Mars landscape in the  
>>background. The foreground was composed of a dying African child  
>>with protruding ribs, a big distended belly, and a head that  
>>appeared huge next to its shrunken body. It was topped off with  
>>large and protruding eyeballs staring at the reader.

>>That is really the sickest of tabloid exploitation! Take a dying  
>>child who by now most likely passed away from starvation and try  
>>to palm it off as a Mars alien baby. The publisher needs a  
>>shave with BS rubbed all over his face for shaving cream.

>>Years ago I posted to the List that in MUFON LA we had a poor  
>>fellow who used to hold up that tabloid while believing every  
>>word of its BS. We were gentle with him because he was mentally  
>>disabled. I sure hope he did not believe the Mars alien baby  
>>lies issue.

>I think the likelihood of some sort of 'October Surprise' far  
>outstrips that of an ET landing on the White House lawn.

>One side expects it, and the other prays for it.

>I think any candidate in GWs position would pray for one, too.

>Democrat or Republican.

I don't know what you are referring to above. Do you refer to the spurious claim of "October Surprise" caused by President Reagan making an alleged deal for Iran to hold the hostages in Iran until just past his election? That alleged deal was never proven to be true. How many Octobers passed without President Carter freeing our citizens while they were held and threatened for 444 days by our enemy who had already declared war against the US, the "great Satan? Just what kind of "October Surprise" are you referring to in relation to this year's election?

That is history and I'm not playing partisan politics. Were you with your reference to our current President? Was he the GW you referred to above or did you mean George Washington, George Westinghouse, or some other GW? Was that your under the table partisan expression of your true colors? What do you think is

that GWs position? Please tell me any response that is not related to UFOs by emailing me directly as I feel that it is outside the bounds of this List.

>Tabloids are in existence for the express purpose of generating  
>publicity. You have performed admirably as their pawn.

>Your outrage is their investment, and your outcry is their  
>income.

>Ignored, they go away.

What do you mean above? Do you somehow think I am a pawn to them because I posted how disgusting that cover was to a UFO List? Tabloids have been here since I was born and they feed off a large circulation of dimwits who pick them up at cash registers believing that there is truth within their lies. I don't see them going away. I used to laugh at their absurdity but there was nothing funny on that cover.

If you still think I am a pawn please remember that I know very well how to quickly checkmate any opposition. <g>

Josh

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## Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
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Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 18:37:07 -0400  
Subject: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind

Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind - A Review Of Wendy Connors'  
Fourth Compilation Of Ufological Aural History...

by Alfred Lehmborg

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One can hardly run out of superlatives regarding Wendy Connors and her stunning compilations of aural ufological history. I won't run out of them here. She is solely responsible with regard to providing what is... just not going to be found... in any one place... anywhere-else-in-the-known-universe!

I refer, of course, to the - very nearly lost - recorded expressions of those most pivotal in the study of that which may very likely foretell an exciting, intellectually profitable, and expansively efficacious future... for all of us in the rank and file. That's my feeling, at any rate..... Take it with a salt mine if required.

On her fourth disc of vintage recordings (including three times the material of any of her previous compilations!) one finds the same kinds of discovery and is provoked towards the same kinds of ufological inspiration as the previous three. This iteration is called CE-IV, or "Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind" -- An Audio History of Alien Abduction and Animal Mutilation 1957 - 1976.

The abduction phenomenon

It may be that people (...you know!) are being abducted by alien beings for purposes that are... well... not being vigorously investigated, reader! Digress a bit. Who would profit as a result of this 'process' of... non-investigation? Answer that to zip confidently down the ufological rabbit hole, reader, to intellectual emancipation.

It's a question folks can ask themselves as they survey the twenty-six (plus!) hours that Connors' disc contains. A rich and stunning history of the abduction phenomenon is contained therein, folks, spanning decades! Additionally, there is no contesting that any true understanding of the flesh and bones of this abduction 'thing' will have to include some familiarity with the history of it.

Good thing, then, Ms. Connors is on the scene! But for her we would all be relegated to current distortions, convenient interpretations, and conventional wisdoms... facilitated, of course, by closed-minded individuals, corrupt institutions, shadow-born agencies, and conveniently authoritarian governments... no... rather kingdoms!

Does the reader think he has the low-down on Betty and Barney Hill? Think again. All the reader likely knows about Betty and Barney Hill are a distorted legend and a few grainy photographs proffered by conflicted persons powering the preceding paragraph.

A portrait of the Hills as composed by reactionary

skeptibunkies, noisy negativists, and knee-jerk ufological denialists paints a picture of a dodgy working class "interracial" couple (always pointed out)... two people who very likely made the entire story up out of whole cloth, solely for purposes of some late-night time in the loony limelight, presumably.

But that all too convenient assessment is blown away, decisively, when one listens to Connors' compilation. Truth is decidedly stranger than the official fiction.

Interviews and accounts recorded from key persons, at the time, indicate that there was much, much more that was going on with regard to abductions than can be accounted for in the so called 'record' maintained by our duplicitous mainstream. Barney Hill, a mail-handler, homeowner, and tax-payer was a very uncomplicated man with a degree of New England seriousness and an abundance of personal bravery... or tell me that interracial marriages were celebrated in the United States circa 1950 - even if he and his equally brave wife DID reside in the Northeast United States.

These recordings on the disc actually let the listener get to know Betty and Barney more than their detractors are comfortable with. One discovers, upon listening, that Betty and Barney are simple persons, uncomplicated persons, decidedly non-silly persons - innocently guileless persons - but persons who had a complicated, otherwise convoluted, and decidedly bizarre experience the 'high-domes' and 'propeller-heads' are unable to adequately explain. Betty and Barney were reluctant reporters, reader, and they endured a lot of abuse, then and now, for having the bravery to make their astonishing report, or tell their inexplicable tale. I suspect the stress killed Barney.

In support of the Hill's story, moreover, are the recorded analysis of quality clinicians, researchers, and scientists like Richard Hall, Dr. Benjamin Simon - MD, John H. Luttrell, Dr. James E. McDonald, Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, Dr. Carl Sagan (...before toeing the obligatory party line?), Dr. Leon Jerrif, and Mr. Edward Eddleson... et al.

Marjorie Fish is included with the above for a very interesting reason... Her meticulous astronomical work vis a vis the Hill case is actually a real show-stopper and despite its startling merit being clearly pointed out, most notably by Stanton Friedman (heard on the disc), it remains a reason furtively marginalized, fringe-ified, and too airily ridiculed by the palsied lions, bluffing tigers, and tedious bears of non-reflecting and reactionary 'debunker-dom'...

...Betty Hill's intriguing and astonishing Starmap !

During one of Betty's adventurous ordeals the aliens allegedly showed her a screen that displayed a map of the local transit lanes between our sun and other star systems. Hypnotically regressed, Betty reproduced a pen and ink version of it. That intrepid sketch still causes trouble.

The disparaging hue and cry of the skeptibunkies was predictable and lamentable, but the aforementioned astronomer Marjorie Fish (...heard on disc...) wanted to be a little more scientific than that. She constructed a wire and bead model of the universe local to our own sun (still in use in college classrooms) and against all odds (...contrary to what the noisy negativist is going to thoughtlessly try to feed you!), found a convincing correlation between Betty's sketch and the physical reality!

Moreover, not only are the stars in the correct locations as related by Betty Hill, the stars are all of a type similar to our own, medium yellow second generation stars, the type postulated by science to be the most forgiving of carbon based life evolving around them! This was something not widely known, if at all, at the time... Now -- how the hell did child welfare worker Betty Hill confabulate all that?

Put together 20 plus stars actually in the positions that Betty sketched with the subsequently discovered fact that the stars were of the type to be friendly to evolving life... and you have the makings for a wonder that raises the hair on the back of ones neck! How did Betty know? Give the White Rabbit your ticket stub, reader, and go on in.

There is more on the disc, of course. I can't discuss the whole 26 hours here. Everything from the first recorded abduction case (the Hills were not the first), through learned explications by Stanton Friedman, to lectures by David M. Jacobs are covered. I've just hit a few of the high points.

Cattle mutilation is explored. Travis Walton is interviewed. Professional law officers give testimony. Cleve Baxter cleanly bitch-slaps our esteemed Philip Klass for an added treat! Dr. James Harder lectures on conjectured Alien Communication and Dr. Leo Sprinkle investigates the prophesy of abductees... be assured that somethin's shakin' in the tall grass, friends and neighbors, and it ain't Andy Roberts. This is real.

For more detail, a synopsis of the disc contents, and order info - visit:

<http://fadeddiscs.com/ceiv.html>

and get ready for more of Wendy Connors; ufological Rock & Roll. She's not done by a long shot.

Read on.

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"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.  
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."  
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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## SCI FI Channel New UFO Series

From: **Santiago Yturria** <[syturria.nul](mailto:syturria.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 23:17:09 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 18:40:37 -0400  
Subject: SCI FI Channel New UFO Series

The SCI FI channel will launch a new UFO and Paranormal weekly series titled Proof Positive.

Produced by the Emmy Award winner Cosgrove/Meurer production company from Hollywood, wide known for their popular Unsolved Mysteries series hosted by late star Robert Stack.

According to Cosgrove's Elizabeth Meeker this new series will be focused on UFO and paranormal cases presenting each story with the traditional style that made their Unsolved Mysteries series a great success. The Proof Positive series is expected to be released by the SCI FI channel in September 2004.

The Proof Positive series will be a good space for us to present our research works. I was invited last month to present my research on the Cardenas Family Case along with the family from Washington State. The documentary was produced by Emmy Award winner Jim Carr and directed by Jerry Masemei. The crew was great and the documentary was shot in the actual locations where the UFO encounter took place. The production was very serious and highly professional.

It was about time that we could have a new space on television to present our work. I think the SCI FI channel is keeping his commitment to support the UFO research. More details on the SCI FI Magazine.

Santiago Yturria

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: Ray Dickenson <[editor.nul](mailto:editor.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 14:21:48 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 07:13:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 22:13:39 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>There's no reason you should like this music - to each his own  
>poison - but there's no need to spread nonsense about the  
>people who write it.

Greg,

You have my apology for mis-directed scatter-gun approach. For brevity used "atonal" too broadly.

What I meant was - in music as in literature, and in all ages, ninety nine percent goes down the toilet of history, rightly, as meretricious or temporarily fashionable rubbish.

In 500 years would expect some Beethoven & Mahler (& some modern pop, C&W say) still to be played as music.

But equally expect most contemporary English "classical" - B. Britten et al (and much "atonal") - to have disappeared with a gurgle.

Why? 'Cos it wasn't "art" - crafted to please human senses in any age, but "artifice" - pandering to a temporary prejudice or trend.

Although, by then the whole of humanity's art to-date might be only a peripheral or specialist subject.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Descredit To The Field? [was: Factsheet On Salla's

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 14:24:52 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 07:19:26 -0400  
Subject: Descredit To The Field? [was: Factsheet On Salla's

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 17:19:08 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Factsheet On Salla's Termination

>>From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
>>To: Updates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 21:42:26 -0700 (PDT)  
>>Subject: Factsheet On Salla's Termination

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>>I had admonished myself when this exopolitics stuff surfaced  
>>that it was only a matter of time before Salla (and possibly  
>>Webre) would be making appearances on George Noory. I make no  
>>particular claims of prophet-hood, however, since it's a  
>>foregone conclusion that if it's nuts, it's gonna be on  
>>Coast-to-Coast.

>I am glad you are not suggesting that all who appear on the show  
>are nuts. And surely not all nuts appear on the show.

>Frankly, I have been very pleased by the response my appearances  
>have brought forth. And surely you don't consider Dr. Seth  
>Shostak, of the SETI Institute, a nut? He may be a SETI Cultist,  
>but even I don't consider him a nut.

>If you want to improve the quality of the guest list, get more  
>of the good guys to go on. I hope to appear with Frank Feschino  
>Jr., the author of an important new book about the Flatwoods  
>(WV) Monster UFO case of September, 1952, as soon as the pub  
>date is set. I wrote the foreword and the Epilogue.

>In a similar sort of situation, there will be a huge Paraworld  
>Expo at the very large Los Angeles Convention Center, October  
>21-24. They are expecting 250,000 people. I will be doing 7  
>different lectures, workshops, etc. Will I be standing behind  
>everybody there? Of course not. Would the world be better off  
>and there be greater appreciate of Ufology if guys like  
>me boycotted these events? I don't think so.

Stan,

That's one way of looking at it. Another way of looking at it is  
the way I do. Every time you, Bruce Maccabee, Budd Hopkins, etc.  
go on one of these programs you give "aid and comfort to the  
enemy."

The enemy is not Seth Shostak. The enemy is all these kooks and  
weridos who give "ufology" a bad name, and you seem to be part  
and parcel of them when you appear with them.

You and the others appear to be totally lacking in  
discrimination.

This sort of behavior allows the news media and all brands of  
skeptics to say, see "ufology" is 99% nutty with an occasional  
sane or halfway rational person thrown in.

I say there definitely would be a greater appreciation of something more deserving of the now-silly name "ufology" if you did boycott them.

- Dick

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## Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 10:56:01 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 07:25:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

>From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 16:13:42 -0700  
>Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

>>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 16:49:32 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

<snip>

>So G. Duncan Fletcher knew what he was talking about, when  
>describing the meteor's or bullet's trajectory in the close  
>vicinity of the Earth as a parabola (not an ellipse), in  
>simplest terms. He shouldn't be faulted on that account.

Jim,

The luminous trajectories of meteors are regularly and reliably used to determine their elliptical orbits in the solar system, simply because before retardation from cosmic velocity (while their course is luminous), their paths are still elliptical, not parabolic. After retardation from cosmic velocity, the course modifies drastically, greatly complicating and making maybe an order of magnitude less reliable the attempted computation of the pre-terrestrial circum-solar elliptical orbit, and, in fact, yielding results that are highly unreliable for such purposes.

You are simply beyond your field of knowledge of this, Jim. I study each issue of Meteoritics and Planetary Science, The Journal of the Meteoritical Society, to keep up on such matters. How long has it been since you read anything in it, if ever? Reading that could be a lot more scientifically valuable than reading the claims of the 'one armed bandit' in Switzerland who tells stories and manufactures 'spacecraft photos' that are more full of holes than Swiss cheese.

Well, to each his own.

Ray Stanford

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## Re: Grenada

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 11:07:57 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 07:27:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: Grenada

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming6.nul](mailto:lfleming6.nul)>  
>To: UFOUpdates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 18:30:36 -0500  
>Subject: Grenada

>After having brought up the subject of Grenada in an off-hand  
>way, I did a little additional reading and I feel I should  
>clarify my previous comment. The effort by Grenada to bring the  
>subject of UFOs before the United Nations happened two coups  
>d'etat before the invasion by the United States.

>A brief outline of its recent history is at:

><http://www.iexplore.com/dmap/Grenada/History>

>Eric Gairy, deposed in coup #1, was a leader of the Grenadian  
>independence movement but had gotten the reputation of a corrupt  
>tyrant by the time of the coup, which happened shortly after the  
>UFO business.

>Whatever crimes Gairy was guilty of, at least he did provide Dr.  
>Allen Hynek the opportunity to speak to the UN General Assembly  
>about UFOs:

><http://www.ufoevidence.org/documents/doc757.htm>

<snip>

>It's too bad the UN didn't act on Hynek's proposal, but the UN  
>has a hard time getting its act together about anything.

Thanks for popping some facts in here Lan.

I didn't say anything about Grenada from those days but now I  
will.

My contacts with Grenada then were military and social.

Matter of fact, the first threat about researching UFOs came  
from a fellow news editor during the Grenada invasion. I was  
taken back by his antagonism as I had no idea UFOs were the  
interest of anyone in Grenada at the time. My only concern was a  
great patron of the arts who is a huge land owner there and of  
military personell who were friends and kin who were invading.

So here I am with three phones going and a computer vdt with the  
wire services shipping stories with weird slugs and this editor  
starts mouthing off about the leaders of Grenada and how I  
should watch out or I'll end up like them. When I whirled around  
and gave him a " Wanna step outside and discuss this? " look he  
immediately shut up and a senior editor took him aside to his  
office and later in the composing room he chilled out and  
apologized.

Didn't know Hynek had a Grenada connection. That's most  
enlightening. Worth a further look to see what the U.N. could do  
today if coaxed to look into the issue.

Gee, lemme see, who at the U.N. owes me some favors? :)

Re: Grenada

Best ,

Greg

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## Re: Paul Davies Proposes GSETI - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais.nul](mailto:gbourdais.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 17:38:35 +0200  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 07:28:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: Paul Davies Proposes GSETI - Bourdais

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 19:04:51 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Paul Davies Proposes GSETI

>>From: William Wise <[w.wise.nul](mailto:w.wise.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 13:06:55 -0400  
>>Subject: Paul Davies Proposes GSETI

>>Paul Davies proposes searching for signs of alien tampering with  
>>our genes.

>>Will

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>>Source: The Sydney Morning Herald

>><http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2004/08/09/1092022404578.html>

>>08-09-04

>>Space isn't the only place to look for proof of extraterrestrial  
>>life, writes Paul Davies.

>><snip>

>Davies has been writing this kind of stuff for years. As with  
>the SETI cultists, he says look everywhere but at the evidence.  
>Look to the sky. Look to the DNA, but don't look at the  
>evidence. They seem to think that all that matters are exciting  
>theories. Don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up.  
>What the public doesn't know, we won't tell them.

>There ought to be a great comedy for the stage in this  
>somewhere. Don't go out to the barn to count how many teeth the  
>horse has, theorize. To paraphrase Tom Lehrer, let no one else's  
>theory evade your eyes. Theorize.

>This is a parody of science.

Hello Stan, and All

I have just read the article by Paul Davies, in the New  
Scientist, and I did not see it that way.

Like all scientists of good mainstream standing, he avoids  
frontal look at ufos. However, my guess is that his  
idea of studying our genes, to try to find some ET message  
hidden in them, is pretty close to ufological speculations  
about possible alien genetic manipulations. Could it be that  
he is not aware of that ? This might be an example of  
ufological speculations creeping in established science..

Gildas

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## China To Launch Moon Probe In 2 Years

From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 11:30:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 07:30:44 -0400  
Subject: China To Launch Moon Probe In 2 Years

Source: The People's Daily - China

[http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/200408/12/eng20040812\\_152670.html](http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/200408/12/eng20040812_152670.html)

08-12-04

China to launch moon probe in 2 years

China will launch its first lunar satellite in two years' time, the Beijing Morning Post has reported.

Dubbed the Chang'e Project after a Chinese fairy who flies to the moon, the first lunar orbiter will itself be called Chang'e-I.

All preparations are in full swing, vice-chief designer of the project Long Lehao said.

The announcement was made at the same time as reports began coming in about the ongoing success of the Double Star Programme test.

The Double Star mission, the first Sino-European project involving probe satellites, involves two probes, the TC-1 and TC-2, which fly in complementary orbits around the Earth.

All equipment is functioning well, says Sun Laiyan, director of the China National Space Administration.

TC-2 was launched from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in North China's Shanxi Province on July 25.

It will be tested until the end of September, he said.

The Double-Star and the Chang'e missions are China's latest moves into outer space.

The Double-Star mission will look at the causes of space storms and how safety in space travel can be improved.

The two satellites will operate alongside four others from the Cluster II project, a European venture which started in 2000 to study how solar winds affect the Earth.

Some information has already been collected and will be studied together with data from the TC-2, Sun said.

The Chang'e probe will involve landing an unmanned vehicle on the moon and scooping up moon dust to analyse later on Earth.

The fly-by, landing and return phases are expected to be completed within 20 years.

Sun said China will continue to co-operate with other countries in space science and exploration.

At the end of the year, officials from the European Space Agency are expected in China for further talks on space technology.

The Double-Star Programme has laid the foundation for future co-operation between China and Europe, he added.

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## Re: Factsheet On Salla's Termination - Brock

From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 09:49:10 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 07:32:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: Factsheet On Salla's Termination - Brock

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 17:19:08 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Factsheet On Salla's Termination

>Frankly, I have been very pleased by the response my  
>appearances have brought forth. And surely you don't consider  
>Dr. Seth Shostak, of the SETI Institute, a nut? He may be a  
>SETI Cultist, but even I don't consider him a nut.

No, I don't consider Seth Shostak a nut.

[Please note: Rod Brock has unsubscribed from the List --ebk]

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THE MAGONIA EXCHANGE LIST  
Collecting and sharing accounts  
of anomalous aerial phenomena  
from antiquity up to 1947.  
[http://nocturnal\\_lights.tripod.com/magoniax](http://nocturnal_lights.tripod.com/magoniax)

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THE RETURN TO MAGONIA PROJECT  
Parent project to the Magonia Exchange  
List.  
<http://anomalies.bravepages.com>

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ALIENS ATE MY BUICK  
Frank, unapologetic commentary  
on matters of ufological  
import.  
<http://aamb.blogspot.com/>  
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## 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo

From: Victoria Jack <[isis777.nul](mailto:isis777.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 09:47:28 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 07:41:30 -0400  
Subject: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo

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Also presenting this year are William Henry, James Gilliland Lloyd Pye, Jaime Maussan, Richard Dolan, Michael Horn, Tricia McCannon and many more! Our special guests include George Noory of Coast To Coast AM, The Sci-Fi Channel, Bill Birnes of UFO Magazine and Sean David Morton.

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For program guide and more information contact:

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## Re: UFO Photographed With A Celular Phone - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 14:02:02 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 07:44:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Photographed With A Celular Phone - Ledger

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 15:32:29 -0500  
>Subject: Re: UFO Photographed With A Celular Phone

>>From: Billy Booth <[Ufocasebook.nul](mailto:Ufocasebook.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 23:34:46 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Photographed With A Celular Phone

>>Just a note to let you all know that I rec'd info on the Brazil  
>>cellphone case this morning, and translated the details, and  
>>enhanced the images. You can access it here:

>><http://ufocasebook.com/brazilcellufo.html>

>First impression... very square to the ground, as if sitting on  
>it. Very dark... darker than the nearby shadows. Either not as  
>far away as it looks or is of a very very dark material.

<snip>

Looks like a pixelized photo of a B-2 Bomber coming right at  
you, to me. Was this taken near an air force base perhaps? The  
engine nacelles on the B-2 are on the top of the wing as is the  
fuselage. The wing is very thick. If this was one taking off  
it's ground effect would raise a cloud of dust if conditions  
were right.

See:

<http://www.boeing.com/defense-space/military/b2bomber/images/D4C-122599-1.html>

Watch the wrap.

Just a suggestion.

Best,

Don Ledger

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## UK UFO Video - What's What's Up With This?

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 13:16:24 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 09:07:04 -0400  
Subject: UK UFO Video - What's What's Up With This?

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/wales/south\\_east/3542418.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/wales/south_east/3542418.stm)

Thanks Royce Myers for posting this on his site.

If anyone here had posted this on UFO Updates pardon me for I've missed it.

What's of interest here is that this lady has video of the object.

What's of greater interest is in the way the story presents an 'explanation' before she even gets to tell her story!

In the fourth paragraph we already get:

"But astronomers say the mystery object was probably Venus in the night sky."

?????

Then we finally get her story. On video at that! Then we get several paragraphs of 'experts' with the same nonsensical excuses we've all heard before, satellites, weather balloons, and Venus again. Non-conclusive mind you, but chock full of maybes, probablys, coulda woulda shouldas.

I say we ban all weather balloons once and for all and see if UFO reports decline. I know we can't ban Venus nor satellites but at least we won't have to stomach this foolishness.

What reporters should do whenever a 'video' is produced is hold the story until the video is processed by professionals who are objective ( which is part of being professional ).

Best,

Greg

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## Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak.nul](mailto:DRudiak.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 10:28:51 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 09:11:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings -

>From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
>Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2004 10:43:31 -0400  
>Subject: Re: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

>>From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 5 Aug 2004 09:39:31 -0700 (PDT)  
>>Subject: East African Astronomer Discusses Sightings

>>Visitors from outer space are probably observing and mapping the  
>>Earth and have directing their recent attentions to East  
>>Africa.

>>That, at any rate, is the considered opinion of one of the  
>>leading astronomers in this area, the vice-president of Kenya  
>>Astronomical Association, Mr. G. Duncan Fletcher.

>"One of the leading astronomers in this area...", huh? Well, how  
>many professional astronomers are in Kenya? :) They even have  
>problems getting jobs in the USA. Fletcher has been making pro-  
>E.T. statements for decades now, but he never has been able to  
>impress his colleagues, and one can see why. See, e.g., below:

Ray,

Why ridicule Fletcher? Is the problem Fletcher or is the problem  
the subject matter? I think you would agree that Dr. James  
McDonald was a top-notch scientist, probably the greatest UFO  
investigator of all time, yet he still had problems impressing  
his colleagues to take UFOs seriously. A very famous astronomer  
like Clyde Tombaugh reported several UFO sightings. I don't  
think most of his colleagues paid much attention to those  
either. So what?

>>He put forward this startling and eerie suggestion after a  
>>deluge of reports from scores of observers throughout East  
>>Africa, who claim to have seen "flying saucers."  
>>The most encouraging thing about reports of unidentified flying  
>>objects (or U.F.O. as they are labelled officially here), Mr.  
>>Fletcher avers, is that "they seemed to be friendly towards the  
>>people of this planet."

>><snip>

>I haven't noticed any help with our multiple planetary crises,  
>from environment to wars. I suppose he believes Adamski's claim  
>of Venusians, Martians, Saturnians, and Jupiterians giving him  
>great food, drink, and beautiful alien women at the table aboard  
>the mothership. :) Or, maybe he's referring to that mind-  
>expanding pill an alien allegedly dropped into a glass of water  
>which Orfeo Angelucci told us about. :)

A bit over the top, don't you think? I think you do a major  
disservice trying to equate Fletcher's modest statement to a  
belief in Adamski's claims.

There are many ways UFO behavior could be thought of as  
"friendly." I seriously doubt Fletcher was talking about sex

with alien women. Not overtly hostile could be interpreted as "friendly." Letting us muddle through our own messes without interference does not suggest hostility either.

The main point is that Fletcher believes the UFOs are real and have not shown a pattern of hostility. Lots of other sane and intelligent people who have studied the subject hold similar beliefs.

>>"From all the information which is available they are steadily >>mapping every part of our Earth," he concludes.

>Give us a break, Fletcher! If it takes aliens from the 1940s (or >before) to 2004 just to map this planet, NASA and other agencies >are a lot more efficient than are the aliens. :)

There are many forms of "mapping" or surveying other than simple geographic, such as biological or sociological, which could take a very long time. E.g., we have armies of human biologists, yet have "mapped" only a fraction of the Earth's estimated species.

<snip>

>>Mr. Fletcher is convinced that the objects come from outer >>space and declares that "their behaviour cannot be mistaken >>for a meteorite which, on coming into contact with our >>atmosphere, is pulled at an ever-increasing velocity by gravity >>towards the earth. The velocity becomes so great that the >>objects burns up because of the intense heat generated by >>friction with our atmosphere.

>If this guy were much of an astronomer, he would know that >meteorites do not even pass through the air. Any above-sand- >grain-sized natural cosmic debris (of various types and origins) >in space is a meteoroid. In falling to a planet, it is a meteor >when producing luminosity due to pressure and friction in the >atmosphere (or, at least by some definitions, even after >retarded from cosmic velocity and the luminosity has abated), >but it does not really become classified as a meteorite until >upon the planet's surface.

Technically correct but a bit of a nitpick, particularly since Fletcher was being interviewed for a newspaper story meant for the general public, not an astronomical journal. In such circumstances, meteor and meteorite are often used interchangeably and generically. E.g., my Funk & Wagnall's second definition for meteor is, "Loosely, a meteorite or meteoroid."

>"A meteorite does not turn or hover in the air. Its path is a >parabolic curve similar to that of shell fired from a gun. >Therefore the things which we have seen are undoubtedly >unidentified flying objects."

>Also, Fletcher may be so old, these days, that he has forgotten >this too: The paths of meteors and bullets fired from guns are >elliptical, not parabolic.

It's much more complicated than that and depends on speed and frame of reference. In a large frame of reference (i.e., way out in space where bodies like Earth can be treated like point-like objects), trajectories of meteoroids, comets, rockets, etc., can form any conic section: circles, ellipses, parabolas, and hyperbolas. Circular and elliptical trajectories apply only to objects moving slowly enough to form orbits. Parabolic and hyperbolic trajectories are open trajectories formed when the object is moving too fast to be captured (typical of comets, e.g.)

In a smaller frame of reference near the surface of the Earth, which can be treated as essentially flat, textbooks in calculus and physics do indeed treat ballistic trajectories of objects like bullets as parabolas (neglecting air friction). Fletcher was talking about sightings of objects near the Earth's surface, not way out in space, therefore his statement that a passive object would follow a parabolic trajectory is correct.

The main point Fletcher was making is that the reported objects do not behave passively like meteors. They turn and they hover. Therefore they can't be explained away as meteors. That's a point well worth making, don't you think?

>If Fletcher doesn't even have knowledge that should be common to  
>even the most amateur astronomer, his statements (with the UFO  
>report) are not going to make astronomers with their educations  
>in-tact pay much attention. He might do better to keep his  
>comments about friendly E.T.s taking over 55 years to map the  
>earth to himself.

>It is courageous of Fletcher to report this UFO sighting, but  
>considering his appended statements, we must look elsewhere, I  
>suspect, for an astronomer or astronomers whose words would  
>carry weight with professional astronomers or any of the  
>scientific mainstream.

Ray, I think your quibbling is obscuring what's important here.  
An astronomer does indeed courageously talk about recent  
regional UFO sightings and offers his opinion that UFOs are real  
and can't be explained away as astronomical objects like  
meteors.

Granted, Fletcher is a minor astronomer off in Africa. But I  
think that's beside the point. How many astronomers even know of  
the UFO sightings or opinions of other, more prominent  
astronomers like Tombaugh, or Lincoln La Paz, H. Percy Wilkins,  
J. Allen Hynek, or Frank Halstead?

The real point is that Fletcher is not alone in the astronomical  
community. As Halstead once remarked in 1957 after having four  
UFO sightings of his own, "...Many professional astronomers are  
convinced that saucers are interplanetary machines... I think  
they come from another solar system, but they may be using Mars  
as a base."

Obviously a real nut case.

David Rudiak

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## Why Not?

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 13:32:15 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 09:13:54 -0400  
Subject: Why Not?

Again I ask in regard to the question of whether Earth is being visited by extraterrestrials,

Why not?

What is the big argument other than 'proof'?

Would we know it if we examined it? Whom do we depend upon to tell us what we believe and know to be true or not? The press? The government?

"It's too far to travel!", I've heard. Too far for whom? " It'd take eons to travel from one star to another! ", We really know that as a fact? We're a species that can't even keep toxins like aspartame out of our food, find WMDs nor stop pop-up ads and we suddenly are experts on everything regarding physics?

Last time I looked we haven't figured out everything in physics yet and whenever a brave scientist does figure something out the mainstreamers lambaste him until it's proven and then everyone acts like they've always been his best friend.

So again, "Why not?"

Mr. Friedman mentioned travelling star to star during a lecture or two I've attended and the naysayers kind of shut up when he laid down his science. I'll bet he's got papers on it that I'll be ordering.

Yeah, yeah, yeah, we don't have irrefutable proof, or do we?

During the 50th Anniversary of the Roswell Incident we video interviewed many UFOlogists regarding the announced artifact that was purported to be of alien origin. Mr. Friedman was generous enough to spend a few minutes before the camera while signing books and schooled us in a level headed way about making such claims and how the proof should be attained and presented. Simply scientific.

"Why not?", "Says who?".

If we have to wait til the sun's heat bakes biscuits in the butts of our press and government to come forward pro or con after a fair confrontation of this issue we'll have evolved to our next step.

So we've suffered the decades of "Why would there be?" and "Why would they visit us?", so now we flip the script and ask,

"Why not?"

Best,

Greg



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## Re: The MUFON Conundrum - Part II - Brock

From: Rod Brock <[humble98225.nul](mailto:humble98225.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 10:44:31 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 09:16:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: The MUFON Conundrum - Part II - Brock

[Rod has un-subscribed from the List --ebk]

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 17:58:38 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The MUFON Conundrum - Part II

>It's disclosure that will revalidate culture and society  
>because it will of needs be based more on reality than is  
>presently endured. We walk the edge to think a different  
>thought, qualify our freedoms, aspire to touch truth on the  
>face. Your naivet=E9 with regard to that could be your undoing  
>and eventual despair, Sir.

The above flowery prose (and little more than that, it is) rests on the assumption that all Stephen Bassett says in regard to disclosure is true and correct. I do not accept that it is true and correct. If you posit that the idea that we are being visited by extraterrestrials will bring us into the Golden Age of all that is bright and beautiful, go out into the inner cities and take a look at the kinds of problems festering there. Get your nose right in it, study it a good long time, and see if you think that mere "disclosure" of visitation is going to substantially change that. Go out to the battlefield, through the refugee camps, down to the basement bars, to deathbed of a starving child, and tell me that you think disclosure is going to change that. You see "disclosure" as more of a religious event than a tangible, material one. A panacea, like the return of Christ, or the Rapture.

Your view that "disclosure" is going to make the world into a better place is based only on your wish for it be so. I think you, who claims to reject the mainstream, are losing yourself in the idyll of a suburban pop-fantasy, of American vintage. The only support for your claim is the flowery New Age pap you spouted off in this message.

I believe that when and if positive change is effected, we - the human race - will be the ones to effect it, without disclosure, without any help at all from our "Space Brothers." Years ago, Jacques Vallee wrote that one of the six social consequences of the widespread belief in "intervention" would be the "undermining of humanity as masters of their own destiny." Voila, here we are, and Alfred Lehmborg is telling me how shallow and shortsighted I am for rejecting his vision of the world through rose-colored glasses.

As for my adherence to the mainstream, I was out there in the thick of the protests against this current war. I marched the marches, I raised my voice against the violence of man against man. Does that make me mainstream? Additionally, I am a vegetarian - I do not eat meat, because I have seen the horrible, shocking conditions in which the animals are kept, the way cows are skinned alive after being merely stunned, the way that chicks are debeaked to keep them from pecking each others eyes out in the ultra-cramped never-see-the-sunlight conditions they are kept in. I have seen the pigs which they make into Christmas hams and bacon, who are as intelligent as the dogs we so revere, kept in stalls where they cannot turn around the

entirety of their lives, with festering sores from lying in the same position day after day. I have seen how the male chicks in egg-farms are ground up, alive, made into "meat-byproducts" to feed those same dogs and cats we have chosen to revere.

Does this sound like a mainstream individual? No, it makes me sound like "one of those quasi-hippy vegetarian fanatics," as others presently reading this are presently redefining me.

Earlier, you addressed my "eventual despair..." Know that I have been there. I already have looked into the abyss, and I am BACK. No God or alien lifted me up - I did it on my own.

You \_don't\_ know me, Alfred.

>Well - he's thought past his bias, deigned to look behind the  
>curtain, stepped out of the box, read from more of the  
>forbidden index... It may be his thinking is well past what  
>little original thinking you display here. It \_may\_ be he  
>spreads his arms and soars to more of the infinite, leaving  
>far behind him what you perceive far before you. Though, you  
>probably hadn't thought of that.

There is no wit or wisdom, here. More New Age drivel.

Rod Brock

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Collecting and sharing accounts  
of anomalous aerial phenomena  
from antiquity up to 1947.

[http://nocturnal\\_lights.tripod.com/magoniax](http://nocturnal_lights.tripod.com/magoniax)

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THE RETURN TO MAGONIA PROJECT

Parent project to the Magonia Exchange  
List.

<http://anomalies.bravepages.com>

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ALIENS ATE MY BUICK

Frank, unapologetic commentary  
on matters of ufological  
import.

<http://aamb.blogspot.com/>  
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## Re: Even Drudge Report Highlights Tunguska Story -

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 14:58:09 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 09:18:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: Even Drudge Report Highlights Tunguska Story -

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 19:32:50 EDT  
>Subject: Even Drudge Report Highlights Tunguska Story

>I was suprised and not suprised that the popular website  
>[www.drudgereport.com](http://www.drudgereport.com) highlighted the Tunguska story today,  
>08-12-04

<snip>

>Sure the Russian claims are fantastic and it's going to take a  
>helluva lot of evidence, no... proof.

Hi Greg, all,

A couple of years ago I watched a program about Tunguska and what might have caused the explosion. One Russian scientist spent a great deal of time setting of mini-explosions in a lab and photographing them to determine what height, angle and direction the [anomaly] had used to cause the pattern of the explosion. The effect of the explosion was not round as you would expect but a classic butterfly pattern as determined by aerial photographs of the area with the larger forward wings of the patterne forward. He set of mini explosions above a landscape with hundreds of little sticks standing upright in sand representing the trees and after dozens of tests he had a pattern that looked the same as the Tungusta pattern. From this he was able to determine from what direction the anaomaly came from and the angle of its descent and it's approximate height.

Then we moved on to the most recent expedition of that time, some American scientists whowere on site and disregarded everything this fellow had found out. The had the approach direction wrong-by some 90 degrees and the angle as well.

There was also details involving witnesses to an object in the area that curved around some 70-80 degrees befor exploding and was observed for a half minute or more. The speeds of over 25,000mph precludes this of course because that's what it takes for the exploded object to have been a poorly cohesived asteroid.

I taped this and will find it eventually [moved recently] and post the names.

Perhaps others saw this documentary.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Burisch Story Exposed - Hebert

From: Amy Hebert <[ahebert.nul](mailto:ahebert.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 13:59:27 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 09:20:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Burisch Story Exposed - Hebert

>>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254.nul](mailto:RGates8254.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 01:48:21 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Burisch Story Exposed

>>>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog.nul](mailto:ufowatchdog.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2004 00:01:32 -0700  
>>>Subject: Burisch Story Exposed

>>>Looks like UFO Magazine has sunk the Burisch tale in its latest  
>>>issue. Yet another UFO kook has been exposed.....

>>><http://www.ufowatchdog.com/burischdirtbag.html>

>>>Royce, Listers,

>>>The whole Burisch story can sum up a lot of the manure that is  
>>>spread in the UFO field. A thank-you to the journalist who did  
>>>the research (alas, I wish it would have been one of our own)  
>>>and thanks to Royce and UFO Magazine for posting the story.

Amen to that, Robert.

<snip>

>>>Can you see the pattern here?

Yes. Do you?

>>>I give Linda Howe credit for publishing what the journalist  
>>>found on her web site and adding the word "alleged" when  
>>>discussing Burisch.

I'm sorry, Robert, but I will not give Linda Moulton Howe any  
credit at all on this case. Linda went around promoting BS  
without doing the necessary investigations she should have done  
in the first place. She has made mistakes in the past and  
continues to make mistakes - even when other researchers provide  
evidence to the contrary of her beliefs and claims. Linda must  
be held accountable for her actions as well as her lack of  
action ( i.e. to investigate first, promote second).

>>>One wonders if the rest of the people who distributed, promoted  
>>>and talked up this story are now willing to step up to the plate  
>>>and with the evidence at hand admit that they were misled and  
>>>issue an apology. Further tell us that they learned from the  
>>>experience and will check out peoples backgrounds/story more  
>>>carefully next time before vomiting the story all over  
>>>everybody.

I'm wondering if the individuals who promoted this story will  
even be named on this list or anywhere in the UFO community. We  
all know who they are. Why do these things tend to get swept  
under the rug month after month, year after year? Ever notice  
\*these\* patterns?

>>>Not to mention Bill "I am part of a government disinformation  
>>>program" Moore who said the AFOSI seeded all the tales and

>stories into Bennowitz, who promptly passed them along to other  
>researchers which formed the basis of the Lear/Cooper axis of ET  
>treatys, Dulce, and various other stories.

>Point to all of this is when some alleged govt insider unloads  
>some incredible tale, they need to be checked out and (here is  
>the hard part) verified before unloading them.

If these stories were actually checked out before being spread,  
ufology would cease to exist, the truth would become visible and  
a lot of speakers and UFO "experts" would be out of a job.

Which came first - the Chicken or the egg? Does ufology exist  
because there are UFO's or do UFO's exist because there is a  
ufology? If we stopped looking for UFO's, and looked for truth  
instead, would we know it if we saw it? If you ran around trying  
to catch your shadow, how would you know it was yours if it  
changed every time you moved?

I just love riddles. <g>

A. Hebert

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## Re: Paul Davies Proposes GSETI - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 14:56:45 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 09:23:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: Paul Davies Proposes GSETI - King

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 19:04:51 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Paul Davies Proposes GSETI

>>From: William Wise <[w.wise.nul](mailto:w.wise.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 13:06:55 -0400  
>>Subject: Paul Davies Proposes GSETI

>>Paul Davies proposes searching for signs of alien tampering with  
>>our genes.

>>Will

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>>Source: The Sydney Morning Herald

>><http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2004/08/09/1092022404578.html>

>>08-09-04

>>Space isn't the only place to look for proof of extraterrestrial  
>>life, writes Paul Davies.

>><snip>

>Davies has been writing this kind of stuff for years. As with  
>the SETI cultists, he says look everywhere but at the evidence.  
>Look to the sky. Look to the DNA, but don't look at the  
>evidence. They seem to think that all that matters are exciting  
>theories. Don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up.  
>What the public doesn't know, we won't tell them.

>There ought to be a great comedy for the stage in this  
>somewhere. Don't go out to the barn to count how many teeth the  
>horse has, theorize. To paraphrase Tom Lehrer, let no one else's  
>theory evade your eyes. Theorize.

>This is a parody of science.

Stan,

With all due respect...

I imagine it's a lot harder to hoax DNA than photos... or secret  
government memos. :)

I don't understand your reaction at all. If Davies is full of  
crap, the very testing he suggests will bear that out. He makes  
no proclamation. He simply formed a hypothesis and seeks to test  
that hypothesis with current and emerging technologies. A  
"parody of science"?

He makes no comment in the cited article that could in any way  
be interpreted as "my mind is made up". He simply exercises his  
prerogative to think. Implicit in each of his statements is the



fact that he could be wrong.

If a theory you find outlandish is an obvious "parody of science", then it is unfortunately you who seems to be adhering to Lehrer's admonishment.

Your comment "parody of science" is not based on the truth since you do not know that his thesis is invalid. You simply proclaim it so.

The fact that Davies does not choose to test YOUR theory is not in any way an indictment of your theory, yet you appear to take it quite personally.

The answer is not known. The evidence you cite in support of your theories is provocative, but it is not proof of anything. You say so yourself. Davies suggests one possible way to prove an extraterrestrial connection. To ridicule it out of hand as if it is made redundant by the "facts" is simply beneath any person of science. Unless your "mind is already made up".

Your comments are frighteningly similar to many I have read in regards to your research. One would hope that you would avoid such a hypocritical stance. But perhaps I misinterpreted. If so, I'd be interested to hear how his idea parodies science.

If your thought is that it is merely a waste of scientific time that could be better spent doing something else, then your reaction is simply sour grapes.

If there is no value in Davies' idea, please tell me how it is flawed... sans 'proclamatory' invective if possible.

While I don't personally know if Davies is right or wrong, I do know that it can be proven. That is rare. Indeed almost a parody of the UFO research field...

Our best hope is that people keep looking at the sky as well as inside musty manila folders, and that people keep coming up with testable wild-ass theories while others seek to confirm existing ones. Someone could even find one that ends up supporting yours!

Davies is no Nancy Lieder.

When the great stage comedy of the UFO enigma is cast, I find it hard to believe that it could exclude a Stanton Friedman. Even if you're right, which is quite possible. I just haven't made up my mind yet.

Kyle

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>>From: William Wise <[w.wise.nul](mailto:w.wise.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 12:50:44 -0400  
>>Subject: Chances Of Aliens Finding Earth Disappearing

<snip>

>I guess the SETI Cultists can't believe that anybody coming here  
>wouldn't want to talk to them. They will always find ways for  
>justifying continuing a Silly Effort To Investigate by listening  
>for primitive radio signals and looking for primitive laser  
>signals rather than examining the evidence we are being  
>visited. Psychologists call this DENIAL. They are not really  
>interested in ET Intelligence... only in ET signals. How sad.

I can easily imagine reading this on a SETI List:

---begin parody---

"It is truly amazing that the Ufologists keep insisting that  
aliens are coming here and that they have been for a long time.

Stan Friedman tried to give me a hard time for saying Ufologists  
have said that aliens already know we're here and don't need our  
TV signals. I reminded him that Ufologists have a mountain of  
evidence, but no proof. I reminded him that our fields are not  
mutually exclusive, but two approaches to answering the same  
questions. As a scientist, I cannot proclaim to find the answers  
in an 'absence of evidence'. We at SETI don't claim to know who  
is right, we simply seek quantifiable scientific data on which  
to support a hypothesis. While the lack of such data to date is  
discouraging, it is no less discouraging than the lack of same  
on Stan's side.

I guess the Ufologists can't believe that anybody coming here  
would want to talk to them. They will always find ways for  
justifying continuing an Extra-Terrestrial Hypothesis by  
scouring photos and videos, or digging up old government  
documents rather than searching for evidence that we are being  
contacted. Psychologists call this DELUSION. They are not really  
interested in ET intelligence...only in government coverup and  
flying saucers."

---end of parody---

My point is that ridicule and insults do not advance any  
argument... they merely fill screenspace and provoke similar  
reaction.

I can see value in the work that SETI does. I can see value in  
the work of Hamilton, Friedman, Randles, Sparks, Hoagland,  
Stanford, Gehrman, Hall, Davenport, and dozens of others. I tend  
to trust my instincts and dismiss what seems inconclusive until

more data is presented. I don't accept everything these folks say, but I acknowledge them as authorities and lend weight to their arguments until I am satisfied in my own mind.

Shostak admits he's looking for a needle in a haystack, but for cripes sake, they're looking! They have big fancy equipment and titled academics fully engaged in this, and Ufology reacts not by embracing or applauding this effort, but by applying the same sort of demeaning hyperbole found in critiques of Adamski or Lieder... or Sparks or Friedman, ad nauseum.

If a group of scientists wants to look out and see if ET is calling, and can make a compelling enough case to receive funding for it, bravo to them. At the very least the benefactors feel that it is worth looking.

Wouldn't it make more sense to look at the obvious success SETI has had in drawing attention to the ET question and try to create a similar 'atmosphere'? The passive radar idea is one such initiative that could engage regular citizens in the UFO search directly, as with [SETI.nul](#). Isn't there room in this field for multiple lines of research, multiple paths to the truth?

That different camps espouse differing views on how to find the answers is a good thing. A problem is best resolved with a multi-pronged investigation. To ridicule the differing view is in essence self-destructive, as the entire premise on which we argue is in many respects quite ridiculous... however true it may be.

Explain the flaws, undermine the logic, but why resort to ridicule?

Kyle

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>>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog.nul](mailto:ufowatchdog.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2004 00:01:32 -0700  
>>Subject: Burisch Story Exposed

>>Looks like UFO Magazine has sunk the Burisch tale in its latest  
>>issue. Yet another UFO kook has been exposed.....

>><http://www.ufowatchdog.com/burischdirtbag.html>

>The whole Burisch story can sum up a lot of the manure that is  
>spread in the UFO field. A thank-you to the journalist who did  
>the research (alas, I wish it would have been one of our own)  
>and thanks to Royce and UFO Magazine for posting the story.

<snip>

>In the Burisch case we have a person(s) who comes forward and  
>tells some breathless story about ET, biology etc etc that can't  
>be independently verified or checked out because of all the  
>usual reasons, i.e. black govt, black op, cover up blah blah  
>blah. The person unloads the story (or another story) to  
>journalist George Knapp who checked into to, but couldn't verify  
>anything so he blew it off, then gives it to others in the  
>field. Finally at long last somebody takes the bait and runs  
>with it. Finally after the story is spread around like manure in  
>a garden a independent journalist checks into Burisch's  
>background and low and behold discovers that the story is bogus.

<snip>

>Point to all of this is when some alleged govt insider unloads  
>some incredible tale, they need to be checked out and (here is  
>the hard part) verified before unloading them.

Robert,

Excellent advice. The thing that troubles me most about the  
Govt. coverup theory is this.....

If the government was able to put into place a worldwide  
conspiracy to hide absolute proof of an ET existence, wipe away  
people's identities, insert ET-derived technology into current  
use, and carry on a political/scientific relationship involving  
abduction and examination on citizens, how difficult would it be  
to create an entire mythos complete with "experts" and "wackos"  
to balance the level of debate, and inject the occasional  
compelling tidbit to fuel speculation and argument on both  
sides?

Such a monumental psi-ops program would only be useful if there  
was a greater truth to hide.

My mind boggles when trying to conjure up a greater truth that would need to be so well and expensively hidden. I shudder, actually.

Kyle

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- Italian Sightings in June
- 6 Months of UFO News in the Italian Press
- Another New Book

ITALIAN SIGHTINGS IN JUNE

The usual monthly update has been made available by the Italian Center for UFO Studies workgroup on the Italian case histories.

The month of June saw a further increase in reports, as compared to May: there were 62 cases, due in great part to "crop formations" and other para-ufological cases (only 38 of the overall 62 cases concerned "classic" UFO sightings).

Among the reports of interest, there was the observation made in Pontecurone (Alessandria) of 2 iridescent, conical beams of light that suddenly accelerated away. The witness noted signs of restlessness in various animals concurrently with the sighting, which later was linked to the discovery of a crop circle in the surrounding area.

Regarding crop circles, 24 of the formations have been catalogued by the CISU to date, 16 of these in June alone: last year, those reported totaled a good 46. Lombardy, Emilia-Romagna, and Piedmont accounted for more than half of these traces gathered with only 4 reported in the south and from the islands.

The year-to-date, annual total has reached a quota of 213 cases, while 2003 saw 865, 2002 had 822, 2001 witnessed 897, and 2000 counted 440.

Complete listings of cases, tables, and graphics are available on the CISU's Website ([www.cisu.org](http://www.cisu.org)).

[Report by Giorgio Abraini]

6 MONTHS OF UFO NEWS IN THE ITALIAN PRESS

About 60 monthly UFO news reports were published in Italian newspapers during the second quarter of this year, doubling the mean of the previous quarter, while still remaining below that in the preceding years.

In fact, the quota reached 270 for the clippings collected during the period from January through June 2004 by the specialized newsclipping service Eco della Stampa, which for 15 years has been providing the Italian Center for UFO Studies with complete coverage on items published on the topic in weeklies, dailies and other periodicals.

The monthly summary data from the CISU's Press Archives, from 1980 to 2004, may also be consulted on-line at the Website of the CISU ([www.TheCISU.org/ecotot.htm](http://www.TheCISU.org/ecotot.htm)).

The Italian Center for UFO Studies also offers a service for subscription to the monthly collections as a complete package (Eco-UFO) or in partial format (Notiziario Archivio Stampa), with regards to newspaper news items.

#### ANOTHER NEW BOOK

The last months have seen a continual succession of new releases in Italian bookstores covering the UFO topic.

This time around it's the turn of Antonello Lupino, director of the International UFO Center of Rovigo, who has delivered to the presses "Dall'Alfa all'Omega" (From Alpha to Omega) - the history of worldwide conspiracy from ancient civilization through modern-day UFOs; the book is self-published, and contains 318 pages of illustrations.

The book is also distributed by the UPIAR e-book service ([www.upiar.com](http://www.upiar.com)) at a cost of 17.50 Euro (20% discount for CISU members).

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## Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For

From: John Scheldroup <[jschel.nul](mailto:jschel.nul)>  
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Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming6.nul](mailto:lfleming6.nul)>  
>To: UFOUpdates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 20:19:15 -0500  
>Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For Extraterrestrial Life

>>From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 02:14:20 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For Extraterrestrial Life

><snip>

>exploitative junk?

Such is why ETs are aired as such or the physical evidence does not appear or show itself to be otherwise.

Ever try faux news, what the fair and accurate reporting channel has to say <G>

John

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## Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 20:05:51 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 09:35:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming6.nul](mailto:lfleming6.nul)>  
>To: UFOUpdates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 20:19:15 -0500  
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>>From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 02:14:20 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For Extraterrestrial Life

><snip>

>>While watching CNN's "Are We Alone" program I noticed that they  
>>showed the Weekly World News issue that had the headline of  
>>"ALIEN BABY FOUND ON MARS". It showed Mars landscape in the  
>>background. The foreground was composed of a dying African child  
>>with protruding ribs, a big distended belly, and a head that  
>>appeared huge next to its shrunken body. It was topped off with  
>>large and protruding eyeballs staring at the reader.

>>That is really the sickest of tabloid exploitation! Take a dying  
>>child who by now most likely passed away from starvation and try  
>>to palm it off as a Mars alien baby. The publisher needs a  
>>shave with BS rubbed all over his face for shaving cream.

>Isn't it equally disgusting that CNN, supposedly a responsible  
>news organization, would use such exploitative junk? I didn't  
>see the program, but I assume that the motive was, as usual, to  
>associate legitimate UFO research with cheap tabloids. The  
>Weekly World News is garbage. And so, increasingly, is CNN.

Good points there Lan.

Atmosphere is the keyword here. Having worked in mainstream news  
I can tell you from over 25 years of experience what the public  
doesn't know. It's called 'newsroom atmosphere'.

You'd be suprised how ignorant many reporters are about  
science. Oh they know their social politics but you toss em' a  
test tube and they'll think it's a new party accessory. We were  
lucky to have 2 reporters who were science buffs. It was like  
being on an episode of 'Star Trek' where everyone confused would  
have to turn to the Vulcan or the android to find out what the  
new space anomaly was about.

Certain topics were immediately considered for nullification  
without so much as a routine standard investigation. That went  
toward persons and organizations as well. Unless that person or  
organization had some political pull or money they were open  
game.

It was often painful to see some eager reporter burst into the  
newsroom and let the city desk know they had a story and the  
editors go into some schoolroom like chatter. It was funny to  
watch the senior editors who were professional, tear them a new  
one especially if the subject of the ridicule was a frat brother  
or some other such association.

Newsrooms have always been political cesspools and 'good ol' boy' networks and still are to some degree. Often we'll hear about the 'liberal media' but I've been in media for quarter of a century and every single company I've worked for was owned by right wing conservatives. The reporters were often liberal until they got a promotion and that increase salary got taxed. Like there are no atheists in a foxhole, there are no liberals in the editor's pool.

After '85 the news took a bad turn, again. Turning more tabloid to compete with declining revenue. I remember many a heated debate and good ol' donnybrook between hardliners and marketing suits.

Mainstream press makes mistakes only when they don't follow the ethics they're obliged to follow. Plain and simple. If mainstream news were an indicator of what's reality then manned flight, space flight, super computers, and a variety of things we find common now would be impossible.

So the news business is basically suffering from something every other business and government is suffering from:

Gang mentality.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: A Paper: The Year 1954 In Photos - Olmos

From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 02:12:36 +0200 (CEST)  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 09:37:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: A Paper: The Year 1954 In Photos - Olmos

>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 11:19:24 -0500  
>Subject: Re: A Paper: The Year 1954 In Photos

>>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 7 Aug 2004 23:27:46 +0200 (CEST)  
>>Subject: A Paper: The Year 1954 In Photos

>>I am happy to inform that a paper titled "The Year 1954 in  
>>Photos" can be read and downloaded at the following URL - in  
>>English:

><<http://www.anomalia.org/fotocat1954.pdf>>

>>It is the first report produced from FOTOCAT, the Spanish  
>>Anomaly Foundation=B4s worldwide photographic catalog (4,800  
>>entries to-date), whose regular news reports are at:

><<http://www.anomalia.org/fotocat1.htm>>

>>I hope it can be an item of interest to you. As the author, I  
>>will be delighted to hear your comments, additions or  
>>corrections to the largest census of UFO photographic cases  
>>recorded for the wave year of 1954.

>Is there an accessible database of these photographs on the  
>Anomalia.org website?

Terry, no, those photos are not posted in our site, by the time being. Low quality of reproductions, site limitations and other issues made me decide not to include them. In the coming months there will be a Spanish version of the paper, where I am planning to include the photos (at least those I have). It will be published in one of the journals of the Anomaly Foundation, which is edited in DC Rom format. When it is ready, I will inform this List, just in case there is any interested person.

In the meantime, if any of the readers of UFO Updates have in their files any print of any UFO photograph taken in 1954, I will appreciate having this loaned or scanned, in order to improve the quality level of the publication in process. You can write to me at this regard.

Best wishes,

V-J

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## The Iron Giant Worth A Look

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 21:56:40 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 09:39:07 -0400  
Subject: The Iron Giant Worth A Look

If you good folks on the List ever get the chance to relax and take in a movie with a UFO/ET/Conspiracy twist, might I recommend The Iron Giant.

It's an animated film based on the children's book of the same name.

Any of us who grew up during the Cold War 50's early 60's will love it. Well actually everyone will.

Of special note is how the government characters respond to the 'alien menace'.

It's picturesque, spectacularly produced, brilliantly directed and acted. Note crooner Harry Conick Jr and movie pop idol Vin Diesel lending their voices. ( Diesel voices the giant ).

Basically "Boy meets alien robot, befriends robot" fare.

Yes, you can watch it with your kids and grandkids and it's full family entertainment.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 22:49:05 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 10:05:37 -0400  
Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For

>From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 04:58:37 -0700  
>Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For Extraterrestrial Life

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 15:42:03 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For Extraterrestrial Life

>>>From: Josh Goldstein <[lovolution.nul](mailto:lovolution.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 10 Aug 2004 02:14:20 -0700  
>>>Subject: Re: CNN's Look Into The Search For Extraterrestrial Life

<snip>

>>Tabloids are in existence for the express purpose of generating  
>>publicity. You have performed admirably as their pawn.

>>Your outrage is their investment, and your outcry is their  
>>income.

>>Ignored, they go away.

>What do you mean above? Do you somehow think I am a pawn to them  
>because I posted how disgusting that cover was to a UFO List?  
>Tabloids have been here since I was born and they feed off a  
>large circulation of dimwits who pick them up at cash registers  
>believing that there is truth within their lies. I don't see  
>them going away. I used to laugh at their absurdity but there  
>was nothing funny on that cover.

>If you still think I am a pawn please remember that I know very  
>well how to quickly checkmate any opposition. <g>

Josh,

Forgive me. Let me see if I can put this in a way that you can  
understand.....

Tabloids make a living off of the outrage their more grievous  
stories provoke. I can't explain why, but many people who would  
otherwise dismiss it, are drawn to headlines, the more  
outlandish the better.

Tabloids are not valid news sources because they create news  
when they don't have any. To publicize them at all... either  
favorably or unfavorably... is exactly what they want. Your  
outrage is their investment... get it?

When you say to someone, "Hey!! Did you see that disgusting  
cover on the Weekly World News?", you are tacitly recommending  
it, so they can share your outrage. They say, "No!!", and they  
pick up a copy and express their outrage, too. See? Your outcry  
is their income... get it?

If we... CNN, Josh, everyone... ignored them, they'd go away. We  
don't ignore them, which was my point. We perpetuate their

depravity by giving it more attention than it deserves. No attention equals no tabloids... get it?

I was merely pointing out that criticizing it only helps perpetuate it.

As for any possible "October Surprise", I meant that in the same way that pundits have been meaning it for years. If a Democratic president was in office under our present economic, cultural, and military conditions, he would certainly hope for some real piece of good news between now and election day. Unfortunately, we don't have a Democrat in that office so Mr. Bush is the one who is surely hoping for some ray of sunshine. If you think in any way that I inferred an intentionally induced "surprise", you are inventing... just like Weekly World News.

If that sounds partisan to you, and deserving of your thinly veiled distaste for my comments, I submit that you are a bit paranoid, and a bit dismissive of the real problems we face. In fact my comment was a response to a humorous comment made in the prior post, and not intended to provoke any politically vengeful emotional response. That it did speaks volumes... you see??

As for chess, any player who claims to be able to "quickly checkmate any opposition" is more likely a pawn of their own delusions of grandeur, or put another way a 'legend in his own mind'.

But, I gladly resign in the face of your invulnerability. Would be folly not to. :)

Kyle

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### Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 07:28:11 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 10:09:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Rimmer

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming6.nul](mailto:lfleming6.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 20:11:36 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 9 Aug 2004 23:40:36 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>>"After Brazil=B9s House of Representatives demanded further  
>>>information from the Navy, it was given a secret report on the  
>>>official investigation. The document was leaked in October 1964  
>>>to Coral Lorenzen, director of APRO. After reviewing the various  
>>>sightings and the January 16 photographs, its author, Corvette-  
>>>Capt. Jose Geraldo Brandao, concluded that the 'existence of  
>>>personal reports and of photographic evidence, of certain value  
>>>considering the circumstance involved [absence of evidence of  
>>>tampering, the presence of other witnesses], permit the  
>>>admission that there are indications of the existence of  
>>>unidentified aerial objects.' He also noted the "strong  
>>>emotional upset... in all persons who sighted the object,  
>>>including the photographer, civilians, and members of the ship=B9s  
>>>crew"

>>It's worth noting that the phrases in square brackets are Mr  
>>Fleming's insertions.

>Wrong. The comments in brackets were as they appear on the CUFOS  
>web site:

Fair enough, I was wrong. But the point is that these comments  
were not in the Brazilian Government's original statement and  
were inserted later by ufologists.

><http://www.cufos.org/trindade/fs1.html>

>I suppose they were added either by Jerry Clark, who wrote the  
>article, or by the investigators who originally learned of the  
>Brazilian navy document on the incident. (I haven't seen the  
>full report, but I'd like to).

>>Without this, the statement is rather more  
>>ambiguous, with typical weasel phrases such as "of certain  
>>value...", "permit the admission that..." and "there are  
>>indications that..."

>What Mr. Rimmer tries to spin as "weasel" phrasing, a more  
>objective person would see as obviously a responsible statement  
>that did not go beyond the available evidence. What else was he  
>going to say - that the photographs proved that Brazil had been  
>invaded by "space aliens?" I'll bet Mr. Rimmer would have like  
>that.

My point entirely. The 'available evidence' in the days  
immediately after the photographs were taken was that they  
represented something inexplicable. By 'weasel' phrasing, I mean  
the careful use of words to minimise any subsequent fallout no  
matter how the matter was ultimately explained. I believe our

American cousins call it 'covering your butt'.

><snip>

>>>>The present-day  
>>>>>sceptics have made no such allegations about 21st century  
>>>>>computer technology.

>>>>The debate is fully archived on this List, I suggest you re-read  
>>>>it.

>>>I suggest Mr. Rimmer re-read it (or rather, "re-desconstruct"  
>>>it, since that's what psychobabble enthusiasts seem to prefer  
>>>doing rather than actually reading things). Here was my comment  
>>>on Mr. Barauna's apparently remarkable powers to travel into the  
>>>future and acquire technology not available to the average  
>>>person - or even scientists - back in the 1950's.

>>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/nov/m17-005.shtml>

>>In this posting Mr Fleming is criticising the Brazilian  
>>researcher Kentaro Mori for using a digital technique to  
>>simulate the type of double-exposure methods Barauna might have  
>>adopted. At no point does Mori suggest that Barauna used digital  
>>technology, and Mr Fleming suggests above.

>>As it is obvious to anybody that a 1950s photographer could not  
>>use modern-day digital techniques, ...

>It's only obvious to someone who has a slight familiarity with  
>the history of digital image-processing technology \_and\_ who  
>happens to think about it long enough to see beyond the  
>hand-waving.

The only hand waving I see is Mr Fleming's desperate attempts to  
divert readers' attention from the facts of the Trindade case.  
Is he suggesting that some readers of this list are unaware that  
modern day digital techniques were not available to Baruna?

>>Mr Fleming must be suggesting  
>>that either that Kentaro Mori is aware of this and is  
>>deliberately lying, or that he is too stupid to recognise the  
>>fact. Which is it?

>You'd have to ask him why he put up that silly web page. All I  
>know is that it's highly misleading to support a claim of  
>hoaxing with images produced by processing techniques that are  
>absurdly anachronistic for the time of the alleged hoax. I'll  
>try to be more charitable than Mr. Rimmer usually is and assume  
>that Kentaro, in his zeal to debunk the Trindade incident,  
>didn't realize the illogic of what he was doing. It looks like  
>an act of thoughtless desperation more than anything else.  
>That's my own "psychosocial" theory, at least.

The images were quite clearly labelled as to what they were and  
why they were posted on the web, and the methods used to create  
them are fully explained. There is no suggestion whatsoever that  
Kentaro Mori was claiming that Barauna used these methods to  
produce his own photographs. I know that, you know that,  
everyone reading this list knows that (I shall be more  
charitable than Mr Fleming seems to be and assume that list  
subscribers do know that advanced digital computer imaging did  
not exist in the 1950s). This is not an issue, no sceptical  
ufologist is making this claim, but it does provide a handy  
sound-bite to enable Trindade enthusiasts to misrepresent the  
sceptical position on this case.

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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## Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 07:53:13 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 10:11:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind - Rimmer

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>"interracial" couple (always pointed out)... two people who very  
>likely made the entire story \_up\_ out of whole cloth, solely for  
>purposes of some late-night time in the loony limelight,  
>presumably.

Can you please give me a reference to any published sceptical  
analysis of the Hill case which makes these claims? I would be  
happy to tear it to pieces with my large pelican beak!

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John Rimmer  
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## Nick Pope On UK James Whale's Show

From: Nick Pope <[nick.nul](mailto:nick.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 08:30:01 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 10:14:52 -0400  
Subject: Nick Pope On UK James Whale's Show

I'll be appearing on James Whale's show on the Talk Sport radio station this Monday evening, between around 11pm and 1am.

I'll be discussing the SETI workshop held at Harvard University on August 6 and looking at the latest stories about the so-called Tunguska event. I'll also be taking calls from any listeners who want to ask questions, discuss their views or relate details of any UFO sightings they may have had.

Talk Sport broadcasts at 1089/1053am. You can listen online at the following url:

<http://www.talksport.net/listen>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## Re: Descredit To The Field? - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 07:00:25 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 10:19:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: Descredit To The Field? - Lehmborg

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 14:24:52 +0000  
>Subject: Descredit To The Field? [was: Factsheet On Salla's Termination]

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 17:19:08 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Factsheet On Salla's Termination

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>>In a similar sort of situation, there will be a huge Paraworld  
>>Expo at the very large Los Angeles Convention Center, October  
>>21-24. They are expecting 250,000 people. I will be doing 7  
>>different lectures, workshops, etc. Will I be standing behind  
>>everybody there? Of course not. Would the world be better off  
>>and there be greater appreciate of Ufology if guys like  
>>me boycotted these events? I don't think so.

>That's one way of looking at it. Another way of looking at it is  
>the way I do. Every time you, Bruce Maccabee, Budd Hopkins, etc.  
>go on one of these programs you give "aid and comfort to the  
>enemy."

>The enemy is not Seth Shostak. The enemy is all these kooks and  
>weridos who give "ufology" a bad name, and you seem to be part  
>and parcel of them when you appear with them.

>You and the others appear to be totally lacking in  
>discrimination.

>This sort of behavior allows the news media and all brands of  
>skeptics to say, see "ufology" is 99% nutty with an occasional  
>sane or halfway rational person thrown in.

>I say there definitely would be a greater appreciation of  
>something more deserving of the now-silly name "ufology" if you  
>did boycott them.

That would work only if you guys all found a way to organize  
towards that end of substantive boycott, Mr. Hall!

Can you do that?

If you can't then Mr. Friedman remains on glidepath and on  
glideslope to lend some rational air to the field, sowing  
credibility wherever he goes, as do Mr. Hopkins and Dr. Mac.  
...and yourself Sir. And Dr. Shostak is not made the enemy, he  
makes himself an 'enemy' with his bad citations, fuzzy logic,  
and fallacious debating style.

Kal K. Korff? Please!

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he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.  
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## Hatch's Hatches Vol.1 #?

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 07:03:27 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 10:20:37 -0400  
Subject: Hatch's Hatches Vol.1 #?

Fm: Larry E. Hatch <[webmaster.nul](mailto:webmaster.nul)>  
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Dt: Friday (oh heck Saturday [burp!])  
Re: Hatch's Hatches #?- 2004

Wisconsin -- Most UFO Sightings

The purpose of these 'hatches' is to report regularly if infrequently. The assumption is that there is intelligent life on Earth.

"Pure logical thinking cannot yield knowledge of the empirical world, but beer at least softens the edges." - Albert Hoppes.

Are There Alien Messages In Our DNA Strands?

No of course not. What clown dished that up? Some Hollywood mogul said it long ago: " If you want to send a message, call Western Union."

"SYDNEY - .. The most likely place to find an alien message is in our DNA, according to an expert in Australia, one Professor Paul Davies ... "

Didn't some Japanese fellow come up with that exact hypothesis decades ago? -LH

"Scientists have recently discovered large sequences of "junk" DNA that contain no genes and appears to be very stable. "

DNA does not "contain genes", its rather the reverse, but never mind. My workshop has loads of persistent junk, none of it containing alien messages. -LH

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NASA Scientist Sees Possible Mat of Martian Lasagna:

COLORADO -- By Leonardo Espaciado -- A future astronaut traipsing across the landing sites of the Mars Rovers - Spirit and Opportunity - might be squishing into a mat of lasagna, according to one NASA scientist.

One big unknown: Did lasagna ever appear on Mars? And if so, is that planet home to fine cuisine today? The seeming proof of water on Mars suggests white wines, but are there any decent reds? Only time will tell.

According to Mack David, chef de hote for astrobiology at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, visual evidence from the rovers is pretty enticing. He led the group that in August 1996 presented evidence of ancient lasagna from Mars.

The observations strongly suggested primitive lasagna may have existed on Mars more than 3.6 billion years ago. The NASA-funded team found the first olive oil molecules thought to be of Martian origin. Several features characteristic of tomato sauce and possible microscopic fossils of primitive, oregano-like flakes inside an ancient Martian pasta fragment that fell to



Earth long ago.

Note: Hatch's Research Institute has been telling our readers for many years there is life on Earth. I seen some myself, right under my dad's microscope. The bacteria were chasing one another shamelessly. -LH

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Perseids - May Cause Damage

On August 11,2004, at about 21h UT, the Earth will pass through the dense core of the Perseid meteoroid stream from the parent comet Swift-Tuttle. Carry an umbrella.

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Alaska - Anti - Missile Interceptor Deployed

FORT GREELY - The United States deployed its first of six ground-based missile interceptors that would stop a nuclear missile attack. Unstated is who would launch such an attack.

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Arthur's Bar - Ice Melting Fast

By Hyman Israel: You wanna to see a bunch of pissed off Mickeys? Just let the ice machine at Arthur's Bar break down. Hell, I'm pissed off too. I like a nice scotch on the rocks, but you should see Larry Hatch ranting about hot beer. 'This ain't Sheboygan' I tells him ..

"Greenland's cover of ice is melting ten times quicker than previously thought" said one expert. So? who drinks a scotch/rocks up there? Eskimos? They'd probably prefer a hot brandy.

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New York - Strange Neon Light:

STATEN ISLAND -- The witness had a camcorder, but was hesitant to film a strange neon light at first. Others at the Barbecue might ask why he was filming a neon light instead of the Barbecue pit etc. Lets hope the BBQ sauce was more interesting than this report.

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New Jersey - Disc

EDGE WATER - Two witnesses were riding in car along Water Street when they saw a 'curved UFO' on July 17, 2004 .. four night lights way up in the sky. Being in a curve, this means a circle or disk, perhaps even a flying saucer. QED.

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BOUND BROOK -- The two objects flew from the right to the left, stopped for about ten seconds and then flew slowly away.

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Georgia - Tom Sheets Retires

Hatch's Hatches sincerely wishes the very best for Tom Sheets, a good and honest cop who brought some sense and order to a chaotic UFO scene in Georgia.

Now back to the lasagna ..

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Ohio - Circle

PORTSMOUTH -- Now wait a minute here. Portsmouth Ohio? I gotta look that up. [ 2 minutes delay..] Well! Sonofagun, there IS a Portsmouth, OH, in Scioto County. For a moment there, I though I caught another

Oyster Bay, Nebraska or Yellow Falls, TX. Apologies -LH

Anyhow, somebody and his girlfriend saw a UFO sending down 4 beams of light which left a UFO circle. The police thought they were crazy.

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Iowa - Disappearing Night-Lights

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Nebraska - Fast Moving Night-Light

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Arizona - Numerous Orbs

PHOENIX - "I have noticed for the last month or so that around 1 PM, the same orbs [appear] around the same exact area in downtown Phoenix.

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California - UFO Videos etc.

LOS ANGELES -- around 11 PM, July 23, 2004, a red and white blinking light in the sky ..

SAN BERNARDINO - strange lights in the sky

AUBURN -- three orbs of light coming out of the setting sun.

SONORA -- flying triangle videotaped ...

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DONATE TO KEEP THESE FILES COMING!

Dear Readers - Hatch's Hatches would come hat in hand asking for donations to the beer fund, but I already have a fridge full of Grolsche and/or Warsteiner (good stuff BTW). I strongly suggest a subscription to the CUFOS International UFO Reporter (IUR). Here is a link to their site:

<http://www.cufos.org/assoc.html>

As of January 2004, \$24 per year won't my parakeet in cigarettes. For 6 bucks extra, you can read something far more solid than these ravings.

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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW WHEN BUY OR SELL REAL ESTATE!

- 1) Move to California, not now, but long ago.
- 2) Buy 50 years ago if possible, at least 20 years ago.
- 3) Sell 20 years later, if at all, but not now.
- 4) Enjoy some lasagna.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: Greg Sandow <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 10:07:44 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 10:23:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Ray Dickenson <[editor.nul](mailto:editor.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 14:21:48 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>You have my apology for mis-directed scatter-gun approach.  
>For brevity used "atonal" too broadly.

Thanks, but.

>In 500 years would expect some Beethoven & Mahler (& some  
>modern pop, C&W say) still to be played as music.

>But equally expect most contemporary English "classical" - B.  
>Britten et al (and much "atonal") - to have disappeared with a gurgle.

I'm glad you're sure what music will be popular decades - or  
centuries - from now. If you're equally sure about the stock  
market, or horse races, please give me some tips!

I'm sure this discussion seems esoteric to many listers, but the  
problem with Ray's kind of certainty is that, in actual fact,  
one never knows. When I was growing up in the 1950s, intensely  
interested in music, Mahler - who had died some 40 years earlier  
- wasn't played very much. Many people confidently predicted  
that he'd be forgotten. And now look: He's a cornerstone of the  
classical repertoire.

Britten, by contrast - who died just under 30 years ago - is  
very much in the repertoire now. Two of his operas make regular  
appearances at the Metropolitan Opera in New York, and yet  
another one at our second opera house, the New York City Opera.  
I just came from the Aspen Music Festival in Colorado, where a  
Britten opera was performed; churches regularly sing his  
"Ceremony of Carols"; his "War Requiem" was played in recent  
years by both the New York Philharmonic and the Chicago  
Symphony. In Chicago it was such a huge success with the public  
that, when I did some marketing work with that orchestra, I was  
advised to mention it in advertising copy I wrote for them.

Look in any classical record catalogue, and see how many  
recordings of the Britten operas there are, especially "Peter  
Grimes."

So, if you compare Mahler and Britten, Britten, a generation  
after his death, seems to have a much better chance of survival  
than Mahler did, a generation after he died. Just shows how  
shaky these predictions are.

>Why? 'Cos it wasn't "art" - crafted to please human senses in  
>any age, but "artifice" - pandering to a temporary prejudice or trend.

Britten would be an awfully bad example of this. By all  
accounts, he was a deeply sincere artist, who pandered to no  
one. He would have been more popular in the early part of his  
career if he'd written in a more popular style. He even had to  
start his own opera company, to get his works performed. Nor did  
he follow the leading trends in composition in his day, which  
might at least have gotten him international academic success.

It's hard, actually, to find examples of leading classical composers who consciously pandered to anyone or anything. Especially the avant-garde - a more wildly sincere group of people would be hard to find.

It seems to me that there's a lot of "modern" classical music - 20th century and beyond - that you don't like. That's your privilege; nobody's forcing you to like it. But when you decree that it's not art, or that it won't survive, I think you're being quite arbitrary. You're trying to prove that your tastes are more than just your opinion, but that they have the weight and authority of cold, hard facts. Which, in art, just plain doesn't work.

>Although, by then the whole of humanity's art to-date might  
>be only a peripheral or specialist subject.

I agree!

Greg Sandow

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## Re: The Iron Giant Worth A Look - Lehmberg

From: **Alfred Lehmberg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 09:28:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 12:15:06 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Iron Giant Worth A Look - Lehmberg

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 21:56:40 EDT  
>Subject: The Iron Giant Worth A Look

>If you good folks on the List ever get the chance to relax  
>and take in a movie with a UFO/ET/Conspiracy twist,  
>might I recommend The Iron Giant.

>It's an animated film based on the children's book of the  
>same name.

>Any of us who grew up during the Cold War 50's early 60's  
>will love it. Well actually everyone will.

>Of special note is how the government characters respond  
>to the 'alien menace'.

>It's picturesque, spectacularly produced, brilliantly directed  
>and acted. Note crooner Harry Conick Jr and movie pop idol  
>Vin Diesel lending their voices. ( Diesel voices the giant ).

>Basically "Boy meets alien robot, befriends robot" fare.

>Yes, you can watch it with your kids and grandkids and it's  
>full family entertainment.

Hey! I cried! <g>

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## Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 09:34:14 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 12:16:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind - Lehmborg

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>Can you please give me a reference to any published sceptical  
>analysis of the Hill case which makes these claims? I would be  
>happy to tear it to pieces with my large pelican beak!

Better sharpen your 'beak'... your argument is not with me, good  
sir. It is with Stanton Friedman. Better do your 'toenails',  
too. Pick up a copy of Wendy's compilation and start your  
education, Sir, and thanks for reading.

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## Re: Paul Davies Proposes GSETI - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 15:42:45 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 12:26:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: Paul Davies Proposes GSETI - Friedman

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 14:56:45 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Paul Davies Proposes GSETI

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 19:04:51 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Paul Davies Proposes GSETI

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>While I don't personally know if Davies is right or wrong, I do  
>know that it can be proven. That is rare. Indeed almost a parody  
>of the UFO research field...

>Our best hope is that people keep looking at the sky as well as  
>inside musty manila folders, and that people keep coming up with  
>testable wild-ass theories while others seek to confirm existing  
>ones. Someone could even find one that ends up supporting yours!

>Davies is no Nancy Lieder.

>When the great stage comedy of the UFO enigma is cast, I find it  
>hard to believe that it could exclude a Stanton Friedman. Even  
>if you're right, which is quite possible. I just haven't made up  
>my mind yet.

As I noted, Davies has been writing about SETI for years, including when I was in Australia. When he does mention UFOs, it has always been negatively and without reference to any data. If one is interested in alien visitations, the place to look is at the evidence, not the theories. Observations by eye and by radar from all over the world of extraordinary craft behaving in extraordinary ways as compared to Earthling vehicles should be the place to start. If this or that theory cannot explain the evidence, the 5000 physical trace cases, the hundreds of abductions, etc, they should be put on the back burner not put forth as though great truths are there and not with the evidence.

I certainly did not claim Davies was a Nancy Lieder. He is a theoretical astrophysicist like a number of the SETI Specialists looking to justify his research projects because they might conceivably possibly, perhaps have something to teach us that might conceivably tell us something about ET Life out there and provide research funding for him. Compare this to observations of the craft and the ETs that are coming here. The emperors have no clothes.. Admittedly astrophysicists don't rank high on the list of those accustomed to dealing with transient observations of unpredictable phenomena involving intelligence, observed unexpectedly for relatively brief periods of time.

Davies and most of the SETI crowd are suffering from what Dr . Beatriz Gabo-Rivera, a European Physicist, has described as the Crown of Creation Syndrome in her splendid paper "Brane Worlds, the Subanthropic Principle and the Undetectability Conjecture" arXiv:physics/ 0308078 v3 27 Jan 2004.

Stan Friedman

Off to Newfoundland until August 26.

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Mori

From: Kentaro Mori <[airdown.nul](mailto:airdown.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 15:56:34 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 12:27:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Mori

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming6.nul](mailto:lfleming6.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 20:11:36 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>You'd have to ask him why he put up that silly web page. All I  
>know is that it's highly misleading to support a claim of  
>hoaxing with images produced by processing techniques that are  
>absurdly anachronistic for the time of the alleged hoax. I'll  
>try to be more charitable than Mr. Rimmer usually is and assume  
>that Kentaro, in his zeal to debunk the Trindade incident,  
>didn't realize the illogic of what he was doing. It looks like  
>an act of thoughtless desperation more than anything else.  
>That's my own "psychosocial" theory, at least.

You don't have to ask me. You just have to read what I wrote on  
the page:

<http://www.geocities.com/airsmithier/trind.htm>

"This was digitally made, using a multiplier to merge the two  
images, and is not provided with the intention to be an accurate  
depiction of what would be the results with an actual film. It's  
just a nice illustration to help to explain the suggestion for  
those who may have a difficulty to understand the idea."  
(emphasis added)

It's fun to compare the complete quote above with the one you  
made of it.

I have some problems with the English language, as you must all  
note from the errors I make on writing on this language. But I  
don't think any English speaking person should have any problem  
to understand what I meant.

Tim Printy has just reproduced, on film -- without "digital  
techniques" -- the proposed use of an internal mask. And it  
worked: <http://members.aol.com/tprinty2/trin6.html>

Mori

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## Re: Descredit To The Field? - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 16:19:03 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 12:33:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: Descredit To The Field? - Friedman

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 14:24:52 +0000  
>Subject: Descredit To The Field? [was: Factsheet On Salla's Termination]

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 17:19:08 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Factsheet On Salla's Termination

<snip>

>>If you want to improve the quality of the guest list, get more  
>>of the good guys to go on. I hope to appear with Frank Feschino  
>>Jr., the author of an important new book about the Flatwoods  
>>(WV) Monster UFO case of September, 1952, as soon as the pub  
>>date is set. I wrote the foreword and the Epilogue.

>>In a similar sort of situation, there will be a huge Paraworld  
>>Expo at the very large Los Angeles Convention Center, October  
>>21-24. They are expecting 250,000 people. I will be doing 7  
>>different lectures, workshops, etc. Will I be standing behind  
>>everybody there? Of course not. Would the world be better off  
>>and there be greater appreciate of Ufology if guys like  
>>me boycotted these events? I don't think so.

>That's one way of looking at it. Another way of looking at it is  
>the way I do. Every time you, Bruce Maccabee, Budd Hopkins, etc.  
>go on one of these programs you give "aid and comfort to the  
>enemy."

>The enemy is not Seth Shostak. The enemy is all these kooks and  
>weridos who give "ufology" a bad name, and you seem to be part  
>and parcel of them when you appear with them.

If we don't appear, we leave even more air-time for the  
wierdos. How does that benefit the serious approach to UFOs?

>You and the others appear to be totally lacking in  
>discrimination.

>This sort of behavior allows the news media and all brands of  
>skeptics to say, see "ufology" is 99% nutty with an occasional  
>sane or halfway rational person thrown in.

So if we do not provide sane rationality, would the news media  
then say Ufology is 100% nutty with nary a sane voice to be  
heard? I for one am far more concerned with reaching the bulk of  
the public than the skeptics, who, so far as I am concerned, are  
unreachable. I think the sane and rational people deserve to  
have models whose arguments they can quote rather than leaving  
the airwaves with no sane voices.

>I say there definitely would be a greater appreciation of  
>something more deserving of the now-silly name "ufology" if you  
>did boycott them.

Dick I really don't understand. Do you want our books burned too  
so the libraries would not be cluttered with voices of reason?

A few years back I appeared on Coast to Coast and offered some free materials (8 pages) to anybody sending an SASE to me at POB 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958. I received about 1000 requests, all but 5 with the SASE - thank goodness.

More than 200 Post It Notes were also received on the SASEs from people thanking me for doing what I had been doing for 10, 20, 30 years. I don't know these people. But obviously my views had had an impact on their thinking. Is this a bad thing?

Sure media appearances help sell books. Is that a bad thing or should the book stores be left to the weirdoes and nasty noisy negativists?

I would be very happy if more people bought your books which might have happened if you had done more appearances and taken away some of the airtime given to the bad guys.

Nature abhors a vacuum. If there is space it will be filled by those available even if they are wierdoes. I will admit it is inconvenient for me to be on Coast to Coast from 3-6AM and to be answering my toll free number for days afterward. It seems to me a small price for me to pay for the opportunity to defeat Dr. Seth Shostak.

And who is it who would have a greater "appreciation of something more deserving of the now silly name of ufology"? How would they know about it if there were fewer voices of reason raised publicly?

Sorry, Dick, but I want to reach the world more than I want to reach the high and lofty world of the "respectable and sane" and quiet voices of ufology. If I have to do battle with the forces of wierdism and skepticbunkdom, tis a small price to pay. I can only ask why your voice isn't raised more out there?

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Burisch Story Exposed - Stanford

From: Ray Stanford <[dinotracker.nul](mailto:dinotracker.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 11:35:53 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 12:35:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: Burisch Story Exposed - Stanford

>From: Amy Hebert <[ahebert.nul](mailto:ahebert.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 13:59:27 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Burisch Story Exposed

>>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254.nul](mailto:RGates8254.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 01:48:21 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Burisch Story Exposed

<snip>

>>I give Linda Howe credit for publishing what the journalist  
>>found on her web site and adding the word "alleged" when  
>>discussing Burisch.

>I'm sorry, Robert, but I will not give Linda Moulton Howe any  
>credit at all on this case. Linda went around promoting BS  
>without doing the necessary investigations she should have done  
>in the first place. She has made mistakes in the past and  
>continues to make mistakes - even when other researchers provide  
>evidence to the contrary of her beliefs and claims. Linda must  
>be held accountable for her actions as well as her lack of  
>action ( i.e. to investigate first, promote second).

Amen, Amy. Thanks for telling it as it is. One might wonder how  
it is that years of experience in this field doesn't seem to  
teach some people like Linda anything - not even pattern  
repetition recognition. :)

Ray Stanford

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## The Brocking Report

From: **Stuart Miller** <[stuart.miller4.nul](mailto:stuart.miller4.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 17:52:20 +0100 (BST)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 12:36:45 -0400  
Subject: The Brocking Report

So Rod Brock has gone. I can only surmise at the reasons but my guess is he is another victim of the bullying and strutting that masquerades on this List as ufology.

After all, if one posts, as a service to this List, an article of historical interest, one doesn't expect to be savagely mauled for doing so, indeed as if one was the author oneself.

Regardless, if any of you had the momentary capability of insight and were able to stand back and look at yourselves objectively, you would see that this is at times nothing more than a pissing contest. I know more than you blah blah blah.

What has been hysterical over the last couple of weeks is watching some of the blabbers talk themselves into a corner. You have no idea what amusement many of you inadvertantly supply.

Sniff sniff, is that the whiff of rapidly diminishing testosterone I smell? And I wonder why there are so few women that contribute to this List or that sustain a thread for any decent length of time?

Stuart Miller

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## Re: Question About Artists And

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 18:05:45 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 13:02:56 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 10:07:44 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>From: Ray Dickenson <[editor.nul](mailto:editor.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 14:21:48 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>You have my apology for mis-directed scatter-gun approach. For  
>>brevity used "atonal" too broadly.

>Thanks, but.

<snip>

>>Although, by then the whole of humanity's art to-date might be  
>>only a peripheral or specialist subject.

>I agree!

I hope EBK will forgive me for stepping in on top of all this.

I was a (doofus) Music Major right through the 1960s. I was also a dedicated beer drinker, the only thing that reaffirms tradition or liver ailments these days.

In one Menlo Park, CA beer joint, I had the displeasure of bartending two clowns arguing; ' who is the best singer in the world'. One fajool was arguing for Roger Miller... " Trailers for sale or rent... rooms to let fifty cent... Aaaahm a MAyn of means by not means....."

The other fellow argued for Frank Sinatra who still makes me sick. Hell, they both make me sick. The two beer morons make me sick even now.

The daughters of the proprietor, much more interesting, had an entirely different take on musical matters. One of them (the pert but chubby one) insisted that the Beatles were down the tubes, and that "the Monkeys" had taken over in their place. I argued, without effect, that the Monkeys would be forgotten before the Beatles stopped recording. I was right of course, but so what?

Apart from the war in Vietnam, or maybe because of it, the musical world was in high fermentation mode. This is (and should forever be) highly unpredictable.

It is also, the mid-to-late 1960s, a period of the most intense UFO activity ever recorded. Sharper waves show here, but the high numbers may indicate something I hd not looked at before. I hope it isn't dope.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lflaming6.nul](mailto:lflaming6.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 20:27:43 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 13:05:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Fleming

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 07:28:11 +0100  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

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>My point entirely. The 'available evidence' in the days  
>immediately after the photographs were taken was that they  
>represented something inexplicable. By 'weasel' phrasing, I mean  
>the careful use of words to minimise any subsequent fallout no  
>matter how the matter was ultimately explained. I believe our  
>American cousins call it 'covering your butt'.

This memo is from a CUFOS web page at:  
[http://www.cufos.org/Trindade\\_New\\_Evidence\\_article.html](http://www.cufos.org/Trindade_New_Evidence_article.html)

It was written by an admiral in the Brazilian navy and it sure  
sounds llke there \_was\_ fallout:

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THE NAVY MINISTRY  
THE NAVY HIGH COMMAND  
Rio de Janeiro, D.F.  
6 February 1958

INTERNAL COMMUNICATION=8B CONFIDENTIAL  
No. 0043

From: The Subchief of Intelligence.  
To: The Vice-chief of the Navy High Command  
Subject: Phenomena observed over the Trindade Island  
Reference: Report No. 0005, of 1/6/1958, from the Chief of the  
Navy High Command to the Commander of the Trindade Island  
Oceanographic Post.

1. I am reporting to Your Excellency the information and conclusions obtained by the Corvette-Captain Jose Geraldo Brandao, Intelligence agent, with respect to phenomena observed several times in the area of the Trindade Island.
2. It is my opinion that the facts make necessary a very careful investigation, so that I would like to suggest to Your Excellency the following procedures:

a) To order an exploration all over the island (it would be better if made by helicopters), to verify the existence of signs, of landing sites of any UAO;

b) To order the installation of vigilance posts on the deserted part of the island, to permit the observation in all directions of any abnormal phenomenon;

c) To recommend the garrison to remain alerted in order to observe and register anything being sighted in connection with the subject, making every effort to obtain photographs (with cameras of any kind and in any situation, even at night);

d) To determine that, when UAOs are sighted, the following instruments must be under careful observation: radar, magnetic needles, electric lights, internal combustion engines, the effects observed must be reported together with the information already included in the questionnaire released by this High Command; and this High Command must be informed immediately about all the occurrences;

e) To give communication to the Navy=B9s Hydrography and Navigation Dept. of the results obtained and measures taken by this High Command.

Luiz Felipe Pinto da Luz  
Rear-Admiral, Subchief of  
Intelligence Dept.

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There are other letters written by the Brazilian military on the same CUFOS web page. They clearly took the incident very seriously, in part because it occurred in the context of previous sightings by military personnel on the island.

A report on the analysis of the negatives was critical of the fact that the captain didn't immediately take possession of the negatives rather than letting Barauna take them back to his own photo lab, but the photos were Barauna's, after all.

The military did get the negatives from Barauna later. It's worth noting that the analysis concluded:

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I=8BThe technician from the Navy=B9s HND, after examination of the negatives, affirms that they are natural;

II=8BThe technicians from the Cruzeiro do Sul Aerophotogrammetric Service, after microscopic examinations to verify the granulation, analysis of signals, verification of luminosity and details of outlines, affirmed:

There was not any sign of photomontage in the negatives mentioned to, all the evidence indicating they are in fact negatives of an object really photographed;

The hypothesis of a photomontage contrived after the sighting is definitely excluded;

It is impossible to prove either the existence or the nonexistence of a previous photomontage, which requires however a high-precision technic and favorable circumstances to its execution.

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<snip>

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>The images were quite clearly labelled as to what they were and  
>why they were posted on the web, and the methods used to create  
>them are fully explained. There is no suggestion whatsoever that  
>Kentaro Mori was claiming that Barauna used these methods to  
>produce his own photographs.

The "explanation" I referred to was:

"This was digitally made, using a multiplier to merge the two images, and is not provided with the intention to be an accurate depiction of what would be the results with an actual film. It's

just a nice illustration to help to explain the suggestion for those who may have a difficulty to understand the idea."

It's obvious that the fake "UFO" is not a part of the photograph without the final multiplier step. I'm unaware of any analog equivalent to digital multiplication. The reader is left to speculate on how the sneaky Mr. Barauna got the results he did - and fool the military photography experts who were in possession of the photographic negatives, not just some prints. How did Barauna do all the (unspecified) finagling with contrast necessary to get a convincing double exposure that "skeptics" darkly suspect on the negatives themselves?

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## The 'Living The Field' Conference

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 03:14:13 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 13:08:25 -0400  
Subject: The 'Living The Field' Conference

Hi All,

I had this mail sent to me, so I place it on this List for anyone who may wish to attend.

Roy

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Hi

I'm Lynne McTaggart author of 'The Field: the quest for the secret force of the universe', which Arthur C Clarke described as 'an important work which makes a good case that we are on the verge of another revolution in our understanding of the universe.'

We are bringing Apollo 14 astronaut Edgar Mitchell to London to speak at our 'Living The Field' Conference on 9th & 10th October.....

Can you help us spread the word?

I would like to spread the word for this conference to as many interested people as possible. For those of you with a particular interest in UFOs, Ed Mitchell's revelations promise to be mind-blowing!

I've included full details below or you can click on:

<http://www.wddty.co.uk/thefield/main.asp>

for further details.

If you can help us by distributing leaflets or emailing friends or groups then call 0208 971 1651 or email [andy.nul](mailto:andy.nul)

Best wishes

Lynne McTaggart

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Ed Mitchell, renowned Apollo  
14 astronaut, and Raymond Moody, author of  
Life After Life and world expert on near-death  
experiences headline historic conference  
on the marriage of science and the spirit  
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I am delighted to announce that we have confirmed a glittering array of speakers for the Living The Field Annual Conference 2004, to be held on 9th & 10th October 2004 in London.

So, before you do anything else, make a date in your diary to keep this weekend free as it'll be one you won't want to miss . . . and in future you'll be one of the privileged few who can tell others "I was there."

Click here for the full programme of events

[http://www.wddty.co.uk/thefield/conference\\_about.asp](http://www.wddty.co.uk/thefield/conference_about.asp)

Make sure you reserve your place today

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Science & Spirituality  
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\*\*\*\*\* The speakers \*\*\*\*\*

Dr Edgar Mitchell was among the Apollo 14 mission in 1971 that included the sixth man to walk on the moon. Founder of the Institute of Noetic Sciences, which investigates the nature of consciousness, he is author of The Way of the Explorer. He was inducted to the Space Hall of Fame in 1979 and the Astronaut Hall of Fame in 1998.

Dr Raymond Moody coined the term the 'near death experience' and he has been the leading expert in the field for over 40 years. His breakthrough book, Life After Life, has sold 14 million copies.

Prof Stanley Krippner is professor of psychology at Saybrook Graduate School in San Francisco, and is director of the Center for Consciousness Studies. A noted researcher into human consciousness. He is also a former director of a dream research laboratory in Brooklyn.

Neurosurgeon Dr Karl H. Pribram has devoted most of his celebrated five-decade career to brain/behaviour research at Yale and Stanford University. He is also the originator of the holographic theory of the brain. He has received numerous awards

Cleve Backster, the world leader in establishing and teaching polygraph technique standards, has spent 40 years studying 'primary perception' the evidence that living things like plants are sensitive to their environment and the people around them.

Lynne McTaggart is author of the book The Field: The Quest for the Secret Force of the Universe, which has been praised by Sir Arthur C Clarke, Dr Wayne Dyer, Dr Larry Dossey and by many others for providing a science of the miraculous. Lynne is also executive director of What Doctors Don't Tell You, the UK's most successful health newsletter.

Click here for the full list of speakers

[http://www.wddty.co.uk/thefield/conference\\_speakers.asp](http://www.wddty.co.uk/thefield/conference_speakers.asp)

\*\*\*\*\* Workshop facilitators \*\*\*\*\*

Out-of-body experiences - F Holmes 'Skip' Atwater

A gifted sensitive who had many out of body experiences, 'Skip' Atwater studied with consciousness pioneer Robert Monroe and originated the US CIA's psychic spy remote viewing program STAR



GATE. Presently he is the research director of The Monroe Institute.

Remote viewing - Joe McMoneagle

Joe McMoneagle is one of the world's most well known and gifted remote viewers. He was the first recruit for STARGATE and a frequent participant in the top scientific studies into remote viewing, with Cognitive Sciences Lab, which carried out research for the STARGATE Project.

Forecasting through dreams - Craig Webb

Craig Webb is the executive director of the Dreams Foundation with over a dozen years experience in carrying out studies of dreams and consciousness, including dream research at Stanford University and Sacre-Coeur Hospital.

Cosmic consciousness - Richard Lawrence

Richard Lawrence is the UK's best-known healer. He is the author of many best-selling books on healing, including The Magic of Healing and the Little Book of Karma.

Chrissie and Gary Blaze

Chrissie has been a practitioner and teacher of healing and metaphysics and astrology for over 20 years. Gary, her husband, is a long-time student and practitioner of the esoteric yogas, Taoist internal alchemy and Chi Kung. He is co-author with Chrissie of Power Prayer.

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I hope that you will see our annual Living The Field conference, our workshop intensives and the monthly course as an integrated experience to translate the theories captured in my book The Field into a practical guide and course for daily life. The aim is to ensure that you don't have to practise in isolation, but can develop as part of a Living The Field community, with your own local groups.

Together we can create a quiet revolution for a more fulfilling life.

I very much look forward to seeing you on these two momentous days.

Best wishes

Lynne McTaggart

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## Re: Burisch Story Exposed - Gates

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>>>Subject: Burisch Story Exposed

>>>Looks like UFO Magazine has sunk the Burisch tale in its latest  
>>>issue. Yet another UFO kook has been exposed.....

>>><http://www.ufowatchdog.com/burischdirtbag.html>

>>Royce, Listers,

>>The whole Burisch story can sum up a lot of the manure that is  
>>spread in the UFO field. A thank-you to the journalist who did  
>>the research (alas, I wish it would have been one of our own)  
>>and thanks to Royce and UFO Magazine for posting the story.

>Amen to that, Robert.

><snip>

>>Can you see the pattern here?

Hi Amy,

>Yes. Do you?

I do. As you know from my previous posts, I have seen it a long  
time ago.

>>I give Linda Howe credit for publishing what the journalist  
>>found on her web site and adding the word "alleged" when  
>>discussing Burisch.

>I'm sorry, Robert, but I will not give Linda Moulton Howe any  
>credit at all on this case. Linda went around promoting BS  
>without doing the necessary investigations she should have done  
>in the first place. She has made mistakes in the past and  
>continues to make mistakes - even when other researchers provide  
>evidence to the contrary of her beliefs and claims. Linda must  
>be held accountable for her actions as well as her lack of  
>action ( i.e. to investigate first, promote second).

No apology necessary here...nwe just have a minor disagreement.  
I agree that Linda distributed and promoted the Burisch Stories  
(we could refer to Burisch Stories as true BS.... :) ) and  
tales, so various others over the time this has been around, not  
to mention being on talk radio. I am giving the others a few  
weeks to step up to the plate and see if they will.

Linda has taken the steps to publish on the Internet the information from the journalist and others on July 13th in a piece called: The Chapter 7 Bankruptcy of Dan and Deborah Burisch. This can be viewed at:

<http://www.earthfiles.com/news/news.cfm?ID=745&category=Science>

She at least published the info and the various documents which leads to the conclusion UFO mag reached, i.e. it was a stroke job. Conveniently Burisch pronounced that as of June 8th of this year his alleged govt handles will no longer allow him to make any statements, etc etc and he was retiring, etc etc. One wonders if he was hearing about the Atlanta Journalist looking into this background. Now how many others who promoted/distributed BS are taking any kind of steps? So far that I know, nobody.

>>One wonders if the rest of the people who distributed, promoted >>and talked up this story are now willing to step up to the plate >>and with the evidence at hand admit that they were misled and >>issue an apology. Further tell us that they learned from the >>experience and will check out peoples backgrounds/story more >>carefully next time before vomiting the story all over >>everybody.

>I'm wondering if the individuals who promoted this story will >even be named on this list or anywhere in the UFO community. We >all know who they are. Why do these things tend to get swept >under the rug month after month, year after year? Ever notice >\*these\* patterns?

These very pattern is what I was talking about when I mentioned the slinking back into the shadows. We will likely hear stories about how they never believed Burisch in the first place but felt the story was important enough that it had to be told instantly, etc etc...

>>Not to mention Bill "I am part of a government disinformation >>program" Moore who said the AFOSI seeded all the tales and >>stories into Bennowitz, who promptly passed them along to other >>researchers which formed the basis of the Lear/Cooper axis of ET >>treatys, Dulce, and various other stories.

>>Point to all of this is when some alleged govt insider unloads >>some incredible tale, they need to be checked out and (here is >>the hard part) verified before unloading them.

>If these stories were actually checked out before being spread, >ufology would cease to exist, the truth would become visible and >a lot of speakers and UFO "experts" would be out of a job.

I think if alot of these stories got checked out before they got vomited all over the public, we wouldn't have near the tale bearing that we have now and it would be a good thing.

>Which came first - the Chicken or the egg? Does ufology exist >because there are UFO's or do UFO's exist because there is a >ufology? If we stopped looking for UFO's, and looked for truth >instead, would we know it if we saw it? If you ran around trying >to catch your shadow, how would you know it was yours if it >changed every time you moved?

I think ufology exists because we have UFOs. After all from 1947 through the early 50s there wasn't any serious groups investigating things until APRO, then later NICAP and MUFON.

>I just love riddles. <g>

Agreed. How about this one. What came first. The secretive government insider spilling information or Hoagland. Does Hoagland exist because he has various stories from people who claim to be government insiders.? Nah, this could get convoluted real fast..... :)

Cheers,

Robert

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## Serpent Mound To Mothman

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Sleuth for Mothman

Some weird attractions are too big for one state; stop in W.Va.  
for eerie fun

By Denise Grollmus  
Beacon Journal staff writer

Today, we wrap up our three-week look at some of the more unusual spots in Ohio. Today's attractions would make an ideal three-day, two-night eccentric Ohio adventure. It cheats a bit as it includes a skip and a jump across the Ohio River into West Virginia territory - Point Pleasant, to be exact.

Before you get to West Virginia, the trail includes a variety of strange museums, manmade phenomena, a few arcane objects that claim the title of "the world's largest," as well as two quirky accommodations.

But the true treat of the trip lies just across the river, in the tiny town of Point Pleasant, where Mothman once resided.

Though many assume the story begins with a swashbuckling Richard Gere as a renegade reporter in The Mothman Prophecies, this story actually begins in Point Pleasant in 1966, when five men were preparing a grave and spotted a humanlike figure with wings lifting off from the trees and flying away.

They weren't the only ones who claimed to see this flying mystery man. For the next year, "Mothman" was sighted all over the region, until Dec. 15, 1967, when the Silver Bridge, which linked Point Pleasant to Ohio, collapsed into the Ohio River, killing 46 people.

The Mothman Prophecies is actually a 1975 book written by reporter John Keel. It includes more than 100 testimonies from people who claimed to have seen Mothman and it also suggests a link between the bridge collapsing and the creature's strange presence (hence the "prophecies" part).

After Mothman disappeared, locals claimed to be interrogated by men in black.

Was it a biological disaster at the hands of the toxic chemicals hiding in an abandoned TNT plant in the Point Pleasant woods that created the monster? Or was Mothman an extraterrestrial being, sent from outer space as an omen of bad things to come?

Follow the Mothman trails and you decide.

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For more on Mothman, try

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/1931044341/cryptozoologi-20>

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Now, get out your Ohio map and plan your routes to the following destinations. See if you can find more Ohio oddities on your own!

Orrville Toy and Hobby Museum: Collecting a massive number of mundane objects is a human activity that truly puzzles the mind.

One of the biggest mind puzzlers lies in Orrville's Toy and Hobby Museum.

Their 10,000-plus collection of pencils will make your junk drawer a pack rat joke.

It's also nice to see someone preserving the art of pencil engraving - you know, all those pencils with some company's name emblazoned in a gold print that flaked off onto your teeth when you chewed your pencils?

There's also an exhibit of more than 4,500 toy trucks and more than 1,000 salt and pepper shakers.

World's largest cuckoo clock: It's the world's largest cuckoo clock, what more can you say?

It's huge!

Every hour, a 13-inch bird pops out of the Swiss-styled cabin as a five-piece oompah band plays on and cloggers get down, spindley legs and all.

Located on the Alpine-Alpa Cheese House's roof in Wilmot, stop in the shop and grab some cheese (it's really good cheese), check out the robotic milkmaid, or get some grub in the amazingly gawdy restaurant. It's so Swiss!

Warther Museum in Dover: Ernest "Mooney" Warther was a good guesser.

After learning how to whittle a pair of pliers out of wood in just 10 cuts, he guessed that if he made 31,000 cuts into one piece of wood just over a foot long and just under an inch wide, he could cut 511 pairs of pliers into what would resemble a tree of pliers.

He did it.

But that's not all he did. He also carved the history of the steam engine, a miniature model of the steel plant he worked in, and a commemorative model of Abraham Lincoln's funeral train. His carving of the Empire State Express is the world's largest ivory carving.

And if that doesn't seem impressive enough, his wife's 73,000-plus collection of buttons is also on hand to boggle your mind.

World's largest picnic basket: At 23 feet tall, 11 feet wide, and 48 feet long, this picnic basket is not joking around.

Sitting in the center of Dresden, the largest Longaberger basket in the world was woven in 1980 by 2,000 employees at the Longaberger Basket Company.

Though it pales in comparison to the company's Newark corporate office building, built to resemble a basket, this basket was actually woven in the same manner as the company's trademark durable picnic basket.

Devil's Garden to Hell's Oven: New Straitsville is probably the most literal version of hell in a traditional "pit full of flames below the Earth's surface" kind of way.

The town has been sitting on top of an active fire for the past 115 years, thanks to a coal strike in 1884 where coal miners filled coal cars full of flaming timbers and hurled them into the mines below.

In the 1930s, the New Deal's WPA attempted to clean up the fire without any success. The town became a national tourist attraction, and a few local's capitalized by paying children to fry eggs and percolate coffee over the fuming cracks or fuel the fires by adding tires and gasoline.

Though the fire will appear to have stopped, every once in a while a crack opens up in a new location. The last major fissure occurred in 1991, when a 15-foot crack appeared, spewing fire and smoke.

When the town was still a major tourist trap, these holes were named everything from Devil's Garden to Hell's Oven.

The streets are also rumored to be unusually warm, and supposedly the snow melts as soon as it hits the ground.

The most interesting site would be the top of Plummer Hill, where the coal miners first started what some call the "longest burning man-made fire in history."

You can also stop by the New Straitsville History Group for a glimpse of historic photos.

Ravenwood Castle: Sleeping in castles is awesome.

Now, thanks to Sue and Jim Maxwell, you no longer need to go all the way to Europe for a bit of medieval living.

The Maxwells built the Ravenwood Castle in New Plymouth in the style of a 12th century Norman castle to meet all your medieval needs.

The castle boasts everything from King Henry VIII suites and Queen Elizabeth guest rooms to gypsy wagons and 15th century cottages for two.

Breakfast is also served in a "Great Hall" decorated with elaborately carved furnishings and an intimidating fireplace that adds a bit of Gothic flare.

Best part yet: Ravenwood Castle sits on the highest hill in Vinton County, so you can walk out onto the balcony of your King Arthur suite, gaze out upon miles and miles of greenery and shout "It's all mine! Wahaaahaaahaa!"

Dust off those Renaissance festival costumes and get ready for an antiquated sleep over!

Serpent Mound: At 1,330 feet-long, Ohio's Serpent Mound in Locust Grove near Peebles is the most famous of all effigy mounds in the United States.

The head of the serpent, with what appears to be an egg in its mouth, is said to point to the summer solstice sunset and the coils also appear to purposefully point in the direction of the winter solstice sunrise and the equinox sunrise.

No one knows for certain who built it or why, though the mound has been associated with two different groups - the Adena Indians (800 B.C. to A.D. 1) and the Fort Ancient Indians (around A.D. 1000).

The mound is also extremely curious because of its location in an area that is composed of extremely faulted and folded bedrock, an uncommon geographic characteristic for Ohio.

Some have speculated that the unusual makeup of the land is due to a volcano eruption or a meteorite strike, but no volcanic matter or meteorite debris have been found.

The Serpent Mound museum was opened in 1967, and contains exhibits illustrating various interpretations of the snake pattern, the processes of constructing the effigy, and the culture of the Adena people.

Mothman: Though Mothman was spotted all over southern Ohio as well, Point Pleasant, W.Va., was considered the creature's abode and the town contained the largest concentration of sightings.

Mothman's "home" was in the same area where TNT storage huts were built by the United States Army during World War II.

Now abandoned, the structures sit in the McClintic Wildlife Management Area. The domes are super conspicuous because they look like man-made hills of grass with little trap doors in the center... super spooky.

Probably the site of the most terrifying set of UFO sightings in the region, Point Pleasant is still proud of its extraterrestrial heritage. Some are also still haunted by the sightings, especially in their connection to the collapse of the bridge.

All along historic downtown, coffee shops and stores sell Mothman memorabilia and books that include copies of original Mothman police reports.

At the center of historic downtown's Gunn Park sits a steel sculpture of Mothman, created by Bob Roach.

In 2002, Point Pleasant began hosting the annual Mothman Festival. This year's celebration will be held Sept. 18 and 19.

Lots of locals are happy to share their Mothman stories, and most businesses offer a number of maps to the Mothman trails, which will lead you to the TNT huts as well as key sites where Mothman's most hyped appearances took place.

There's a lot of adventuring to be done, so it's suggested that you stay the night in Point Pleasant, especially because searching for Mothman at night is way more intense.

The Lowe Hotel is highly recommended. It's in the center of the historic district, where you'll find a great greasy spoon, a pretty cool record store, and lots of Mothman stories.

The hotel was built in 1901, and it hasn't lost a bit of its early 20th century charm - the rooms are still locked with old skeleton keys. It's the perfect place to get you in the spooked-out Mothman mood.

Hint: If Mothman and the Lowe Hotel aren't scary enough for you toughies, ask around for the Lakin State Hospital. It's an abandoned mental institution sitting alongside state Route 62, north of Point Pleasant, in the middle of a giant field. It is a very ominous looking building -- classic haunted house style. There are many a ghost story about this place.

Birthplace of the banana split: Mothman hunting spook your soul? Soothe it with the original banana split before you trek home.

Actually it's a battle of midwestern wits, as Latrobe, Pa., and Wilmington, Ohio, battle it out to prove which town invented the banana split first.

Though Latrobe has claimed that it invented the dessert monolith three years prior to Wilmington, Buckeyes scoff as they celebrate the Banana Split Festival each June in honor of Ernest Hazard, Wilmington's prized inventor.

In 1907, Hazard, owner of Hazard's Drugstore (which no longer exists), held a contest among himself and his employees to see who could create the best new ice cream dish.

The bossman beat the help out with his one scoop of vanilla (covered in chocolate syrup), one scoop of strawberry (covered in crushed pineapple), and one scoop of chocolate (covered in strawberry jam), all topped with whipped cream, nuts, a few cherries on top, and cradled elegantly between a split banana.

Hazard's cousin, Clifton, gave the dessert its famous epithet, the "banana split," and you can still eat a historical reproduction of Hazard's original at Wilmington's Gibson Goodies.



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## UK's \$850 Million UFO Park

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UFO fans have bought a 150acre site for the world's first alien theme park. The =A3850million attraction will be at Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire, famous for UFO sightings.

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### The MUFON Conundrum - Part IV

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Part Four: The Human Response To An Extraterrestrial Intervention

Being primarily a forum for the latest research, a MUFON symposium is an unlikely place for thoughtful consideration of an appropriate human response to the extraterrestrial visitation apparently signified by the UFO phenomenon. But in Denver, MUFON directors invited Marshall Summers - one of the most controversial and perhaps least-understood figures in the UFO/ETI research community - to present a rare workshop on this important topic.

Summers is not a researcher, but a contemplative who for twenty years has been "quietly receiving a body of teachings which constitute the first real spirituality of contact," according to editor Darlene Mitchell at New Knowledge Library ([www.greatercommunity.org](http://www.greatercommunity.org)), a non-profit reader-supported publishing company dedicated to making Summers=92 works available in print.

Formerly "a hidden spiritual teacher," Summers was reluctantly thrust into the UFO controversy when, as he tells it, in 1997 he began receiving a series of "briefings" from a small group of off-world extraterrestrials who claimed to represent the Allies of Humanity, a network of individuals dedicated to the preservation of freedom and sovereignty among emerging worlds.

According to the reclusive Summers, these mysterious Allies were sent to this region of the galactic neighborhood in the late 1980s "to observe, not to intervene; to witness, not to become involved." Their briefings, now published in two volumes, comprise the Allies=92 report to humanity about their observations of the activities and intentions of those extraterrestrials who are currently active in our world, providing a vantage point and an understanding that until now have simply been unavailable to humans.

Summers makes it clear that the Allies offer "no spoon-feeding, no extraterrestrial makeover of humanity, no new world order, no new spiritual leadership - and no free energy." Instead, they have provided the keys to seeing the extraterrestrial presence for what it is, an uninvited and clandestine intervention into human affairs. In addition, he says, "the Allies give us a window into the universe, the Greater Community of intelligent life."

The initial image that the Allies present in their briefings is stark and disturbing: "Very briefly," says Summers, "we=92re undergoing a subtle intervention whose purpose is to gain control of our world, its resources, and its people." This campaign is being carried out by extraterrestrial forces whose interests are unabashedly commercial in nature. These interlopers are here, he says, "because we possess resources in our world that are very valuable to other races for very practical reasons."

"We must see that an intervention is not a visitation," Summers declares. "An intervention is a forced entry."

Summers likens humanity's current position to "the natives of a new world," who unknowingly have in their possession natural treasures that are of great value to outsiders. When a new world is discovered, he notes, the first to arrive on its shores are resource explorers. "This is nature" in a universe of great competition and complexity, he says, a reality that has been played out again and again in human history.

While MUFON researchers have been able to identify many of the pieces, accumulating data about what is happening in the phenomenon, they do not and cannot deal with more difficult questions, such as: Why is it happening? What does it mean? How can we prepare for contact? "These are not easy subjects for science to deal with," says Summers. "Now we're entering the realm of something else - spirituality, insight, philosophy, intuition, nature. It's bigger."

"The UFO phenomenon is a pretty uncomfortable place to be," acknowledges Summers. "We're at the threshold of something that most people don't know about and most don't want to know about." He maintains that "the UFO phenomenon is not a mystery" but a puzzle with many missing pieces. The Allies briefings make it possible to connect the dots, he says.

Summers realizes that the Allies challenge "the orthodoxy of the UFO community," an accepted group of beliefs, assumptions and expectations that distort perception of the extraterrestrial activities. "It's gone so far," says Summers, "as to become spiritually incorrect to question the extraterrestrial presence."

In contrast, the Allies' briefings present "a very prosaic picture of life beyond our world," he says. "It's not the kind of Magic Kingdom that we often hear about, particularly in channeled works, where we're sort of a third world planet surrounded by enlightened beings who are shepherding us towards enlightenment or who are going to rescue us from our own self-destruction."

"We're still operating out of Drake's Equation," explains Summers, which implies that "anyone who becomes advanced technologically must have advanced ethically or they would have destroyed themselves." However, this assumption is not borne out even in human history, he observes, where some civilizations have survived over a long period, advancing technologically "but certainly not ethically and spiritually."

The Allies contend that technological and spiritual evolution do not necessarily go hand in hand, according to Summers. For instance, in our modern society "we have great technological advancement, but our spiritual advancement is questionable." This is important to understand, he says, "because it tells us what advanced races in the Greater Community are going to be like. If their spiritual and ethical evolution is not commensurate with their technological evolution, then you are going to have races who are spiritually bereft, who are incredibly controlling - the kind of societies we would probably not want to live in."

Indeed, Summers and the Allies claim that this is now being demonstrated in humanity's encounter with technologically-advanced extraterrestrials. "Everyone in the universe needs resources," he says. "The higher the level of technology, the more refined resources are required. It also means that you have to interact in trade and commerce with other nations." However, he notes that we humans are very naive about the degree of commerce and competition that apparently take place in this well-inhabited part of the galaxy.

"These are commercial forces," Summers contends. "They must act in a surreptitious manner and make it appear that humanity desires their presence and activities here on earth."

According to Summers, "the Allies emphasize that our world is very rare in its biological diversity - and the fact that it hasn't been completely stripped clean by a highly technologically advanced race." This makes Earth a prime target for resource exploitation, and human beings are high on the list of desirable commodities. He says that the second set of the Allies' briefings, now available in an underground edition, "paints a very dark picture of the intervention, a picture that

the intervention would never reveal to its representatives and its apologists. It's very difficult for us to face, for we are a biological resource ourselves." In essence, says Summers, "There's a black market out there where these resources are highly valued and sold."

Such extraterrestrial activities here are shrouded in secrecy, the Allies argue, suggesting that the much-decried cover-up has its origin with the ETs themselves. "The cover-up is critical to their agenda," says Summers. "They're not here to destroy us; they're here to use us. They certainly want us to be compliant."

To complicate matters, what amounts to a powerful propaganda campaign is in place regarding the extraterrestrial presence. "The deception is that we're made to think that it's here for our benefit, that without it we will fail - we will destroy ourselves, we will collapse, we will fall prey to predators in the universe. And as the native peoples, being ignorant of life beyond our borders, and believing and hoping as we do that whoever we encounter would be there for our benefit, will tend to make certain kinds of classic mistakes that have been repeatedly made in the history of our own world. We certainly do not want to make those kinds of mistakes here, and we are making them already."

The Allies reveal the darker motives of the intervention, says Summers, "to which we ascribe all kinds of benevolent qualities and hopeful expectations." It is more likely, he suggests, that the intervention is occurring because "we happen to be sitting on a very wealthy planet that's being very mismanaged, and we're despoiling it."

However, the tactics of the alien intervention are not difficult for us to understand, he says. "In this day and age, intervention isn't men with guns; intervention is men and women with briefcases, cellphones and laptop computers. Every day around the world intervention is being attempted, using means that are very similar to the means being used by the extraterrestrial intervention."

The extraterrestrial forces apparently excel in what Summers and the Allies refer to as "the mental environment," where force is not as important as persuasion and manipulation. Here Summers suggests that even the current conflict between the Muslim and Western worlds serves the extraterrestrial intervention. "The United States, the only nation in the world that could really oppose an intervention, gets embroiled in a civil war scenario from which it cannot extract itself," he says. "It becomes vilified by the rest of the world, and becomes immensely weakened. Even its own population is divided, and faith in the government has been further weakened."

"That's how interventions work," says Summers. "You lose faith in your medicine man, you lose faith in your chief, you lose faith in your ancient traditions, and it creates a power vacuum that easily gets filled by something else."

Illustrating that this approach is not new, but in fact has been practiced among humans for centuries, Summers quotes from Sun Tzu's *The Art of War*: "The best policy is to use strategy, influence and the trends of events to cause the adversary to submit willingly. Be extremely subtle, even to the point of formlessness. Be extremely mysterious, even to the point of soundlessness. Thereby you can be the directors of the opponent's fate."

Despite such clever tactics, Summers claims, with the guidance of the Allies the extraterrestrial intervention can be understood and thwarted. The biggest problem to overcome, he says, is human denial. "We don't want to know. And we don't want anybody to tell us what we don't want to know."

Who are the extraterrestrials intervening in our world? "There are several competing groups," says Summers, "made up of what the Allies refer to as Collectives - large, multi-racial commercial organizations. They are driven by the same needs that drive us, with advanced technology and a greater social cohesion than we do."

For Summers, these Collectives are somewhat analogous to our planet's multinational corporations. "They're not

multidimensional," he says. "They're not time travelers. They are physical beings who can do things we don't understand, mostly because of technology."

However, the extraterrestrials do possess extraordinary capabilities in the mental and psychological realm, he says. For instance, "they can project images, and they can control thinking to a certain degree." This is particularly dangerous in religious fundamentalism, because "the intervention can produce images of our saints and our holy people, and we can't tell the difference between a projected apparition and a spiritual apparition."

While these abilities appear very mysterious to us, says Summers, we can still understand much about the intervention. "We already know that whoever is here can fly in our skies at will, take people at will, mutilate animals at will, do incredible acts of display over our military facilities," he says. "They can take you or your children any time they want and they can do anything they want with you and you can't say boo about it. And they're going to make you believe that it's for your own good and that you should help them."

The Allies describe the abduction phenomenon as but one aspect of the intervention. "The number of people being taken is fairly great, and not all of them are being returned," Summers claims. "We're dealing with something that is very, very grim. And if you take every aspect of the UFO phenomenon and put it all together, you're going to get a very alarming picture - if you're willing to look."

For Summers, the extraterrestrial intervention is "the biggest problem confronting humanity." Yet the vision of the Allies is one of hope, he maintains, for they see the extraterrestrial intervention as the one thing that could unite humanity, for they reveal that "no one in the universe is going to save us. Therefore, we have to save ourselves. And in so doing, we may find the strength and unity that we've never been able to achieve before."

Summers emphasizes, "The only thing that a true ally of humanity can do is to give us their wisdom. The big appeal of these briefings is to enable us to get in touch with our own wisdom, our spiritual wisdom, and the wisdom of nature."

How is humanity to prepare for contact with extraterrestrial life? "First, you need to know what this is," says Summers. "You have to overcome perhaps your ideas or theories. You have to overcome the element of human denial. You have to see that you can actually know something and do something."

"We've been very disempowered," he explains, "not only by the intervention but by our own governments and society. We're made to be compliant people who do what's expected, without much complaint. We're not trained to be advocates and groundbreaking people doing something new."

Awareness is the first step to a human response to the extraterrestrial intervention, says Summers. For him the Allies briefings, and the larger body of teachings of which they are a part, are an essential introduction to our cosmic education. "You can treat the Allies' briefings as information. You can treat them as another perspective. But that's not really what they are. They're meant to be studied," he says, "not simply read. They are meant to invoke within you your own clarity, your own seeing."

What is Summers' role in all this? "I'm not here to frighten you," he says. "I'm here to empower you, to tell you that you have the strength to see, to know, and to act - and that it is not too late to deal with this. I don't have the whole blueprint that humanity will need to deal with this, but I do have a piece of the wisdom that humanity will need."

And what of the Allies themselves? Sadly, having delivered their report, these intrepid observers have left this region of space, according to Summers, so their briefings are a one-time communication. "Actually, they were driven out," he says. "But what they've given to us, according to them, is everything we need to know to take it from here ourselves."

## THE BEGINNINGS OF A HUMAN SOVEREIGNTY MOVEMENT?

The Allies=92 briefings have already inspired a measure of human response to the extraterrestrial presence. At the end of his MUFON workshop, Marshall Summers unveiled - and read - a strongly-worded "Declaration of Human Sovereignty," drafted by a small group of activists and advocates who are convinced it is time for humanity to establish its own rules for engagement with extraterrestrial forces and nations.

While the document is clearly based in part upon the United States=92 Declaration of Independence, Summers notes that earlier activists indirectly contributed to its development. Among them was Dr. John Brandenburg, a plasma physicist and author who unveiled his "Rainbow Declaration" at a 1990 MUFON symposium - and was nearly booted off the stage for presenting a "negative" view of the aliens and calling for resistance to their invasive activities. Elaine Douglass, of the now disbanded Operation Right to Know (based in Washington, D.C.), later published a more formal and somewhat legalistic revision of Brandenburg=92s pioneering document, known as "The Declaration of the Rights of the People of Earth."

Both Douglass and Brandenburg were on hand at the 35th annual MUFON symposium in Denver to sign and endorse the new Declaration of Human Sovereignty, which Summers says is "still a work-in-progress."

The document, which can be viewed at [www.humansovereignty.org](http://www.humansovereignty.org), enumerates fundamental rights and responsibilities that the people of Earth can and should invoke not only for themselves but for the sake of freedom everywhere in the universe. These include the rights of sovereignty, planetary sanctity, sanctity of biological and genetic material, occupation of sphere of influence, and peaceful navigation.

The Declaration embodies a sobering assessment of the extraterrestrial presence on and around Earth, enumerating a withering list of abuses and violations of human freedom. The language stirs a kind of planetary patriotism. For instance:

"Although the Earth has undergone a long history of extraterrestrial visitation, the current situation is that the People of Earth are now suffering the effects of a global extraterrestrial intervention into human affairs. This intervention employs a strategy of deception, manipulation, and exploitation, the goal of which is control over humanity, which will result in the loss of human freedom and self-determination. It is now the sacred right and duty of the People of Earth to oppose, resist, and repel this extraterrestrial intervention, to declare and defend our sovereignty, our freedom, and our independence from all extraterrestrial forces."

Finally, the Declaration sets forth a series of stringent demands, including the dissolution of all existing treaties or agreements between any humans and extraterrestrials, the immediate departure of all alien forces from the entire Solar System, the identification of all human-extraterrestrial hybrids, and the return of all humans held in captivity by ETs.

Speaking on behalf of all humanity, the authors are careful to declare that "the rights and privileges that we affirm here for ourselves, we also affirm for all races of beings whom we might encounter."

The framers of this document are hopeful that it will help spark a movement for human freedom and sovereignty. "You have to see something first," says Summers, "and then you have to begin communicating about it. If that part doesn't happen, nothing else does. This is a grass roots, from-the-bottom-up movement. For if humanity does not rally, we will gradually lose our freedom to foreign powers. We will have no voice in determining what will happen, who can be here, and what they can do."

According to Summers, "This Declaration was not made simply for us. It was also made for those governing powers who are watching the Collectives=92 activities in our world, to make it known that we are not compliant. For if we demonstrate displeasure with the extraterrestrial intervention, the intervention will have to be stopped."

The group plans to distribute their Declaration through one-on-one communication, and through the Internet. More dramatically, they intend to broadcast the message into space via sophisticated satellite technology, in the hope that the Declaration will eventually be monitored by administrative bodies who are responsible for enforcing rules of conduct in this region of the galaxy, rules that the intervening extraterrestrials are routinely violating.

Clearly, this small band of activists takes seriously the admonitions of the Allies of Humanity, as recorded in their final briefing: "This is not a time for ambivalence or complacency. This is not a time to simply project one's grievances and mistrust upon the world. To the extent that humanity is divided and unaware of life beyond its border, it is vulnerable and without real security. Your opposition to one another is misplaced. You have no defense against the outside."

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## CCCRN News: Formation Report #7 - Grand Bend

From: Paul Anderson <[paulanderson.nul](mailto:paulanderson.nul)>  
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Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 13:21:16 -0400  
Subject: CCCRN News: Formation Report #7 - Grand Bend

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FORMATION REPORT #7 - GRAND BEND, ONTARIO

"Vesica Picces"-style set of four interlocking circles in wheat, initially reported August 8 (confirmed August 13) but first seen about July 21. Approximately 36.5 metres (120 feet) long. Near location of Hensall, Ontario formation from 2003. Field had unfortunately already been harvested before formation could be examined on the ground, but pattern still visible. Initial ground photos and survey diagrams are posted on the web site. One digital ground photo taken August 13 contains an aerial anomaly nicknamed the "amoeba" for it's odd shape with darker spot inside it. Further details pending. This is the seventh reported formation so far for 2004.

Also:

Researcher Nicholas Reiter has posted an update regarding his examination of the "burned circle" in soybeans in Essex County, Ontario from June 24. It seems this formation was most likely lightning damage from thunderstorms in the area. His report includes links to similar known cases:

<http://www.theavalonfoundation.org/CCanalysis2.html>

A survey diagram has been added to the web site for the Prince George, British Columbia formation from July 12.

Some additional sample images from 2003 have been added to the photo gallery on the web site.

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## Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind - Rimmer

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Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 18:18:37 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 13:23:24 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind - Rimmer

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 09:34:14 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind

>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 07:53:13 +0100  
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>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 08:07:28 -0500  
>>>Subject: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>Better sharpen your 'beak'... your argument is not with me, good  
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>education, Sir, and thanks for reading.

I thought not.

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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## Re: Descredit To The Field? - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 17:37:57 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 16:55:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: Descredit To The Field? - Hall

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 16:19:03 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Descredit To The Field?

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 14:24:52 +0000  
>>Subject: Descredit To The Field? [was: Factsheet On Salla's Termination]

>>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 17:19:08 -0300  
>>>Subject: Re: Factsheet On Salla's Termination

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>>The enemy is not Seth Shostak. The enemy is all these kooks and  
>>weridos who give "ufology" a bad name, and you seem to be part  
>>and parcel of them when you appear with them.

>If we don't appear, we leave even more air-time for the  
>wierdos. How does that benefit the serious approach to UFOs?

>>You and the others appear to be totally lacking in  
>>discrimination.

>>This sort of behavior allows the news media and all brands of  
>>skeptics to say, see "ufology" is 99% nutty with an occasional  
>>sane or halfway rational person thrown in.

>So if we do not provide sane rationality, would the news media  
>then say Ufology is 100% nutty with nary a sane voice to be  
>heard? I for one am far more concerned with reaching the bulk of  
>the public than the skeptics, who, so far as I am concerned, are  
>unreachable. I think the sane and rational people deserve to  
>have models whose arguments they can quote rather than leaving  
>the airwaves with no sane voices.

>>I say there definitely would be a greater appreciation of  
>>something more deserving of the now-silly name "ufology" if you  
>>did boycott them.

>Dick I really don't understand. Do you want our books burned too  
>so the libraries would not be cluttered with voices of reason?

Stan,

What kind of asinine comment is this? So now I'm a book burner  
because I disagree with you on one point? Where did I say you  
should never speak out? Where, for heavens sake, did I speak out  
against voices of reason?

>A few years back I appeared on Coast to Coast and offered some  
>free materials (8 pages) to anybody sending an SASE to me at POB  
>958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958. I received about 1000 requests, all  
>but 5 with theSASE - thank goodness.

>More than 200 Post It Notes were also received on the SASEs from

>people thanking me for doing what I had been doing for 10, 20,  
>30 years. I don't know these people. But obviously my views had  
>had an impact on their thinking. Is this a bad thing?

Totally irrelevant to my point.

>Sure media appearancs help sell books. Is that a bad thing or  
>should the book stores be left to the weirdoes and nasty noisy  
>negativists?

Totally irrelevant.

>I would be very happy if more people bought your books which  
>might have happened if you had done more appearances and taken  
>away some of the airtime given to the bad guys.

I have done lots of interviews, in case you haven't noticed,  
which again is utterly beside the point.

>Nature abhors a vacuum. If there is space it will be filled by  
>those available even if they are wierdoes. I will admit it is  
>inconvenient for me to be on Coast to Coast from 3-6AM and to be  
>answering my toll free number for days afterward. It seems to me  
>a small price for me to pay for the opportunity to defeat Dr.  
>Seth Shostak.

Do you really have the ego to think that you "defeated Seth  
Shostak" in any meaningful way other than on debating points? Do  
you think that impressed anyone other than the choir?.

>And who is it who would have a greater "appreciation of  
>something more deserving of the now silly name of ufology"? How  
>would they know about it if there were fewer voices of reason  
>raised publicly?

Utterly beside the point; nowhere have I said - despite your  
constant repetition of this falsehood - that reasonable people  
shouldn't speak out. I speak out all the time.

>Sorry, Dick, but I want to reach the world more than I want to  
>reach the high and lofty world of the "respectable and sane" and  
>quiet voices of ufology. If I have to do battle with the forces  
>of wierdism and skeptickunkdom, tis a small price to pay. I can  
>only ask why your voice isn't raised more out there?

So I'll award you a "Hero of Ufology Medal" if that's what you  
are looking for bravely taking on the bad guys, as you  
apparently see it.

Now listen to my point, and re-read what I said, and stop your  
distortions and misrepresentation of what I said: By appearing  
in the kind of venue we were talking about, that is along with  
lots of kooks and weirdos and con-men, you can (and in my  
opinion you do) do harm. I clearly was talking about that kind  
of venue.

There are lots of other venues available. There is absolutely no  
need to appear with and, to the outside viewer, seem to be just  
another crazy ufologist and seem to agree with the main thrust  
of their approach. Serious venues are another story entirely.  
Maybe you just can't tell the difference.

Like it or lump it, that's my firmly held opinion. Now I think  
I'll go burn a book.

- Dick

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## Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 13:47:15 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 16:57:57 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind - Lehmborg

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 18:18:37 +0100  
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>>education, Sir, and thanks for reading.

>I thought not.

Oh piffle Mr. Rimmer... another one of your moopy and  
duplicitous dodges around the ufological Mulberry bush. I'm not  
proposing my authority about the Starmap in the Hill case via my  
review; I'm just making a report to you, Sir, among others,  
that over the years Mr. Friedman has been convincing while  
you, among others, have been decidedly less than same. Have  
another thought.

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Photo Album: <http://www.alienview.net/AVAlbum.htm>  
(send picture as attachment to [alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul))  
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AVGroup Splashpage <http://www.alienview.net/alienviews.htm>  
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<http://www.alienview.net/N2Ltune.html> -- The music in me...

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From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 14:24:12 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 17:00:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 18:05:45 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>From: Greg Sandow <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 10:07:44 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>>>From: Ray Dickenson <[editor.nul](mailto:editor.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 14:21:48 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Question About Artists And Abductees/Contactees

>In one Menlo Park, CA beer joint, I had the displeasure of  
>bartending two clowns arguing; ' who is the best singer in the  
>world'. One fajool was arguing for Roger Miller... " Trailers  
>for sale or rent... rooms to let fifty cent... Aaaahm a MAyn of  
>means by not means....."

Larry, I take it that it's been a long time since you heard  
that recording by the late Roger Miller. Unlike you I gather, I  
have nothing in the slightest against twangy singing (to the  
contrary, I am entirely in favorite of it), but in point of fact  
Miller was not a twangy singer in any sense of the word, and you  
are not accurately representing his phrasing. Actually, he was  
a strikingly original figure, an urban and urbane artist, whose  
work is notably wry and witty. Those who knew and worked with  
him (or even listened carefully to the songs he wrote) regarded  
him as quite bright and very, very funny.

Even before his death (in 1992) he was being recognized as an  
important popular songwriter. There may be a better song about  
divorce, which I know something about, than "Husbands and  
Wives," but it doesn't immediately come to mind. He eventually  
went on to write the music for the Broadway hit Big River, for  
which he won two Tony awards (for Best Musical and Outstanding  
Score). As a songwriter myself, I'd have been proud to carry  
his luggage anywhere.

Jerry Clark

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From: Ray Dickenson <[editor.nul](mailto:editor.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 20:50:14 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 10:00:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: Question About Artists And

>From: Greg Sandow <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 10:07:44 -0400  
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>It seems to me that there's a lot of "modern" classical music -  
>20th century and beyond - that you don't like. That's your  
>privilege; nobody's forcing you to like it. But when you  
>decree that it's not art, or that it won't survive, I think  
>you're being quite arbitrary. You're trying to prove that your  
>tastes are more than just your opinion, but that they have the  
>weight and authority of cold, hard facts. Which, in art, just  
>plain doesn't work.

Greg,

You're quite right - I foolishly disregarded my own (published)  
advice "No two people can unfailingly communicate 'essential  
truth' in philosophy, science or music (art)"

[< bighorts > in Google for full text]

I haven't even got the excuse of being "passionate" about music.  
Remind myself to think before typing.

Cheers

Ray D

Sunday's PS I posted above abject retraction Saturday, when I'd  
sobered up and read Greg's eminently reasonable criticism, Think  
Greg got the mail but obviously the List didn't for some reason.

Larry, here's your copy.

(Why do we all feel we're experts on something we like doing?)  
best regards

RD

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## Re: The Brocking Report - Lehmborg

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 15:07:13 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 10:02:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Brocking Report - Lehmborg

>From: **Stuart Miller** <[stuart.miller4.nul](mailto:stuart.miller4.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 17:52:20 +0100 (BST)  
>Subject: The Brocking Report

>So Rod Brock has gone. I can only surmise at the reasons but my  
>guess is he is another victim of the bullying and strutting that  
>masquerades on this List as ufology.

<snip>

Wow, Mr. Miller. This seems a little out of balance. If I'm one of the "bullying strutters" (a little over the top even for characterization) I can hardly apologize. I won't stand by and let an ideologue sneer assumptive, partisan, insulting, and inordinately inaccurate comments at a friend of mine, forgetting that Mr. Brock seemed perfectly capable of giving as good as he got. He didn't seem to be very collegiate with persons who disagreed with him, or with whom he disagreed.....

Moreover, I reviewed the last couple of weeks worth of posts (vis a vis Mr. Brock) and it would seem to me that evidence of strutting and bullying, while lacking in the aggregate, could certainly have gotten some criticism before Mr. Brock stomped off in pique because a few of us refuse to genuflect at the pelicanist idol.....

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Splash page: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AlienViewGroup/>  
AVGroup Splashpage <http://www.alienview.net/alienviews.htm>  
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<http://www.alienview.net/N2Ltune.html> -- The music in me...

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## The Trindade Photos & Motion Blur

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lfleming6.nul](mailto:lfleming6.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 15:54:55 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 10:03:51 -0400  
Subject: The Trindade Photos & Motion Blur

The thing that puzzled me the most about the series of enlargements of the Trindade object on Mori's web page was how its shape changed from one image to the next. (The second most puzzling thing was how the dissimilar images could be perceived by Mr. Mori and others as evidence that the same fake object had been photographed and then inverted, but that's beside the point).

In the last go-round about the Barauna photographs, Brad Sparks suggested that the shape changes could have been caused by motion blur. This makes complete sense, but I was still unclear as to why its shape in the third image is so radically different from the other three. It's the only one of the photographs that really shows the famous "saturn-like" shape of the object. The others photos show the object's height markedly smaller relative to its width, making it look more like the "traditional" flying saucer shape.

The lack of apparent motion blur in Photo 3 suggests that the object was moving much more slowly at that point than it was in the other photos. But why would the object stop moving in that particular photograph rather than the one of the others? None of the accounts I've read have stated that the object ever came to a complete stop or slowed down appreciably. The likely answer, ironically enough, is on another "skeptical" web page by Timothy Printy to which Mori's web page has a link:

<http://members.aol.com/tprinty2/trin4.html>

About three-quarters down the page is a map showing what Barauna said was the object's path. What's interesting about it is that the third photo is the closest to the point where the reversal would have occurred. If the object were real, then it would have had to appear to come to a nearly complete stop at the point where it reversed course from the vantage point of the observers.

Printy says this map is wrong and makes a big deal of it. It's hard to see why, since it's obviously not drawn to scale (and it depicts the ship as a three-masted Spanish galleon!). Printy's own reconstruction of the directions shows the same sequence: the first photograph is to the far right of the observer the second to the left of the first, the third photo farthest to the left and the fourth again back to the far right (the fourth photograph of the object is labeled "P6" because Photos 4 and 5 didn't show the object).

According to Printy, a problem with this is that Barauna said somewhere that the object was moving the fastest when he took Photo 3. But Barauna could have simply been mistaken. Or the object could well have been moving at a high rate of speed before and after it went into a sharp turn. If it had executed a turn, then its motion would momentarily have been either directly toward or away from the observer, with no component of velocity in the image plane that would cause blurring in a photograph.

Regardless of which is the case, rather than being a problem, if Barauna really did say the object was moving fastest near where

he took Photo 3, it supports the authenticity of the photos. Being a competent photographer, Barauna would probably have been quite familiar with motion blur. If the photos were a hoax, he might have even wanted to make them more convincing by faking varying degrees of motion blur and then taking the sequence of photos with the camera looking in the proper directions to support the course reversal he later claimed. But then he'd have to have said something about motion blur and how the object would have to appear to slow down when it reversed directions. The average man on the street (or journalist) isn't going to notice something like that.

It makes no sense at all that he'd go to all the trouble to add this subtle little grace note to his alleged hoax and then never say anything about the implications of the faked motion blur. Instead, his assertion (according to Printy) that the object was going faster near where the third photograph was taken only has served to obscure it for quite some time. As far as I know, Brad Sparks was the first person to notice the apparent motion blur and I'm the first to notice that it's consistent with the course reversal Barauna described. And it only took 40-plus years and well after Mr. Barauna's death for that to happen.

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## Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 22:29:12 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 10:05:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind - Rimmer

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 13:47:15 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind

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>>>>Can you please give me a reference to any published sceptical  
>>>>analysis of the Hill case which makes these claims? I would be  
>>>>happy to tear it to pieces with my large pelican beak!

>>>Better sharpen your 'beak'... your argument is not with me, good  
>>>sir. It is with Stanton Friedman. Better do your 'toenails',  
>>>too. Pick up a copy of Wendy's compilation and start your  
>>>education, Sir, and thanks for reading.

>>I thought not.

>Oh piffle Mr. Rimmer... another one of your moopy and  
>duplicitous dodges around the ufological Mulberry bush. I'm not  
>proposing my authority about the Starmap in the Hill case via my  
>review; I'm just making a report to you, Sir, among others,  
>that over the years Mr. Friedman has been convincing while  
>you, among others, have been decidedly less than same. Have  
>another thought.

Sorry, but you've lost me here. You made some remarks about some remarkably silly comments which you claimed certain (unnamed) sceptics had made about the Hill case. I thought they were silly too, if you had reported them correctly, so I asked you if you would refer me to which sceptics had made those comments, and where. I do not recall Mr. Friedman being involved in the exchange at all, and I do not recall the Fish starmap being discussed.

You seem unable or unwilling to give me these references, and instead start waffling on about irrelevancies which have no connection with my original question. It is therefore clear that you are unable to substantiate the silly comments which you have attributed to certain (unnamed) sceptics, so I must assume that they are a figment of your imagination.

No change there, then... Sir.

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Sparks

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 18:22:54 EDT  
Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 10:09:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Sparks

>From: Kentaro Mori <[airdown.nul](mailto:airdown.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 15:56:34 -0300  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming6.nul](mailto:lfleming6.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 20:11:36 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

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Printy apparently agrees with me that a double exposure is a physical impossibility, but his proposed "internal mask" hoax method (a type of montage) is laughable. Do you guys even look at this stuff before spouting off your debunking declarations?? Just look at Printy's dark "Saturn" image! It looks grossly distorted, along with every single other image in the photo, like diffraction-type wave effects around everything! It looks like the photo was taken through the water of a cheap aquarium. There is simply no freakin way this is anything like the extremely sharp and clear Trindade UFO photos where the images have no such cheap-looking diffraction-like distortions, and the images are sharp down to at least the 25-micron level on the scale of the negatives. Printy has thus actually proven the exact opposite of what he claims, he has actually proven the physical impossibility of an "internal mask" type hoax, using even 2004 film techniques.

And as I pointed out on UpDates back in Nov 2003 Mori's "island" type image is completely blacked out, despite having all these modern computer digital techniques available. It obviously looks nothing like the actual island scenery in the Trindade photos, which as I have said are sharp and clear across the entire

density range from lightest to darkest, down to at least the 25-micron level, no matter how dark the portion of the island scene you study except at the most extremely darkest (at about the bottom 3% of the density scale the resolution finally degrades from 25 microns).

As for Printy's points about time lapse between photos based on cloud formations (see his webpage), where he states "it is amazing that previous examinations by UFOlogists never noticed this problem with the images," in fact I had already studied not only Cloud Patterns but also Ocean Wave Patterns back in Sept 2002 when I received high-quality first-generation prints to study, thus long before Mori came along in 2003 (who along with Printy never seem to have thought of the Ocean Wave Patterns). These prove quite conclusively that the photos were all taken on the same day and approximate time, and must fit within the overall sighting duration of 1-3 minutes otherwise the distinctive ocean wave patterns would have moved farther than the approximately 50 meters of displacement that can be readily measured in the photos.

The Ocean Wave Patterns can be located quite precisely on the ocean surface whereas the Cloud Patterns suffer from the difficulty of not being sure how high and how far away. Scientific analysis therefore must prefer the time lapse indicators from Ocean Wave Patterns over that of the highly uncertain Cloud Patterns.

Martin Shough has tackled the difficult problem of analysis of prevailing meteorological conditions over the Trindade region in January and found that quite high speed winds (and thus clouds) are found then. Martin has also studied Printy's "internal mask" hoax technique in depth and other arguments.

Brad Sparks

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Sorry if you think I took your statement out of context, but  
your "explanation" doesn't change the fact that you used a  
blatantly anachronistic digital technique to get results that  
you think support your claims and it does not help anyone to  
understand anything.

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>techniques" -- the proposed use of an internal mask. And it  
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An internal\_mask? That means that Barauna would have been  
messing around with changing masks in order to get the different  
shapes the object took on out in full view of everyone (and  
opening the camera in the sunlight, which I would presume would  
not be a good idea, either).

However, I wouldn't dismiss the possibility of a double-exposure  
on the grounds of physical impossibility (the Brazilian navy  
analysis didn't rule it out, either). It would have to have been  
done prior to taking the Trindade photos, not after, in order to  
fool the captain of the ship who personally saw Barauna develop  
the film. I suppose the effect might be achieved by making the  
pre-exposure of a very dark object on a slightly less-dark  
background. The second exposure would show the object darker  
than the sky. But that would introduce a risk that on the second  
exposure showing the island and the sky, you'd get a transparent  
UFO with the clouds showing through, similar to one of the

attempted replications of Barauna's photos on a web page that Mr. Mori's article cites.

Even if Barauna had pre-exposed the film in his lab, he would still need to have had the complicity of those who claimed to witness the object. That includes unnamed naval personnel referred to on the CUFO article I noted in a previous message.

[http://www.cufos.org/Trindade\\_New\\_Evidence\\_article.html](http://www.cufos.org/Trindade_New_Evidence_article.html)

According to the captain of the ship (\_not\_ Barauna):

"A strong emotional upset was observed in all persons who sighted the object, including the photographer, civilians and members of the ship=B9s crew."

To call the thing what it is, the "thesis" that Printy, Mori, Rimmer, et. al. are proposing is a conspiracy theory. Its main drawback is that there's no evidence of a conspiracy.

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## Re: Serpent Mound To Mothman - Stanford

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Fwd Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 10:20:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: Serpent Mound To Mothman - Stanford

>From: Loren Coleman <[lcoleman.nul](mailto:lcoleman.nul)>  
>To: Mothman News <[lcoleman.nul](mailto:lcoleman.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 07:02:57 -0400  
>Subject: Serpent Mound To Mothman

>Source: The Akron Beacon Journal - Ohio

><http://www.ohio.com/mld/beaconjournal/9370126.htm?1c>

>Sun, Aug. 15, 2004  
>Beacon Journal  
>Akron, Ohio

>Sleuth for Mothman

>Some weird attractions are too big for one state; stop in W.Va.  
>for eerie fun

>By Denise Grollmus  
>Beacon Journal staff writer

>Today, we wrap up our three-week look at some of the more  
>unusual spots in Ohio. Today's attractions would make an ideal  
>three-day, two-night eccentric Ohio adventure. It cheats a bit  
>as it includes a skip and a jump across the Ohio River into West  
>Virginia territory - Point Pleasant, to be exact.

<snip>

>Serpent Mound: At1,330 feet-long, Ohio's Serpent Mound in Locust  
>Grove near Peebles is the most famous of all effigy mounds in  
>the United States.

>The head of the serpent, with what appears to be an egg in its  
>mouth, is said to point to the summer solstice sunset and the  
>coils also appear to purposefully point in the direction of the  
>winter solstice sunrise and the equinox sunrise.

>No one knows for certain who built it or why, though the mound  
>has been associated with two different groups - the Adena  
>Indians (800 B.C. to A.D. 1) and the Fort Ancient Indians  
>(around A.D. 1000).

>The mound is also extremely curious because of its location in  
>an area that is composed of extremely faulted and folded  
>bedrock, an uncommon geographic characteristic for Ohio.

>Some have speculated that the unusual makeup of the land is due  
>to a volcano eruption or a meteorite strike, but no volcanic  
>matter or meteorite debris have been found.

Thanks, Loren, for sharing that article including one of my  
favorite places to visit, the wonderful Serpent Mound and its  
adjacent 6.4 mile-in-diameter cosmic impact structure that is  
about 320 million years of age - the impact structure, not the  
mound, of course. :)

I just thought some who are unfamiliar with the situation might  
want to realize that the author's information on the impact

structure and the mound, also, is very much out-of-date, and seems maybe to derive from a badly-needs-to-be-changed bit of antiquated 'information' posted in a frame on the Serpent Mound Museum wall. Well, at least it was there last time I visited a few years back.

The impact structure is now proven to be exactly that, and its origin is not any longer in question. For reference one might see, among other available papers:

Carlton, R. W., C. Koeberl, M. T. Baranoski, and G. A. Schumacher (1998a) Discovery of microscopic evidence for shock metamorphism at the Serpent Mound structure, south-central Ohio; confirmation of an origin by impact. *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*. vol. 162 no. 1-4, pp. 177-185.

Carlton, R. W., C. Koeberl, M. T. Baranoski, and G. A. Schumacher (1998b) Discovery of planar deformation features at the Serpent Mound disturbance, south-central Ohio; unequivocal evidence for an impact. *Geological Society of America Abstracts with Programs*. vol. 30, no. 2, p. 8.

I would add that it is no puzzle that meteorites have not been found in or around the impact structure simply because a cosmic body (whether asteroid or comet) massive enough to make such a gigantic structure becomes totally vaporized upon impact due to transfer of kinetic energy into thermal energy. The earth's atmosphere does not retard such a massive body to below cosmic velocity, and the result is a 'mega-megaton' (of TNT) explosion that transfers the cosmic body into vapor.

Why, then, do we find meteorites around the famous meteorite impact structure in Arizona? Well, for one thing, by comparison, that impactor in Arizona was a 'pipsqueak'. Note that the Arizona crater is merely about a half mile across, roughly 1/13 the size of the relatively huge Serpent Mound impact structure. Also, note that the Arizona crater is a relative 'new kid on the block', at a mere 50,000 years of age. Meteorites found in the area were those that had scattered, pre-impact, while the main mass was totally vaporized and its nickel-iron vapor was carried by the prevailing wind to the north-east of the crater, where it condensed as nickel-iron droplets. Vast numbers of those droplets have magnetically been collected for scientific study. Some are even available for sale on the internet.

In the much earlier Ohio impact, even if some cosmic material had been pre-terrestrially scattered around the huge main impactor and thus escaped the gigantic explosion, one can expect any type of meteorite to have completely terrestrialized and become unrecognizable after 320 million years. To put into perspective, the Serpent Mound impact structure was formed 90 million years before the earliest known dinosaurs.

One summer day a few years back, as my three children and I stoop atop the observation tower at the Serpent Mound, I pondered the resemblance of that great man-made structure to the fiery trail (distorted by upper-atmospheric winds into a sinuous course) that undoubtedly formed in association with the birth of the impact structure, and wondered whether some Fort Ancient culture\* shaman (or shamaness?) might have designed the mound as result of a 320-million-year-retro-cognitive vision of an incredibly high-energy event that was glimpsed, somehow, inwardly. I thought that perhaps a vision might have been triggered by some type of 'energy' unknown to us, but stored in the very rock of the area, where some quartz crystals were suddenly transformed into, e.g. Coesite, a high-temperature, high-pressure polymorph of quartz, and composed of the same chemistry as quartz, SiO<sub>2</sub>, but having a different crystalline structure. I wondered whether that quick crystal-state transformation might have somehow 'recorded' the event and a person of shamanistic mind somehow might have just tuned into what happened and was so moved as to have the vision image constructed of earth. Perhaps to a Fort Ancient\* 'sensitive', a vision of what happened might have been perceived as a fiery serpent in the sky with an egg in its mouth.

My speculation on the inspiration for Serpent Mound, on that summer day, may have been pure fantasy, but there is a well-

known nocturnal photo of a luminous upper-atmosphere meteor trail taken out west several decades ago, that shows a glowing image strikingly like the shape of Serpent Mound.

We will never know for sure, of course, what inspired creation of the 1,330-foot-long Serpent Mound, but regardless of the nature of its creative inspiration, what remains is probably this world's most magnificent ancient earth structure, and it should not be missed by anyone who appreciates such works of human creativity or who wonders at their builder's purposes.

See and enjoy it on-site, if you can. Hours and dates that the site is open:

<http://www.ohiohistory.org/places/serpent/>

\* Two samples of wood charcoal were obtained by archaeologists from undisturbed parts of Serpent Mound. Both yielded a date of ca. A.D.1070, suggesting that the effigy was actually built by people of the Fort Ancient culture (A.D. 900-1600), a Mississippian group that lived in the central Ohio Valley, and not by the much earlier Adena people, as had been previously speculated by archaeologists.

Ray Stanford

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## NM Gov. Richardson Digs For More UFO Disclosure

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Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 10:25:42 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 08:16:16 -0400  
Subject: NM Gov. Richardson Digs For More UFO Disclosure

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2004/08/16/MNGAK880001.DTL>

Nifty story about New Mexican Gov. Richardson's interest in getting more info out on UFOs.

Is this the first time a Governor stepped up to the plate and made such a brave swing?

If so, it could start a trend. Like I said in an earlier thread about 'Global UFO Secrecy' I can't figure out how this secrecy is so pervasive. You'd figure somewhere somehow someone would have some proof that'd shake the rafters.

Will be interesting to see if other Governors and such grow a pair like Richardson or sit back and cower.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 09:30:25 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 08:18:06 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmberg

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 22:29:12 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind

>>From: Alfred Lehmberg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 13:47:15 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind

>><snip>

>>>>Can you please give me a reference to any published sceptical  
>>>>analysis of the Hill case which makes these claims? I would be  
>>>>happy to tear it to pieces with my large pelican beak!

>>>>Better sharpen your 'beak'... your argument is not with me, good  
>>>>sir. It is with Stanton Friedman. Better do your 'toenails',  
>>>>too. Pick up a copy of Wendy's compilation and start your  
>>>>education, Sir, and thanks for reading.

>>>I thought not.

>>Oh piffle Mr. Rimmer... another one of your moopy and  
>>duplicitous dodges around the ufological Mulberry bush. I'm not  
>>proposing my authority about the Starmap in the Hill case via my  
>>review; I'm just making a report to you, Sir, among others,  
>>that over the years Mr. Friedman has been convincing while  
>>you, among others, have been decidedly less than same. Have  
>>another thought.

>Sorry, but you've lost me here. You made some remarks about some  
>remarkably silly comments which you claimed certain (unnamed)  
>sceptics had made about the Hill case. I thought they were silly  
>too, if you had reported them correctly, so I asked you if you  
>>would refer me to which sceptics had made those comments, and  
>where. I do not recall Mr. Friedman being involved in the  
>exchange at all, and I do not recall the Fish starmap being  
>discussed.

>You seem unable or unwilling to give me these references, and  
>instead start waffling on about irrelevancies which have no  
>connection with my original question. It is therefore clear that  
>you are unable to substantiate the silly comments which you have  
>attributed to certain (unnamed) sceptics, so I must assume that  
>they are a figment of your imagination.

>No change there, then... Sir.

My review of Wendy Connors' stands, Mr. Rimmer. One man's  
irrelevancies is another man's sharp stick in your eye. You  
wanted some exercise for your 'beak', don't blame me if you're  
concerned that Stanton Friedman would take said beak down past  
the gum-line. With regard to the Hill case and the Starmap,  
Friedman has been measured and convincing, your lot... decidedly  
not.

...You would mock my civility, Sir? As a pretence to what...

exactly?

[alienview.nul](#)

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<http://www.alienview.net>

...content to read, content to hear, content to see.....

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.  
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put  
one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention  
he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.  
\$450.00 pledged -- \$300.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.  
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."  
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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## Re: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog.nul](mailto:ufowatchdog.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 08:06:02 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 08:20:33 -0400  
Subject: Re: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo - Myers

>From: Victoria Jack <[isis777.nul](mailto:isis777.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 09:47:28 -0400  
>Subject: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo

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>Santa Clara, CA 95051

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>experienced the awe and wonder of films like "Close Encounters"  
>and "Contact." Now get ready for the reality and truth behind  
>these amazing stories.

<snip>

>Also presenting this year are William Henry, James Gilliland  
>Lloyd Pye, Jaime Maussan, Richard Dolan, Michael Horn, Tricia  
>McCannon and many more! Our special guests include George Noory  
>of Coast To Coast AM, The Sci-Fi Channel, Bill Birnes of UFO  
>Magazine and Sean David Morton.

Sean David Morton associated with "truth" and "reality"... now  
there's a laugh. Sad to see some are still willing to promote  
this phony...

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
UFOWATCHDOG.COM  
"Don't Trip On Your Open Mind"

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Mori

From: Kentaro Mori <[airdown.nul](mailto:airdown.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 13:15:40 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 08:22:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Mori

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 18:22:54 EDT  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>From: Kentaro Mori <[airdown.nul](mailto:airdown.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 15:56:34 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>Tim Printy has just reproduced, on film -- without "digital  
>>techniques" -- the proposed use of an internal mask. And it  
>>worked: <http://members.aol.com/tprinty2/trin6.html>

>Printy apparently agrees with me that a double exposure is a  
>physical impossibility, but his proposed "internal mask" hoax  
>method (a type of montage) is laughable. Do you guys even look  
>at this stuff before spouting off your debunking declarations??  
>Just look at Printy's dark "Saturn" image! It looks grossly  
>distorted, along with every single other image in the photo,  
>like diffraction-type wave effects around everything! It looks  
>like the photo was taken through the water of a cheap aquarium.

Do you guys even read at the stuff before spouting off your  
debunking declarations? From Printy's work:

"This was my first attempt and I did crop the image to hide some  
problems (after inserting the mask, I did not close the door all  
the way and light leaked onto the left side of the image) but it  
demonstrates the technique."

>There is simply no freakin way this is anything like the  
>extremely sharp and clear Trindade UFO photos where the images  
>have no such cheap-looking diffraction-like distortions, and the  
>images are sharp down to at least the 25-micron level on the  
>scale of the negatives. Printy has thus actually proven the  
>exact opposite of what he claims, he has actually proven the  
>physical impossibility of an "internal mask" type hoax, using  
>even 2004 film techniques.

You didn't comment on Printy's subsequent attempt with a Holga,  
with a much clearer "UFO". Furthermore, you would have to  
compare Printy's results with at least a first generation print  
made made by an experienced photographer who could have, if he  
wished, treated the negatives anyway he wanted, at his own lab.

>And as I pointed out on UpDates back in Nov 2003 Mori's "island"  
>type image is completely blacked out, despite having all these  
>modern computer digital techniques available. It obviously looks  
>nothing like the actual island scenery in the Trindade photos,  
>which as I have said are sharp and clear across the entire  
>density range from lightest to darkest, down to at least the 25-  
>micron level, no matter how dark the portion of the island scene  
>you study except at the most extremely darkest (at about the  
>bottom 3% of the density scale the resolution finally degrades  
>from 25 microns).

If you could provide a histogram of the photo, that would surely  
help analyze objectively your claims. With an internal mask

Printy proved it's possible to have "the roof at the lower left was darkest with a luminosity of about 20, the 'UFO' was higher with a value of 38, and the sky was about 150". That still doesn't make the darkest points "completely blacked out", but if we consider the histogram of the "island" image I discussed, it suggests clearly a contrast enhancement. I argued this on January:

<http://www.geocities.com/airsmithier/trindde.htm>

>As for Printy's points about time lapse between photos based on  
>cloud formations (see his webpage), where he states "it is  
>amazing that previous examinations by UFOlogists never noticed  
>this problem with the images," in fact I had already studied not  
>only Cloud Patterns but also Ocean Wave Patterns back in Sept  
>2002 when I received high-quality first-generation prints to  
>study, thus long before Mori came along in 2003 (who along with  
>Printy never seem to have thought of the Ocean Wave Patterns).

Printy could barely be blamed for not giving you credit since you didn't publish your work yet. Nevertheless, his puzzlement is more than justified: even allowing that you analyzed this element on September 2002, to which I don't doubt you did, no UFOlogist seems to have given any care to it until you.

>These prove quite conclusively that the photos were all taken on  
>the same day and approximate time, and must fit within the  
>overall sighting duration of 1-3 minutes otherwise the  
>distinctive ocean wave patterns would have moved farther than  
>the approximately 50 meters of displacement that can be readily  
>measured in the photos.

We eagerly await your work. You made several claims that need to be verified.

>The Ocean Wave Patterns can be located quite precisely on the  
>ocean surface whereas the Cloud Patterns suffer from the  
>difficulty of not being sure how high and how far away.  
>Scientific analysis therefore must prefer the time lapse  
>indicators from Ocean Wave Patterns over that of the highly  
>uncertain Cloud Patterns.

That should be very interesting. "Ocean Wave Patterns" are rapidly changing patterns, compared to clouds. The changes are also much more constrained, again compared to clouds. On the series of four photos, there's a significant overlapping only between the first and the last photo. I wonder how certain can an analysis be between two photos. Of course, we have the same problems if we consider the clouds.

>Martin Shough has tackled the difficult problem of analysis of  
>prevailing meteorological conditions over the Trindade region in  
>January and found that quite high speed winds (and thus clouds)  
>are found then.

Even taking his work at face value, it suggests that it would be possible that a time lapse of at least two minutes could account for the clouds change. And that making several allowances. The time lapse, from his own work (assuming it correctly measured cloud displacements, which includes assuming that the clouds are indeed the same), could have been greater than 5 minutes for a wind speed of 30 knots. From 2 to 5 minutes, that's already a significant difference with the testimony.

>Martin has also studied Printy's "internal mask"  
>hoax technique in depth and other arguments.

Indeed, he has studied it. His comments on it are interesting, and quite different from yours. At least he didn't claim it was "laughable".

If anyone is following this discussion, there're much curious things to see at:

[http://www.geocities.com/airsmithier/trindade\\_index.htm](http://www.geocities.com/airsmithier/trindade_index.htm)

Mori

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## Re: The Brocking Report - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <[Stuart.Miller4.nul](mailto:Stuart.Miller4.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 17:22:36 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 08:23:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Brocking Report - Miller

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 15:07:13 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Brocking Report

>>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.miller4.nul](mailto:stuart.miller4.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 17:52:20 +0100 (BST)  
>>Subject: The Brocking Report

>>So Rod Brock has gone. I can only surmise at the reasons but my  
>>guess is he is another victim of the bullying and strutting that  
>>masquerades on this List as ufology.

><snip>

>Wow, Mr. Miller. This seems a little out of balance. If I'm one  
>of the "bullying strutters" (a little over the top even for  
>characterization) I can hardly apologize. I won't stand by and  
>let an ideologue sneer assumptive, partisan, insulting, and  
>inordinately inaccurate comments at a friend of mine, forgetting  
>that Mr. Brock seemed perfectly capable of giving as good as he  
>got. He didn't seem to be very collegiate with persons who  
>disagreed with him, or with whom he disagreed.....

>Moreover, I reviewed the last couple of weeks worth of posts  
>(vis a vis Mr. Brock) and it would seem to me that evidence of  
>strutting and bullying, while lacking in the aggregate, could  
>certainly have gotten some criticism before Mr. Brock stomped  
>off in pique because a few of us refuse to genuflect at the  
>pelicanist idol.....

Actually Alfred, I did not have you in mind when I made the  
comments.

And to be fair, I can see the counter argument which is that Mr.  
Brock is a big boy and can take care of himself. If he can't  
stand the heat etc.

The only problem with that though is that it doesn't take into  
account the full range of sensitivities. I suspect there are  
many who have something to contribute who are intimidated by the  
bear pit mentality. Why should they be excluded?

Nevertheless, it's a shame. He does some good work which maybe  
we didn't always acknowledge here.

Stuart Miller

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Mori

From: Kentaro Mori <[airdown.nul](mailto:airdown.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 13:39:28 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 08:24:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Mori

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming6.nul](mailto:lfleming6.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 17:56:35 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>From: Kentaro Mori <[airdown.nul](mailto:airdown.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 15:56:34 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>You don't have to ask me. You just have to read what I wrote on  
>>the page:

>><http://www.geocities.com/airsmithier/trind.htm>

>>"This was digitally made, using a multiplier to merge the two  
>>images, and is not provided with the intention to be an accurate  
>>depiction of what would be the results with an actual film. It's  
>>just a nice illustration to help to explain the suggestion for  
>>those who may have a difficulty to understand the idea."

>Sorry if you think I took your statement out of context, but  
>your "explanation" doesn't change the fact that you used a  
>blatantly anachronistic digital technique to get results that  
>you think support your claims and it does not help anyone to  
>understand anything.

That I used a "digital technique" was obvious and more than  
clearly acknowledged. It isn't "anachronic" since I, nor anyone,  
never claimed that Barauna used Corel Photopaint to hoax his  
photos. If the illustration didn't help you to understand my  
claims, too bad. I tried my best.

>To call the thing what it is, the "thesis" that Printy, Mori,  
>Rimmer, et. al. are proposing is a conspiracy theory. Its main  
>drawback is that there's no evidence of a conspiracy.

I don't claim a Navy conspiracy. A hoax is suggested on the part  
of the alleged witnesses to which we have direct statements  
regarding the UFO. But they include no Navy personnel.

Mori

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## Strange Object From Sky Weather Balloon

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 13:00:26 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 08:29:24 -0400  
Subject: Strange Object From Sky Weather Balloon

Weather Balloon Crashes. Government Says It's A UFO :) (Joke!)

Here's a twist to an old theme. In this story a real weather balloon was foud on the side of the road. Wouln't it be funny if our government jumped in and demanded it wasn't a weather balloon but a flying saucer? Debunkers, skeptics pour in and demand that the UFO community stop perpetrating hoaxes like this and admit to faking a weather balloon crash with real flying saucers.

Best,

Greg

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Source: WGAL -TV Lancaster, PA

<http://www.thewgalchannel.com/news/3656789/detail.html>

05-16-04

Strange Object From Sky Turns Out To Be A Weather Balloon

Craley, PA: Folks in York County can be forgiven for thinking a UFO landed this week.

A passerby spotted a plastic foam box with attached wires and an antenna by the side of a road.

A motorist in Lower Windsor Township called police Friday to report the strange looking device, which had a battery-pack attached and was humming.

Given the nation's security concerns, a bomb expert was called and the road shut down.

However, the device is just part of a weather balloon that had fallen from the sky.....

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## CCCRN News: 'Amoeba' Photo Anomaly - Grand Bend ON

From: Paul Anderson <[paulanderson.nul](mailto:paulanderson.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 10:07:14 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 08:31:00 -0400  
Subject: CCCRN News: 'Amoeba' Photo Anomaly - Grand Bend ON

CCCRN NEWS  
E-News from the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network

August 16, 2004

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

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'Amoeba' Photo Anomaly - Grand Bend, Ontario Formation

Zoom enhancements of the "amoeba" photo anomaly have been posted to the web site. Like the "monk shadow" and "flying tray" photo anomalies also from Ontario formations last year, another "what is it?" oddity... photos were taken with an HP Photosmart R707 digital camera (5.1 MP). Being a digital photo, and also that the disc has already been re-used, will make analysis more difficult.

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## Re: Burisch Story Exposed - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog.nul](mailto:ufowatchdog.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 10:26:08 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 08:34:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: Burisch Story Exposed - Myers

>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254.nul](mailto:RGates8254.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 02:47:00 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Burisch Story Exposed

>>From: Amy Hebert <[ahebert.nul](mailto:ahebert.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 13:59:27 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Burisch Story Exposed

>>>From: Robert Gates <[RGates8254.nul](mailto:RGates8254.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 01:48:21 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Burisch Story Exposed

>>>>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog.nul](mailto:ufowatchdog.nul)>  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>>Date: Wed, 11 Aug 2004 00:01:32 -0700  
>>>>Subject: Burisch Story Exposed

The 'investigation' into Burisch was plainly sloppy. For those of you who did not hear Howe on Coast To Coast AM talking about Burisch, host George Noory asked Howe if she had verified any of Burisch's credentials and Howe said she didn't have to because she believed Burisch was telling the truth because he was sincere.

This is a fine example of the problem with this field where 'investigators' report on a case and give all the sensationalist aspects of it before completing a thorough investigation of the facts.

The bankruptcy document was posted at Howe's site more than likely because she had no choice to acknowledge it because it was going to be published in UFO Magazine along with what George Knapp already knew about Burisch - that Burisch is a phony.

Also, Howe's article on her website tries to minimize the finding as proving "neither a negative nor a positive" and she writes, "So far, the July 16, 2002 Chapter 7 bankruptcy does not prove the negative that Dan Burisch has lied about doing microbiology work for the MJ government group."

Throughout Howe's reporting she has factually referred to Burisch's education as real, and had only started associating the word "alleged" with the Burisch story after the bankruptcy filing was revealed, which put a major hole in Burisch's story.

The latest UFO Magazine also says that Howe did not return repeated requests for comment.

Aliens Abducted My Common Sense

<http://www.ufowatchdog.com/howe2.html>

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III

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## Brunswick Photos & Angel Hair

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 11:21:28 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 08:38:48 -0400  
Subject: Brunswick Photos & Angel Hair

Brunswick Photos & Angel Hair

List, EBK,

The most startling aspect of the Brunswick "UFO" photocollection is the large percentage that seem to show "angel hair":

"One of the most tantalizing types of alleged physical evidence for the reality of UFOs is the phenomenon which has come to be known as angel hair. This material is generally described as a white, fibrous substance, resembling spiders' webs, wool, or nylon. The filaments float down to earth and sometimes cover quite large areas of ground. Unfortunately the substance is unstable and appears to slowly sublime and disappear. It is said to burn like cellophane when ignited. Falls of angel hair generally coincide with UFO reports." --John Harney

<http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/60/hair.html>

I have been fortunate to have been in two falls of angel hair, both of which were reported to Updates. The first was on Nov 9, 2001 and the second was October 30, 2002. I collected samples of the material and sent them to Frontier Analysis, Inc.

They were identified as "a polymer containing protein amide type linkages, I.e. protein... a biological source is involved in its manufacture... the specific source remains unidentified... fiber is close to that of silk made by insects and caterpillars." This analysis is very consistent with six other samples sent to this lab.

Others have studied angel hair and have come to interesting conclusions as to the nature of the phenomena:

Bill Chalker

<http://www.theozfiles.com/angelhair.html>

Brian Boldman

<http://www.ksinc.net/~devilsad/angelh.htm>

Since I've experienced two such events, I think I know how a fall looks and feels. Many of the Brunswick collection photos seem to show UFO emitting or surrounded by the angel hair material.

The clearest and most interesting of these is the three-photo series on pg. 239. All the little dots and strands of stuff that Ray called diarrhea have identifiable shapes and spatial relationships. These can be followed and traced through the three photos. The craft can be seen to move through the angel hair-like strands and puffs, which seem to be floating slowly down.

Maybe these effects could be faked, but I don't know how. That's why I wanted Ray to look at these photos. I think they show the existence of a structured craft of unknown origin and establish the association between angel hair and UFO.

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### New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

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Subject: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

You see, the following is why our esteemed Mr. Klass can be seen to be entirely contemptible, undeniably irresponsible, and thoroughly reprehensible. It would appear that he may be still-living proof that there is societal improvement with every funeral. And all you ardent skeptibunkies can pound your outraged E-mails... the NMS&R can additionally pound their New Mexico sand!

Thank you Gov. Richardson... what a guy!

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Source: SFGate.COM

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2004/08/16/MNGAK880001.DTL>

08-16-04

Flying Saucers In New Mexico? Governor Rekindles Roswell  
by  
K. Davidson

Ten years after the U.S. Air Force closed its books on the claim that a UFO crashed in Roswell, N.M., in 1947, a top Democratic Party figure wants to reopen the investigation into the cosmic legend.

Despite denials by federal officials, many UFO buffs cherish the notion that in early summer of 1947, a flying saucer crashed in rural Roswell, scattering alien bodies and saucer debris across the terrain.

Now Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico, who chaired the recent Democratic convention in Boston, says in his foreword to a new book that "the mystery surrounding this crash has never been adequately explained - not by independent investigators, and not by the U.S. government. ... There are as many theories as there are official explanations.

"Clearly, it would help everyone if the U.S. government disclosed everything it knows," says Richardson, who served as Energy secretary under President Bill Clinton. "The American people can handle the truth - no matter how bizarre or mundane. ... With full disclosure and our best scientific investigation, we should be able to find out what happened on that fateful day in July 1947."

The passage appears in a paperback titled "The Roswell Dig Diaries," published in collaboration with TV's SciFi Channel by Pocket Books, a division of Simon & Schuster. The "dig" of the title refers to an archaeological dig at the supposed crash site.

A Richardson aide, Billy Sparks, confirmed the governor's remarks. Richardson "is interested in either debunking the story or (encouraging) full disclosure" of any unreleased records on the case, Sparks said.

To the Air Force, though, there is no mystery - and there hasn't been for a long time. In 1994, the Air Force published "Roswell Report: Case Closed, " which asserted that so-called saucer debris was, in fact, the ruins of an unusual type of military research balloon, which contained hypersensitive acoustic sensors designed to detect the rumble of any Soviet A-bomb tests. A subsequent investigation by the U.S. General Accounting Office was unable to locate any unreleased records on the case.

Hence, Richardson's foreword drew scorn from veteran UFO investigators and science popularizers.

"We're kind of disappointed in Richardson for perpetuating the mythology of that thing," said Dave Thomas, president of New Mexicans for Science and Reason, a skeptics group in Albuquerque.

The grand old man of skeptical UFO investigators, Philip J. Klass, who has written for Aviation Week & Space Technology since 1952, said: "Gov. Richardson - whom I previously admired - is wrong about Roswell and too trusting of TV network promoters. After more than a third of a century of research, I have found no credible evidence of extraterrestrial visitors."

Andrew Fraknoi, a noted astronomy popularizer and critic of pseudoscience who teaches at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills, called Richardson's foreword unbelievable.

"This continues to confirm that election or appointment to high office does not guarantee wisdom in all areas of human thought," he said. But in a show of extraterrestrial bipartisanship, the executive director of the New Mexico Republican Party is taking Richardson's side. Greg Graves, a native of Roswell who suspects the crashed object was "something more than a weather balloon," wants to know what really happened in the Southwestern desert two years before his birth.

Still, Graves hopes the truth isn't disillusioning. That's because the saucer legend is so good for the local economy: "Thousands of people come to Roswell every year to visit the site and go to the museum. It's an incredible boon to the Roswell economy. Just think about 'X Files' and TV shows about Roswell.

"When I go around the country and tell people I was born in Roswell," he adds, "people ask: 'Do I think something crashed there?'"

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## Re: The Trindade Photos & Motion Blur - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
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>To: UFOUpdates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 15:54:55 -0500  
>Subject: The Trindade Photos & Motion Blur

<snip>

>About three-quarters down the page is a map showing what Barauna  
>said was the object's path. What's interesting about it is that  
>the third photo is the closest to the point where the reversal  
>would have occurred. If the object were real, then it would have  
>\_had\_ to appear to come to a nearly complete stop at the point  
>where it reversed course from the vantage point of the  
>observers.

>Printy says this map is wrong and makes a big deal of it. It's  
>hard to see why, since it's obviously not drawn to scale (and it  
>depicts the ship as a three-masted Spanish galleon!). Printy's  
>own reconstruction of the directions shows the same sequence:  
>the first photograph is to the far right of the observer the  
>second to the left of the first, the third photo farthest to the  
>left and the fourth again back to the far right (the fourth  
>photograph of the object is labeled "P6" because Photos 4 and 5  
>didn't show the object).

Yes, the newspaper map is largely irrelevant. It is also in  
conflict with its own caption. It is also true, however, that it  
has been cited and copied over and over again for years by  
'believers' and 'sceptics' without anyone taking the trouble to  
check the real geography and geometry of the situation. Perhaps  
it's fitting that Kentaro Mori and Brad Sparks should have  
approached the same carefully-researched conclusions on this  
issue at about the same time and from different directions.

>According to Printy, a problem with this is that Barauna said  
>somewhere that the object was moving the fastest when he took  
>Photo 3. But Barauna could have simply been mistaken. Or the  
>object could well have been moving at a high rate of speed  
>before and after it went into a sharp turn.

Barauna was quoted in one source as saying that the object  
reappeared from behind the mountain "lower and faster than  
before", i.e. heading towards the location of P3. This is the  
origin of Tim Printy's inference. But in fact Barauna doesn't  
say that at the time he took P3 it was *still* moving fast. He  
actually said that it appeared to halt momentarily at P3 (and  
again on the horizon just before it disappeared - although this  
could be explained as an illusion due to the fact that elevation  
and azimuth angular rates diminish as an object recedes in this  
way; you see the same thing with aircraft).

But juggling translated phraseology from newspaper "quotations"  
is always a risky game!

Martin Shough

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>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 18:22:54 EDT  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>From: Kentaro Mori <[airdown.nul](mailto:airdown.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 15:56:34 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

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>>>Date: Thu, 12 Aug 2004 20:11:36 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>Martin Shough has tackled the difficult problem of analysis of  
>prevailing meteorological conditions over the Trindade region in  
>January and found that quite high speed winds (and thus clouds)  
>are found then. Martin has also studied Printy's "internal mask"  
>hoax technique in depth and other arguments.

>Brad Sparks

Hi Brad, et al,

Yes "tackled" if not "solved". I should also say that this exercise is based on, and extends, work done on photo enhancements by Kentaro Mori and has been discussed with both Mori and Brad Sparks (who, as he says, has done independent work on cloud pattern analysis).

If anyone out there has the patience for this material, and other work on Trindade, go to:

<http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/trindex.htm>

In brief, it can be shown that if (a) the stratified high cloud in the first and last photos is cirrus (as Barauna recalled, and as it appears) at the characteristic height for tropical cirrus; and if (b) the tropopausal winds W of the island are much stronger than average but are within the known range of variation for nearby Espirito Santo Basin windspeeds based on Brazilian Navy meteorological computer models for January; and if (c) the pattern matching exercise is correct - then the angular rate is consistent with an elapsed time of about two minutes. (If the cloud deck is actually much lower altostratus, then the range of windspeeds and elapsed times can possibly be brought down.)

You can also show, among other things, that the different implied directions and magnitudes of movement of the cloud masses at low and high altitude between P1 and P4 (or P6 if you like) are consistent with the wind shear that would be predicted from taking the averages of these vectors measured over 40 years.

Best



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>>Tim Printy has just reproduced, on film -- without "digital  
>>techniques" -- the proposed use of an internal mask. And it  
>>worked: <http://members.aol.com/tprinty2/trin6.html>

>An internal mask? That means that Barauna would have been  
>messing around with changing masks in order to get the different  
>shapes the object took on out in full view of everyone (and  
>opening the camera in the sunlight, which I would presume would  
>not be a good idea, either).

Actually there might be a way of getting around this. See:

<http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/intermask.htm>

The problems are largely (if not wholly) circumstantial. See:

<http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/printy-details.htm>

>According to the captain of the ship (not Barauna):  
>"A strong emotional upset was observed in all persons who  
>sighted the object, including the photographer, civilians and  
>members of the ship=B9s crew."

In the interests of accuracy this information came from Capt. Bacellar, who was commander of the Trindade Island garrison, not from the Captain of the vessel. It is true that we have no \*direct\*, information whatsoever (pro or con) from the Captain or any identified officer or named crewman of the vessel, except a single statement by the ship's Captain (quoted by US Naval Attache, Capt. Sunderland in 1958) that his assistant, an unnamed Lt.Commander, was himself a witness (of the UFO it is usually presumed, although he could perhaps have meant the negatives).

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## HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings - 08-15-04

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Subject: HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings - 08-15-04

HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

Unreported Daylight UFO sighting =96 Monmouth County, NJ =96  
Summer, 1959

On a warm summer evening in early July of that year, I, my family along with several neighbors were witnesses to a unique daylight UFO sighting that to this day has never been reported or satisfactorily explained. The object observed was that of a shiny metallic sphere having the appearance of silver or liquid mercury. Its approximate size on retrospect was about that of a pencil eraser held at arms length. The sphere also displayed flashing red and white lights that seemed to flash randomly all around it mainly at its equator.

What makes this sighting even more interesting is that the location of the farm from which we viewed the object is adjacent to the U.S. Navy road and railroad that links NWS (then NAD) Earle (the main munitions storage facility in Colts Neck, NJ) to its pier facilities located in Leonardo, NJ (on Raritan Bay). The road itself is restricted to only military use, primarily that of moving naval munitions from the secure storage facilities at the Colts Neck site to the various Naval ships that tie up to the piers located at the Leonardo facility.

It has long been =93rumored=94 that the inventory stored at Earle included conventional as well as =93other=94 types of =93non-conventional=94 munitions. At the time of the sighting, my father, was employed as a farmhand by a Mr. Murray Rosenberg, then owner of Dorbrook farms as well as Miles Shoes stores (a national shoe chain). We lived in a modest farmhouse on the site facing the road then known as RD#1, Eatontown. Our house also directly faced the Navy road that was approximately several hundred yards away. Looking from my front porch, across this highway one could easily view the government road then known as Normandy Road, or just =93the Navy Road=94 that was just across a large field to the east of the RD#1, Eatontown.

It should also be noted that the farms location is especially important because of its proximity to two critical military facilities that to this day, are still considered significant and militarily important installations. Dorbrook farm (now a Monmouth county park) is approximately 4 miles from the research and development facilities located at Fort Monmouth (Communications and Electronics Command) as well as about a mile from Naval Weapons Station Earle base entrance (again, the Normandy road railroad and its service road are directly adjacent to the farm itself).

Unfortunately, because of the passage of years, I must estimate the day and time of the sighting. The time, in my estimation was between 6:00pm and 8:00pm eastern daylight savings time and was probably on a weekday night. The object itself was moving in a south westerly direction at a speed of approximately 60 to 120 mph and at an altitude of between 1000 to 3000 feet (note the size and distance were a little hard to determine at the time). The location from which we viewed the object was from the front porch of my house and is highlighted in the diagram below. Also on this diagram, I have added some graphics that indicate

the approximate location of the object in relation to the farm as well as the direction of flight and the bearing from the witnesses. (See graphics and photo on the next page):

The map above and the photograph below indicate the current configuration of the Farm as it is today. Unfortunately, the house in which I lived and from where the observation was made was demolished this summer however, it is still located on this particular map and is indicated as such. Please note: Fort Monmouth is located roughly 4 miles to the east of the farm. The photo below looks down at the Navy road, RD#1 and the clustered farm buildings. The Navy road in this picture runs from North to South.

As was previously mentioned, the object was also sighted several miles to the north of the Dorbrook and was actually reported to have landed on a marshy area around Newman Springs Road and River Plaza. The location of this sighting area would fall right on a straight line drawn from the Leonardo facility directly to the Ammunition Depot located in Colts Neck. The object was seen taking off from that marshy area located between Red Bank and River Plaza where the Swimming and Navesink rivers meet (see map below right).

A silver/mercury colored sphere with random red and white blinking was the observed during the sighting mentioned above. This sphere (simulated in the above picture) approximates the size of the object at the time of the sighting. Again, the true color of the spheroid object was not gold/bronze but rather silver/mercury. Note: This object was also sighted on the ground several miles away by an independent observer whom I came across years later.

In closing, the report as it is presented here is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I was a principal in the sighting along with my father, mother and sister and several other witnesses who also resided on the farm during that period. I actually met the additional witness of what appears to be the same sighting approximately 10 years ago. He stated that he observed it taking off from a location several miles away from where we were.

As it took off, the independent witness stated that it was his recollection that the object appeared to be heading in the direction where we eventually viewed our sphere. The actual course would have taken it over NWS Earle and our farm. This additional witness who related his story to me currently works for the Army at Fort Monmouth.

Thank you very much to the witness for this report.

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U.S. Coast Guard Serviceman Witnesses Object

Brian,

After viewing your website (excellent site), I came across your Military sightings section. I do have 3 personal sighting experiences of my own.

Two while I was on duty in the U.S. Coast Guard and one, while growing up living within a mile of a major weapons storage facility (NWS Earle) in New Jersey.

The two sightings and one possible that took place while on active duty took place in 1969 and 1970. The first one was while my ship was on Ocean Station Victor (approximately 34.0 N by 165 E) in the western pacific. The second (possible) took place around Con Son island in the Gulf of Siam right off of the coast of Vietnam. The last sighting (daylight visual) took place while steaming from Guam back to Oahu approximately 200 miles from Eniwetok atoll (approximately 17.0 N by 167.0 E).

The first sighting was visual and radar with 3 objects being tracked at speeds of between 3200 and 3600 mph. This sighting I believe was duly reported via prescribed SOP. The other two were not reported.

The sighting that took place around 1959 near the Naval Weapons Station was a daylight sphere (silver with red and white random flashing lights randomly placed surrounding, but not attached to the object. It was flying at slow speed over the Navy road and

railroad and on a course coming from the Navy pier several miles away on the Raritan Bay (NYC harbor). Its course would take it directly to the secure WSA on the base proper (Colts Neck).

This sighting never made any local papers or reports as near as I could tell.

The possible sighting was actually right off of the coast of Vietnam and took place while holding swim call. An object of approximately 90 to 100' long and approximately 30' wide sailed silently underneath of my while at anchor. It was observed by approximately 10 people who were on anchor and guard duty from the port bridge wing (44 feet above the water line). The object was heading from starboard to port under the rear third of the ship and directly under the men who were swimming off of the fantail. My ship was the CGC Mellon (WHEC 717).

Thank you to the witness for the very interesting reports.

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Sherwood Park, Alberta Sightings

Date: Between 1983 and 1985  
Time: Between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Message: I am trying to find information on two events I witnessed in Sherwood Park, Alberta between 1983 and 1985. First, in the winter of 1983/84 I was returning from my paper route one night (likely between 7 and 8pm) and saw what seemed like a giant ball of fire of ice (with a tail like a comet) streak across the sky. It was extremely large and appeared to be close enough to crash within 100km or so. I'm pretty sure it was mentioned in the Edmonton Journal and was reported to have crashed in northern Alberta. However, I have been unable to find anything whatsoever on it more recently - and would like to know what it is I saw.

Not long after seeing this "meteorite" my friends and I saw a ball of fire slowly crashing toward the earth with a very long trail of dark smoke behind it. This was in June of 1985. We rode our bikes as far as we could but realized that it was going to crash too far away for us to catch. It fell straight down and rather slowly (we were able to see it in the air for quite some time). Again, I have been unable to find any mention of this event anywhere either.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Toronto, Ontario Blue, Metallic, Spherical Object

Date: Summer of 2003  
Time: Daytime sighting

Message: Last summer I was parked about 2 blocks west of Yonge and Eglinton, I was helping unload my mother in laws wheelchair. My mother in law pointed out a jet laying a chunky chemtrail on a western direction right above us. It was funny because I had only just told her about "chemtrails" the previous evening. While we were looking up we all noticed what seemed to be a blue, metallic, spherical object following the jet and moving in, out and around the trail. I estimate it was one tenth the size of the jet, we saw it continue to trail the jet until we couldn't see either anymore.

Since then, my wife (along with half of Yorkville) witnessed 3 similar objects putting on quite the show to the amazement of dozens of people in Yorkville. There were three of them making strange maneuvers at high speed, it lasted a good 10 minutes as it was related to me as it happened over a cellphone.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Spanish Fork, Utah Bat Shaped Object

Date: June 8, 2004  
Time: 11:00 p.m.

Hi Brian,

I came across your post on the UFO Sightings report on June 8th 2004. My husband and I were watching the meteor shower last night about 11:00 p.m. and we both saw this strange almost see through object fly above us. We could see the outline and it reminded me of a bat or a kite, but it was bigger than that. So I was wondering if you have found any answers to your experience? It didn't make any noise and it flew over us about 3 times while we were laying on the grass star gazing, then we got spooked and went inside :)

Thanks.

Additional Information:

Q. First of all could you please tell me where you are located ? Town, state, province, which ever ?

A. Spanish Fork, UT

Q. In what part of the sky was the UFO located? North, South, East, West? A. On the horizon or straight overhead or somewhere in between? We were stargazing it moved right over us from west to east.

Q. As it moved, could you determine roughly how fast it traveled , how far, etc..

A. It moved slow enough that we realized something was moving, but fast enough that by the time we realized what was going on it was gone or it blended into the night sky so we couldn't make out the outline any longer.

Q. Describe the appearance of the UFO: shape, size, distance, color, texture.

A. It was see through and the middle of it seemed wavy like an old window pane. I thought it was about as long as a house, but my husband says it wasn't that big. It reminded us of bat wings or a kite but the object was bigger. The color was translucent. It seemed as if we could see the sky through it.

Q. Describe the area in which you made the sighting. Is it near an airport? An Air Force Base? A military or research installation of any kind?

A. It isn't near any of these things, but we are very close to the crop circle that was discovered here. There is also a mine that is located in the next town.

Q. How far up in altitude do you think it was from your location ? (rough guess).

A. I would say about 200 feet maybe less.

Q. You also mentioned that is was larger than a bat or a kite, thinking back, would you say it was twice or more larger than a kite, etc. This is why I asked for a rough guess on how high it might have been, if flying around the same height as a small plane, jet airliner or just over tree top.

A. It was probably above or at the tree line. It was hard to tell because it was so dark. It was about twice as big as a tree or kite.

Q. How long were you able to watch the whole event for ?

A. My husband saw it first but passed it off as a bat. Then I noticed it and we saw it again so in all it was probably 10-15 minutes. Then like I said I got scared and we went inside.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Phoenix, Arizona Trio Of Lights

Date: August 11, 2004  
Time: 4:00 p.m.

I ordered a lens attachment that is going to triple my optical zoom. I wish I had it today. At work, 4:00 p.m. same place as usual, looking out the parking garage towards the East. This object moved against the wind and it was windy at the time of tapping. This object does a "cartwheel" and is giving off pastel colors if you look closely. Very cool, just thought you'd want to be in the loop.

Thank you to the fellow for the interesting footage and report.

Picture is =A92004RichG.

To view the picture:=-

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1726>

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Rossland, B.C. Orange Ball Followed By Lights

Date: August 11, 2004  
Time: Approx: 10:00 p.m.

I received a call from a witness on Sunday August 15, 2004 who explained about a sighting he had in Rossland, British Columbia. The witness was previously living at his parents home which is located just below one of the local mountains in the Rossland area. The fellow stepped outside and after standing viewing the night sky for approx five minutes he saw an extremely bright orange falling star. It was coming from a northerly direction. As he observed the quick moving object he thought to himself that this was an amazing spectacle. The man watched the orange glowing ball of light as it disappeared behind the mountain.

Approx: 5 to 10 seconds later after the bright orange object had vanished behind the mountain, the witness observed a number of flickering lights which appeared out of no where. (the area where the flickering lights appeared was exactly where the fellow lost sight of the orange ball of light). The color of the three lights went from white to red, and it just sat there. The lights did go dimmer at one point but grew in brightness and changed colors again. At times the lights would appear to be bobbing up and down and would move from side to side. As the light moved, the light on one end would dim a bit while the light at the other end grew brighter. At one point in the sighting the witness saw a blue light which he said was flashing on and off.

The day after the sighting took place he decided to go up onto the mountain with his digital camera to see if anything was around, or to see what might have caused the lights, but nothing was there. At this point he is thinking it possibly could have been a vehicle on the road the night before, but after really checking things out he believes it wasn't this..... as the trees, etc would have certainly blocked out any light source coming off the mountain where he had seen the lights. The fellow thinks whatever it was, had to be hovering just above the tree tops. The whole event lasted for approx: 5 to 8 minutes.

One other interesting thing to the report was that there were dogs and cats acting up while this event was taking place. If there is any connection between the animals and what was seen is unknown.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Hitchcock, Texas Orb Sighting

Date: August 13, 2004  
Time: 9:44 - 9:50 p.m.

Full Description of event/sighting: I was out taking random pictures with a Sony, digital. Using no flash and no backlight. I was facing North when I started with 1/8 turn between pictures. The ones enclosed are from the E-NE direction. Orb was about 25 feet from ground and I can't tell how far away it was from me, nothing visible to gauge by. the other four may be a UFO, I didn't see any lights in that direction when I just pointed and took it but I took two right after the other so UFO-8 is in N-NE direction, while UFO-9 is more to the north. I



cannot judge the UFO pictures as I didn't have a landmark to go by.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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South Lanarkshire, Scotland

Date: August 14, 2004  
Time: 8:45 p.m.

Hello Brian,

Once again I have information on something which my Son and I observed at 20:45 14th of August 2004, in Scotland, South Lanarkshire.

I have attached a digital impression of what we seen. It is nearly exactly what we observed.

While up at a model flying club with my Son, we observed this silvery object flying from South to North. The sky was broken with blue sky behind the cloud, The object passed over us and reflected the sun enormously. The object was like a mirror. The object seemed to be in the shape of two ball-bearings joined about a third together. Very bright and shining in the setting Sun. It was not a plane and there was no sound. I have observed planes at high altitude against a blue sky and the wings can always be seen. There was no contrails either. The object was very high to reflect the Sun the way it did. Some high level planes passed over minuets later but could be seen and heard as aircraft.

Thank you to the witness for their report.

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Durham Region (Pickering to Oshawa)

Date: August 14, 2004  
Time: 6:15 p.m.

Message:

Hi Brian, I want to report UFO sighting Aug.14,2004 at 6:15 p.m. over the Durham Region (Pickering to Oshawa) high about 30,000 feet or more. Over the shoreline of Lake Ontario, coin like in shape with white light (not too intense) floating very slowly high in the sky with blue sky background. Observed with binoculars round object of white light. Object was so high,would have been very difficult to see with the naked eye if you were not sky watching for UFO's.Observation time duration was 15-20 minutes. (that's how slow the object floated) This is my first sighting this year, as last year was 15.

Take care and I'll keep watching.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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## Crikey Another Plagiarist!

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 02:00:05 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 09:33:37 -0400  
Subject: Crikey Another Plagiarist!

Hello all:

I hope you aren't put off by distasteful matters like this, but I was surprised to find some weblog (blog) in Britain, scraping my maps and text wholesale:

Please repair URLs on the jaw-busting URL below ..

<http://www.pdikeelan.co.uk/theblackdeath/ha/index.php?s=82b1c4996cf27def0ed2c712b9666e52&showtopic=85>

Nowhere is there a hint of my authorship, my name, my website .. nothing.

I composed a stern but carefully worded message to the blogmeister, one P.D.J. Keelan, aka Paul Keelan, who left his fingerprints all over the conspiracy/paranormal landscape. He calls himself a "geologist" on somebody else's blog, as he opines about rabbits and blueberries on Mars etc.

At the bottom of the (useless) registration page, there is a notice that people posting agree not to put up copyright materials! Having mentioned my copyright notices etc., I also copied his hosting service ( [Fxxxxxxx.co.uk](http://Fxxxxxxx.co.uk) ) in case they might be interested.

These matters usually sort themselves out before things get really serious. I just want a few folks to witness the page above in case they do. Pages like these tend to disappear quickly once discovered.

If anyone is curious how I word the mail in these matters, I can send you a copy offlist.

Meanwhile, I think I will browse around and see who else got scraped. Its not too hard to find and notify the rightful owners when some fool scrapes text verbatim.

Best wishes

- Larry

Please feel free to post this message on other Lists. I only subscribe to two or three.

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## Re: The Trindade Photos & Motion Blur - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lfleming6.nul](mailto:lfleming6.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 23:10:23 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 09:36:48 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Trindade Photos & Motion Blur - Fleming

I'm writing this to correct a couple things I said in my previous post on 15 Aug 2004 15:54:55.

First, although this is a rather peripheral point, I implied that a map of the object's path incorrectly depicted the ship involved in the incident as having sails like a Spanish galleon. But I've learned from a 1983 article on the CUFOS web site by a Dr. Willy Smith that the Almirante Saldanha was a sailing ship. So it appears that it did have sails and I wrongly assumed that a modern navy circa 1958 wouldn't have such ships in service.

A more significant mistake, I think, was in writing:

>As far as I know, Brad  
>Sparks was the first person to notice the apparent motion blur  
>and I'm the first to notice that it's consistent with the course  
>reversal Barauna described. And it only took 40-plus years and  
>well after Mr. Barauna's death for that to happen.

Well, it turns out that "as far as I knew" wasn't far enough! Since I wrote that, I've found out that the evidence of motion blur was in fact noted by APRO researcher John Hopf in a 1960 report that was cited by one of Jerry Clark's articles.

Clark's article is at:  
<http://www.cufos.org/Trindade Clark article.html>

Hopf's is at:  
<http://www.cufos.org/Trindade Hopf article.html>

Hopf states:

"It is interesting to note that the outline of the object is quite sharp in views Nos. 2 and 3 where it had slowed down, but slightly blurred in Nos. 1 and 4 where it was going at a higher speed and the shutter setting was not high enough to freeze the motion. Greater distance would also contribute to this effect."

So Hopf appears to be the first person who noticed the apparent motion blur, pre-dating the current discussion by 44 years! However, I still think the observation may be new that Photo 3 was the one taken closest to the only point where the object would have had to slow down: the point where it reversed course.

I certainly don't want to belittle the work and competence of the people who actually investigated the incident. I'll leave that to the so-called "skeptics."

Curiously, one person who did miss the evidence of motion blur was a US Naval attache in Brazil at the time of the incident, a Captain Sunderland who is quoted by Mr. Printy as having written:

"..the photographs furnished by the Brazilian Navy are unconvincing. Details of the land are extremely sharp but the disc is hazy and has little contrast and shows no shadow effect. It also appears that the object was inverted in photograph 2 compared to 1 and 3. Also the papers have mentioned extremely

high velocities and there appears to be \_\_no lateral blurring\_\_ as would occur with any reasonable shutter speed." [my emphasis]

The eagle-eyed Captain Sunderland was able to discern the dubious indications that the object was inverted in one image. Yet he flatly denied there were any signs of the motion blur that Brad Sparks (and Hopf long before) commented on.

To paraphrase Simon & Garfunkel, a man sees what he wants to see and disregards the rest. That's no doubt true for everyone to some extent -- and not necessarily to a lesser extent in the case of some naval attach=E9s and others who view themselves as "skeptics".

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## UFO ROUNDUP, Volume 9 Number 33

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CHUPACABRA SHOT IN  
ELMENDORF, TEXAS

"It's a story that has attracted worldwide attention.  
A strange animal was shot dead on a south Texas farm, and  
no one can identify it."

"It's prompted some to wonder if it's the famed  
Chupacabra."

"That mystery animal has most everyone wondering,  
'What is it!?' But we may soon have an answer."

"A rancher in Elmendorf," Texas (population 664),  
located about 10 miles (16 kilometers) southeast of San  
Antonio, "shot the hairless animal after it killed more  
than 30 of his chickens. He then buried it on his  
property. Saturday (August 7, 2004) an organization that  
specializes in identifying strange animals dug up the  
remains. Rancher Devin Macanally hopes that the animal's  
bones will now tell the tale."

"I thought that by burying it in solid sand it would  
last longer," said Macanally, "But it didn't."

"Biologists dug up the animal's remains for DNA  
testing, a process that could take up to six months."

"They just dug as far as they needed to get the bone  
samples," said Macanally, "They wanted an ear, but they  
realized that they couldn't get one."

"Some believe the mystery animal could be the  
Chupacabra, the blood-sucking animal of popular Mexican  
folklore. Macanally said, whatever it is, he just hopes  
he gets to know it and that it will stop eating his  
chickens. He hopes to take the rest of the remains to a  
zoo in the hopes they can identify it."

"Other labs around the country (USA) and the world  
have been contacting him, trying to find out what this  
thing really is."

"Bone from a mystery animal shot by an Elmendorf  
rancher has been taken to an expert from the San Antonio  
Zoo. But can he tell what it is?"

"John Gramieri, the mammal curator for the San  
Antonio Zoo, doesn't think it's the Chupacabra. It's  
definitely canine, but he thinks it's a mix between a dog  
and a coyote."

"Devin Macanally shot the Elmendorf Beast after it  
ate dozens of his chickens. The animal has a blue-grey  
coloring, is almost hairless, has a short nose and long

fangs."

"It's clearly a member of the dog family, a family candidate,' explains Gramieri."

"Gramieri says he can't tell what type of canine, but that it could be mixed with a coyote that has very weird teeth."

"For whatever reason, the animal has had poor fusion in the front here, so that it allowed the lower jaw to spread in a way that is not normal for any mammal, actually,' Gramieri said."

"But what about the creature's color? A blue-grey hairless coat that's unlike any dog or coyote."

"It apparently had some very bad skin ailment,' said Gramieri, 'And the skin ailment made the dog bald except for the top of his body.'" (See the San Antonio, Texas News for August 9, 2004, "Chupacabra? DNA testing underway,' and for August 11, 2003, "S.A. zoo weighs in on Chupacabra debate." Many thanks to Robert Fischer, Loren Coleman, Scott Corrales and Mary Lou Jones-Drown for forwarding these newspaper articles.)

#### NEW UFO FLAP BREAKS OUT IN MEXICO'S YUCATAN

"For some weeks now, numerous residents of Ticul," located in Mexico's state of the Yucatan, "and even other municipalities in the area have made use of the hill that dominates the barrio Benito Juarez (neighborhood) of La Perla del Sur as their nocturnal gathering place."

"The reason for this gathering also became a fashionable subject in this part of the state's alleged UFO sightings, a situation that has also attracted the attention of experts in supernatural phenomena."

"There is no scientific explanation for these events. The alleged witnesses claim they are real, but the people of the vicinity consider this a product of the euphoric sensation experienced at the meeting site."

"The fact remains that it is a party atmosphere" has been obvious "for nearly a week now, including consumption of alcoholic beverages and the presence of street vendors."

"This week, the UFO talk took a turn. Two young men claimed to have filmed the appearance of a mysterious 'vessel' that was visible only for seconds."

"The youths, with the characteristic excitement of those who have just made a great discovery, showed their video of the alleged sighting to a reporter from Diario de Ticul (newspaper). A circle of eight lights spinning on an axis could be seen. The lights" produced by the object "became tilted and elliptical. Suddenly, the mysterious object changes course and vanishes."

Members of the Centro de Analisis de Fenomenos Espaciales (Translated: Space Phenomena Analysis Center--S.C.) have pointed at the cases involving people who claim having seen unidentified flying objects are fairly common in the Yucatan peninsula, but they are never unlikely known, due to a load of diffusion."

"Cindy Martinez Sanchez, a printer with this statewide organization, reports that the phenomena was seen two nights ago (Monday, August 9, 2004) not only in Ticul but also over on Progreso."

"Many residents of the barrio Vicente Guerrero are witnesses to a mysterious cloud with a bright light that appeared and vanished in the watery reaches of the point, they say. The incident lasted five hours." (See the Mexican newspapers Edicion Yucatan for August 10, 2004, "More mysterious lights over Ticul." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Gloria Coluchi para esto articulo de diario.)

#### UFOs SPOTTED IN ONTARIO

On Thursday, August 12, 2004, at 12:45 a.m., eyewitness L.P. was "walking along Kanata Drive, going north" in Ottawa (population 323,340), Canada's capital, when she "saw a bright light like a Halogen flashlight. It was blinding, extreme brightness, very large. I thought it was an Army night light (flare in the USA--J.T.). They shoot this up into the air, and there's a



bright white-pink ball that slowly descends, and you can see smoke around it. This one did not descend but just hung in the air. It was totally white and there was no smoke. It was totally amazing."

"As I watched it, it still sat in the air. I could see it fully over the tree line. I called my son on my cell (phone). We live a couple of blocks away. I told him to run outside and see it. While I was still watching it, he said he could see nothing. While it was me watching, it was just to the side of the townhouses, closer than I thought. It was still hovering, not moving closer, not moving away, no sound. I ran towards it, but it just disappeared."

L.P. described the UFO as "a black object," adding that she was "unsure of the shape." (Email Form Report)

That same night, Thursday, August 12, 2004, at 2:35 a.m., eyewitnesses D.W. and his wife, B.W., "saw a bright orange object over the treeline horizon" in Nestor Falls, Ontario, Canada. "It seemed too bright for Venus, which we can sometimes see," they reported, "Seemed to be bright orange and yellowish or white. Seemed to be hovering or moving slightly. After about five minutes, it just disappeared."

"Freaky! Our (electric) power had gone out earlier that night over a large radius. No lightning. No reason."

They described the UFO as "Orange, yellow, white, round. Reminded us of a planet like Saturn. It was fixed in the sky where we saw it. It just disappeared in the distance. It was maybe 1/4 the size of the full moon." (Email Form Report)

#### UNUSUAL CROP CIRCLES FOUND NEAR LAKE HURON

An unusual crop circle formation was found on the shores of Lake Huron, at Grand Bend in Canada's Ontario province, on Wednesday, July 21, 2004, but it wasn't reported until Sunday, August 8, 2004.

According to Canadian cerealogist Paul Anderson, the formation consisted of "a 'Vesica Pisces' style of four interlocking circles in wheat." The new formation was "very near the Hensall, Ont. formation of 2003. The (Grand Bend) field unfortunately had already been harvested" by the time researchers arrived "but the pattern was still visible. One digital ground photo taken (Friday) August 13 (2004) contains an aerial anomaly nicknamed 'the Amoeba' because of the odd shape with a dark spot inside of it."

Grand Bend, Ont. is located about 120 miles (192 kilometers) west of Toronto. (Many thanks to Paul Anderson of the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network for this report.)

#### UFO SEEN TWICE IN ONE NIGHT OVER WINNIPEG

On Friday, August 6, 2004, Tracey Longbottom spotted the same UFO twice "within the hour" over Winnipeg (population 618,477), the capital of Canada's central province of Manitoba.

"The first sighting was at approximately 12:10 a.m.," Tracey reported, "I have a fifth-floor balcony apartment on Maryland, facing south towards the Maryland Bridge" in Winnipeg. "Initially, my boyfriend saw what he thought was a plane going in the wrong direction, through my front window. We see many planes going through the same flight path, so, other than the odd direction, it did not initially seem that extraordinary. It looked like a bright light with a greenish tinge. It was coming at an unusually slow pace, just over Misericordia Hospital, about the same height (altitude) as a plane."

"While my boyfriend was exclaiming how odd this was, I jokingly said, 'That's because it's a UFO.'"

"We then went to the balcony to get a better look. At that point, it flashed three times, the last two with a most brilliant flash, then it just disappeared. Seems there were a lot of rolling clouds. We continued watching even though it went behind them and would soon reappear."

"We waited for a while for it to reappear, which it did an hour later, at about 1 a.m. This time it was a pinkish red and appeared to be further away but in the same general area. It bobbed in and out of the cloud cover, about three to five times. I could compare it to a firecracker the way it rose and fell in the sky (behind the cloud cover--T.L.), but it wasn't a firecracker from what we could surmise. It also disappeared behind the clouds, and it seemed we could see a faintly illuminated cloud area where it disappeared behind. Possibly it was nestled behind cloud cover." (Email Form Report)

#### BRAZILIAN MAN SNAPS A UFO ON HIS PHONE CAMERA

On Tuesday, August 3, 2004, "three men were driving on the Anhanguera Highway" in Brazil's state of Sao Paulo "when they saw something unusual over a field. They stopped the car, and two of the men jumped over the fence to get a little closer."

"One of them had a modern cell phone with him, and he took a photo of a strange, cylinder-like, silver object hovering a few meters above the ground."

"Under the object, which remained hovering for 30 minutes and emitted a sound that sounded like 'several engines working together, some dust could be seen lifting into the air.'"

"The witnesses do not want to be identified." (See Revista UFO for August 2004. Muito obrigado a Brunilda Barros para eso articulo.)

#### UFO SIGHTED IN SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, UK

On Wednesday, August 4, 2004, at 1 p.m., eyewitness Liam was walking through Rubery, South Birmingham, UK when he spotted something unusual in the sky.

"I first thought it was a bird, but it was much too high," he reported, "It seemed to be over the Licky Hills. Very, very fast, going from side to side and up and down and in and out of the clouds. Then it simply disappeared."

Liam described the UFO as "a black object, but I'm unsure of the actual shape." (Email Form Report)

#### WHITE SPHERICAL UFO SEEN IN RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI

On Saturday, August 7, 2004, at about 8 p.m., eyewitness L.M. "was sitting on the backyard swing" at her home in Ridgeland, Mississippi (population 20,173), about 5 miles (8 kilometers) north of Jackson, the state capital, when she had a UFO encounter.

"The UFO I saw was a white ball. It was at a fairly high altitude and moving at a speed that would have been a jet or a plane," she reported, "I was sitting on the backyard swing about 8 p.m. on Saturday. I had just been staring at the sky in this large open area when I reached down to pick up a piece of trash between my feet. So I looked away for about three to four seconds, and it just appeared out of nowhere. But there was no sound, not one sound, totally silent."

"It was perfectly round, very white--the altitude was higher than the planes and jets that are coming in for landing or taking off, and you can see them visibly when they come over our house. My husband said commercial jets may be a mile above when they are coming in, but the UFO was higher than that. If it had been a plane, it would have been up too high for a landing, but a strange altitude for a plane that was on a normal or settled flight path. It was still visible enough, by all means, to see that it was perfectly round."

"I live not far from the (Jackson Municipal) airport, and I can say with certainty that there were no (navigational) stroke lights that are required by the FAA. While a plane is at that altitude, it cannot move as fast as the ball of light was moving. It was making a straight shot through the sky, but with no sound, and left no

chemtrails of any kind, nor was it losing any altitude like a meteor or falling star would. It moved across a vast opening in the sky in 30 seconds or less. Had it been a plane, I would have seen it for several minutes before it crossed that distance. This is the second (UFO) sighting I've had. The other one was the saucer over downtown Jackson in May." (Many thanks to Canadian ufologist Brian Vike for this report.)

#### MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION IN BULLHEAD CITY, ARIZONA

"It likely was not a UFO that crashed in the desert east of Bullhead City (Arizona, population 33,769) Thursday night," August 5, 2004, "but it was also not an airplane, as originally reported to authorities."

"Firefighters and law enforcement officers were called to the area of Landon Drive and Highway 68 at about 9 p.m. with a report of an airplane that crashed into the desert."

"Bullhead City Fire Marshal Jim Dykens said the reporting party met with authorities and said they saw what appeared to be an airplane exploding and crashing in the desert somewhere between the highway and Oatman, Ariz. It was also reported that the explosion was followed by three smaller bursts that appeared to be emergency flares."

"With assistance from the (Arizona) Department of Public Safety Ranger helicopter, the Bullhead City Fire Department searched the area from the north and the Oatman Fire Department looked from the south, but found nothing."

"The outcome was that they really believe it was a large mortar that was shot off and then some other bottle rockets or other type fireworks," Dykens said."

"The peak of the Perseid meteor shower is expected in Arizona skies around August 11 or 12, said Steele Wotkyns, public relations manager at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz." (See the Mohave Daily News for August 8, 2004, "Sky explosion investigated. Airplane, blimp, ruled out." Many thanks to Jim Hickman, executive director of Skywatch International, for this newspaper article. Be sure to visit Jim's Web site at <http://www.skywatch-international.org> .)

#### MUTILATED CALF FOUND IN ANDERSON, CALIFORNIA

On Saturday, August 7, 2004, "at around 1 p.m., rancher Harry Hawes, 72, of Anderson, California (population 9,022) received a call about a dead and mutilated female calf only two or three days old. Hawes is 72 and has been working on his Anderson, Calif. ranch since his discharge from the U.S. Army in 1957. Two years later (1959), he married his wife Carole."

"When Harry saw the newborn calf with its neat, bloodless incisions, he immediately thought of the mutilated cow he had found five years earlier in 1999. His veterinarian took photographs of that case and told Harry that he had no explanation for how the animal's jaw flesh, eyeballs, udder, rectal and vaginal tissues had been removed. Now his newborn heifer had suffered the same fate."

"The calf was lying on its right side," Harry was reported as saying, "And it had its left ear cut off smooth with its head. Its eyeball was missing. The left side, from the ribcage to the flank, this was entirely cut out and missing, and all the internal organs from the lungs, heart and all the way down to the anus were missing. The other ear on the underside was cut off about halfway up--kind of a ragged cut that one was. It looks very strange when you see one of these."

Anderson, Cal. is on Highway 273, located approximately 151 miles (242 kilometers) north of Sacramento, the state capital. (Many thanks to Robert Fischer for this report.)

#### RUSSIAN SCIENTIST SAYS HE FOUND AN ALIEN ARTIFACT

## AT THE TUNGUSKA SITE

"Members of a special expedition researching the site of the famous Tunguska meteorite fall" of June 1908 "claimed that they have discovered parts from an extraterrestrial device."

"The expedition, organized by the Siberian Public State Foundation 'Tunguska Space Phenomenon,' completed its work at the scene of the Tunguska meteorite fall on (Monday) August 9 (2004). It was the first excavation of the area since 2000. Guided by space photos, the researchers scoured a wider territory in the vicinity of Poligusa village for parts of the space object that crashed to Earth in 1908 and was later called the Tunguska meteorite."

"The scientists claim they found the remains of an extraterrestrial technical device that allegedly had an accident in Siberia in 1908. They also say they found the so-called 'deer stone'--an artifact reportedly mentioned in the reports of the eyewitnesses of the Tunguska phenomenon. A part of the 'deer stone' has been delivered to a laboratory in Krasnoyarsk for research."

"The head of the expedition, Yuri Lavbin, told MosNews on Tuesday," August 10, 2004, "that the researchers had traced the possible trajectory of the space object, but this time they decided that the object had traveled from west to east, while members of previous expeditions had thought that the object had flown from east to west. The new approach allowed the expedition members to find a buried object covered with trees."

"The object appeared to be a large black cube with metal. The researchers chipped off a piece from the object and will test its composition."

"In a further comment to MosNews, Lavbin noted that according to his calculations, the mass of the space object that collided with Earth in 1908 amounted to about 1 billion tons, and the blast on impact would have destroyed humanity. The fact that it did not happen testifies to the theory that the Tunguska event was an explosion of an artificial object at an altitude of about 10 kilometers (6 miles)."

"'I am fully confident, and I can make an official statement that we were saved by the forces of a superior civilization,' the scientist said, 'They exploded the enormous meteor that headed towards us with enormous speed.'"

"'Now that the strange object which caused the meteor to explode has been found at last, we will continue our research,' Lavbin said."

"The Tunguska event was an aerial explosion that occurred near the Tunguska River in Siberia on June 30, 1908. The blast felled an estimated 60 million trees over 2,150 square kilometers. On that day, several residents observed a huge fireball, almost as bright as the sun, moving across the sky. A few minutes later, there was a flash that lit up half the sky, followed by a shock wave that knocked hundreds of people off their feet and broke windows up to 650 kilometers (406 miles) away."

"The explosion registered on seismic stations across Eurasia and produced fluctuations in atmospheric pressure strong enough to be detected by the recently-invented barographs in Britain. Over the next few weeks, night skies over Europe and western Russia glowed brightly enough for people to read by. In the United States, the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and the Mount Wilson Observatory observed a decrease in atmospheric transparency that lasted for several months."

"The size of the blast was later estimated to be between 10 and 15 megatons. Until this year, members of numerous expeditions had failed to find any remains of the object that caused the event." (See MosNews for August 10, 2004, "Russian researcher says remains of an alien spacecraft found in Siberia." Many thanks to Robert Fischer and Mary Lou Jones-Drown for this newspaper article.)

#### "BABY STAR" BLOWS GIANT SPACE BUBBLE

"A vast interstellar bubble illustrates the surprising power of young stars, say Hubble Space

Telescope scientists."

"Called N44F, the 35-light-year-diameter 'celestial geode' (one light-year equals about 5.9 trillion miles-- J.T.) exists because of solar winds from a young star blasting off its surface at 4 million miles per hour." (Editor's Note: That makes the luminous "space bubble" a mind-boggling 206 trillion miles in diameter.)

"Astronomers have viewed only a handful of these interstellar bubbles."

"Surprisingly, the inside wall of N44F is sculpted with columns of cool dust and gas as much as 8 light years (47 trillion miles) high."

(Editor's Note: In other words, one of those dust columns would stretch from Earth all the way to Alpha Centauri...and stick out another 20 trillion miles!)

"Shock waves in the gas clouds surrounding the young star may create these columns, perhaps sparking the formation of other stars." (See USA Today for August 16, 2004, "Bubble in space formed by young star," page 10B.)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us in seven days for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth, brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you next time.

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## Re: The Brocking Report - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 08:26:34 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 10:25:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Brocking Report - Lehmborg

>From: Stuart Miller <[Stuart.Miller4.nul](mailto:Stuart.Miller4.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 17:22:36 +0100  
>Subject: Re: The Brocking Report

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 15:07:13 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: The Brocking Report

>>>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.miller4.nul](mailto:stuart.miller4.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 17:52:20 +0100 (BST)  
>>>Subject: The Brocking Report

>>>So Rod Brock has gone. I can only surmise at the reasons but my  
>>>guess is he is another victim of the bullying and strutting that  
>>>masquerades on this List as ufology.

>><snip>

>>This seems a little out of balance. ...genuflect at the  
>>pelicanist idol.....

>Actually Alfred, I did not have you in mind when I made the  
>comments.

Whew! I \_am\_ relieved.

>And to be fair, I can see the counter argument which is that Mr.  
>Brock is a big boy and can take care of himself. If he can't  
>stand the heat etc.

Which may be the best course to continue to take, whenever  
possible, in order to be sensitive to, and to facilitate, a  
man's pride in self, self-respect, and self-confidence... his  
total efficacy of self... is my thinking and experience.

>The only problem with that though is that it doesn't take into  
>account the full range of sensitivities.

Even if it does, or may, discount the ones I'd mentioned.

>I suspect there are  
>many who have something to contribute who are intimidated by the  
>bear pit mentality. Why should they be excluded?

I guess I've just got a different view on things. I don't see  
the "exclusion" or the "bear pit", especially here at UpDates. I  
see 'lions' and 'tigers' and 'bears', but by my way of thinking  
\_they\_ are all about support for a duplicitously shortsheeting  
mainstream, a mainstream that in no way encourages efficacious  
advancement, be it spiritual or intellectual... because it  
happily \_refuses\_ to go where its own data goes. This mainstream  
'employs' Pelicanist literary commandoes who drift around in  
groups of three or four to fan the already murky bottom about a  
'specific' (one they many times make up out of their own axe-  
ground excretia) in order to discredit and invalidate an  
aggregate ufology... in the public 'mind'.... in turn

\_substantiating\_ that bogus mainstream. Neat trick.

If one wants an example of the kind of corrosive entity I allude to I point directly to Andy Roberts, fully accepting the responsibility of the three fingers I point back at myself.

These are what prowl the bear pit, these bizzarro-world researchers who complicate an issue rather than investigate it, bully their betters with all manner of hurdles and blue hares, and smirk condescendingly at a lack of another's willingness to stand still for their intellectual bigotries, their lack of collegiality, or their canted biases. These are the strutting bullies, in my opinion...

>Nevertheless, it's a shame. He does some good work which maybe >we didn't always acknowledge here.

Which may be true. Still, it distresses me... the dog who barks at the dog courageous enough to do some appropriate and well provoked (in my estimation) barking in the first place. Better... "Hey, thanks Steve, for losing money while sticking your head up over the berm to raise a consciousness about UFOs..." than waxing eloquently about how pathetic and foolish his approach is... Any approach is preferable to \_no\_ approach... and Basset stays close enough to the fence.

Sneers push a button with me, provoke my own sneer. They're especially objectionable when they are born out of ones own lack of ability to perceive of a world view different than their own. These guys will never work as hard to credit a case as they will to discredit one because their minds are made up on the issue. They're the masters of their castle, the owner of their domain... and in \_control\_. It's all an illusion of their conceit... in my opinion. [g]. And it may be from time to time that the the "truth and a half" will be told from one camp provoked only by \_half\_ the truth being told by the 'favored' other. The "fringers" fill a void that they create, after all.

Jeez - I guess that's enough... huh? <LOL>

[alienview.nul](#)  
EXPLORE "AlienViewGroup" at its HostPros URL.  
<http://www.alienview.net>  
...content to read, content to hear, content to see.....

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually. He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.  
\$450.00 pledged -- \$300.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.  
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."  
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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## Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 09:07:14 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 10:28:57 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 14:08:42 -0500  
>Subject: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>Source: SFGate.COM

><http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2004/08/16/MNGAK880001.DTL>

>08-16-04

>Flying Saucers In New Mexico? Governor Rekindles Roswell  
>by  
>K. Davidson

>Ten years after the U.S. Air Force closed its books on the claim  
>that a UFO crashed in Roswell, N.M., in 1947, a top Democratic  
>Party figure wants to reopen the investigation into the cosmic  
>legend.

Keay Davidson, who's the San Francisco Chronicle's science writer, is a longtime skeptic as well as a biographer of Carl Sagan. I've known him - at least as a phone voice and the generator of the occasional e-mail - for some years. While he was getting the article together, he solicited a quote from me, but I declined, having no particular words of wisdom to offer.

Whatever the final truth about the Roswell incident, I do admire Gov. Richardson's courage in openly expressing an opinion on so controversial a matter. My one concern was that Davidson's piece might damage this conscientious public servant, who may well have a political future outside New Mexico.

It's clear, however, that Richardson and his office handled Davidson's questions skillfully, and I imagine that's the last we will hear about this. In any event, with the nation and the world in the shape they're in currently, Richardson's opinion about Roswell is not - and should not be made - a burning issue.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Boone

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 10:38:04 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 10:47:39 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Boone

Wait a minute, hooold da' bus!

When I started this thread it was to ask the question why with all the governments, agencies etc. on Earth no one has come up with irrefutable ET/Saucer proof.

My point was (before the 'Magonia Mafia' jumped in to add their two cents), that somebody somewhere has to have a document or pics or video or witnesses that could break this wide open.

There's no way there can be so efficiently a coverup of such magnitude that everybody everywhere could be so efficient to hide, hush up etc.

Our enemies know by now the UFO issue is a hotbed for our government as no other issue garners such counter intention as this subject. They ought to know by now that to derail the entire military industrial complex's sinister agenda all they have to do is prove that the U.S. government has been hiding UFO/ET info. Since '47 when this all broke governments by the dozens have changed hands and nobody has jumped up on tv and said those magic words, "Hey, when I was King, President, Poobah, the U.S. told us not to disclose UFO info yadda yadda yadda!"?

What? What's with the silence? If Hussein wanted to get off the hook all he'd have to say is "The U.S. threatened us with retaliation if we didn't shut up about UFOs!". Then his pals in Iran, Syria etc. could join in and it'd be 'katie bar the door'.

What? Castro doesn't know this? Nobody's listening to him?

C'mon, UFOs just don't crash in the U.S. for crying out loud. Why hasn't Russia or China come up with something?

It only takes a few bona fide government memos to break this.

Russia claims to have found 'alien gizmos' of some sort from the Tunguska incident but do you believe them? Anything shake from that tree?

All the disgruntled military personell from around the world and nobody's talking?

Man, that's some 'super secret organization' that can shut everybody up everywhere all the time!

Best,

Greg

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## Additions To SDI Archive

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 17:03:26 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 17:03:26 -0400  
Subject: Additions To SDI Archive

Thanks to the assistance of Alfred Lehmborg & Bill Weber,  
some additions have been made to the Strange Days... Indeed  
program archive:

Peter Davenport  
Stephen G. Bassett  
Stuart Miller  
Nick Pope

There are play buttons in the most recent program listings  
at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.com/ufo/sdi/program/sdi2004.html>

The files are Real Audio.

Errol Bruce-Knapp  
Host/Producer  
Strange Days... Indeed  
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## Re: HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings -

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 12:04:17 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 18:41:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings -

>From: Brian Vike - HBCC UFO <[hbccufo.nul](mailto:hbccufo.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 14:30:21 -0700  
>Subject: HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings - 08-15-04

>HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

<snip>

>Durham Region (Pickering to Oshawa)

>Date: August 14, 2004  
>Time: 6:15 p.m.

>Message:

>Hi Brian, I want to report UFO sighting Aug.14,2004 at 6:15 p.m.  
>over the Durham Region (Pickering to Oshawa) high about 30,000  
>feet or more. Over the shoreline of Lake Ontario, coin like in  
>shape with white light (not too intense) floating very slowly  
>high in the sky with blue sky background. Observed with  
>binoculars round object of white light. Object was so high,would  
>have been very difficult to see with the naked eye if you were  
>not sky watching for UFO's.Observation time duration was 15-20  
>minutes. (that's how slow the object floated) This is my first  
>sighting this year, as last year was 15.

>Take care and I'll keep watching.

>Thank you to the witness for the report.

Hi Brian!

This UFO sighting is recent and detailed enough to allow us to investigate further and possibly come up with an explanation so that it too is not filed away as another UFO.

The location, date, time and description of this UFO sighting agrees with the test done on the Canadian Arrow three-seat space capsule that was released by a helicopter before splashing down into Lake Ontario a few kilometers offshore from the Toronto Islands. See the web page below for pictures and further details.

<http://www.canadianarrow.com/droptest.htm>

Unless the very distant UFO the witness saw through binoculars (it was "...very difficult to see with the naked eye...") was a foreign craft or a curious ET probe interested in observing this private space test, I think we can safely conclude that the likely explanation for this UFO was a spacecraft - one built here in Canada.

Nick Balaskas

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## UFOIA Galore In FATE Magazine

From: **Larry W. Bryant** <[overtci.nul](mailto:overtci.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 15:34:38 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 18:44:36 -0400  
Subject: UFOIA Galore In FATE Magazine

Any newcomers to the UFO UpDates List curious about some of my earlier efforts promoting greater UFO Freedom of Information and Accountability may satisfy that curiosity by perusing my essay "Habeas Whom? - A Retrospective Review of the UFO Habeas Corpus Petition," published in the August 2004 issue of FATE magazine.

This small-sized - but deep-probing - newsstand magazine can be found in some of the big retail book-store chains (e.g., Books-A-Million).

With its 50-some-year-old specialization in "True Reports of the Strange and Unknown", FATE remains a trailblazer in presenting serious analysis and discussion of the worldwide 'UFO problem'.

And, naturally, part of the ongoing research and discourse on UFO reality (and on the politics of UFology) benefits from regular use of the U. S. Freedom of Information Act. Turn to FATE, periodically, for some results of that usage.

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## Re: Burisch Story Exposed - Boone

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 13:12:52 EDT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 18:47:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: Burisch Story Exposed - Boone

>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog.nul](mailto:ufowatchdog.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 10:26:08 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Burisch Story Exposed

<snip>

>The 'investigation' into Burisch was plainly sloppy. For those  
>of you who did not hear Howe on Coast To Coast AM talking about  
>Burisch, host George Noory asked Howe if she had verified any of  
>Burisch's credentials and Howe said she didn't have to because  
>she believed Burisch was telling the truth because he was  
>sincere.

<snip>

That's freakin' scary!

For Howe, a long time journalist with awards to say she "didn't have to because she believed Burisch was telling the truth because he was sincere." would have gotten her tossed out of the newsroom on her ear. If you hadn't referred to a source I could check on it I wouldn't have believed it!

I find that way out of line for someone of her calibre. I don't know why she would do that or maybe the lines got screwed up but in every case you've got to at the least make an attempt to verify credentials. Sometimes you really can't but you then have to make that call. Usually the senior editor will have to weigh that depending on the 'alarming' nature of the source and message.

That's a goosepimpler of a revelation Royce. :)

Best,

Greg

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## Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

From: **Michael Bilodeau** <[micbilodeau.nul-pec.com](mailto:micbilodeau.nul-pec.com)>  
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 13:20:29 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 18:48:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 09:07:14 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 14:08:42 -0500  
>>Subject: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

<snip>

>>Flying Saucers In New Mexico? Governor Rekindles Roswell  
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>>Ten years after the U.S. Air Force closed its books on the claim  
>>that a UFO crashed in Roswell, N.M., in 1947, a top Democratic  
>>Party figure wants to reopen the investigation into the cosmic  
>>legend.

>Keay Davidson, who's the San Francisco Chronicle's science  
>writer, is a longtime skeptic as well as a biographer of Carl  
>Sagan. I've known him - at least as a phone voice and the  
>generator of the occasional e-mail - for some years. While he  
>was getting the article together, he solicited a quote from me,  
>but I declined, having no particular words of wisdom to offer.

>Whatever the final truth about the Roswell incident, I do admire  
>Gov. Richardson's courage in openly expressing an opinion on so  
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>world in the shape they're in currently, Richardson's opinion  
>about Roswell is not - and should not be made - a burning issue.

<snip>

Thank God! Finally a UFO authority stands up and implicitly  
recognizes that this whole abduction phenomena, possibly  
involving a few thousand people over the years, is just a  
figment of the imagination.

It's about time.

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Fleming

From: Lan Fleming <[lfl Fleming6.nul](mailto:lfl Fleming6.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 13:28:07 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 18:50:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Fleming

>From: Martin Shough <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 21:00:59 +0100  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>From: Lan Fleming <[lfl Fleming6.nul](mailto:lfl Fleming6.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 17:56:35 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>>From: Kentaro Mori <[airdown.nul](mailto:airdown.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 15:56:34 -0300  
>>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>>Tim Printy has just reproduced, on film -- without "digital  
>>>techniques" -- the proposed use of an internal mask. And it  
>>>worked: <http://members.aol.com/tprinty2/trin6.html>

>>An internal mask? That means that Barauna would have been  
>>messing around with changing masks in order to get the different  
>>shapes the object took on out in full view of everyone (and  
>>opening the camera in the sunlight, which I would presume would  
>>not be a good idea, either).

>Actually there might be a way of getting around this. See:

><http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/intermask.htm>

>The problems are largely (if not wholly) circumstantial. See:

><http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/printy-details.htm>

Interesting, but Barauna would still have to have gotten rid of  
the extra role of film in the presence of the naval officers  
somehow without them noticing.

>>According to the captain of the ship (not Barauna):  
>>"A strong emotional upset was observed in all persons who  
>>sighted the object, including the photographer, civilians and  
>>members of the ship=B9s crew."

>In the interests of accuracy this information came from Capt.  
>Bacellar, who was commander of the Trindade Island garrison, not  
>from the Captain of the vessel. It is true that we have no  
>\*direct\*, information whatsoever (pro or con) from the Captain  
>or any identified officer or named crewman of the vessel, except  
>a single statement by the ship's Captain (quoted by US Naval  
>Attache, Capt. Sunderland in 1958) that his assistant, an  
>unnamed Lt.Commander, was himself a witness (of the UFO it is  
>usually presumed, although he could perhaps have meant the  
>negatives).

I may have scrambled up the chain of command, but the important  
point is that Bacellar was a naval officer whose report  
indicated that crew members had seen the object. He was also  
apparently on the ship, at least when they went into the dark  
room. Even though the crew members weren't cited by name, I  
think it's really stretching it to suppose that the officers

took Barauna's word for it that some of their own subordinates had seen the object and that they never bothered to ask the crew directly. The entire crew was right there, after all, and the officers' other actions didn't suggest that they were inclined to put unquestioning faith in Barauna. I got the impression that their first reaction was very skeptical, as suggested by their being in the dark room when the film was developed.

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This newsletter would not be possible without the contributions of the authors and the research of our staff members, especially Louise Lowry (WOTS founder and co-owner). Many thanks to you all.

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#1. Another Whistle-Blower is being Persecuted (By David E. Twichell)

Once again a seeker of the truth, involving the UFO/abduction phenomenon, is being persecuted for coming forward with his

findings. Dr. Michael Salla, Ph.D of American University in Washington DC is being censured and threatened with possible dismissal from his position as "researcher-in-residence" with the institution as a result of his scholarly investigations into the possibility of an alien presence in our world.

For more, see:

<http://www.worldofthestrangle.com/nlv1675.html>

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#2. The Truth Is Still Out There (By Paul Ginsparg)

Stephen Hawking's recent concession that black holes do not irretrievably eradicate information after all has garnered much attention. It is refreshing to see the public focused, if just for a moment, on an important conundrum that has fascinated theoretical physicists for three decades, and prompted much conceptual progress. The scientific issues, however, remain much less settled than Dr. Hawking's celebrated wager on the question. He most recently pronounced: "If you jump into a black hole, your mass energy will be returned to our universe, but in a mangled form, which contains information about what you were like but in an unrecognizable state."

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<http://www.worldofthestrangle.com/nlv1672.html>

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#3. Astro and Cosmo Facts, NASA FACTS

NASA was formed in 1958 and from the very start a number of it's astronauts and test pilots testified to sighting UFOs or craft of undetermined origin.

Initially Joseph Walker was the first to announce a sighting -- he told the National Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Space Research in 1962 that he had an aerial encounter with two disc-shaped objects the previous month. He had actually filmed the encounter.

In April 1962, NASA pilot, Joseph Walker, filmed five cylindrical and disc-shaped objects from his X-15 aircraft. Another test pilot, reported an incident involving a formation of UFOs whilst flying at 314,000 feet.

For more, see:

<http://www.worldofthestrangle.com/nlv1671.html>

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#4. Public Invited To Hunt Meteorites (Source: BBC News)

Anyone with an unexplained object that has fallen in their back garden might want to check whether they have found a meteorite.

More than 30 are believed to fall in the United Kingdom each year - but very few are ever identified.

And the Open University is now encouraging the public to become meteorite hunters.

A website will help people to discover whether any objects they find are really from outer space.

For more, see:

revelation." Air Force chief UFO scientific consultant, Dr. J. Allen Hynek wrote that his UFO investigations are "meticulous" and "far exceed" that of the government. Dr. Kenneth Ring, father of Near Death Experience [NDE] research wrote that Fowler's researched book on Near Death and UFO experiences "may well have deciphered the ultimate nature and meaning" of these baffling phenomena.

In SynchroFile, Fowler applies the same kind of meticulous research into the supernatural-like synchronistic experiences that permeate his life. This book compiles the results of his research into Jungian psychology, the New Physics and his study of a ten-year diary of personal and family experiences of amazing coincidences and paranormal experiences. His research leads to the incredulous conclusion that time is an illusion and that reports of synchronicity, ghosts, out of the body experiences, near death experiences, UFOs, precognition, telepathy, and other extrasensory experiences are all individual expressions of one intelligent-like meta-phenomenon.

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From time-to-time we are in need of some graphic logos and icons for the website. If you have the ability and time to create some of these items, please let us know.

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#7. Notable August Close Encounters in History (Compiled by: TJ Elias)

1566-08-07; Switzerland, Basel

1566 - UFOs Do Battle In The Heavens Over Basel, Switzerland

A student in Basel, Switzerland reported that just after dawn on August 7, 1566, "many large, black globes were seen in the air, moving before the sun at great speed and turning against each other as if fighting. Some of them became red and fiery and afterwards faded and went out."

<http://www.worldofthestrangecom/cev1175.html>

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1663-08-15; Russia/USSR, Roboziero

An unidentified group of people observed a UFO as it flew over them at low altitude.

<http://www.worldofthestrangecom/cev28.html>

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1883-08-12; Mexico, -

Astronomer Jose Bonilla, at Zacatecas Observatory, photographed formations of 15 to 20 disc-shaped objects crossing the face of the sun.

<http://www.worldofthestrangecom/cev199.html> <http://www.worldofthestrangecom/cev199.html>

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1911-08-18; USA, Nevada, Reno

The August 18, 1911 "Reno (NV) Gazette" carried a brief item titled "Meteor From The Sea Does Strange Stunts." It is said that upon the arrival of the ocean liner "America Maru" in San Francisco from the Orient on August 17th a report was made of a meteor which "climbed out of the sea like a skyrocket, traveled through a great arc and disappeared." The captain, A.C. Stevens, said it had a great fiery head and a long trail and was seen on August 11th.

<http://www.worldofthestrangecom/cev1357.html> <http://www.worldofthestrangecom/cev1357.html>

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1927-08-05; Mongolia

We all saw, in a direction from north to south, something big and shiny reflecting the sun, like a huge oval moving at great speed. Crossing our camp, this thing changed in its direction from south to southwest.

<http://www.worldofthestrangecom/cev268.html> <http://www.worldofthestrangecom/cev268.html>

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1950-08-??; RAF Farnborough

In August 1950 at RAF Farnborough, Stan Hubbard, an experienced test pilot, was walking across the airfield when he heard a humming, hissing sound. "I turned round and saw a strange object approaching. It looked like an edge-on view of a sports discus. It was pearly grey and appeared to be crackling and sparking and gave the impression there was something moving on it."

<http://www.worldofthestrangecom/cev1177.html>

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1951-08-25; USA, Texas, Lubbock

Hundreds of people around Lubbock reported seeing objects flashing across the sky.

<http://www.worldofthestrangecom/cev1963.html>

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1952-08-01; Salem Coast Guard Air Station

The US Coast Guard released a photograph of unidentified aerial phenomena (i.e. a UFO), taken by a 21-year old CG photographer



<http://www.worldofthestrangecom.com/cev1181.html>

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1954-08-31; Australia

One of the most controversial radar visual reports of the fifties occurred on August 31st, 1954. The story leaked out in December, 1954, and made front page headlines.

<http://www.worldofthestrangecom.com/cev1183.html>

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1956-08-13; Lakenheath/Bentwaters

These 1956 events have become iconic in status among UFO historians as 'the Lakenheath case' or 'the Lakenheath/Bentwaters case', one of the few incidents classified as 'unexplained' by the 1969 Colorado University UFO study commissioned by the US Air Force, which conceded that "the probability that at least one genuine UFO was involved appears to be fairly high."

<http://www.worldofthestrangecom.com/cev1184.html>

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1965-08-03; USA, California, Santa Ana

Highway engineer Rex Heflin took a series of 4 Polaroid photos of a silvery craft near Santa Ana, California. Over a period of about 2 minutes the craft moved east, 'wobbling' slightly, gained altitude slowly, then increased its velocity and altitude more rapidly, leaving behind a ring of smokelike vapour.

<http://www.worldofthestrangecom.com/cev1188.html>

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#8. Little Known Facts About Roswell, New Mexico (by: Dennis G. Balthaser)

Moving to Roswell New Mexico from Texas in 1996 to continue my interest in Ufology, provided me with a good base for doing that research, and also gave me the opportunity to learn a lot more about my new home state, and particularly the town of Roswell and Chaves County. With the help of many "locals", and particularly information I've gathered from Elvis E. Fleming, Chief Archivist of the Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico, Inc. [www.hssnm.net](http://www.hssnm.net) I will try to share some information with you that perhaps you've not read or heard about before concerning the area of New Mexico where the 1947 UFO crash occurred.

For more, see:

<http://www.worldofthestrangecom.com/nlv1676.html>

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#9. Edgar Cayce - Intro

Edgar Cayce (1877-1945) - "The Sleeping Prophet".

Cayce was born on a farm near Hopkinsville, Kentucky on March 18, 1877. At an early age he gave evidence of his budding talent: he was able to master his school lessons by sleeping on his books. At the age of twenty-one he developed a gradual

throat paralysis which threatened the loss of his voice. When doctors were unable to find a cause for his condition, Cayce entered the same hypnotic sleep that had enabled him to learn his school lessons years before. In that state, he was able to recommend a cure which successfully repaired his throat muscles and restored his voice. It was soon discovered that he could do the same for others.

For more, see:

explanation than that thus far given by the Air Force, I strongly recommend that there be a committee investigation [of the UFO phenomenon]." Congressman [later President] Gerald Ford, 1966

For more, see:

<http://www.worldofthestrane.com/reftid1218.html>

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#11. Questions And Answers (By C.A. Honey)

When I started writing my recent book, I had several people go over my manuscript in order to find grammatical or spelling errors that I might have missed. Some came back with errors pointed out but also with questions attached. Since they needed further clarification I can rightly assume that others will need it also. Therefore, I am going to make this article a series of those questions with my answers. If you have any questions on any of my articles or books, please feel free to ask for explanation also, and in addition to sending you an answer, I'll include them in revisions to this article.

For more, see:

<http://www.worldofthestrane.com/nlv1670.html>

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>>these amazing stories.

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>>Also presenting this year are William Henry, James Gilliland  
>>Lloyd Pye, Jaime Maussan, Richard Dolan, Michael Horn, Tricia  
>>McCannon and many more! Our special guests include George Noory  
>>of Coast To Coast AM, The Sci-Fi Channel, Bill Birnes of UFO  
>>Magazine and Sean David Morton.

>>Sean David Morton associated with "truth" and "reality"... now  
>>there's a laugh. Sad to see some are still willing to promote  
>>this phony...

Sean David Morton is not speaking at the Expo this year, he's  
only coming down to visit and to introduce George Noory.

You hit me pretty hard in 9/11; I couldn't cancel the  
conference. If you would ever like to come down for yourself  
and check things out, I'd be glad to have you as a guest.

Most Sincerely,

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## Letter-To-Editor Of The Roswell Daily Record

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE NEW MEXICO GOVERNOR:

To: Hon. Bill Richardson  
Governor of New Mexico

From: Larry W. Bryant  
Director, Washington, D.C., Office of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy  
3518 Martha Custis Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22302

Date: August 18, 2004

Mr. Richardson:

Now that you and some other New Mexico leaders have gone on record as favoring a formal, governmental re-examination of the so-called Roswell Incident of July 1947, I offer you the following proposal:

For some time now, New Mexicans have possessed a fairly practical key for unlocking the Pandora's Box that conceals the Ultimate Secret from public view -- i.e., that one or more federal agencies took part in confiscating the artifacts, technology, and crew of a crash-landed "flying saucer." (The only other state so equipped happens to be Oklahoma.)

I refer, of course, to New Mexico's constitutional provision for the empaneling of a state grand jury upon a given county district court's receipt of the requisite several hundred citizens' signatures on a petition calling for that empanelment.

In the case of Roswell, this specially empaneled grand jury in Chaves County would exercise its investigatory-and-reporting function as a sort of Truth Commission focusing on the following questions raised by the Roswell Incident:

- (1) Who authorized, conducted, and suppressed the official craft-retrieval operation?
- (2) Where are ALL the "smoking gun" records of that operation, and what role did any New Mexico official play in it?
- (3) What New Mexico laws/regulations have been violated by the operation and by its continued coverup?
- (4) Where are the confiscated materiel and other wreckage of the craft being stored, by whom, and under what legal authority?
- (5) What harm has come to any New Mexico citizen via any acts of commission and/or omission on the part of any official associated with the operation?
- (6) What financial, cultural, and technological loss has the state of New Mexico incurred because of its having been arbitrarily excluded from the decisionmaking process on the operation's objectives, conduct, and findings?
- (7) How can the New Mexico government avoid repetition of the

inherent lack of accountability for what went wrong (and why) with the Roswell Incident, should such an event ever to recur on New Mexico soil?

Of course, the sought-for grand jury would have no power to subpoena evidence from federal personnel, but it could INVITE any of those personnel to submit evidence. In the case of prospective UFO-coverup-whistleblower testimony from the ranks of former intelligence and law-enforcement personnel, this people's panel would serve as an ideal safety zone for delivery of their uncensored accounts.

During the course of the grand jury's data collection/analysis, the New Mexico government's public affairs office could mount a public-service advertising campaign to jump-start the acquisition of potential witnesses/evidence/deathbed confessions, etc., for relay to the grand jury.

Governor, if your announced desire to bring the Roswell Incident into the full light of inspection and exposure means anything beyond lip service, it should mean at least three key goals:

(1) To empower the stakeholderhip of New Mexico in the events, activities, policies, and principals surrounding the Roswell Incident and its aftermath.

(2) To restore a part of New Mexico history stolen from it by certain federal officials responsible for creating and keeping the Ultimate Secret.

(3) To let the yet-to-be-exposed evidence of the retrieved Roswell craft speak for itself -- for the perpetual benefit of humanity and for the promise of eventual earthly contact with other "hardware from elsewhere."

As you weigh this proposal and proceed to have it implemented, I ask that you keep me and the rest of the public regularly informed of your progress. Thank you for this consideration.

Larry W. Bryant

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Shough

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>>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>The Ocean Wave Patterns can be located quite precisely on the  
>>ocean surface whereas the Cloud Patterns suffer from the  
>>difficulty of not being sure how high and how far away.  
>>Scientific analysis therefore must prefer the time lapse  
>>indicators from Ocean Wave Patterns over that of the highly  
>>uncertain Cloud Patterns.

>That should be very interesting. "Ocean Wave Patterns" are  
>rapidly changing patterns, compared to clouds. The changes are  
>also much more constrained, again compared to clouds. On the  
>series of four photos, there's a significant overlapping only  
>between the first and the last photo. I wonder how certain can  
>an analysis be between two photos. Of course, we have the same  
>problems if we consider the clouds.

>>Martin Shough has tackled the difficult problem of analysis of  
>>prevailing meteorological conditions over the Trindade region in  
>>January and found that quite high speed winds (and thus clouds)  
>>are found then.

>Even taking his work at face value, it suggests that it would be  
>\_possible\_ that a time lapse of \_at least\_ two minutes could  
>account for the clouds change. And that making several  
>allowances. The time lapse, from his own work (assuming it  
>correctly measured cloud displacements, which includes assuming  
>that the clouds are indeed the same), could have been greater  
>than 5 minutes for a wind speed of 30 knots. From 2 to 5  
>minutes, that's already a significant difference with the  
>testimony.

Hi Mori and List

Yes of course there is uncertainty, which is exactly why I  
discuss a range of values for a range of possible windspeeds.  
There is also obviously uncertainty about the actual altitude of  
the clouds concerned, meaning in particular the high stratiform  
cloud. But I should correct the implication that reducing the  
uncertainty would be likely to favour lower true rates of cloud  
displacement and a longer elapsed time.

This is not at all sure. Here "possible windspeeds" means just  
the actual windspeeds within the general sea area given in Navy  
models for the same season of the year 2004. Call this the  
'control date'. Winds of 80 knots are shown at around 33,000'



off the coast of Brazil for the control date. At a reasonable height for near-equatorial cirrus (~ 35,000' or so) 80 knot winds would displace the cloud pattern identified in about 2 minutes. But it is statistically unlikely that the control date happens to be exceptional and so one can reasonably infer that the range of variation is likely if anything to be greater than the range of values I have used (no 40-year averages were available like those for surface winds). A greater range of variation (i.e., more uncertainty) would shorten the implied lower limit of elapsed time below 2 minutes.

The other major unknown is of course the cloud altitude. If the stratiform cloud is not true cirrus (the highest type of such cloud) but say altostratus - which is not especially unlikely, despite Barauna's opinion that it was cirrus - then it was a lot lower and the windspeed required for the same angular displacement falls proportionately. This is also the case if a cirrus layer was unusually low. For example, a wind of 50 knots at 20,000' would imply an elapsed time of under 2 minutes. Again, the uncertainty tends to reduce this lower limit.

For these and other reasons I said on the site that the figures given should be regarded as upper limits on the possible value of this extremum. Obviously this doesn't mean that the true value (if only we had a balloon sounding for the 16 Jan 1958) would not be found to approach the opposite extremum, with high cirrus drifting with winds of only a few knots. Assuming such winds a factor 10 or 20 slower, the elapsed time could be a factor 10 or 20 longer, say 20-40 minutes. But this upper limit is in no way more probable a priori than the lower limit. The uncertainty does not tend to favour an inconsistency.

In this situation dealing with the uncertainty means appealing to other information. For example, is the lack of evident change in the solar shadow angle between P1 and P4(orP6) more consistent with a brief interval of <2 minutes or with a long interval of half an hour or more? Do the overall sea conditions change? Can identifiable wave patterns be correlated with known ocean current rates east of the island to constrain the elapsed time? (as Brad Sparks reports; and incidentally, re the priority issue, I discovered that Brad had indeed already done this work long before when I suggested the same thing to him in January this year). Do the photographs individually show cloud that looks to be static, or cloud that looks to be dynamic, under the influence of winds?

So there's uncertainty, yes. But bearing in mind these factors, if our hypothesis was that a cloud-motion analysis would reveal damning evidence of a duration grossly inconsistent with the witness testimony, then my opinion (for what it's worth) is that the hypothesis has been falsified. It could still be true, but we can't claim that it is especially likely to be true (except on the grounds that there obviously can't be any such things as flying saucers).

Best

Martin Shough

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 19:29:20 +0100  
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 19:12:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Rimmer

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 09:30:25 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>My review of Wendy Connors' stands, Mr. Rimmer. One man's  
>irrelevancies is another man's sharp stick in your eye. You  
>wanted some exercise for your 'beak', don't blame me if you're  
>concerned that Stanton Friedman would take said beak down past  
>the gum-line. With regard to the Hill case and the Starmap,  
>Friedman has been measured and convincing, your lot... decidedly  
>not.

Let me try this one last time. Back in the dim and distant past  
(i.e. 13th August) you referred to:

"A portrait of the Hills as composed by reactionary  
skeptibunkies, noisy negativists, and knee-jerk ufological  
denialists paints a picture of a dodgy working class  
"interracial" couple (always pointed out)... two people who very  
likely made the entire story \_up\_ out of whole cloth, solely for  
purposes of some late-night time in the loony  
limelight, presumably."

I asked who these 'skeptibunkies' [sic] were, because if they  
had said what you claimed they had said, I thought it was a  
pretty silly thing to say as well. However, despite me asking  
you on two (2) occasions, you have conspicuously been unable to,  
as they say in the tabloids, 'name the guilty men'.

I must assume therefore, unless you are able to respond to this  
third (3rd) enquiry, that no sceptics have made such a silly  
statement, and you are just making it up ... sir.

--  
John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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## Filers Files #35 -- 2004

From: George A. Filer <[Majorstar.nul](mailto:Majorstar.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 14:30:44 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 19:25:35 -0400  
Subject: Filers Files #35 -- 2004

Filers Files #35 =96 2004, Skywatch Investigations  
George A. Filer, Director MUFON Eastern  
Vice President of Skywatch International  
August 19, 2004, Webmaster: Chuck Warren

### UFOs Seen in Space

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. These Files make the assumption that extraterrestrial intelligent life exists. Two UFOs Seen During ISS Spacewalk, Mars - Cathedral, New York =96 Giant Flying Wing, New Jersey- Neon-Blue Disk, Pennsylvania =96 Disk, North Carolina =96 Formation, Florida =96 Flying Triangle, Tennessee =96 Pulsating light, Michigan - Beam of Light, Missouri =96 Fifty Mechanical Devices, New Mexico -- Silver Sphere, California - Disk and Diamond, Washington =96 Flying Triangle, Canada - Circle Inside "Smoke Ring" Cloud, UK/Scotland - Rectangular Shaped Object, UK/England - Glowing Object, Crop Circles Flourish In UK, Canada and Poland, Russian Scientists Alien 'Discovery' Excites, Australia =96 Three Ovals, and Wreckage of a Saucer and Small Bodies at Wright Paterson Air Force Base.

### Two UFOs Seen During ISS Spacewalk

An EVA (spacewalk) was carried out from ISS (International Space Station) in the wee hours of 3 August 2004 for the purpose of changing out experiments, and modifying the docking facilities on the aft end of the Zvezda Service Module. This was the third EVA for the Expedition 9 crew. The spacewalk lasted some 4 =BD hours, but only 12 minutes and 24 seconds of this were of the space crew at work. During this short downlink, two UFOs were seen, one traveling at a 45 degree angle in relation to the ISS, and another almost two minutes later moving horizontally to the station. Just a few moments later, the live feed was cut off, and never restored. Two still frames depicting the UFOs can be seen here. For a more exhaustive report on this EVA, use this link.

<http://www.projectprove.com/eva-9c.htm>

More on the mission here.

<http://www.spaceref.com/news/viewsr.html?pid=3D13565>

First UFO Still frame #1

Second UFO Still frame #3

Thanks to =A9 2004 Jeff Challender =96 Director Project P.R.O.V.E.

mail to: [project\\_prove.nul](mailto:project_prove.nul)

Mars - Cathedral

Norman Bryden writes, "Here is a better image for you to look at. If you look closely and follow each line, you can see many

structures and buildings. There also seems to be an overpass structure to the far left, indicated by the dark straight band. Follow the road like structure, from the intersection and move to the top center and a cathedral like structure with white domes is apparent.

Thanks to Norman Bryden.

MARS MGS CITY IMAGE: #4 CATHEDRAL \*PIC\*

New York =96 Giant Flying Wing

HUDSON RIVER -- Architect Laurence Owen called to report that he and his wife had seen a giant flying wing craft hovering above the Hudson River on August 12, 2004. The architect, his wife and a friend were riding in a cab driving down the West River Drive looking towards New Jersey near the former World Trade Center at 8:45 PM, when they noticed several commercial aircraft heading towards the New York Airports flying at several thousand feet altitude. A huge V shaped craft was just hovering above the Hudson River as the aircraft flew by. The V-shaped craft was at least twice as big as the commercial aircraft and had six or eight lights on its rear perimeter inside the V.

There were also two lights on the front of the large object. Laurence held his arm up and the thumb on his outstretched hand covered the huge craft. The craft was hovering near the World Trade Center Site, but over the water. They saw the craft for two minutes until it went behind a building and disappeared. Phone interview.

QUEENS, NEW YORK CITY

Marian Yancey, Field Investigator writes, "On Saturday evening, August 7, 2004, we were at a party and saw a neighbor let go of three or four balloons that we saw gaining altitude at 7:45 PM." They were silver-like those metallic balloons. But, then I saw three yellow lights in formation moving through the clouds. Well, the clouds broke up there was no body to the "plane"-- just the lights right there in the daylight sky (it was still light out). I thought of balloons tied together but these lights did not bob like balloon and the angle was wrong for the sun to reflect on them to cause them to glow.

It was in a patch of sky above a house on 115th Street right off Lefferts Boulevard. The lights were high in the sky, and glowed a golden yellow color and resembled the lights one would see on an airplane except they were the wrong color. They even had a similar type of relationship to one another -- one at the leading edge and two behind and slightly outward on either side of the leading light. Thanks to Marian Yancey, Arkansas Field Investigator

New Jersey- Neon-Blue Disk

CAPE MAY =96 On August 3, 2004, a married couple was sitting on the beach while on vacation at the southern tip of New Jersey when they saw a neon-blue disk with many lights on the bottom. The wife reports, "My husband and I were talking when I caught sight of a neon-blue disk at 10:30 PM, which looked like a child's sand sifter with thousands of holes which were illuminated with white light. It passed by extremely fast and disappeared behind what could have been a cloud, but there were none out that evening. The sky was clear and full of stars. The craft was relative to the size of a full moon. I did not hear any sound with seeing the object. About ten minutes later, I saw a shooting star and in comparison, this did not even come close. It was definitely too fast to be an airplane and the neon-blue/lights as well as fact that it disappeared made me frightened at first, but then curious so I sat there for another half an hour hoping to see something else. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

SOUTH PLAINFIELD =96 A small black cone was spotted floating over a shopping center at 11 PM on July 29, 2004. The small black cone with point down was suspended in the air. The object was positioned a couple hundred feet in the air over Middlesex Mall. The cone was small and featureless, without lights, etc, and was probably too small to hold a human sized passenger. On the

bottom of the cone was a small mass which tapered downward. The cone was absolutely still and made no sounds. I could see a small aircraft in the distance beyond the cone which was turning toward the cone in my line of sight. By the time the observer turned around in traffic the cone had disappeared entirely. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

#### Pennsylvania - Disk

ALLENTOWN =96 The witnesses were at Dorney Park on July 29, 2004; and at 4 PM, took photos of a helicopter flying by with their digital camera. Later, when we looked at the photo there was a disc like object next to the helicopter. The witness claims, "Prior to taking the picture even while taken it I saw nothing except the copter, but it is in the picture." After viewing the picture of the helicopter, we saw a disc shaped object next to the copter. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

#### North Carolina - Formation

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH =96 Three to four objects were seen moving around each other for over an hour over the beach on August 1, 2004 at 3:30 AM. There were three objects and sometimes a fourth object joins them. There were dancing lights in basically a triangle pattern. They move and pulse dimming and/or moving to and away. One was white, one bluish-white which is the smallest shifted to red at times, one bright yellow (the largest) shifting to soft yellow-white and fades to more blue but the full moon affects its color changes as if it is reflecting moonlight. This one has a specific shape to it like a five pointed star. A fourth one shows up every now and then appears like a tiny red dot that darts forward and away. The triangle pattern seems to rotate around itself mainly clockwise. At 4:50 AM, they are in more of a line pattern and nearly 90 degrees overhead. There were thunderheads overhead sprinkles of rain the whole time. The formation of them changes and rotates and has been going on the whole hour and a half at this point. These are bright enough to often show through the thunderheads. At 4:58 AM, they flew back to 60 degrees up. Lights are still here but I am heading back since I am starting to get really rained on. Objects still darting and shifting brightness. Objects seem to be unaffected by the weather. I am a Christian and having trouble explaining what I am looking at. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

#### Florida =96 Flying Triangle

VERO BEACH -- A bright white sphere of light 45 degrees from horizon changing into three smaller lights when closer to the ground was observed on July 29, 2004. The light was too large and close to be a star at 8:30 PM. The light hovered above and returned to the bridge in the opposite direction. Twenty minutes later I saw a similar bright white light moving and then dim. After ten minutes I heard a noise from behind, and saw a boomerang shaped triangle shadowed by three circular lights. Turning around we witnessed a swarm of these objects flying very close to the ground. They were too large to be flying so close together. The swarm of these objects was what was in the farther distance 10 minutes prior to the incident. [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

#### Ohio - Dark Disk

Fostoria --George Ritter has captured multiple images have been taken over this area that may indicate an underground base. Below is the image of a dark disc over a nearby farm heading towards Lake Eire and Ontario, Canada on August 6, 2004.

BRAMPTON, Ontario, Canada - A round object changing shape and speed made an S turn - rapidly accelerated out of sight on August 6, 2004, at 8:20 PM

Round object was visible through light cloud cover approaching at high speed. It's trajectory was directly behind a large commercial aircraft that had caught my attention. As it passed above me, where the sky was clear, craft rapidly de-cellerated at the same time changing shape (2 curved points appeared at opposite sides of craft during de-celleration). The craft made an S turn starting with a turn right, then left, then right

again. As it made this last right turn, it rapidly accelerated out of sight travelling west. The craft itself was lit up and the light emitted remained constant even as the shape and speed were changing. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

#### Michigan - Beam of Light

Don Ware writes, "Between 10 and 11 PM on 16 July 04 while looking for Long-eared Owls in Upper Michigan I observed a bright distinct beam of light high to the north aligned with a 170 degree vector. It appeared to drift to the east, but it was imbedded in a faint veil of the aurora borealis. A report in your recent files reminded me of this observation.

Thanks to Don Ware, [donware.nul](mailto:donware.nul),

<http://home.earthlink.net/~donware>

#### Tennessee =96 Pulsating light

BAXTER -- MUFON State Director, Kim Shaffer received a call that a married couple had witnessed a strange object at about 8:30 PM, on August 9, 2004. They were sitting on their deck enjoying the twilight when to their due south, they saw a star like object rising from the horizon. This object was very bright, several times brighter than Venus at its greatest magnitude. The witnesses are familiar with astronomical objects. As the object rose to about 45 degrees, it pulsed very brightly then held position for about ten minutes when it suddenly took off westward at very high speed and disappeared. I find this sighting interesting because these witnesses are intelligent, educated people who have never seen any such object previously. Thanks to Kim Shaffer MUFON TN State Director

<http://www.muftennessee.org/>

#### Missouri =96 Fifty Mechanical Devices in Sky.

JOPLIN =96 A 37 year old Engineering Technician with a consulting engineering firm with degrees in CADD and Management and in an MBA program reports, "During my daughter's 14th birthday party on July 31, 2004, my wife (36), kids (14, 9, 5), mother (73) and friends were outside when my wife came in to ask me to go out and tell her what something was." My 9 year old son had spotted some white spots in the sky at 6:15 PM. When I first saw the spots, they were very small and I only saw two or three. They looked to be at a very high altitude. As I scanned the sky, I saw at least 50 of the spots overhead. I ran in to get some binoculars and then observed them. They appeared to have white mushrooms on the top and bottom, connected by a dark cylinder and the mushrooms were spinning. They were not in a recognizable formation, but seemed to be equidistance from each other, randomly scattered. As they moved from east to west, they were obscured by some very high, wispy clouds. After all were no longer visible, there was one larger (or at lower altitude) device that seemed to move away, then it too disappeared from sight. The local police had no reports of this and the local news station is investigating. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

#### New Mexico -- Silver Sphere

ALBUQUERQUE -- At 2 PM, on August 3, 2004, a couple and their friend were driving east of Albuquerque on Highway 40, when they witnessed a shiny silver sphere fly over a mountain top at a high rate of speed. The observer states, "It then came to a complete stop, hovered a few seconds and then seemed to float away from our position into a cloud partially concealing itself." It then reappeared on the other side of the cloud to our left, hovered, then disappeared from sight. At the time of the sighting we were driving in our vehicle and captured the entire incident on a digital camcorder. Played back in slow motion, aircraft, weather balloons and stars can be ruled out. It was early afternoon, a few clouds and blue skies. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

#### New Mexico - Governor rekindles Roswell

Ten years after the U.S. Air Force closed its books on the claim that a UFO crashed in Roswell, N.M., in 1947, a top Democratic Party figure wants to reopen the investigation into the cosmic legend. Despite denials by federal officials, many UFO buffs

cherish the notion that in early summer of 1947, a flying saucer crashed in rural Roswell, scattering alien bodies and saucer debris across the terrain. Now Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico, who chaired the recent Democratic convention in Boston, says in his foreword to a new book that "the mystery surrounding this crash has never been adequately explained -- not by independent investigators, and not by the U.S. government... There are as many theories as there are official explanations. "Clearly, it would help everyone if the U.S. government disclosed everything it knows," says Richardson, who served as Energy secretary under President Bill Clinton. "The American people can handle the truth -- no matter how bizarre or mundane. ... With full disclosure and our best scientific investigation, we should be able to find out what happened on that fateful day in July 1947." The passage appears in a paperback titled "The Roswell Dig Diaries," published in collaboration with TV's SciFi Channel by Pocket Books, a division of Simon & Schuster. The "dig" of the title refers to an archaeological dig at the supposed crash site. Snip

California - Disk and Diamond

MOJAVE =96 The witness reports a bright light from the west came close within a few feet then shot into hyper speed to the north at 2:30 AM, on July 27, 2004. He states, "I was in my backyard when I saw, a diamond shaped dark/faintly lighted object coming out of the sky towards me." When I noticed the craft it was on the side of the brick wall where I was standing. When it came within five feet of me it started to slow down. I thought it could maybe be someone playing with a flashlight on a bicycle, but when I looked over the brick wall, I saw only the light and nothing else that could be causing the strange glowing object. Then, it took off quickly in a northern direction. Fifteen to twenty minutes later, I went into a hypnotic trance and my memory became impaired for about 6 to 7 hours. [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

PALM SPRINGS =96 The observer saw a bright object in the western sky over the San Jacinto Mts. shoot a colored orb from its body at 5:00 AM, on July 28, 2004. The object has been observed for the past several days. It only appears sometime between 3:00 and 5:00 AM. At this time I also observed two colored orbs that pulsed green, red, and blue. They were very visible through my binoculars and they appeared to be circular or saucer shape. I lowered my binoculars and watched the sky, from the bright light orb shot a colored orb. I woke up my husband, who used the binoculars and saw the colored orbs as well. Three more orbs approached (smaller than the two already in sight) and lined up vertically between the two larger colored orbs. As I watched, the large white orb slowly ascended higher into the sky as well as the colored orbs. I know they are ascending slowly because the mountains are my scale, they appear initially just over the mountain and as the hour goes by, they slowly ascend upwards until they disappear into the sky. I think that what I am witnessing is very unusual and warrants further investigation. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

Washington =96 Flying Triangle

SEATTLE -- On July 30, 2004, four yellow-orange lights in a triangular form were observed flying southwest at 10:50 PM. They made no noise. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

Canada - Circle Inside "Smoke Ring" Cloud

SASKATOON =96 The witness was outside working with his notebook computer as thunderclouds started building on July 30, 2004. He states, "I leaned back at 12:30 PM and looked straight up into the sky and directly overhead, there was a smoke ring, about the size of my thumbnail held at arm's length. It was perfectly circular and appeared to be swirling inward on itself. In the center of the smoke ring was a gray dot or small circle. At first, the dot was almost as large as the area inside the smoke ring, about the size of a fingernail at arm's length. Over the next several seconds, the gray dot appeared to get smaller, and then disappeared. The smoke ring remained, but gradually dissipated. Thanks to Brian Vike [www.hbccufo.com](http://www.hbccufo.com)

PORT COLBORNE -- On August 1, 2004, the witness who has twenty years of investigative/security background, and served as a military policeman reports a strange cigar shaped object with

rectangular wings moving slowly at low altitude at 5:45 PM. The wings were longer than the body of craft (individually longer) and the wings were wider than the width of the craft. It looked much like a satellite with the traditional solar panel. The body of the craft was white with the center appearing darker. Wings also appeared white but difficult to judge because it was reflecting the sun's light as it flew northwest. It flew slower than a Beech craft-type but faster than a blimp. Thanks to Brian Vike [www.hbccufo.com](http://www.hbccufo.com)

#### Mexico --Another UFO Reported

PROGRESO.=97 Members of the Centro de Analisis de Fenomenos Espaciales (Space Phenomena Analysis Center) have pointed out that cases involving people who claim having seen unidentified flying objects are fairly common in the Yucatan Peninsula, but they are never widely known due to a lack of diffusion. Cindy Martednez Sanchez, a partner with this statewide organization, reports that the phenomenon was seen two nights ago not only over Ticul, but also over Progreso.

Many residents of the Vicente Guerrero neighborhood were witnesses to a mysterious cloud with a light that appeared and vanished in the southern reaches of the port, she says. The sighting lasted some five hours. Thanks to. Scott Corrales, Translation (c) 2004

#### Brazil - UFO on Phone Camera

SAO PAULO -- The Journal of Hispanic Ufology reports, "On Tuesday, August 3, 2004, "three men were driving on the Anhanguera Highway" in Brazil's state of Sao Paulo "when they saw something unusual over a field. They stopped the car, and two of the men jumped over the fence to get a little closer." "One of them had a modern cell phone with him, and he took a photo of a strange, cylinder-like, silver object hovering a few meters above the ground." Under the object, which remained hovering for 30 minutes and emitted a sound that sounded like "several engines working together, some dust could be seen lifting into the air." "The witnesses do not want to be identified." (Revista UFO for August 2004. Thanks To UFO ROUNDUP Vol 9, # 33 August 18, 2004 Editor: Joseph Trainor <http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/>)

#### UK/Scotland - Rectangular Shaped Object

GLASGOW =96 The witness claims an extremely frightening experience as he walked in Paisley with his dog near the Glasgow airport on July 27, 2004, when he saw an object flash for about a minute along the sky. This was an extremely large, completely silent rectangular object with its corners cut round like a playing card at 9:10 PM. It was white with very bright white patches which seemed to move across its surface as if torch beams were being aimed onto it. It flew about 20 feet to the west, then another twenty and then it was gone. It wasn't a constant motion, it was like blinking. I'm usually a rational person and have never believed in anything like alien life, but after thinking about this for a couple of hours I can't put any explanation to it. It was so close to me and so large. Tonight I'm not going to sleep, too scared. I know this thing wasn't anything man made, the material it was made of looked like skin, its still vivid in my minds eye. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

#### UK/England - Glowing Object

BRISTOL =96 The family was having a barbecue in the back garden on a lovely warm evening with a very clear sky and sat down to eat a burger and looked up to see something unusual overhead on July 31, 2004. It was a glowing object quite high in the sky and moving slowly in an easterly direction. It had the shape of a coke can that was standing on end and glowed very brightly. I then pointed it out to the rest of my family, who then all just gazed into the sky at this strange object, while I darted into the house to get my camcorder. Upon returning only to find the film had run out and had to run back in for another. I fed it into the camera and recorded about forty-three seconds of this object going into the distance, and can clearly see the shape and the glow of this object. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)



## Russian astronaut saw UFO in spaceship porthole

Pravda reports, "Astronaut says he does not believe other astronauts when they say they have never seen anything unusual in space Soviet astronaut, USSR Hero Vladimir Kovalenok spent 217 days of his life living in space. The astronaut does not exclude the existence of extraterrestrial civilizations. "When I was working at the Salyut orbital station, I saw something strange in a porthole one day. The object was the size of a finger. I was surprised to see it was an orbiting object," Kovalenok said at the press conference in Moscow on Friday. [Unable to display image] The astronaut added he called his partner Viktor Savinykh to take a look at the unidentified object in space. "It was hard to determine the size and the speed of an object in space. That is why I can not say exactly, which size it actually was. Savinykh prepared to take a picture of it, but the UFO suddenly exploded. Only clouds of smoke were left. The object split into two interconnected pieces. It was reminiscent of a dumb-bell. I reported about it to the Mission Control immediately," the astronaut said. Vladimir Kovalenok said they had not managed to photograph the object, Interfax reports. "The Soviet press headlined the event widely. Soviet newspapers and magazines published a lot of articles and messages about it, but they were mostly critical articles. Journalists excluded the existence of the extraterrestrial reason," Kovalenok was quoted as saying. The astronaut said nobody knows, what happened that day, when he saw the strange object in space. "It was probably a UFO, but it was definitely not mysticism - two people watched it at the same time," said he. When on Earth, Kovalenok learned specialists had registered considerable radiation emission the day the astronaut saw the object. "I do not believe it when astronauts say they have never seen anything extraordinary in space," concluded Kovalenok.

## Russian Scientists Alien 'Discovery' Excites

"Russian scientists claim to have discovered the wreck of an alien device at the site of an unexplained explosion in Siberia almost 100 years ago, the Interfax news agency has reported. The scientists, who belong to the Tunguska space phenomenon public state fund, said they found the remains of an extra-terrestrial device that allegedly crashed near the Tunguska River in Siberia in 1908. They also claim to have discovered a 50 kilogram rock which they have sent to the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk for analysis. The blast in Tunguska, a desolate part of Siberia, remains one of the 20th century's biggest scientific mysteries.

On June 30, 1908, what is widely believed to be a meteorite exploded a few kilometers above the Tunguska River, in a blast that was felt hundreds of kilometers away and devastated more than 2,000 square kilometers of Siberian forest.

But the exact nature of the body that exploded and its origin remain a mystery which has spurred countless theories and controversies.

--AFP The head of the expedition Yuri Lavbin told MosNews on Tuesday that the researchers had traced the possible trajectory of the space object, but this time they counted that it ran from west to east, unlike the member's previous missions who thought that the object had flown east to west.

The new approach allowed the expedition members to find a buried object covered with trees.

The object appeared to be a large block made with metal. The researchers chipped a piece of the object and will now test its composition. In his further comment to MosNews, Lavbin noted that according to his calculations, the mass of the space object that collided with the Earth in 1908 amounted to almost 1 billion tons and the blast on impact must have destroyed the humanity. The fact that it did not happen testifies to the theory that the Tunguska event was an explosion of an artificial object at an altitude of about 10 kilometers. =93I am fully confident and I can make an official statement that we were saved by some forces of a superior civilization,=94 the scientist said. =93They exploded this enormous meteorite that headed towards us with enormous speed,=94 he said. Now this great object that caused the meteorite to explode is found at last. We will continue our research, he said. Snip

Editor's Note: Many scientists have questioned this report and alleged findings. We will try to keep you up to date on what happened at Tungusta.

#### Australia =96 Three Ovals and Ball of Fire

SYDNEY -- On August 1, 2004, at 12:30 PM, the witness saw three strange black craft in the sky, flying at 300 kilometers per hour. There were two small ones and one big one. The biggest moved upward but did not turn at an angle. They were flying at a steady rate to the southeast, so the witness drove up the road for a better look but when he got there they were gone

SYDNEY -- A 60 year old professional male had been out to dinner with some friends and was driving home at around 1 AM, he noticed an orange/reddish ball of fire at about 15 degrees above the horizon and about 2000 feet away. He states, "It was coming towards my direction, but at a parallel line and was then joined by a second ball of similar size and shape." At first I thought it was the afterburners of a low flying military aircraft, but there were no other lights and I stopped my car and got out to obtain an uninterrupted look. The lights moved from right to left and in a northerly direction. They stopped and hung in the sky for about two minutes and then moved upwards and to the left or right. The one on the left then moved to a higher altitude approximately 1-2 mile high and then moved away at such a great speed that it was clear that nothing we (ordinary mortals) know of as being made by us. "I immediately made a call to the Sunday Telegraph Newspaper and reported the incident. They were defiantly not fire balls or swamp gas, they were objects being controlled by some sort of intelligence," he stated.

#### Wreckage of a Saucer and Small Bodies

WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE =96 An Air Force Policeman writes, "In 1968, while I was fulfilling my Air Force duty as an Air Policeman at the time I met two Air Force Policemen who had been newly transferred from Wright Patterson AFB, to Hickam Air Force Base." When I asked these new guys why they had been reassigned?" I was shocked to hear their answers. According to both of these persons, they had been guards outside a top secret aircraft hanger, and instructed never to enter inside. Yet one night they both decided to enter and check it out, inside they found themselves staring at the wreckage of a saucer type of craft, and some small bodies lay side by side. A Government civilian contractor entered the hanger after them. Shortly thereafter they were reduced in rank, and transferred to Hickam Air Force Base. The story stayed with me, and I believe it to this day. When they told me the story, I think they were still in shock from their experience. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research

#### Saturn's rings

R David Anderson writes, The image shows an anomaly above Saturn taken by the cassini-huygens satellite N00008393.jpg was taken on July 30, 2004. The camera was pointing toward SATURN at approximately 7,526,909 kilometers away, and the image was taken using the CL1 and UV3 filters. This image has not been validated or calibrated. A validated/calibrated image will be archived with the NASA Planetary Data System in 2005. These objects are moving at a high rate of speed estimated at 100,000 mph causing the blur.

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## Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Groff

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>>>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 14:08:42 -0500  
>>>Subject: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

><snip>

>>>Flying Saucers In New Mexico? Governor Rekindles Roswell  
>>>by  
>>>K. Davidson

>>>Ten years after the U.S. Air Force closed its books on the claim  
>>>that a UFO crashed in Roswell, N.M., in 1947, a top Democratic  
>>>Party figure wants to reopen the investigation into the cosmic  
>>>legend.

>>Keay Davidson, who's the San Francisco Chronicle's science  
>>writer, is a longtime skeptic as well as a biographer of Carl  
>>Sagan. I've known him - at least as a phone voice and the  
>>generator of the occasional e-mail - for some years. While he  
>>was getting the article together, he solicited a quote from me,  
>>but I declined, having no particular words of wisdom to offer.

>>Whatever the final truth about the Roswell incident, I do admire  
>>Gov. Richardson's courage in openly expressing an opinion on so  
>>controversial a matter. My one concern was that Davidson's piece  
>>might damage this conscientious public servant, who may well  
>>have a political future outside New Mexico.

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>>Davidson's questions skillfully, and I imagine that's the last  
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>>issue.

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>Thank God! Finally a UFO authority stands up and implicitly  
>recognizes that this whole abduction phenomena, possibly  
>involving a few thousand people over the years, is just a  
>figment of the imagination.

>It's about time.

Where in the part of the post that you quoted, or in the article  
itself, did anyone imply that the abduction phenomena is "a  
figment of the imagination"? I saw no such implication neither  
above nor in the article. If I missed it please point it out.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2004/08/16/MNGAK880001.DTL>

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"The flash of light you saw in the sky was not a UFO. Swamp gas from a weather balloon was trapped in a thermal pocket and refracted the light from Venus" - Agent 'K'

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
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Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 09:15:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmberg

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
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>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 19:29:20 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Alfred Lehmberg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 09:30:25 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>My review of Wendy Connors' stands, Mr. Rimmer. One man's  
>>irrelevancies is another man's sharp stick in your eye. You  
>>wanted some exercise for your 'beak', don't blame me if you're  
>>concerned that Stanton Friedman would take said beak down past  
>>the gum-line. With regard to the Hill case and the Starmap,  
>>Friedman has been measured and convincing, your lot... decidedly  
>>not.

>Let me try this one last time. Back in the dim and distant past  
>(i.e. 13th August) you referred to:

>"A portrait of the Hills as composed by reactionary  
>skeptibunkies, noisy negativists, and knee-jerk ufological  
>denialists paints a picture of a dodgy working class  
>"interracial" couple (always pointed out)... two people who very  
>likely made the entire story \_up\_ out of whole cloth, solely for  
>purposes of some late-night time in the loony  
>limelight, presumably."

>I asked who these 'skeptibunkies' [sic] were, because if they  
>had said what you claimed they had said, I thought it was a  
>pretty silly thing to say as well. However, despite me asking  
>you on two (2) occasions, you have conspicuously been unable to,  
>as they say in the tabloids, 'name the guilty men'.

God, you 'guys' are a piece of work! I wish you all had the  
presence of mind to appreciate yourselves the way your  
opposition appreciates you. You're so \_cleverly\_ duplicitous you  
should be working for our Republican Re-election Machine! I  
wrote a good, impassioned piece, to help Wendy Connors move a  
quality product (the antithesis of your shallow end of the pool  
rag) and you're trying to shoot it down. Cute - and not  
unrecognized.

So reasonable sounding, so rational, so confidently intrepid -  
the 'earnest' pelicanist! <LOL>

You see, the way you make your point here is to imply that  
reactionary skeptibunkies, noisy negativists, and knee-jerk  
ufological denialists - SNKUD, so visually apt - have nothing  
negative or oppositional to say about the Hills!

Why, it could almost be implied that Shermer and Nichol and  
Klass and McGaha and Roberts - and yourself, presumably - find  
the Hills completely \_acceptable\_ as anecdotal witnesses to a  
phenomena that you would otherwise deny, discredit, deride, and  
dismiss as the sum product of the misleading, the mislead, or  
the mentally ill! \_Who\_ do you think you're fooling? <LOL>

Forgetting for moment that I am a product of ten years of absorbing what has been reported about the Hills, and that the clear impression is that they are derided by their opposition generally, if not specifically, in the manner that I have described, you attempt to arbitrarily establish the limits of your cloistered little playing field - to your advantage - by the irrelevant challenge to produce a SNKUD who has reported exactly that or, it never happened, I made it up. The Hills have never been harassed by your lot, and the poor maligned and picked-upon SNKUDs are of the dewy-eyed blameless innocent, once again. <LOL>

It's like I write that the SNKUDs regularly report the couched intimation that a spinning planet orbits the Sun in 24 hours. You fire back a challenge to me that I provide citation where one of their number has ever clearly reported that the Sun will come up in the morning, every morning, or my entire argument is invalidated, and your 'points' are made. That's BS and smoke and mirrors, Mr. Rimmer, as you are well aware! <LOL>

>I must assume therefore, unless you are able to respond to this >third (3rd) enquiry, that no sceptics have made such a silly >statement, and you are just making it up ... sir.

I submit Mr. Rimmer, that it is not to be left to you to decide what inquiries I'm required to respond to, because they are not remotely fair-minded, are decidedly unbalanced, and they just ooze cant, bias, and the arbitrary and, as I have pointed out to you before, Sir, I'm not here to clear your hurdles - you're here to clear mine. You produce the ufology and lack of same. I report on it. Sorry if that puts a little hitch in your get-along.

It remains that the prevalent mode of the SNKUDs with regard to the Hills is that they were a dodgy working class "interracial" couple - pointed out. Two people who very likely made their entire story up out of whole cloth, presumably for purposes of some late-night time in the loony limelight. That's not an invention, Mr. Rimmer, that's a conscientious report from institutional memory, after a fashion. I'm sure you know the difference, but maybe not. Another of your ilk, Mr. Roberts, seems to have trouble with the concept, also.

Now, you trot on out and find me a SNKUD who supports the Hills, SIR (!), accepts their testimony, vets their account, and then I'll 'think' about finding you the name of one who runs them down in a disparaging manner. Somehow, I, and many others in a rational camp, think I'd win that race. I'm just not moved to spin my wheels to your disingenuous dictates - sorry.

We both know it would be a waste of time anyway. Its the nature of your beast that you are not convincible. My toil would be for nought.

Oh, and tell 'ya what, Spanky, you can capitalize the "S" in that "sir", or drop it all together. Your smirky insincerity, especially given how ineffective and disingenuous it is, is not appreciated.

It killed Barney, I'll bet. Hope you're proud. I wonder how many others you've hounded into an early grave.

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\$450.00 pledged - \$300.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.  
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."  
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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## Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

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I have no idea what this is supposed to mean or even who the  
"UFO authority" is supposed to be. My guess is that this is a  
rejoinder to something somebody else posted on another thread  
and somehow it got attached to this one.

By the way, there is no such thing as "this ... phenomena."  
"Phenomenon" is singular, "phenomena" plural - thus "this  
phenomenon," "these phenomena."

Jerry Clark

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## Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Ledger

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Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 09:19:51 -0400  
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Micheal,

????

You got me on this one. Where was that implied? And where did  
you come up with a paltry few thousand?

Don Ledger

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## Ship Serves As Home & UFO Center

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Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 09:25:12 -0400  
Subject: Ship Serves As Home & UFO Center

Source: The Sun News - Myrtle Beach, Florida

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/mld/myrtlebeachonline/news/local/9438537.htm>

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Ship Serves As Home, UFO Center

By Bo Petersen

The Associated Press

BOWMAN - Fame hasn't gone to that space between Jody Pendarvis' ears. His UFO Welcome Center is still ramshackle.

He's built a second flying saucer on top of his now notorious flying saucer and moved into a control room in between. The whole works now dwarf the beat-up trailer he keeps alongside. And it's all up in the air - on cinder blocks.

In fact, the original saucer was repositioned 26 inches closer to earth and "stabilizer" wood beams were hammered along the rim after one of those tour groups that keep dropping by got it wobbling. Codes officers said that wouldn't do.

For extraterrestrials passing through rural Bowman on S.C. 36, the center - like any good welcome center - can't be missed. The giant saucers loom behind a rustic post and metal fence just across the road from a country home flying two American flags.

Nearly 10 years after Pendarvis laid the first nail to a tongue-in-cheek joke of a backyard project, it has become one of those eccentric bits of Americana.

The center was beamed into the cosmos, via satellite, when Pendarvis appeared on Roseanne Barr's TV talk show. He's been written up in newspapers and magazines worldwide, roasted on TV's "Liars & Legends," "Comedy Central" and Japanese television.

Ring the bell at the "tour" gate and nobody seems to be home. But a long ramp begins to winch eerily down from the saucer to the ground.

Pendarvis emerges with a shrug. He does the now well-rehearsed routine of stopping in the middle of a sentence to stare off at something in the sky. He talks about sightings with his eyebrows jumping up and down for comic effect.

The "U" of "UFO" spray-painted on the saucer wall is dangling loose. It's a strip of silver tar paper.

As Pendarvis walks across a dirt launch pad strewn with tar paper, scrap wood, pontoon-like old jet gas tanks and an EverStart battery, there's a loud pop. One of the portal windows of the new, "upper" saucer has dropped out.

"Uh-oh. There goes one of my pie plates." The window is, in fact, a glass pie plate.

In 1995, Pendarvis set out to build a Christmas float with planks from his grandfather's torn-down house. That turned into a shed office. That turned into a mystery. The further the construction got off-center, the more neighbors asked exactly what he was building. He no longer knew.

But he began selling \$1 tickets to its grand opening, and after awhile, something emerged that was, um, alien.

Whether UFOs arrive or not, the center has put Bowman on the map. Visitors from as far away as England have detoured down two-lane country roads to find this smidgeon of a farming town.

Riding past on his Huffy bike, neighbor Edward White stopped to smile. "It's all right. Everyone in South Carolina knows it's here. It's excellent."

Pendarvis treats it all with that same hands-in-his-pockets sense of homespun fun - he built it and, look, they came. "Oh, man, they love my tour. They want to bring their kids," he said.

The tour is a watch-your-step odyssey through a split-split-level treehouse of science fiction and messy living. Pendarvis is a 53-year-old bachelor who works at an Orangeburg plant that builds lawnmowers.

So far, the invention hasn't been able to lift off.

But if there is a big enough wind, Pendarvis is convinced "this ship'll fly."

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## New Book: The Kelly Incident

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Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 09:29:30 -0400  
Subject: New Book: The Kelly Incident

Is this the one that someone tried to explain as a band of circus monkeys in silver suits that had recently escaped from their pens? 8^]

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Source: PRWEB

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2004/8/prweb150552.htm>

NEW UFO BOOK: THE KELLY INCIDENT -- one of the strangest tales ever told...

Based on a true story, author Anna Karyl, a relative of the eyewitnesses, brings the original facts to bear in this fictionalized account of the Kelly-Hopkinsville incident. Eleven witnesses reported to authorities that a spacecraft of bizarre aliens invaded their farm and attacked them.

(PRWEB) August 19, 2004 -- Picture the scene...

August, 1955. A warm summer's evening in rural Kentucky, just after dark. A bevy of crickets serenade the night. A farmer and his wife entertain friends in their modest home. Guitars picking and people singing .

A young man exits the farmhouse. Thirsty, he walks quickly to the well for a drink of water. He pulls up the bucket and takes a sip. Suddenly, he sees something out of the corner of his eye.

A huge ball of light sails through the sky, plummets into the darkness, and "something" lands a stone's throw from him! He's frozen in fear. A moment later, he tears back into the house and alerts the group .

"Something has landed in the pasture!" he shouts.

The farmer grabs his shotgun. The young man grabs a .22. They walk silently onto the porch and peer into the dark, dark night.

Without warning, an inhumanly large hand reaches down from the porch roof and grabs the young man by the hair! He screams as the farmer struggles to free him. The hand lets him go, then together they run out into the field. Cocking their guns, the terrified men turn back to get a bead on this . intruder. But it's not just one invader on the Siddon farm in Kelly, Kentucky - there's a whole group of creatures swarming all over the farmhouse!

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## Re: Filers Files #35 -- 2004 - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 02:25:52 -0700  
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 09:32:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: Filers Files #35 -- 2004 - Hatch

>From: George A. Filer <[Majorstar.nul](mailto:Majorstar.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 14:30:44 -0400  
>Subject: Filers Files #35 -- 2004

>Filers Files #35 -- 2004, Skywatch Investigations  
>George A. Filer, Director MUFON Eastern  
>Vice President of Skywatch International  
>August 19, 2004, Webmaster: Chuck Warren

<snip>

>Mars - Cathedral

>Norman Bryden writes, "Here is a better image for you  
>to look at. If you look closely and follow each line,  
>you can see many structures and buildings. There also  
>seems to be an overpass structure to the far left,  
>indicated by the dark straight band. Follow the road  
>like structure, from the intersection and move to the  
>top center and a cathedral like structure with white  
>domes is apparent.

>Thanks to Norman Bryden.

Please forward as appropriate.....

Hello Norman,

With my reading glasses, all I see is a jumble of rocks. Two questions suggest themselves, regardless:

- 1) Can you see any outward indication of the religious affiliations of the Cathedral?
- 2) Regarding the road and overpass, do you see any signs or whatever suggesting which side of the road traffic drives on?

Thanks in advance

- Larry Hatch

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Shough

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Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 09:35:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Shough

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming6.nul](mailto:lfleming6.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 13:28:07 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>From: Martin Shough <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 21:00:59 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming6.nul](mailto:lfleming6.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 15 Aug 2004 17:56:35 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>>>From: Kentaro Mori <[airdown.nul](mailto:airdown.nul)>  
>>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 15:56:34 -0300  
>>>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>>>Tim Printy has just reproduced, on film -- without "digital  
>>>>techniques" -- the proposed use of an internal mask. And it  
>>>>worked: <http://members.aol.com/tprinty2/trin6.html>

>>>>An internal mask? That means that Barauna would have been  
>>>>messing around with changing masks in order to get the different  
>>>>shapes the object took on out in full view of everyone (and  
>>>>opening the camera in the sunlight, which I would presume would  
>>>>not be a good idea, either).

>>Actually there might be a way of getting around this. See:

>><http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/intermask.htm>

>>The problems are largely (if not wholly) circumstantial. See:

>><http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/printy-details.htm>

>Interesting, but Barauna would still have to have gotten rid of  
>the extra role of film in the presence of the naval officers  
>somehow without them noticing.

I don't necessarily disagree with your opinion, but we do have to be careful to go through all the hoops to eliminate alternatives, and the fact is that a roll of (say) a dozen 6x6 frames is probably no more than 2 1/2 feet of film which, remember, had previously been rolled up on a 2 1/2 inch film spool. As I said, what about inside the battery compartment of the flashlight they took in? Or were waste bins examined? What about an empty chemical bottle or something? Or was there a port hole to throw the film out of? The point is we can easily imagine some way around it and there's no way to prove all these possibilities were even anticipated. Who would have been looking for another film, once Capt. Bacellar et al had seen and certified the one they had in their hands as showing the UFO and the scenes on deck? No one.

Also the deed didn't have to be done "in the presence of naval officers". As far as we know for sure, *\*one\** naval officer -

Bacellar - stood \*outside\* the darkroom during processing. No officer watched the proceedings inside.

>>>According to the captain of the ship (\_not\_ Barauna):  
>>>"A strong emotional upset was observed in all persons who  
>>>sighted the object, including the photographer, civilians and  
>>>members of the ship=B9s crew."

>>In the interests of accuracy this information came from Capt.  
>>Bacellar, who was commander of the Trindade Island garrison, not  
>>from the Captain of the vessel. It is true that we have no  
>>\*direct\*, information whatsoever (pro or con) from the Captain  
>>or any identified officer or named crewman of the vessel, except  
>>a single statement by the ship's Captain (quoted by US Naval  
>>Attache, Capt. Sunderland in 1958) that his assistant, an  
>>unnamed Lt.Commander, was himself a witness (of the UFO it is  
>>usually presumed, although he could perhaps have meant the  
>>negatives).

>I may have scrambled up the chain of command, but the important  
>point is that Bacellar was a naval officer whose report  
>indicated that crew members had seen the object. He was also  
>apparently on the ship, at least when they went into the dark  
>room.

This is correct.

>Even though the crew members weren't cited by name, I  
>think it's really stretching it to suppose that the officers  
>took Barauna's word for it that some of their own subordinates  
>had seen the object and that they never bothered to ask the crew  
>directly.

I agree.

>The entire crew was right there, after all, and the  
>officers' other actions didn't suggest that they were inclined  
>to put unquestioning faith in Barauna. I got the impression that  
>their first reaction was very skeptical, as suggested by their  
>being in the dark room when the film was developed.

As I said, no officer was in the darkroom. Nevertheless I agree  
that Bacellar's actions suggest caution, if not suspicion. He  
said Barauna opened the camera and removed the film in his  
presence and that he stayed with Barauna for a full hour until  
he'd calmed down, then went with him to the darkroom and waited  
outside the door.

It is scarcely conceivable to me, given these precautions, that  
Bacellar did not take hold of the film directly from Barauna as  
soon as he produced it and subject it to what he called "careful  
examination" - by whatever means he found necessary. Bear in  
mind that at this time the Navy High Command and Bacellar's Navy  
Hydrographic Department was already two weeks into an ongoing  
investigation of Trindade Island sightings.

Regards

Martin Shough

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## Re: Letter-To-Editor Of The Roswell Daily Record -

From: **Greg Sandow** <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 10:09:26 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 13:23:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: Letter-To-Editor Of The Roswell Daily Record -

>From: Larry W. Bryant <[overtci.nul](mailto:overtci.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 05:13:47 -0400  
>Subject: Letter-To-Editor Of The Roswell Daily Record

>AN OPEN LETTER TO THE NEW MEXICO GOVERNOR:

As I've mentioned here before, my wife's parents live in Roswell, and we spend about 10 days with them every Christmas. So I've read the Roswell Daily Record, and I'd note that it's a thin wisp of a newspaper, which devotes most of its space to local news, the local high school sports teams, and nationally syndicated columnists (mostly Dear Abby, Hints from Heloise, and the like). It's not a paper that appears to have any state-wide clout, or to want any, or, quite honestly, to have any reason for having any. If you compare any recent front page with the famous one in 1947 about the crash, you'd surely think that the paper has shrunk a lot since then.

Larry's letter is also longer than the letters to the editor you'll find in the Daily Record. For that matter, it's longer than almost all the letters to the editor in the New York Times. I could add that I've never seen anything about UFOs in the Daily Record, and that the whole subject is regarded as an annoyance by some large part of the Roswell population.

In spite of all this, I'd never say the Daily Record won't print Larry's letter, or that Governor Richardson wouldn't read it, if it was printed. Still, I hope Larry has also sent his letter to the newspaper in Albuquerque, the state capitol, and directly to Richardson.

Greg Sandow

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 09:16:08 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 13:28:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - King

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 20:04:32 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 19:29:20 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

<snip>

>It remains that the prevalent mode of the SNKUDs with regard to  
>the Hills is that they were a dodgy working class "interracial"  
>couple - pointed out. Two people who very likely made their  
>entire story \_up\_ out of whole cloth, presumably for purposes of  
>some late-night time in the loony limelight. That's not an  
>invention, Mr. Rimmer, that's a conscientious report from  
>institutional memory, after a fashion. I'm sure you know the  
>difference, but maybe not. Another of your ilk, Mr. Roberts,  
>seems to have trouble with the concept, also.

<snip>

Mr. Lehmborg,

Please forgive this intrusion by a relative newcomer to the  
List.

I think the Hill case is very fascinating, particularly as it  
includes that unusual ingredient... the starmap. While your  
effort to help promote this new product is admirable, your  
comments in response to questions about your statements seem  
based on a few unsubstantiated opinions.

I have read articles pro and con about the Hill case, as it  
captured my imagination and intellect after seeing the old movie  
with James Earl Jones. I cannot remember reading an article  
which outlines the case as you describe.

I think that when you make a statement of such an accusatory  
nature... that the "portrait by (insert label here) paints a  
picture..." is little more than rhetoric in the absence of some  
example. When asked to support your statement with such an  
example your reaction, rather than a reasonable attempt to  
support your statement, is an attack-dog rant on how "you guys"  
use such tactics to undermine something.

Perhaps there is a history between you two of which I am  
unaware.

But I have no agenda here, and I too thought your comments were  
lacking in substantiating data. Does that mean that I am one of  
"you guys"?

A reporter as you call yourself would have a rather difficult  
time getting such statements into a respectable publication  
without citing a single example of what you seem to be so upset  
about.

I am also ignorant of the origin of the term pelicanist. But since I abhor labels as they are generally used to dismiss discourse, and end arguments without resolution, I would be most interested in your references for making the statements you made. Otherwise, I feel that I must dismiss the remainder of your post as a thinly veiled indictment of some nebulous group with which you seem to be very angry.

In particular, you note that these (insert label here) always note that the Hills are an interracial couple. Is it your implication that this reveals a racist component to their stance? If so, I find it odd that in every single article... pro AND con... I can find on the case, the fact of their interraciality is noted strongly. In fact, it is often used to support their story, since such a couple would presumably be reluctant to report such an event, as they would expect to be looked upon with some skepticism given the times in question. In other words, their story must be true since they wouldn't call such attention upon themselves if it was not. Call it what you'd like, but I call that racism, too. Just not the negative kind...on the surface anyway.

Please clear this up for me. I respect the work all of you do, but I think when you make a statement that is of an accusatory nature, you as a reporter should be able to support it.

Instead, your reaction is one of hyperbole, ridicule, and the common tendency to lump anyone who questions you into a group so you can deride their arguments out of hand. While this may seem convenient to you, to newbies like me it just looks like you're the same as those that dismiss such stories out of hand, and dismiss your 'reporting' as the ravings of a (insert label here). Neither the former nor the latter reaction impresses me. I certainly am somewhat less impressed with your review of Wendy's work based on your comments.

Luckily my interest in her new product is not based on reviews, and is not adversely affected by it... pro or con.

Perhaps when all the labeling and ridicule are exhausted, we can find a good reason to remain engaged in this debate. Name-calling, finger-pointing and penile comparisons seem counter-productive to me.

Regards,

Kyle King

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <[Stuart.Miller4.nul](mailto:Stuart.Miller4.nul)>  
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>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 10:38:04 EDT  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>Wait a minute, hooold da' bus!

>When I started this thread it was to ask the question why with  
>all the governments, agencies etc. on Earth no one has come  
>up with irrefutable ET/Saucer proof.

>My point was (before the 'Magonia Mafia' jumped in to add their  
>two cents), that somebody somewhere has to have a document  
>or pics or video or witnesses that could break this wide open.

>There's no way there can be so efficiently a coverup of such  
>magnitude that everybody everywhere could be so efficient to  
>hide, hush up etc.

>Our enemies know by now the UFO issue is a hotbed for our  
>government as no other issue garners such counter intention  
>as this subject. They ought to know by now that to derail the  
>entire military industrial complex's sinister agenda all they have  
>to do is prove that the U.S. government has been hiding UFO/ET  
>info. Since '47 when this all broke governments by the dozens have  
>changed hands and nobody has jumped up on tv and said those  
>magic words, "Hey, when I was King, President, Poobah, the U.S.  
>told us not to disclose UFO info yadda yadda yadda!"?

>What? What's with the silence? If Hussein wanted to get off the  
>hook all he'd have to say is "The U.S. threatened us with  
>retaliation if we didn't shut up about UFOs!". Then his pals in  
>Iran, Syria etc. could join in and it'd be 'katie bar the door'.

>What? Castro doesn't know this? Nobody's listening to him?

>C'mon, UFOs just don't crash in the U.S. for crying out loud.  
>Why hasn't Russia or China come up with something?

>It only takes a few bona fide government memos to break this.

>Russia claims to have found 'alien gizmos' of some sort from the  
>Tunguska incident but do you believe them? Anything shake from  
>that tree?

>All the disgruntled military personell from around the world and  
>nobody's talking?

>Man, that's some 'super secret organization' that can shut  
>everybody up everywhere all the time!

Hi Greg,

You make some very interesting points, questions I myself have  
asked before.

Lets start with the obvious but presumably the least acceptable.  
The reason for the silence is because there's nothing to tell

people anything about. Nothing's going on - it's all either natural phenomena or military aircraft.

or

There is something going on but we all overestimate just exactly how much the US government knows. Maybe they know as much as we do and there have been no captured craft, no secret meetings, etc. and they're too embarrassed to tell us.

or

Only a select few governments know the truth. Perhaps the UK, USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand maybe. Those within the enclosed circle of US intelligence collection. I would also include Russia and China. and quite possibly Brazil and Mexico I would not include France for example and Germany.

or

The old argument about the Manhattan project and that somehow it is possible for thousands of people to know something and to still keep it secret from the rest of the world. Hard to believe after all this time.

or

Everybody does know but has long realised that it would be pointless saying anything because the American government would either just ignore it, no matter how compelling the evidence presented might be (and no response from the government means it doesn't get accepted as fact - this we've seen many times before) or it would be debunked which also wouldn't be difficult for the government to do, even if it was solid evidence.

So what's the answer? The answer is simple. Bypass the government. No despot could do this. This would have to come from Mr. ET himself. And many people say he's doing this already, over a prolonged period of time, to the point where over the last two to three generations, the level of consciousness in regards to this matter is gradually raising itself and becoming accepted by a larger proportion of the global population. The interesting question is, at what point is the level reached where the scales tip over and denial or ignoring of is no longer feasible?

I've no idea how old you are but you might just be lucky and be alive when it happens. More likely it will be your children that will reap the benefit.

Stuart Miller

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## Re: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo - Myers

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Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 11:04:39 -0700  
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>From: Victoria Jack <[isis777.nul](mailto:isis777.nul)>  
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>Subject: Re: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo

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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 08:06:02 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo

>>>From: Victoria Jack <[isis777.nul](mailto:isis777.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 09:47:28 -0400  
>>>Subject: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo

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>>>You've seen "Taken" and "The 4,400" on television. You've  
>>>experienced the awe and wonder of films like "Close Encounters"  
>>>and "Contact." Now get ready for the reality and truth behind  
>>>these amazing stories.

>><snip>

>>>Also presenting this year are William Henry, James Gilliland  
>>>Lloyd Pye, Jaime Maussan, Richard Dolan, Michael Horn, Tricia  
>>>McCannon and many more! Our special guests include George Noory  
>>>of Coast To Coast AM, The Sci-Fi Channel, Bill Birnes of UFO  
>>>Magazine and Sean David Morton.

>>Sean David Morton associated with "truth" and "reality"... now  
>>there's a laugh. Sad to see some are still willing to promote  
>>this phony...

>Sean David Morton is not speaking at the Expo this year, he's  
>only coming down to visit and to introduce George Noory.

>You hit me pretty hard in 9/11; I couldn't cancel the  
>conference. If you would ever like to come down for yourself  
>and check things out, I'd be glad to have you as a guest.

Victoria,

Thanks for your response. This is the first time someone associated with a conference has actually taken the time to respond, aside from some idiot telling me through third parties that my time should be spent doing something else or someone accusing me of being some government disinformation operative or some other nonsense.

For those unfamiliar with what Victoria is referring to regarding 9/11, this was a commentary I wrote when people started hawking 'the truth' about 9/11 before the smoke from the WTC had even cleared, which I thought of as nothing less than utterly shameless and smacking of double dipping for dollars.

<http://www.ufowatchdog.com/shameless.html>

Now that I have a promoter right here, I'd like to ask you a few questions.....

Victoria, you said two things: You couldn't cancel the conference in 2001 and that Morton isn't a presenter and is "only coming down to visit and to introduce George Noory."

First, I'm not completely sure why you brought up being unable to cancel the conference. Would you clarify what you meant by that? And if you're talking about me hitting "pretty hard in 9/11" in reference to my commentary, the people that were selling the blood from 9/11 were more than deserving of that commentary and the outrage over the antics taking place at that time.

Secondly, why do conferences continually play host to known charlatans, seeming to endorse the veracity of claims made by known UFO idiots by continually associating their names with 'reality' and that catch-all 'the truth'? Why not cast a more discerning eye on speakers and attempt to host the most credible presenters?

I also get a sense that if a promoter decides to not host someone due to a credibility issue, it may impact the promoter with other speakers that may be friends or associates of the person in question, or the promoter is pals with that person and said appearance is more of a favor than anything else.

I know you can't speak for everyone, but I'd be interested in your response. I've seen too many frauds show up at conferences with the spotlight directly on them (i.e.: 'Dr.Reed', Lee Shargel, et al) in spite of all common sense.

Now, when you say Morton is "only coming down to visit and to introduce George Noory", I take the word "only" as trying to make a distinction between Morton and the Conference in a way that minimizes his role.

I'm sure you're aware of Morton's failed lawsuit against me and my website. His baseless libel case was tossed out when he couldn't prove any of his claims when it came time to present evidence in court. When I hear his name associated with anything resembling 'reality', I can't help being both amused and astonished.

<http://www.ufowatchdog.com/mortonfiles.html>

However, it's a free country and free market, you can, obviously, do what you want at your conference and have whomever you choose. I just find it hard to believe that anyone having a serious interest in UFOs would play host to any number of UFO idiots out there at the cost of serious and credible Ufology.

This isn't to say that all speakers making the conference rounds are clowns, far from it. But the unfortunate part of the UFO conference business is that the serious researchers with credibility get lumped in with Colin Contactee who has been to every Galactic Federation meeting in every galaxy and can't corroborate any of his claims.

Based on my past experiences, it appears to me conference promoters are more interested in making money by selling sensationalistic tar sprinkled with fluff and are less interested in promoting more credible researchers by taking a more objective look at those in the field promoting themselves as harbingers of 'truth', when they couldn't be anything farther

from it.

Again, everyone has an absolute right, in the U.S., to do what they want. Conference organizers can host whoever they please and have presenters on whatever topic they wish. But that doesn't mean some won't criticize or disagree with it, and it certainly doesn't make it credible.

Victoria, I'd like to hear your take on this. Thanks for the invitation to your Conference, I do sincerely appreciate it. I've found being regular Joe UFO conference attendee is much more informative.

I await your response and appreciate your time. Thanks.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
UFOWATCHDOG.COM  
"Don't Trip On Your Open Mind"  
How can you make up your mind if you only have half the story?

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <[lfleming6.nul](mailto:lfleming6.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 13:14:09 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 08:28:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Fleming

>From: Martin Shough <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 13:00:56 +0100  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

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>As I said, no officer was in the darkroom. Nevertheless I agree  
>that Bacellar's actions suggest caution, if not suspicion. He  
>said Barauna opened the camera and removed the film in his  
>presence and that he stayed with Barauna for a full hour until  
>he'd calmed down, then went with him to the darkroom and waited  
>outside the door.

OK, it was Captain Viegas, one of the alleged members of the  
Great Diving Club Conspiracy who went into the darkroom with  
him. I haven't done any long-term study of this case (or any  
other UFO case for that matter), so I don't always get all the  
players straight.

I still think a more traditional double exposure would have been  
a much less unwieldy way to do a hoax than a double role of  
film. That would, however, would have required that the first  
exposure be on a dark background with a model or drawing of an  
even darker object. Both methods would run the risks of the  
"UFO" looking transparent or showing no internal detail, since  
both methods would permit some areas within the object image to  
be exposed to light during the second exposure.

>It is scarcely conceivable to me, given these precautions, that  
>Bacellar did not take hold of the film directly from Barauna as  
>soon as he produced it and subject it to what he called "careful  
>examination" - by whatever means he found necessary. Bear in  
>mind that at this time the Navy High Command and Bacellar's Navy  
>Hydrographic Department was already two weeks into an ongoing  
>investigation of Trindade Island sightings.

They might have rules in Brazil about when the property of  
citizens can be confiscated by the government. But you have to  
wonder, if the film had been confiscated, would the photos  
ever have been seen by anyone outside of the Brazilian Navy ever  
again? There's been a case or two in the U.S. where a citizen  
loaned the government photographs or other UFO-related material  
and didn't get back everything that they had given. Of course,  
there was no way to prove they weren't lying, and the government  
always is given the benefit of the doubt in such cases, not the  
citizen. As I've said previously in this thread, I don't believe  
there is any "global secrecy agenda," but I do believe  
military minds and bureaucratic minds tend to think alike all  
over the world.

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 13:36:31 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 08:35:06 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmberg

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 09:16:08 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Alfred Lehmberg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 20:04:32 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 19:29:20 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>with James Earl Jones. I cannot remember reading an article  
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>nature... that the "portrait by (insert label here) paints a  
>picture..." is little more than rhetoric in the absence of some  
>example. When asked to support your statement with such an  
>example your reaction, rather than a reasonable attempt to  
>support your statement, is an attack-dog rant on how "you guys"  
>use such tactics to undermine something.

>Perhaps there is a history between you two of which I am  
>unaware.

>But I have no agenda here, and I too thought your comments were  
>lacking in substantiating data. Does that mean that I am one of  
>"you guys"?

>A reporter as you call yourself would have a rather difficult

>time getting such statements into a respectable publication  
>without citing a single example of what you seem to be so upset  
>about.

>I am also ignorant of the origin of the term pelicanist. But  
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>the same as those that dismiss such stories out of hand, and  
>dismiss your 'reporting' as the ravings of a (insert label  
>here). Neither the former nor the latter reaction impresses me.  
>I certainly am somewhat less impressed with your review of  
>Wendy's work based on your comments.

>Luckily my interest in her new product is not based on reviews,  
>and is not adversely affected by it... pro or con.

>Perhaps when all the labeling and ridicule are exhausted, we can  
>find a good reason to remain engaged in this debate. Name-  
>calling, finger-pointing and penile comparisons seem counter-  
>productive to me.

It may be, Mr. King, that the phrase "in my opinion" preceding  
the paragraph in question is warranted and appropriate... but I  
am astonished, still, at the debunking communities stealthy and  
unsuspected support for the Hills... and this is forgetting that  
one man's name calling is another man's unflinching assessment,  
there has to be some finger-pointing to facilitate same, and  
that I stand by my "penile comparison", yet. It may be, Mr.  
King, that I drifted to the hyperbolic in an attempt to tell the  
truth and a half as I, otherwise, sense only half the truth  
being told. I regret your discommode, Sir. I'll watch the  
gauges a little more closely in the future. Thank you.

That said, let me be clear that it is my opinion that the  
ineffable Mr. Rimmer will work a lot harder to discredit  
something than he ever would to credit it, making him, in my  
opinion, one hell of a lot worse than me. I look forward, Sir,  
to your eventual balanced criticisms of him.

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## The Black Vault Radio Goes Live

From: **John Greenewald, Jr. - The Black Vault** <[bounces.nul](mailto:bounces.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 16:15:48 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 08:38:26 -0400  
Subject: The Black Vault Radio Goes Live

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NORTHRIDGE (BlackVault) =96 August 19, 2004 =96 Times have changed. Realities have shifted. The truth is emerging =96 and the time for it, is NOW and it's on the radio!

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 22:14:33 +0000  
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 08:41:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Hall

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 09:16:08 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 20:04:32 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 19:29:20 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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Kyle,

If all you know about the Hill case is based on "reading  
articles" and seeing the James Earl Jones movie, then I suggest  
you go back to primary sources: The Interrupted Journey by  
John Fuller and Walter N. Webb's original investigation, when I  
referred the case to him after hearing from Betty Hill while at  
NICAP. Do some homework.

<snip>

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In fact, most skeptibunkers never fail to imply or insinuate such things in their smug certainty that they know the truth, without ever being bothered by having to investigate anything. In fact, among the current listers I may be the only one (or at least one of the few) who actually met and knew Barney and Betty.

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<snip>

I partially agree with what you say, but fundamentally the burden of investigation should be on you; it is your job to weigh and balance the assertions that people make so as to judge their credibility. But "we" (which I won't bother to define) and "they" (skeptibunkers) are so far apart that civil discussion often is impossible.

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>find a good reason to remain engaged in this debate. Name-  
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What I often see from my long tenure and historical perspective is half-informed, highly opinionated people, their minds already made up about a given case, often because they already 'know' that UFOs are nonsense, spewing out a lot of garbage. That seems to be the nature of current so-called "Ufology". Anything but calm, rational, scientifically oriented discussion.

- Dick

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## Governor Richardson Calls For Answers To UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 08:46:26 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 08:46:26 -0400  
Subject: Governor Richardson Calls For Answers To UFO

Source: The Roswell Daily Record

<http://www.roswell-record.com/archives/081904/news01.html>

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Governor Richardson Calls For Answers To UFO Mystery

Shannon Goble  
Record Staff Writer

Gov. Bill Richardson wrote in a foreword of a SCI-FI Channel book that the U.S. government should disclose everything it knows about the reported 1947 UFO crash outside of Roswell.

In the foreword to the book "The Roswell Dig Diaries," a book about an archeological dig conducted at the crash site by scientists from the University of New Mexico and sponsored by the SCI-FI Channel, Richardson wrote the incident has not been adequately explained by independent investigators or the U.S. government. He said full disclosure of the facts by the federal government would benefit everyone.

"Openness is our best policy. The American people can handle the truth no matter how bizarre or mundane," Richardson wrote, adding "With full disclosure and our best scientific investigation, we should be able to find out what happened on that fateful day in July 1947."

Billy Sparks, deputy chief of staff for communications, said the governor believes with a full disclosure of facts from the U.S. government, the American people can decide for themselves what crashed near Roswell in 1947.

The last time the case was reopened was in 1994 when Rep. Steve Schiff from Albuquerque requested it. Later, the case was closed by the Air Force after it said the object that crashed was not a UFO, said Julie Shuster, director of the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell.

Sparks noted the last time the case was opened, more questions arose than answers. He said a New Mexico congressman is more likely to get the case reopened than the governor.

Shuster said the museum supports anything the governor can do to get the case reopened.

"We want to know the answers too," she said. "That is what we are here for to provide information and see what answers we can come up with. With the governor doing the foreword in the book, maybe he can get some answers."

[UFO UpDates thanks Greg Boone for the lead]

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## Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

From: Michael Bilodeau <[micbilodeau.nul-bec.com](mailto:micbilodeau.nul-bec.com)>  
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 00:45:16 -0400 (EDT)  
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 08:52:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 18:14:55 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Michael Bilodeau <[micbilodeau.nul-bec.com](mailto:micbilodeau.nul-bec.com)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 13:20:29 -0400 (EDT)  
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 09:07:14 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>><snip>

>>>It's clear, however, that Richardson and his office handled  
>>>Davidson's questions skillfully, and I imagine that's the last  
>>>we will hear about this. In any event, with the nation and the  
>>>world in the shape they're in currently, Richardson's opinion  
>>>about Roswell is not - and should not be made - a burning  
>issue.

>><snip>

>>Thank God! Finally a UFO authority stands up and implicitly  
>>recognizes that this whole abduction phenomena, possibly  
>>involving a few thousand people over the years, is just a  
>>figment of the imagination.

>>It's about time.

Don, Terry,

>From Terry:

>Where in the part of the post that you quoted, or in the article  
>itself, did anyone imply that the abduction phenomena is "a  
>figment of the imagination"? I saw no such implication neither  
>above nor in the article. If I missed it please point it out.

>From Don:

>????

>You got me on this one. Where was that implied? And where did  
>you come up with a paltry few thousand?

Jerome Clark's UFO Book - sorry, I can't afford the Encyclopedia  
- on page 3, in his chapter Abduction Phenomenon, discusses the  
work of Bullard, Jacobs and Wright. The author also mentions:

"The data are derived from Bullard's two studies - the 1987  
percentages drawn from 103 high-information, high-reliability  
cases taken from the literature, the 1995 percentages provided  
by a survey of 13 abduction investigators based on their  
experience with some 1700 cases."

Simple equation:

Number of Abduction/fraction of \_reported\_ cases = ?

Think for a moment this is data from 1995.

What would the figures be today?

Do the math. What numbers does one reach?

Don, my "this whole abduction phenomena, possibly involving a few thousand people over the years..." is a correct assessment that might even be on the conservative side.

So we have a few thousand people who have (maybe) been abducted by a bunch of gray freaks who happen to literally apply the "up yours" principle.

All very funny.

Let's take a deep breath, close our eyes and imagine for a moment that it's not Grays doing it but your stereotypical Arab.

Even worse: imagine that those stereotypical sons of bitches have placed 3000 of the abductees in 2 buildings and have casually destroyed those buildings. I bet you all the money in the world that we would have a war on our hands and that the stereotypical Arab sons of a bitches would serve as pretext for another war. Believe me, I would bet my life on this one. (Of course, Canada wouldn't get into it and the US would retaliate by pissing of innocent Canadian tourists at the borders...)

My point of view is that we are still talking about thousands of souls and, because they are standing on the wrong side of political correctness, they are being ignored. This is not only illogical, it is also not correct.

My point of view is that the UFO phenomena and the Abduction phenomena cannot be dissociated.

So, Don and Terry, every time I see an authority - and Jerome Clark is an authority in ufology - try to smother, vilify, play down, refuse or negate a slight possibility that some elements of the UFO problem come into public view, I get this feeling in my stomach, more so when the knee jerking reaction is backed up by some "Aye, aye sir!".

If this is not clear to you, try to assess the semantics of this:

>>>In any event, with the nation and the  
>>>world in the shape they're in currently, Richardson's opinion  
>>>about Roswell is not - and should not be made - a burning  
>>>issue.

This is pure bull.

Read the fudging newspapers. As we speak, [www.USAtoday.com](http://www.USAtoday.com) displays:

'Control must go to religious leaders Story - Kidnappers threaten to kill journalist... Google stock... Oil prices soar... Stocks fall... Mortgage rates dip again... United... Terry Nichols... Nuclear weapons data from New Mexico missing... Three copies of "controlled removable electronic media" found missing... Kerry dispute... Attacks targeting Vietnam war record could backfire for Bush... Zell Miller to keynote GOP convention... Democratic senator to endorse... Sudan rebels... Fighters from Darfu ... Sharon: Gaza pullback... Super Bowl or bust for... Triple play vaults Astros to win... Houston scores seven runs in seventh ... Cink grabs early lead... Cup captain's pick birdies five... How many T- shirts were produced in the USA last year? Click here'

Yeah! Click here.

Have you seen the gals in bikinis cheer leading at Beach Volleyball at the Olympics.

Whatever. Sometimes I feel we \_deserve\_ the Grays - that's a rotten joke.



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## Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 09:48:00 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 11:26:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - Clark

>From: Michael Bilodeau <[micbilodeau.nul-bec.com](mailto:micbilodeau.nul-bec.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 00:45:16 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 18:14:55 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>From: Michael Bilodeau <[micbilodeau.nul-bec.com](mailto:micbilodeau.nul-bec.com)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 13:20:29 -0400 (EDT)  
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 09:07:14 -0500  
>>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

Patient and gentlemen Listfolk:

>My point of view is that the UFO phenomena and the Abduction  
>phenomena cannot be dissociated.

In our correspondent's opinion, anyway.

At any rate, I think he means "UFO phenomenon" and "abduction phenomenon." If he must carry on so, at least he should get his grammar straight. The relationship - beyond of course the superficial - between the UFO of, say, radar/visuals and the UFO of abductions remains an open question to which there is as yet no certain answer. I doubt that any serious observer, whatever his or her instinctive sense of what the final resolution of the issue may be, would regard this observation as especially controversial - rather, more like a statement of the obvious, I should think.

It is a simple fact that the evidence for the former (e.g., the RB-47 case) - as demonstrable event in the world - is far more compelling than the evidence for the latter, which is purely testimonial and experiential. That doesn't mean, lest our excitable correspondent misunderstand me, that the abduction phenomenon, directly related to the UFO phenomenon or generated by something else, is not anomalous or intriguing in its own right. Of course, my original post - the one that set off our correspondent - had nothing to say about the just-stated. The word "abduction" appears nowhere therein.

As the rest of you may recall, that post addressed a prominent politician's public statement about the Roswell controversy. I expressed admiration for his courage in boldly entering such touchy territory, then went on to express the hope that it would not hurt him politically, since he is, I think, a fine public servant who may have a future on the national stage. That's all. No reason for anybody to foam at the mouth.

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>backed up by some "Aye, aye sir!".

"Smother, vilify, play down, refuse or negate...." Hmmm, again,  
I suspect our correspondent refers to somebody else, not me.  
Either that, or he has a whole lot of time on his hands in which  
to amuse himself by conjuring up fantasy villains.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 09:56:43 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 11:28:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - King

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 13:36:31 -0500  
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>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 09:16:08 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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Mr. Lehmborg,

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I was incorrectly applying journalistic weight to your comments.  
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Kyle

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From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 10:43:56 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 11:45:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: lose Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - King

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 22:14:33 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 09:16:08 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>>Please forgive this intrusion by a relative newcomer to the  
>>List.

>>I think the Hill case is very fascinating, particularly as it  
>>includes that unusual ingredient... the starmap. While your  
>>effort to help promote this new product is admirable, your  
>>comments in response to questions about your statements seem  
>>based on a few unsubstantiated opinions.

>>I have read articles pro and con about the Hill case, as it  
>>captured my imagination and intellect after seeing the old movie  
>>with James Earl Jones. I cannot remember reading an article  
>>which outlines the case as you describe.

>If all you know about the Hill case is based on "reading  
>articles" and seeing the James Earl Jones movie, then I suggest  
>you go back to primary sources: The Interrupted Journey by  
>John Fuller and Walter N. Webb's original investigation, when I  
>referred the case to him after hearing from Betty Hill while at  
>NICAP. Do some homework.

<snip>

>In fact, most skeptibunkers never fail to imply or insinuate  
>such things in their smug certainty that they know the truth,  
>without ever being bothered by having to investigate anything.  
>In fact, among the current listers I may be the only one (or at  
>least one of the few) who actually met and knew Barney and  
>Betty.

>>Please clear this up for me. I respect the work all of you do,  
>>but I think when you make a statement that is of an accusatory  
>>nature, you as a reporter should be able to support it.

>>Instead, your reaction is one of hyperbole, ridicule, and the  
>>common tendency to lump anyone who questions you into a group so  
>>you can deride their arguments out of hand. While this may seem  
>>convenient to you, to newbies like me it just looks like you're  
>>the same as those that dismiss such stories out of hand, and  
>>dismiss your 'reporting' as the ravings of a (insert label  
>>here). Neither the former nor the latter reaction impresses me.

>><snip>

>I partially agree with what you say, but fundamentally the  
>burden of investigation should be on you; it is your job to  
>weigh and balance the assertions that people make so as to judge

>their credibility. But "we" (which I won't bother to define) and  
>"they" (skeptibunkers) are so far apart that civil discussion  
>often is impossible.

>>Perhaps when all the labeling and ridicule are exhausted, we can  
>>find a good reason to remain engaged in this debate. Name-  
>>calling, finger- pointing and penile comparisons seem counter-  
>>productive to me.

>What I often see from my long tenure and historical perspective  
>is half-informed, highly opinionated people, their minds already  
>made up about a given case, often because they already 'know'  
>that UFOs are nonsense, spewing out a lot of garbage. That seems  
>to be the nature of current so-called "Ufology". Anything but  
>calm, rational, scientifically oriented discussion.

Dick,

I read the Fuller book when I was in college. I was unaware of  
your contributions to it however. Bravo! It is a chilling story.

Per your instructions, I shall weigh and balance the assertions  
that Mr. Lehmberg made, and judge his credibility.

His assertion is that someone uses racial implications to refute  
the Hills' story. The Fuller book does not. He has chosen not to  
cite a reference to support his assertion. I therefore judge his  
assertion as unsupported, and his credibility on this point  
somewhat lacking.

I have no burden to investigate. I'm just a guy who wants to  
know more. If I wanted to investigate, I wouldn't waste time  
asking questions here... I'd be out there investigating. If that  
means I am unqualified to ask a question, then the purpose of  
this forum is not what it purported to be when I read about it.

Your comment indicates that my search for answers is better  
undertaken elsewhere. In that I am in absolute agreement with  
you... at least as far as this thread is concerned. :)

In my short time here I have received several friendly private  
e-mails from individuals on this List. I do not know which  
"camp" they are from, and I do not ask. Some would clearly be  
considered pro-UFO advocates, and some skeptics. None of them  
were cryptic or evasive in answering my questions. In fact, all  
have welcomed my comments even when disagreeing with them.

The only party using the name-calling and finger-pointing in  
this thread is Mr. Lehmberg. That weighs heavily. That he  
chooses not to produce a sample of the "mode of the SNKUD..."  
weighs even more heavily.

Credibility is earned... not so in this case.

I appreciate your comments, and you are dead on in saying that  
the hyperbole obscures the debate.

I don't have an opinion about the Hill case, except to say it is  
a frightening episode for anyone to experience. I don't envy  
them. I am too "half-informed" to be an authority on the case.  
From what I have read in this post, the same could be said of  
Mr. Lehmberg.

So, can anyone answer my question? I'd be happy to heap my half-  
informed opinion on the dolt that would make it a racial issue,  
or ridicule the story out of hand. I am not one of them.

Sincere Regards,

Kyle

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 11:17:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 11:47:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmborg

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 09:56:43 -0500  
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>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>Ahhh...it was just your opinion. I understand now. Thank you.  
>I was incorrectly applying journalistic weight to your comments.  
>My mistake.

Ahhh... Your 'understanding' is awry. The operative word was  
"may," Mr. King. I want to thank you for being more clear  
regarding which side of the bull-horn you come down on. I  
mistook your 'comments' as a plea for more collegiality in the  
discussion. My mistake.

[alienview.nul](http://alienview.nul)  
EXPLORE "AlienViewGroup" at its HostPros URL.  
<http://www.alienview.net>  
...content to read, content to hear, content to see.....

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.  
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put  
one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention  
he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.  
\$450.00 pledged -- \$300.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.  
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."  
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.



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## Sisyphus Revisted

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 15:17:51 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 11:50:54 -0400  
Subject: Sisyphus Revisted

Sisyphus Revisted... This Year So Far In Ufology Mysteries

The shadow of the Greek mythological figure Sisyphus looms once again. Lots of new disclosures, yet the final word awaits.

Let's see, there's the Mexican UFO video final analyses.

The Russian Tunguska artifact analyses.

The new Noah's Ark search.

The Mars rovers and ESA orbiter analyses.

The new 'Roswell Witness' and Gov. Richardson's info.

Quite a year for revelations and edge of our seat excitement.  
Did I miss one or two?

Anyone wanna hazard a guess on how this will all turn out?

Best,

Greg

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 21:16:02 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 11:53:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Shough

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming6.nul](mailto:lfleming6.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 13:14:09 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>From: Martin Shough <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 13:00:56 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>I still think a more traditional double exposure would have been  
>a much less unwieldy way to do a hoax than a double role of  
>film. That would, however, would have required that the first  
>exposure be on a dark background with a model or drawing of an  
>even darker object. Both methods would run the risks of the  
>"UFO" looking transparent or showing no internal detail, since  
>both methods would permit some areas within the object image to  
>be exposed to light during the second exposure.

Wieldy or unwieldy a "traditional double exposure" probably  
won't cut it here because of the photometry, as Brad Sparks has  
kept insisting, ad nauseam.

This is exactly why Tim Printy's idea is worth thinking about.  
And his internal mask method doesn't involve a "second exposure"  
of course.

I suggested the dual-roll film spool idea to try and make  
Printy's theory as wieldy as possible, and I think it could  
work. In principle.

Unfortunately I think all the actual evidence is against it, as  
I argue on the site:

<http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/trindex.htm>.

Martin Shough

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 21:28:16 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 11:54:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Rimmer

>From: Stuart Miller <[Stuart.Miller4.nul](mailto:Stuart.Miller4.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 15:38:35 +0100  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 10:38:04 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>Wait a minute, hoold da' bus!

>>When I started this thread it was to ask the question why with  
>>all the governments, agencies etc. on Earth no one has come  
>>up with irrefutable ET/Saucer proof.

>>My point was (before the 'Magonia Mafia' jumped in to add their  
>>two cents), that somebody somewhere has to have a document  
>>or pics or video or witnesses that could break this wide open.

>>Man, that's some 'super secret organization' that can shut  
>>everybody up everywhere all the time!

>You make some very interesting points, questions I myself have  
>asked before.

>Lets start with the obvious but presumably the least acceptable.  
>The reason for the silence is because there's nothing to tell  
>people anything about. Nothing's going on - it's all either  
>natural phenomena or military aircraft.

Least acceptable to whom?

(The Magonia Mafia adding its two cents)

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 21:51:43 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 11:57:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Rimmer

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 22:14:33 +0000  
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What a sneering 'de haut en bas' comment from the Grand Old Man  
of American ufology. Just because someone, who seems to be  
genuinely interested in topic, does not have access to a  
comprehensive library of ufology, and has read magazine articles  
on the topic - some of which, for all you know, may have been  
written by Messrs. Hall, Clark, and other ufological doyens,  
does not merit the dismissal "Do some homework"!

><snip>

>>I am also ignorant of the origin of the term pelicanist. But  
>>since I abhor labels as they are generally used to dismiss  
>>discourse, and end arguments without resolution, I would be most  
>>interested in your references for making the statements you  
>>made. Otherwise, I feel that I must dismiss the remainder of  
>>your post as a thinly veiled indictment of some nebulous group  
>>with which you seem to be very angry.

This is precisely the intention of the term 'Pelicanist' (The  
origins of the term are complex, but basically it means a  
sceptic - but not in a good way!) It's like a 'get out of jail'  
card. You slam it down in a discussion and indicates that any  
subsequent debate cannot be taken seriously.

>>In particular, you note that these (insert label here) always  
>>note that the Hills are an interracial couple. Is it your

>>implication that this reveals a racist component to their  
>>stance? If so, I find it odd that in every single article... pro  
>>AND con... I can find on the case, the fact of their  
>>interraciality is noted strongly. In fact, it is often used to  
>>support their story, since such a couple would presumably be  
>>reluctant to report such an event, as they would expect to be  
>>looked upon with some skepticism given the times in question. In  
>>other words, their story must be true since they wouldn't call  
>>such attention upon themselves if it was not. Call it what you'd  
>>like, but I call that racism, too. Just not the negative  
>>kind...on the surface anyway.

>In fact, most skeptibunkers never fail to imply or insinuate  
>such things in their smug certainty that they know the truth,  
>without ever being bothered by having to investigate anything.  
>In fact, among the current listers I may be the only one (or at  
>least one of the few) who actually met and knew Barney and  
>Betty.

'Skeptibunkers' is another one of those words that means "I  
can't be bothered arguing with this person, so I'll call them a  
silly name and cut off all subsequent discussion". If you stay  
on this list long enough you'll see who are the people most  
likely to use this technique.

In fact from reading articles I have found that UFO sceptics,  
when discussing the Hill case, have been at pains to point out  
that the Hill's were an exceptionally intelligent and honest  
couple, and have never made any suggestion that they created the  
case in order to appear on prime-time television, or make money  
out of it. It is only intemperate critics like Mr Lehmborg who  
have put these words into people's mouths with, as we have seen,  
no evidence whatsoever.

>>Please clear this up for me. I respect the work all of you do,  
>>but I think when you make a statement that is of an accusatory  
>>nature, you as a reporter should be able to support it.

>>Instead, your reaction is one of hyperbole, ridicule, and the  
>>common tendency to lump anyone who questions you into a group so  
>>you can deride their arguments out of hand. While this may seem  
>>convenient to you, to newbies like me it just looks like you're  
>>the same as those that dismiss such stories out of hand, and  
>>dismiss your 'reporting' as the ravings of a (insert label  
>>here). Neither the former nor the latter reaction impresses me.

><snip>

>I partially agree with what you say, but fundamentally the  
>burden of investigation should be on you; it is your job to  
>weigh and balance the assertions that people make so as to judge  
>their credibility. But "we" (which I won't bother to define) and  
>"they" (skeptibunkers) are so far apart that civil discussion  
>often is impossible.

There you see a perfect example of the use of the term  
'skeptibunkers'. Obviously here it means people whose views are  
so alien to one's own that one find it impossible to treat them  
civilly, therefore one doesn't have to engage with them at all.

>>Perhaps when all the labeling and ridicule are exhausted, we can  
>>find a good reason to remain engaged in this debate. Name-  
>>calling, finger- pointing and penile comparisons seem counter-  
>>productive to me.

>What I often see from my long tenure and historical perspective  
>is half-informed, highly opinionated people, their minds already  
>made up about a given case, often because they already 'know'  
>that UFOs are nonsense, spewing out a lot of garbage. That seems  
>to be the nature of current so-called "Ufology". Anything but  
>calm, rational, scientifically oriented discussion.

Oh how priceless: "my long tenure and historical perspective"!  
You will of course have deduced that it is only 'skeptibunkers'  
who have made up their mind about a given case, and spew out  
nonsense. Eminent authorities like Mr Hall are never opinionated  
and only ever indulge in calm, rational, scientifically oriented  
discussion. Rather like Mr Hall's response to your original  
query.

Welcome to the List. Stick around, it can only get better.

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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## Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell -

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>>>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
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>>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2004 18:14:55 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

<snip>

>Patient and gentlemen Listfolk:

>>My point of view is that the UFO phenomena and the Abduction  
>>phenomena cannot be dissociated.

>In our correspondent's opinion, anyway.

>At any rate, I think he means "UFO phenomenon" and "abduction  
>phenomenon." If he must carry on so, at least he should get his  
>grammar straight.

<snip>

Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary

<http://www.m-w.com/cgi-bin/dictionary?book=3DDictionary&va=3Dphenomena>

'Main Entry: phe-nom-e-na Pronunciation: fi-na-m-n-a  
Function: noun Inflected Form(s): plural -nas nonstandard :  
PHENOMENON usage Phenomena has been in occasional use as a  
singular for more than 400 years and its plural phenomenas for  
more than 350. Our evidence shows that it is primarily a speech  
form used by poets, critics, and professors, among others, but  
one that sometimes turns up in edited prose <the Borgia were, in  
modern terms, a media phenomena -- Economist>. It is  
etymologically no more irregular than stamina, agenda, and  
candelabra, but it has nowhere near the frequency of use that  
they have, and while they are standard, phenomena is still  
rather borderline.'

You can still get a grip on life with:

'Main Entry: pa=95tron=95ize Function: transitive verb Inflected  
Form(s): -ized; -iz=95ing (...) 2 : to adopt an air of  
condescension toward : treat haughtily or coolly (...)'

I do not see much hope for communication. You say interesting  
things that could lead to a very profitable exchange, but your  
tone suffers from a tendency towards chest beating. Your way of  
addressing me at the third person indicates your need for public  
support against somebody you can't even look into the eye by  
using a simple "you".



Since this has all the looks of a pissing contest, I'll pass. I have zero time on my hands for this kind of exercise. I actually feel I am loosing my time writing this post.

By the way, you may spin it the way you want, but abductions only grow in ufology, not in Italian cuisine books. One cannot dissociate them from the UFO Phenomena. They may well be the reason why there will be no disclosure any soon. One can live with the possibility of alien visitors in star ships. I doubt the disclosure effort can survive the idea that the abductions might be real.

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## Memory and Manipulation

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Memory and Manipulation

The trials of Elizabeth Loftus, defender of the wrongly accused

by Sasha Abramsky

On the wall of Professor Elizabeth Loftus' third-floor UC Irvine office is a paper bull's-eye target, pockmarked with bullet holes. If it looks somewhat incongruous in the mostly sedate academic surroundings =97 bookshelves lined with psychology texts, a large desk with a black Dell computer and stylish flat screen, a mock Vanity Fair cover with Loftus' face staring out from atop Demi Moore's body (a humorous gift from students), and photocopies of Andy Warhol's Mick Jagger portraits =97 there's good reason. Loftus =97 who, when she pulls her blue straw hat over her mussed shoulder-length brown hair and stands up in black-velvet pants and cotton blouse, looks startlingly like Diane Keaton in Annie Hall =97 took up target practice in 1994 after receiving death threats following the publication of her book *The Myth of Repressed Memory*. "We're going to kill the bitch," was one choice missive. The holes in the paper, Loftus says, laughing nervously as she recalls the events, were made on the firing range.

Target practice aside, Loftus' work veers into an X-Files-type reality where nothing is as it seems, where even the inner sanctum of an individual's most personal memories is subject to manipulations and falsification. We think of that sanctum as a citadel invulnerable to outside pressures. Loftus tells us that, to the contrary, it is a marshland crisscrossed with paths, instantly imprinted by the footprints of all those who traverse it.

Beth Loftus grew up in a house on Santa Monica Boulevard. And while she has spent much of her adult life away from the place of her birth, she has always been drawn back to the city where things are not always what they seem, where humans =97 the storytelling species =97 have perfected the art of illusion. The allure is appropriate given that Loftus specializes in studying the malleability of, the fallibility of, human memory and given that she has spent a lifetime exploring the strange nether regions of the mind where fact and fantasy, reality and distortion, blend into new versions of "the truth."

Recently, three decades into her influential career as a research psychologist and memory expert in legal cases, Loftus, in her early 50s and recently divorced, returned to Southern California after several years at the University of Washington in Seattle. Now ensconced at UCI's department of psychology and social behavior, as well as its criminology department, she lives in a modest faculty house. A framed panoramic oil painting

of the early-20th-century wooden house overlooking Lake Washington in which she lived until 2002 hangs on her hallway wall, copied from a photograph by a man she believes to be wrongfully imprisoned and whose cause she has championed.

Somewhat ironically, her return was a side effect of research work investigating the veracity behind the allegations at the heart of a high-profile Jane Doe child-abuse case. She eventually co-authored an article about the case with University of Michigan psychologist Mel Guyer '97 from which stemmed a lawsuit against the authors, the university, the journal in which the article appeared and the organization that publishes the journal '97 but first Jane Doe filed an ethics complaint against Loftus with the University of Washington. Though the university eventually cleared Loftus of breaking research protocols '97 after seizing all of her files on the case and preventing her from publishing her work for almost two years '97 its support was so lukewarm, and its unwillingness to stand by its controversial psychologist during the current lawsuit so clear, that Loftus was only too happy to accept an offer from Irvine.

For the past many months, Loftus, who herself has served as an expert witness in over 250 cases since 1975, has been preparing to go to trial. It is a battle for personal survival as much as for her professional reputation '97 never mind that she was recently elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences as well as listed by the Review of General Psychology as one of the 20th century's Top 100 psychologists. "I'm so proud of what I've done," Loftus states defiantly. "I'll fight to the bitter end." Over the last year, the lawsuit has been wending its way toward the trial stage. If she loses, not only will academic freedom have arguably suffered a grievous blow, but on a personal level, Loftus herself could face bankruptcy.

In early 2003, Loftus gave a lecture in Hollywood, at the Center for Inquiry West, a venue run by the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims for the Paranormal (CSICOP) that specializes in casting skeptical eyes over discussions about paranormal, and otherwise scientifically dubious, or unprovable, happenings: UFO sightings, alien abductions, crop circles, that sort of thing. "Preconceived ideas and the accuracy of memory are factors that always seem to come into play, at least with these anecdotal beliefs we investigate," explains Jim Underdown, the center's executive director, hinting at the strange interplay of cultural beliefs and sensory input that goes into molding complex memories. "The fact that memories are so plastic and changeable, if a memory can be introduced, then that becomes a serious issue and a serious aspect of an investigation. Even if somebody is telling the truth, it may be they're telling the truth about a false memory '97 about something that didn't happen."

Loftus told her audience about a case she had recently investigated, a famous Jane Doe case, in which a messy divorce and child-custody battle had ended with the biological mother being accused, by her 6-year-old daughter, of having sexually abused her earlier in her life. Following the accusations, custody was awarded to the girl's father and his new wife. Over the years, the young girl lost all memory of the "abuse"; then, nearly 11 years later, the doctor who had interviewed her after the initial abuse claims re-interviewed her. At that point, the 17-year-old suddenly recalled detailed abuse episodes. Touted by repressed-memory specialists as one of the most celebrated cases in the literature, Jane Doe's story '97 which had been written about, with her consent, by the specialist who conducted the interviews '97 had long struck Loftus as resting on extremely shaky foundations. Was it possible, she wondered, that the 6-year-old child had been coached by her father and his wife to issue the initial allegations; that she had quickly "forgotten" the abuse because it hadn't in fact occurred; and that, years later, she had "recalled" false events at the prompting of the specialists who interviewed her?

Loftus and a colleague from the University of Michigan began interviewing all the key players in the events '97 including the biological mother and the stepmother, who Loftus came to believe had helped the child to recall the abuse episodes. Eventually they concluded that the abuse had never occurred, and that the memories, which, over the years and decades, had come to represent a defining event in Jane Doe's life, were, while

powerful, in fact entirely false.

In the summer of 2002, Loftus and her colleague published an article on their findings in *Skeptical Inquirer* magazine, a journal run by CSICOP. It was provocatively titled *Who Abused Jane Doe? The Hazards of the Single Case History*. Now, in early 2003, she was speaking before an audience at the Center, reiterating some of these oil-thrown-on-fire conclusions.

Not long afterward, in May of that year, Loftus and her colleague (as well as her editor and friend) psychologist Carol Tavris, the Center and the magazine were named as co-defendants in a civil lawsuit =97 *Taus v. Loftus* =97 filed by Jane Doe at the Solano County Superior Court in Northern California. Doe, by then a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, was suing them for violations of her privacy =97 even though, until the lawsuit was filed, her identity (Nicole Taus) had been kept entirely out of the public domain. "Dr. Loftus and/or her co-author apparently spent quite a bit of time talking to people, including my client's biological mother," Taus' attorney, Julian Hubbard, of the Redwood City law firm of McCloskey, Hubbard, Ebert and Moore, explains. "Talking about her, and soliciting information about her private life =97 obtaining her medical records and obtaining information about her when she was growing up that has nothing to do with what she [Loftus] was writing about." Hubbard claims that Loftus went beyond the bounds of academic research, by "befriending" Jane Doe's mother to the point where she would provide a willing audience for poetry the mother had written, by coaching her to believe she had not abused her daughter decades earlier, and by attempting to forge a reconciliation between mother and child.

Not surprisingly, Loftus' side sees things somewhat differently. They argue that Doe's privacy was always protected until she, herself, nullified it by going to court and seeking financial damages against the defendants. The lawsuit, says Loftus' attorney, Tom Burke, "revealed who she [Jane Doe] was, where she went to high school, where she grew up. What's really frustrating here is not only did she apparently consent to the original publication of her case history when she was young, but later on in life, when she was interviewed 10 years later by Dr. [David] Corwin [the psychologist who popularized her story], she consented again." Then, after Loftus' article was published, Corwin received Jane Doe's consent one more time to use her case history in arguing against Loftus' ideas on the dangers of believing in recovered memories.

In other words, Loftus' team believes that Jane Doe, who did not respond to requests (issued through her attorney) to comment for this article, was fine with her story being used as long as those using it uncritically accepted the reality of her memories.

Yet increasingly memory experts such as Loftus have been proving that not only is memory unreliable, it can also be so utterly manipulated as to render it next-to-useless as pivotal evidence in criminal cases. If Nicole Taus wins her lawsuit, says attorney Burke, frustrated in an attempt several months back to have the case summarily dismissed, "It would set a very dangerous precedent. If you have someone who's simply trying to contribute to an understanding of the data, if those views are silenced, you can't do what needs to be done."

It's no secret that, in recent years, numerous men and women have been released from prison after new DNA evidence cleared them of crimes for which they were convicted entirely on the basis of eyewitness testimony. In New York, Barry Scheck's Innocence Project has created a cottage industry out of using new technologies to expose such miscarriages of justice. But, despite high-profile cases such as the release from Illinois' death row of several prisoners after journalism students at Northwestern University investigated their stories and proved their innocence, we like to think of these cases as unfortunate aberrations blemishing a system that, in the main, works to protect the innocent. Loftus challenges this reassuring assumption.

In an era where social panics =97 around sexual abuse, drug use and, more recently, terrorism in particular =97 have led all too many Americans to abandon the assumptions of innocence that theoretically underlie our criminal-justice system, Beth Loftus

is a voice of caution. Like Henry Fonda in *Twelve Angry Men*, she is a holdout against our willingness to equate an accusation with guilt and our tendency to damn people on hearsay rather than genuine, verifiable evidence. Fighting the memory wars, for Loftus, has gone beyond the confines of the academy; it has become a battle for the credibility of America's justice system.

In essence, Loftus says that our memories can lie, and that, when coaxed in one direction by people we trust (family members, therapists, police officers asking us to identify perps from a series of mug shots), all too often we can "remember" events that did not happen and see people at the scene of a crime who, in fact, were not actually there. While these false memories can be about almost anything, in the past couple of decades they have had an impact on the criminal-justice scene, most notably around the theme of "recovered" memories of instances of sexual abuse alleged to have occurred years or decades previously. Lacking any physical evidence, these cases hinge solely on the word of the alleged victim, their legal viability reliant entirely on the willingness of prosecutors, judge and jury to accept the allegations at face value. Yet, so traumatizing are these "memories," these images of shattered and violated childhoods that swim up to the surface years later, often while the "victim" is undergoing counseling with an unlicensed therapist, that few are willing to challenge their validity, and to further devastate already desperately depressed individuals =97 and, as a result, too often men and women have been prosecuted solely on the basis of such "memories" or, if not prosecuted, have had their reputations and family relationships destroyed.

What drives Loftus is not, as her detractors believe, a perverted desire to keep sexual predators free to wreak havoc on young innocents, but rather a passionate belief that, during social hysterias, the presumption of innocence becomes subsumed under a tidal wave of lock-'em-all-up-and-throw-away-the-key rhetoric. And that, during such hysterias, finger-pointing by those who really have been victimized is enough to convict the innocent and guilty alike, while, at the same time, finger-pointing by those who have never been victimized is also enough to doom the accused. Suffused with a sense of history, Loftus is haunted by the ghosts of the Salem witch trials from over three centuries ago. Combine sloppy police work, the pressure to identify, and convict, high-profile criminals at any cost, and intense pressure put on suspects during interrogations to own up to =97 to remember =97 committing certain acts, and, Loftus argues, all the ingredients are present for grievous miscarriages of justice.

"I was getting pretty upset about this," she says. "I'd see people convicted I believed were innocent, and it would keep me awake at night. There is a problem with faulty memory =97 it's the major cause of wrongful convictions in this country. We're living in a world where there's a temptation to believe every accusation of abuse, no matter how dubious it may be, and sexual abuse seems to have a privileged status, which makes it all the more special. Obviously there's real child sex abuse, and there are adults who were abused as children =97 as I was," Loftus says softly and way too matter-of-factly. For a woman who has been accused for years of defending pedophiles and other dangerous predators, it's a pretty large bombshell to just drop into the conversation. But, after hesitating a while, she begins to explain. It turns out that Loftus herself recalls being sexually molested by a family acquaintance when she was a young girl. "I was maybe 6. I always remembered it. The first person I told was my former husband, when I was in my 20s. It was definitely sort of embarrassing. I remember him [the acquaintance] scratching my arm and telling me certain things =97 like where babies came from. The one worst thing I remember is when he pulled his pants down and laid me on top of him =97 and I squirmed my way off of him."

The difference between the abuse she remembers suffering and the "repressed memories" of so many other alleged victims, Loftus argues, is that she never "repressed" her experience; it never lay dormant and utterly outside of her consciousness from the moment it allegedly occurred until, years later, it was coaxed out into the open again by a therapist trying to find the source of a patient's adult discomforts. Instead, throughout her childhood, the memories kept resurfacing, sometimes in bizarre ways. When she turned 13, for example, and her period didn't arrive, somehow she decided that maybe her abuser's actions all those years ago had put her into a state of permanent pregnancy.

"I'm pretty aware of the fact there are some creepy people out there =97 from my own experience," Loftus explains. "But all the people who get harmed by the uncritical acceptance of every accusation =97 there's a whole bunch of people who get hurt, including the real victims, who get trivialized. You can't be raped for 10 years and not remember it. Yet, according to the repression aficionados, anything's possible."

Just ask Pamela Freyd, of the Philadelphia-based False Memory Syndrome Foundation. FMSF, on whose scientific and professional advisory board Loftus sits, was founded in 1992 to provide advice to those accused in repressed-memory cases. "We've been contacted by 22,000 families," says Freyd, a retired teacher whose own family was rent apart by an abuse allegation from her 33-year-old daughter in 1991. "There was a growing problem for some families who had adult children who had suddenly and inexplicably accused them of abuse =97 abuse they had had no awareness of till, as adults, they entered therapy. These were families with good relationships. Therapists used hypnosis, sodium amethol, guided imagery, dream interpretation, relaxation exercises. These are very dangerous techniques to use if undertaken in the expectation you can excavate historically accurate memories."

Wisconsin attorney Bill Smoler, who represents several accused families in repressed-memory cases, recalls one instance in which a young woman entered therapy and "began a journey into believing she was raped by her father, grandfather, uncle, brother, two cousins and three members of the clergy =97 and had repressed all of these memories." Ultimately, it emerged that the woman had severe multiple-personality disorder, and, after she died, Smoler sued her therapist on behalf of her parents for malpractice, and also for damages, because of the hurt done to the family. In 2000, a jury awarded the deceased woman's estate and her family over \$5 million.

Back in Southern California, a 79-year-old onetime marriage, family and child counselor, who asked that her name not be used, explained how, in the late 1980s, her then-41-year-old daughter entered therapy and began recalling images that started with a memory of her mother inserting scissors into her vagina and gradually built up to a point at which she decided her parents were Satanists who had killed and eaten babies in her presence. Nobody was ever charged in the case, but the family in question was, naturally, completely devastated.

Others were not so lucky. In her books on repressed-memory cases, Loftus details the experiences of many individuals who were charged with sexually abusing their children, solely on the basis of recovered-memory testimony. Many of these men and women spent months in jail awaiting trial; others ultimately were sentenced to years in prison =97 all without a shred of physical evidence ever being presented.

Over the years, Loftus' work has generated many followers. But others have responded with the kind of venom rarely seen within the confines of academia. Her friend Carol Tavris =97 who herself tasted a little of the fury after she published a famous New York Times Book Review article in 1993 titled "Beware the Incest-Survivor Machine" =97 jokes that they have both been caricatured as "evil pedophile psychologists from hell." Their critics range from rival memory experts, such as Jane Doe's champion, David Corwin, to an array of therapists, victims of child abuse, and those who, for whatever reason, feel betrayed by those around them and hold Loftus and Tavris personally responsible for their ills. A quick Google search reveals hostile Internet correspondence, angry radio-show transcripts and high-octane commentary issuing against Loftus from around the world. And then, of course, there are the aforementioned death threats.

"Once I started being skeptical of those repressed-memory accusers and the therapists who helped them get this way," Loftus says, her voice tinged with an emotion somewhere between resignation and bewilderment, "the hate mail began flowing in."

Yet, in fact, Loftus' work goes well beyond the veracity of sex-abuse claims. While she made a name for herself as a memory expert defending those she believed to be wrongly accused, her work increasingly highlights the rough edges of memory in a host

of different situations. Take a high-profile case in which the guilt or innocence of a defendant revolves almost entirely around eyewitness testimony or memories recalled by defendants during police interrogation, and the chances are pretty good that Beth Loftus' name will show up somewhere in the proceedings. These cases include the celebrated McMartin and Dale Akiki kiddie-abuse cases from the 1980s, in which allegations of day-care providers systematically abusing their young charges led to a national panic about youngsters being ritualistically abused by those hired to care for them, and the Holly Ramona case, which spawned a generation of repressed-memory allegations. (Ramona was a student at UC Irvine who went into therapy and "recovered" very vivid, but ultimately false, memories of being repeatedly raped by her father while she was a young girl. Eventually, in 1994, in a case written up by Moira Johnston in her book *Spectral Evidence*, the father successfully sued the therapist for malpractice for implanting the false memories in his daughter's mind.) Loftus has even testified in the Ted Bundy trial, as well as in the Hillside Strangler, O.J. Simpson and Rodney King cases in L.A. =97 she argued that the video of the police beating King didn't capture the entirety of the event, yet likely shaped the firsthand memories of those called to give testimony in the trial. More recently, Loftus has served as a behind-the-scenes consultant in some of the church-abuse sagas around the country, trying to work out which allegations have merit and which are coattails claims.

Look carefully, and Loftus also appears as a consultant for the defense in the federal trial of Texas Tech professor Thomas Butler, a bioterrorism and bubonic-plague expert. He was accused of illegally importing vials of plague from Africa, contacting the FBI after several dozen vials went missing, and then, after three days of interrogation, admitting that, while he had no memory of the events, he might have accidentally destroyed the vials himself. Loftus argued that even an absent-minded and aging professor would remember if he had destroyed such an integral part of his own work. In the end, the jurors agreed, and acquitted the 62-year-old Butler on the most serious charges.

In a simple conference room in one of UCI's 1960s-era tower blocs, Loftus and her students, who are for some reason overwhelmingly female, devise experiments to show just how manipulable memories can be. While they don't seek to replicate alien-abduction experiences or to insert images of sexual abuse into the minds of those never abused =97 even if they were unethical enough to want to attempt such experiments, they would never in a million years receive permission from the university to do so =97 they do seek to create an array of other memories of events that never occurred.

In an extra-credit homework assignment, for example, Loftus' students went home and said to younger siblings things as simple as "Hey, do you remember the time you got lost in the mall when you were 5 years old?" and then recorded the ways in which the "memory" would take on a life of its own in the succeeding days, becoming more vivid, more detailed, with each conversation. At a more advanced level, using research subjects in a lab, students successfully created memories of mildly traumatic childhood experiences =97 such as being temporarily separated from one's parents =97 that never actually occurred. One student even managed to generate a series of false memories in her research subjects about being licked on the ear by a Pluto character while visiting Disneyland decades earlier. In another experiment, to make sure they were dealing with false recollections rather than real ones, research assistants created memories about meeting Bugs Bunny at Disneyland, who, in reality, couldn't possibly have been in the theme park. The purpose of these mind games is to show that even the most vivid memory is not necessarily an accurate representation of past reality.

Not long ago, the actor Alan Alda visited Loftus' lab while researching a television documentary on memory. Before he visited the lab, Loftus' team had Alda fill in a questionnaire about his eating history since childhood. Over the course of the morning he was in the lab, Loftus and her students then implanted a false memory in Alda's head, subtly convincing him that a computer analysis of his questionnaire had determined that he had gotten sick from eating bad hard-boiled eggs when he was a young boy. Later, when they took the actor out for a picnic =97 a photograph of the event is tacked up on Loftus'

office cork board =97 they monitored his food choices and, sure enough, he avoided the hard-boiled eggs they offered him.

Loftus' Irvine colleague Michael Rugg, an expert in the physiology of memory, believes that physiologically the same brain regions are activated when someone answers "yes" to something that is true as when someone answers "yes" to something that he believes to be true but that is actually false. In other words, physiologically, the truth is less important than an individual's perception of the truth. Ultimately, perhaps, it is this blending of interior and exterior realities that creates uniquely human forms of memory =97 that renders our minds forever different from those of the binary strings at the center of computer hard drives, that makes our vision of the world, our interaction with the world over time, so different from that of machines designed to manifest artificial intelligence.

Among the more bizarre examples of the tricks memory can play is the rash of vivid alien-abduction stories that has intrigued scientists and ufologists for several decades. While some experts accept at face value stories of men and women being removed from their beds in the middle of the night, taken aboard spaceships, being experimented upon and even made to have sexual intercourse with alien beings, most memory specialists have a somewhat different explanation. Harvard experimental-psychopathology professor Richard McNally, for example, has run two studies on alien abductees. He found that most reported a form of sleep paralysis known in the profession as hypnopompic episodes =97 essentially a state, experienced by up to 30 percent of the population at some point in their lives, when the body is physically asleep, part of the mind is still dreaming, but another part of the mind is conscious of being awake =97 and that most, while certainly not psychotic, did have a strong tendency toward beliefs outside of the mainstream. "They're not lying," McNally says of their experiences. "They're really sincere. They are, however, characterized by a range of New Age beliefs, by magical ideation =97 they tend to believe in past lives, crystals, reincarnation, alternative medicines. Second, they're high on absorption =97 they can become entranced by a sunset, absorbed in a novel, they had imaginary playmates as children."

Like many of the people in the sexual-abuse cases, most of the alien abductees McNally interviewed did not actually remember, at the time of awakening from their hypnopompic episode, that they had been abducted. What they did feel was intense discomfort; many then sought the help of therapists or counselors =97 under whose tutelage they began to "remember" that they had been abducted and experimented upon while in this strange state. In a different cultural context, the same individuals would likely have recalled being visited by witches, ghosts or Satan. "Under the suggestive questioning of clinicians," McNally states, "these individuals' minds are generating very powerful explanatory frameworks =97 under the guise of memory =97 for their sleep paralysis. They're very resistant to reinterpretation." Soon, such "memories" become an integral part of the individual's self-identity =97 "I am an alien-abductee survivor" =97 and, physiologically, the alien abductees, when asked to relive their experiences, respond in much the same way (sweaty palms, racing heartbeat, facial muscle tensions) as do traumatized war veterans.

Those who cling to "recovered" memories of long-ago childhood sexual abuse =97 many of whom, says Loftus, also have a tendency to vibrant visual imagination, are somewhat suggestible in the presence of more extroverted personalities (such as therapists) and tend to have problems concentrating =97 are likewise invested in the reality of their claims. In both instances, says McNally, psychological problems lead to therapy, which leads to hypnotic regression, which leads to "false memories that explain the original problem." Maybe that's why Jane Doe reacted so furiously when Loftus and a colleague challenged the veracity of her story. It wasn't just that strangers were snooping around her past; those same strangers were actually, in effect, telling the world that the adult Jane Doe might not have as valid an excuse for perceived adult neuroses and problems as she believed she had.

Maybe that's also why many therapists have also reacted so furiously to Loftus' work. One female therapist sat down next to her on an airplane a few years back and, when in the course of



casual conversation she found out whom she was sitting next to, got so angry that she hit Loftus over the head with a rolled-up newspaper, saying over and over again, "You're that woman."

Loftus, says Tavris, "makes people question, even if they don't know they're questioning, the explanation they've lived with for so long. She's telling doctors they're killing women because they're not washing their hands. The venom in the clinical world to Beth is in direct relation to how defensive she makes them feel. Beth is questioning some of the basic principles on which people are earning their livelihoods. People don't like that."

Now, Loftus is getting ready to defend herself in court. Like many of the cases in which she has testified over the decades, Taus v. Loftus has the potential to once again remake the ground rules in the memory wars. Win or lose, however, Loftus has already succeeded in highlighting the legal system's overreliance on uncorroborated eyewitness testimony. "I think I've really helped people to understand the malleable nature of memory," Loftus says. "When I help save one innocent person, I feel really good about it."

Recently, Loftus tells me, she got a call from "Jane Doe's mother. She said, 'I'm calling because I had a stroke. I'm getting out of the hospital, and I just wanted to say to you that I'll never forget what you did for me.'"

[UFO UpDates thanks Terry Colvin for the lead]

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List,

An interesting animated gif image is found here:

[http://www.spaceweather.com/swpod2004/15aug04/locker1\\_big.gif](http://www.spaceweather.com/swpod2004/15aug04/locker1_big.gif)

(watch wrap)

Although as an IFO the ISS is not on-topic, it's a good example of how a known object may appear to be anomalous, particularly if the viewer were unfamiliar with the ISS orbit, or it's appearance through an 8" telescope.

I was especially intrigued by its apparent "triangular" shape.

And the solar disc makes a fine backdrop, too. :)

I actually get goosebumps over stuff like this... obviously there is something amiss with me. But awesome images of grand-scale objects - seen as if on a microscope stage! - are, as we used to say in college, "Choice!".

Bravo to John Locker, the astronomer/photographer!

Warm Regards to all,

Kyle

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 08:30:20 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 09:07:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind - Lehmborg

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 14 Aug 2004 07:53:13 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 08:07:28 -0500  
>>Subject: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

You'll have to forgive me Mr. Rimmer, but I had forgotten for a moment the artful process of your dark mechanism for fallacious debate, and upon discovery have been reminded, therefore, that this is a terrific opportunity to call community attention to your reflexive scurrilous-ness, yet again. And thanks for the opportunity, Sir!

I have to admit that you had me going there for awhile; you had actually convinced me that I was making an argument that I was in fact, not making. This is because I was innocently accepting your literary slight of hand with regard to a ready assumption of a definition of terms you wanted employed.

It gets 'better'. Intellectual graft and philosophical corruption usually does...

I'm writing (in my offending sentence) very generally and non-specifically about common knowledge regarding 'apples' and you divert that to the specifics of one orange - an 'orange'... an invented outrage, a red herring, an artful distraction, like, that was what I was talking about. Cute. You very nearly had me convinced myself! Good show!

That charade is over, Sir. Verily.

I admit I was taken by surprise on a challenge to a sentence that I would have predicted required no citation. I'd thought your concern was with the "Starmap" and was quick to point out that your argument was not with me but with Fish and Friedman (Fx2). I was so astonishingly unaware of what your concern was. I mean you had to be talking about the star map!

I missed it the first two times. You mocking my civility was a distraction, too.

All in all, an uncharacteristic lack of communicational clarity on the part of one identified as a subject of the Queen, Sir, I must say. I digress.

I imagine, Sir, that you had taken my 'pointed' and 'obvious' 'refusal' to address your actual concerns as the scent of blood in the water, and begun to circle in, LOL! A few members of the 'spawn' complete the school, or clutch. Pack hunters. You didn't realize that I'm not in this fish bowl with you. You're in here with me. LOL!

I was unprepared for the usual pelicanist approach of seizing on an invented or purposely misinterpreted 'scrap' with your

self-described "big beak" in an attempt to discredit that 'part' in order to discredit the 'whole'. Like worrying at a shred of gym-shorts protruding from a high school sports locker until you can jerk it out for what we used to call a "locker rupture" back in the 'day', destroying the shorts and the locker besides, they were perfectly good shorts; it was a serviceable locker.

Damned if you didn't get a-hold of my gym-shorts, Mr. Rimmer! But, alas, in as much as what you had hold of was the label you yourself had \*affixed\*, I'm delighted to inform you that, lacking fidelity, it has come off abruptly, shall we say, prematurely (?), in your sweaty little hand? My shorts are safe, Sir, even as you further soil your own. Nasty!

Cutting to the chase.....

I wrote, "A portrait of the Hills as composed by reactionary skeptibunkies, noisy negativists, and knee-jerk ufological denialists paints a picture of a dodgy working class "interracial" couple (always pointed out), two people who very likely made the entire story ~up~ out of whole cloth, solely for purposes of some late-night time in the loony limelight, presumably."

What I had written to be the "conventional wisdom", as regarded by a 'mainstream' portrayal of the Hills, that 'you' front for, Mr. Rimmer et al. You do represent the 'mainstream', do you not?

After the dust clears (and I realize that, one, I hadn't understood you, and two, you had affixed yourself like a tick to another one of your little 'scraps' upon which 'you' are loath to release "beak pressure", Lord, but how tedious and tiresome your two-color existence must be...), You write,

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"...I must assume therefore, unless you are able to respond to this third (3rd) enquiry, that no sceptics have made such a silly statement, and you are just making it up, sir."

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Do you have it yet, Mr. Rimmer? Do you see how you've tripped yourself on your presumption to define terms convenient to you? Does your beak yet hang slack in disappointed astonishment? Here, I'll help you.

Skeptics, Sir - true skeptics, are not the issue - are in comparison persons to be revered above all others, and are welcome company, honored team members, boon companions, efficacious leaders - the most interesting of us, the most knowledgeable of us, and the ones to instruct us the most! You are not a skeptic.

Skeptics are not to be confused with scurrilous skepti-bunkies, ponderous pelicanists, insipient CSICOPians, or other knee-jerk ufological denialists, the aggregate antagonists regarded in my review, and the broad brush used to expose them (and you) in every ethical way I can. Skeptics, Sir, are innocent.

Deny that the Hills are 'discounted (in the aggregate!) by your lot, Mr. Rimmer, forgetting that I never reported that any of your 'august' and 'intrepid' group, or even you yourself were stupid enough to say any of that out 'straight', even if you are a little dumb in my opinion. <g>

But you foment it. You cultivate it. You nurture it. You sow it. You organize it. You officiate it. You condone, assist, empower and inspire it! Say you don't! My opinion of course, but one I'm confident is shared by the 'big guns', to one degree or another, and on whose shoulders I, proudly, stand. [g].

Heh - likely knock me off if they knew I was there. <LOL>

This is, of course, forgetting, for a moment, that examples of what I'm talking about can be found here:

In the fifth paragraph of:

<http://eserver.org/bs/51/harrison.html>

Here, in seventh paragraph of [the] "Hill Syndrome":

<http://www.sacred-texts.com/ufo/discussn.htm>

and here, in the Second letter to Dr. Carroll, almost what you had duplicitously asked for, if not spot on:

<http://skepdic.com/comments/aliencom.html>

and here, after a fashion in paragraph 3.8:

[http://home.xnet.com/~blatura/skep\\_3.html](http://home.xnet.com/~blatura/skep_3.html)

and read carefully, what is intimated (suggested, alluded to, cameoed) yes, even here:

<http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/ms12.html>

The point is the Hills are dismissed as credible witnesses by the fence-sitting "otherwise distracted", Mr. Rimmer! And they are dismissed, I suspect - it is my opinion <g> - by way of the unctuous, pedantic, reasonable sounding, 'mainstream' supported and prolific distortions cum fabrications of Klass and Sheaffer and Nickell and Krauss and McGaha and Shermer and you Sir, in my opinion. <g>

I report, as I had alluded in "CEIVK" that the corrosive polemic your lot unabashedly employs is neutralized when listening to the actual recordings of the pivotal persons involved with the Hill case.

And I think I may have put my finger squarely on the crux of the entire matter! Wendy's really jerked a knot in the tail of your "Paradigm Pelican'iste" with this one, hasn't she?! There is grist for the good old ufological mill in there, is there not! Thank you Ms. Connors! You must really have them by their short hairs. <LOL>

On the subject of Ms. Connors, I think it's a damn shame, Mr. Rimmer, that you would kick mud on Wendy's sheets (and the boon of her contribution to ufological reality), even obliquely just because you have a problem with a sentence I innocently assumed required no citation, or with me personally, if that that is as base as it gets. That would have appeared to be beneath you, I would have thought...

Now, with all respect, Sir, go peddle your pelicanist papers.

I resent the time you compelled me to spend on this. Once burned twice shy, Mr. Rimmer. Next time your sneering, controlling, and disingenuous explications will just be ignored out of hand! Except to sneer at them, Sir. I'm working, presently, on a whole series of reviews and no longer have time to indulge your furtive and duplicitous little maneuverings. Besides, your criticisms don't really matter that much in the aggregate, do they.

My review stands as written, Mr. Rimmer. Thanks for helping to put a better point on it. Wait till you see Wendy's next one. Wow! That should put some lead in your pencil! <LOL>

Oh, and please call off your tedious little attack 'imp', Andy Roberts, who insists on befouling my mail box with his running canted commentary on our ruminations, a craft-less insentient, he's just poking a wasp's nest. And Thanks.

Read on...

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From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 11:14:20 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 09:09:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - King

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 11:17:53 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 09:56:43 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

<snip>

>Ahhh... Your 'understanding' is awry. The operative word was  
>"may," Mr. King. I want to thank you for being more clear  
>regarding which side of the bull-horn you come down on. I  
>mistook your 'comments' as a plea for more collegiality in the  
>discussion. My mistake.

Mr. Lehmborg,

Collegiality would be welcome. As soon as evidence of it  
appears, I will happily acknowledge it. As it stands, I can only  
infer from this exchange that you are much more interested in  
assigning labels than informing.

If that places me on either side of some imaginary bullhorn, I  
hope I'm on the side opposite the bull.

I'm not interested in insulting anyone. I only asked a question.  
It has now devolved into a test of semantic wordplay. I have a  
15 year old for that.

Good day to you. I fully agree on your points about Wendy's project.

I must acknowledge the assistance of Dick Hall in pointing me  
down the path to enlightenment in this thread. I am in your  
debt.

Sincere Regards,

Kyle

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 11:26:35 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 09:12:57 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmborg

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 21:51:43 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 22:14:33 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 09:16:08 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>Please forgive this intrusion by a relative newcomer to the  
>>>List.

>>>I think the Hill case is very fascinating, particularly as it  
>>>includes that unusual ingredient... the starmap. While your  
>>>effort to help promote this new product is admirable, your  
>>>comments in response to questions about your statements seem  
>>>based on a few unsubstantiated opinions.

>>>I have read articles pro and con about the Hill case, as it  
>>>captured my imagination and intellect after seeing the old movie  
>>>with James Earl Jones. I cannot remember reading an article  
>>>which outlines the case as you describe.

>>Kyle,

>>If all you know about the Hill case is based on "reading  
>>articles" and seeing the James Earl Jones movie, then I suggest  
>>you go back to primary sources: The Interrupted Journey by  
>>John Fuller and Walter N. Webb's original investigation, when I  
>>referred the case to him after hearing from Betty Hill while at  
>>NICAP. Do some homework.

>What a sneering 'de haut en bas' comment from the Grand Old Man  
>of American ufology.

<snip>

Not so "high or low" if I got your French right, Mr. Rimmer.  
Balanced and thoughtful, is more like it - which should give the  
reader pause - and this is forgetting that I find your "Grand  
Old Man of American ufology" sneer especially repellent.

If I were Mr. Hall, perhaps rather predictably, I'd eat your  
literary face for the affront. Fact is, he's the grand old man  
of Ufology, period. [snap!]

Oh, you mention subsequently an allusion to Mr. King's  
"interest." <LOL> That, decidedly, remains to be seen, Sir.  
Possible sycophantic support of your 'position' does not an  
uncomplicated "interest" make.

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## Pravda: Tunguska UFO Op-Ed Piece

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 12:49:31 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 09:35:24 -0400  
Subject: Pravda: Tunguska UFO Op-Ed Piece

Well I didn't know Pravda allowed op-ed pieces. Any of you guys write an article for them?

Best,

Greg

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Explorers Find UFO Fragments Response

George Person

Science fiction or science vision, what does the investigation reveal about trace alien metals in the Russian Siberian landscape?

Was the explosion really the destruction of an alien ship from a super advanced alien civilization traveling thousands of light years to our world on a one way mission to reach our humanity?

Any alien group coming to our world from such great distances would most likely have an indestructible life pod, able to withstand impact upon ejection from their celestial cruiser, and have the necessary technology in allowing themselves to establish a concealed their base of operations and genetically alter themselves, or use cloaking technology in allowing themselves to move invisibly among us.

Perhaps a great celestial battle took place! And the ship was shot down and crashed in Russia! Leaving the ship were malevolent aliens out to corrupt and conquer our world.

After all, not long after the crash, world war one took place along with the rise of Bolshevism and the emergence of Hitler and Stalin among the world scene. What an irony it would be if evil aliens were the cause of our worlds problems! And we were really puppets with our emotional strings being yanked around by invisible forces playing the human race for fools.

President Reagan hinted very strongly as he adressed the United Nations, that there were otherworldly threats...Just imagine what President Reagan must have thought as he got the tour of Area 51...He was the Starwars President...He was the great communicator... perhaps it's up to us to read between the lines and sift through the dirt in seeing what alien metals we may find.

George Person

Phoenix  
Arizona

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Some N.M. Scientists Want Close Encounter

By Sue Vorenberg  
Tribune Reporter

Could Roswell be the tragic site of a 1947 alien fender-bender?

Maybe, says Gov. Bill Richardson. Maybe not, say New Mexico scientists.

Still, most say they would relish the chance to investigate if they got it.

"If they find little green men, I want to watch," said Eileen Ryan, an astrobiologist at Magdalena Ridge Observatory outside Socorro.

"The thought of an alien crash is a fantastic idea, and it does capture people's imaginations. I seriously doubt the incident was real, though."

Richardson has brought the controversial notion of a Roswell UFO crash back into the mysterious orange-and lime-colored lights.

In a forward to a new book called "The Roswell Dig Diaries," Richardson said he would like to see all information about the crash disclosed to the public.

"What the governor says is that if there is any additional information, it should be declassified and released," said Billy Sparks, a Richardson spokesman. "If there is not any more information, then it should be stated that everything has been released."

Ken Frazier, editor of the *Skeptical Inquirer*, finds the governor's idea ironic and laughable.

"He was a government agent - he was the energy secretary," Frazier said. "If he thinks the government is covering something up, why didn't he do something about it when he was in the federal government?"

Some New Mexico scientists aren't so quick to judge. Why not open an investigation? It might get more people interested in science, said Spencer Lucas, a curator at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science.

"Obviously, a lot of people are interested in it," Lucas said. "People saw something. Like all good Americans I have an inherent distrust of the government. I don't really think they're covering something up, but I'm a scientist - I think all science should be open to investigation and debate."

And if a new investigation actually turned up something alien?

"That would be great for Roswell," Lucas said with a laugh. "Hopefully we'd also get some alien fossils we could put on display in the museum."

Even better would be if an investigation led to some of the alien's friends coming for a visit. Bill Elwell, a spokesman for the FBI, said he'd love to interrogate an alien.

"I think it would be interesting to see what an alien had to say and get their outlook on our world," Elwell said. "We could even try a polygraph test - but I'm not sure it would work on an alien."

The book investigates a dig near Roswell two years ago by the University of New Mexico. For all the hype, nothing significant was found, said Richard Chapman, director of the UNM Office of Contract Archaeology, which conducted the dig.

"We didn't find any big chunks of flying saucer," Chapman said.

"We could do more work there. We only covered a very small area. If you wanted to do a definitive search, there's a lot more that could be done."

Who knows? Maybe they'd find a hunk of alien spacecraft for the scientists at Sandia National Laboratories' Airworthiness Assurance Center to analyze. They might even be able to tell why the thing crashed in the first place, Dick Perry, the center's manager, said with a laugh.

"We would definitely be interested in obtaining any specimens, because we don't know what the intergalactic effects of time travel and deep space would be," Perry joked. "Really, though, if any metal was found, the thing to do would be to check it against common materials manufactured here in the past 70 years. I doubt aliens would have anything similar."

The cost of a detailed search of the area could easily reach several million dollars, Chapman added.

Richardson didn't say he wanted the state to pay for a new scientific investigation. He just said he wanted any data released from the federal government, Sparks said.

"I know the UFO stuff in that part of the state is a wonderful attraction for tourists," said Laura Crossey, a UNM geology professor.

"I don't know that it's appropriate to spend our money on investigating something like that when there are so many other worthwhile projects.

I don't know that it's a tourist stunt, but I don't think something like that should be a high priority."

Besides, Penny Boston, a Mars expert at New Mexico Tech, says she's sure aliens haven't been here before. They would have come back and looked her up, she said.

"I wish it were true, but I absolutely don't believe it," Boston said. "If there are aliens bopping around our solar system, though, please, please come see me. I'd love to have an alien. Marvin the Martian is my man."

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## Editorial On Recent Roswell Events

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Nice editorial on the recent Roswell events.

Best,

Greg

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Editorial: Bouquets & Brickbats

Bouquet: Aliens

An alien spacecraft crashes near Roswell in 1947; the extraterrestrials' bodies and ship are spirited to remote Area 51 and hidden; the feds toil feverishly to this day to make technological hay from the remains; aliens dwell darkly among us. It's a great story, New Mexico is in the middle of it - and, thanks to Gov. Bill Richardson, it's in the news again.

The gov has courted notoriety by calling for the feds to re-investigate the Roswell incident. He does so in the foreword to "The Roswell Dig Diaries," a new sci-fi book. This is a good thing, with an important caveat.

The story drives UFO skeptics to distraction, and the feds have re-scrutinized it before and found it lacking - once at the request of the late Rep. Steve Schiff.

But the story is plausible around the edges: Something did crash near Roswell; many scientists expect to find life elsewhere in the universe; government in the Land of the Trinity Site long has struggled to keep huge secrets from the public; New Mexico, despite its world-class scientific establishments, exudes a spirit of weirdness apt to UFOs; and existence is mysterious.

The world-renowned tale swells New Mexico's enchantment and, along with it, the state's appeal to tourists and their bulging wallets. So Richardson, in this case, is keeping his promise to encourage economic development. He also, correctly, is calling for full disclosure of everything the government knows. The feds claim they've released all records - but secrecy is the enemy of democracy, and one can't demand such openness too often.

The best outcome now may be for the feds to open their books with the utmost generosity - and the least public fanfare. We wouldn't want to cook the goose that laid the golden egg, would we? Not that we doubt the story. Klaatu barada nikto, y'all.



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## Another Roswell Editorial Piece

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An alien concept

Why do we wonder whether extraterrestrials exist? Why do we care? We can't help it. Our brains are hard-wired that way.

Commentary

By Marcel Harmon

"It's life, Captain, but not life as we know it."

This observation of Mr. Spock's slowly rose from the depths of my subconscious as I stared at the sight before me. In the hands of my 2-year-old son was the torso of an olive green alien mounted on the end of a pencil. As he gleefully twirled the pencil in his hands, the alien's abnormally long arms whirled about.

My family and I are in the gift shop of the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell during the town's annual UFO Festival. Though Carlsbad Caverns was our final destination, curiosity compelled us to stop on our way through.

We wander through a variety of exhibits - the renowned Roswell UFO Incident, archaeological excavations of UFO "crash sites," and many more - all under the watchful "eye" of a saucer-shaped UFO suspended from the ceiling with flashing lights.

Modern society is fascinated by the potential for alien life. "Little green men" permeate the modern world in literature, television, movies, pseudo-science and science.

But why? Why do we care so much whether we're alone in this vast universe?

This fascination has its roots in our species' deep evolutionary past, most of which our ancestors spent roaming the landscape in small bands of hunter-gatherers. According to anthropologist Pascal Boyer, during this time our brains' mental systems became specialized in performing the different tasks required to survive and interact with others in social groups.

Such tasks would have included detecting the presence of animate agents (predators or prey), detecting what others are looking at, figuring out their goals, etc. In other words our brains incorporate a high degree of "agency" in how we perceive and process information.

Hearing the snapping of a branch, a Paleolithic hunter-gatherer would have increased his chances for survival by assigning the noise to the action of a potential predator and then taking the appropriate precautions. Discovery - wondering whom or what lies

beyond our planet - is just an extension of finding out what lies over the next ridge.

But on another level, gods, ghosts and religions are byproducts of how our brains are wired.

Religious and supernatural beliefs are a way to explain and justify our intuitions about events and human behaviors whose cause we can't directly observe or understand. Modern astronomy's understanding of the cosmos (as well as science in general) is only a relatively recent addition to human thought.

As astronomer E.C. Krupp has pointed out, the cosmos has been an important part of humanity's past, helping our ancestors mark the changing seasons and orient themselves on the landscape, critical for their survival.

As a result of our brain's agency component, the cosmos became associated with the supernatural as a way to explain the actions of celestial bodies. Modern pseudo-scientific views of UFOs and ETs are the latest "byproducts" of the way our brains are wired, melding elements of science and the supernatural to explain the cosmic unknown.

This coexistence of religion, science and pseudo-science in our modern world may even represent a turning point in the evolution of our species. Because scientific thought tends to run counter to our natural intuitions, it's as foreign as religion is familiar.

This in part explains why science is much more recent and has less of a foothold than religion does. But perhaps sometime in the distant future, evolution will rewire the human brain giving science the advantage, leaving pseudo-science and religion as sidebars of history.

Back in the gift shop, my son picks a toy space shuttle with operable wheels instead of the alien pencil. Later, I smugly tell my wife that our son represents an important link in the evolutionary chain of our species, where science is gradually gaining on religion and pseudo-science.

My wife slowly turns her head to me, rolls her eyes and says, "Don't be such a dork. You know he has an obsession for anything with wheels."

Well, yes, I can be a dork. But that doesn't mean we can't both be right on this one.

Harmon is a licensed engineer and an anthropologist completing a doctorate in archaeology at the University of New Mexico.

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Hall

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Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 09:49:50 -0400  
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>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 21:51:43 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 22:14:33 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 09:16:08 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>Please forgive this intrusion by a relative newcomer to the  
>>>List.

>>>I think the Hill case is very fascinating, particularly as it  
>>>includes that unusual ingredient... the starmap. While your  
>>>effort to help promote this new product is admirable, your  
>>>comments in response to questions about your statements seem  
>>>based on a few unsubstantiated opinions.

>>>I have read articles pro and con about the Hill case, as it  
>>>captured my imagination and intellect after seeing the old movie  
>>>with James Earl Jones. I cannot remember reading an article  
>>>which outlines the case as you describe.

>>Kyle,

>>If all you know about the Hill case is based on "reading  
>>articles" and seeing the James Earl Jones movie, then I suggest  
>>you go back to primary sources: The Interrupted Journey by  
>>John Fuller and Walter N. Webb's original investigation, when I  
>>referred the case to him after hearing from Betty Hill while at  
>>NICAP. Do some homework.

>What a sneering 'de haut en bas' comment from the Grand Old Man  
>of American ufology. Just because someone, who seems to be  
>genuinely interested in topic, does not have access to a  
>comprehensive library of ufology, and has read magazine articles  
>on the topic - some of which, for all you know, may have been  
>written by Messrs. Hall, Clark, and other ufological doyens,  
>does not merit the dismissal "Do some homework"!

John,

Shocked, were you? My goodness. Kyle doesn't appear to have been  
all that bothered by my comments, which - by the way - were  
rather clearly not directed personally at him, but were more in  
the nature of some observations based on my experience.

In any case, this will serve as a response to both you and him  
about skeptic (i.e., sceptic; certainly not septic) insinuations  
and attitudes. (I accidentally deleted your comments about how  
nobly the skeptics were behaving by not insinuating that the  
Hills were opportunists or self-aggrandizers, but I'm not going  
to start over now. Read on.)

Kyle, I suggest you read Phil Klass's two chapters on the Hill case in his 1968 book, UFOs - Identified, wherein he makes much out of the Hills' interracial marriage and cites Dr. Simon as saying to him that racial tensions probably "played a more important role..." than others believed. (p. 230, hardcover edition). Then again (p. 241) devoting a paragraph to the interracial marriage theme. Then (p. 248, re: insinuations about motives) closes the chapter and discussion by saying that up until their UFO experience the Hills were a typical middle class, largely unknown couple. "Today, they are world-famous celebrities." (Nudge, nudge! Wink, wink!)

Then try Klass's 1974 book, UFOs Explained, (which cries out for a subtitle: Differently This Time; for example, Klass was still pushing his plasma theory in the first book, before it was demolished by Jim McDonald and even suggests that is what the Hills saw!) In a shorter discussion of the Hill case (pp. 296-301, paperback edition) he says: "Barney, a black, was divorced from his first (black) wife and now had an interracial marriage."

This time Klass even manages to combine the racial reference in the same paragraph with a statement that Barney had sought psychiatric help "for personal problems" without supplying the essential context that he did so because of the deeply troubling dreams and other sequelae resulting directly from the UFO encounter. But that's par for the course for Klass, who always has been a major distorter of facts.

I have no problem with Kyle or anyone asking questions, but I certainly don't have the time to do all their homework for them. And I see nothing unreasonable in the slightest of suggesting that if people are curious about a specific case, to read up on it in primary sources. Walter Webb's account appears in The UFO Evidence - Volume II, that turkey of turkeys which sold all of 50 copies in the past year. If some of you would ask your local libraries to order it, you would have a major source of historical information at your fingertips.

- Dick

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Connors

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>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 09:56:43 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 13:36:31 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 09:16:08 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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Kyle,

I am not aware of any racial inpropriety dealing with the Betty and Barney Hill case. There were a few scientific types that rejected the Hill's claim, however.

Just a suggestion here. A huge amount of audio documentation regarding the Hill case is available on my newest audio compilation, which might be worth something to your research and understanding of the case. Sometimes it's better to get information directly from the "horse's mouth" so to speak than from sources years later. You can find information regarding the audio history of the Hill's case and others at:

[www.fadeddiscs.com](http://www.fadeddiscs.com)

Welcome, by the way, to the List.

Wendy Connors

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - King

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>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>>What I often see from my long tenure and historical perspective  
>>is half-informed, highly opinionated people, their minds already  
>>made up about a given case, often because they already 'know'  
>>that UFOs are nonsense, spewing out a lot of garbage. That seems  
>>to be the nature of current so-called "Ufology". Anything but  
>>calm, rational, scientifically oriented discussion.

>Oh how priceless: "my long tenure and historical perspective"!  
>You will of course have deduced that it is only 'skeptibunkers'  
>who have made up their mind about a given case, and spew out  
>nonsense. Eminent authorities like Mr Hall are never opinionated  
>and only ever indulge in calm, rational, scientifically oriented  
>discussion. Rather like Mr Hall's response to your original  
>query.

>Welcome to the List. Stick around, it can only get better.

Mr. Rimmer,

It is an interesting tactic... toss out a provocative,  
unsupported allegation, and then when someone questions the  
allegation, label them as a (insert label here), or worse,  
indict the question by suggesting that the asker is unqualified  
to ask.

While lots of keystrokes are expended, little or no information  
is exchanged... except that Mr. Lehmborg believes he has found a  
"truth" about me.

The funny thing is that I never questioned the validity of his  
assertion, but only asked for evidence to support it by pointing  
out the lack thereof. The reaction has been surprising to say  
the least.

Luckily, Mr. Hall provided an excellent test, which I applied.

Hmmm, perhaps I have learned something after all.

At any rate, the archives of this forum are available. I  
challenge anyone to review my posts and claim that I fit into a  
label. I see as much BS on one side as the other. Dick Hall  
provided a dose of reason with his test, and he deserves credit

for the clarity with which I now perceive Mr. Lehmborg and his assertions.

As for the Hill case, I remain utterly fascinated by it and look forward to hearing the sessions on Wendy's CD. After all, her work was the point of the initial post on this thread...wasn't it?

All the best,

Kyle

PS to Mr. Lehmborg... I honestly do not understand your hostility, and I hope that you are one day able to speak to people as individuals, and not their "side of the bullhorn", as you perceive it. Believe it or not, perceptions are often incorrect... one reason debate exists at all.

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 10:43:56 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>I don't have an opinion about the Hill case, except to say it is  
>a frightening episode for anyone to experience. I don't envy  
>them. I am too "half-informed" to be an authority on the case.  
>From what I have read in this post, the same could be said of  
>Mr. Lehmborg.

>So, can anyone answer my question? I'd be happy to heap my half-  
>informed opinion on the dolt that would make it a racial issue,  
>or ridicule the story out of hand. I am not one of them.

The answer, so far as I know, is that there are no published commentaries on the Betty and Barney Hill case which describe them as "...two people who very likely made the entire story \_up\_ out of whole cloth, solely for purposes of some late-night time in the looney limelight ...", or any similar description.

I have not been able to find any writings which suggest that the Hills intended to deceive anyone with the accounts of their experiences. Of course, what the sceptics are really being accused of is of putting forward the wrong interpretation of their story, which is to say that the most likely explanation is a psychological one, as first proposed by Dr Benjamin Simon, the psychiatrist who treated the Hills (as described in Fuller's book).

The right explanation, it seems, is that the Hills were really abducted by aliens. It is also OK to say that they were quite possibly abducted by aliens, or even that something happened to them the nature of which we do not understand, or something like that.

Also, it's considered bad form to ask for unequivocal and undeniable evidence to support such stories before accepting them as being literally true accounts of physical events. If you do you will not only be called a "pelicanist", a "noisy negativist", or a "skeptibunker", but possibly, even a "narcissist" (I'm not kidding - search the Archive).

John Harney

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## Re: Sisyphus Revisted - King

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 15:17:51 EDT  
>Subject: Sisyphus Revisted

>Sisyphus Revisted... This Year So Far In Ufology Mysteries

>The shadow of the Greek mythological figure Sisyphus looms once again. Lots of new disclosures, yet the final word awaits.

Always eager to mock fearful angels, in I rush... :)

>Let's see, there's the Mexican UFO video final analyses.

This one will go down as another "best evidence" case which serves to pose more questions than it provides answers. There are answers to be found however. I hope the hard science can point to the kind of "signatures" that allow UFO detection to be less dependent on film and eyewitness testimony. Not that these aren't good evidence, but the corroboration of instrumented observation leaves little wiggle room for those that are unimpressed with less.

>The Russian Tunguska artifact analyses.

Tunguska is a riddle. But this investigation is doomed from the start. Since they state that their intent is to prove an extraterrestrial intelligence was involved, it will not surprise anyone if they find evidence to support it. On the other hand, to many their results will necessarily be tainted by their subjective approach.

Likewise, I think any research group who decided to prove that the event was of a mundane nature would be perceived similarly, but by a different demographic.

>The new Noah's Ark search.

Stories of the Great Flood abound in human history, er, pre-history. Apparently worldwide floods used to happen more often than they do now. :) If it can be determined that the site truly contains remnants of a craft, and its dimensions fit the biblical record, I'd be hard-pressed to doubt it. But faith does not require facts, and facts do not prove the validity of faith.

>The Mars rovers and ESA orbiter analyses.

As the rovers are conspicuously bereft of "life-sensing" equipment, they will serve only to confirm the presence of vast seas in its history. This in itself will be excellent news to the various researchers who have claimed so. The shame is that with the unexpected robustness of the rovers, including said equipment would (at least in hindsight) have provided an excellent chance to confirm the existence of life directly.

The Mars Express has revealed much more. I suspect that we are very close to an announcement of contemporary life on Mars. If there is a watershed moment in the future of our history, this would surely qualify.

>The new 'Roswell Witness' and Gov. Richardson's info.

Roswell shall remain a "best evidence" case to be debated ad infinitum, while Gov. Richardson's efforts will result in more official denial. Of course, the official denials will simply fuel all sides of the debate.

>Quite a year for revelations and edge of our seat excitement.  
>Did I miss one or two?

My seat edge is getting more wear in anticipation of a "Life on Mars" announcement than from any other story.

>Anyone wanna hazard a guess on how this will all turn out?

If life does exist on Mars now - such an inhospitable place - it would tend to support the idea that it is extant life... what is left. This leads to the real revelation. Life is ancient on Mars, and the future of the Earth may very well be revealed in Mars' past...and present Planet of the Apes meets Richard Hoagland...that'll keep me brewing "French Market Coffee and Chicory" through the night. :)

My ha'pennies worth,

Kyle

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## Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 00:21:33 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 12:13:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell - King

>From: Michael Bilodeau <[micbilodeau.nul-bec.com](mailto:micbilodeau.nul-bec.com)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 23:21:36 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 09:48:00 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: New Mexico Governor Rekindles Roswell

<snip>

>By the way, you may spin it the way you want, but abductions  
>only grow in ufology, not in Italian cuisine books. One cannot  
>dissociate them from the UFO Phenomena. They may well be the  
>reason why there will be no disclosure any soon. One can live  
>with the possibility of alien visitors in star ships. I doubt  
>the disclosure effort can survive the idea that the abductions  
>might be real.

Michael,

The only model that allows for UFOs, which does not involve abductions, would be the disclosure that UFOs are the product of secret tech. Unless one accepts that the government abducts them.

If photographic evidence of an abduction, i.e., film from a neighbor of a craft and it's occupants in the act of abducting someone, it would almost inevitably unite the factions involved.

I'm curious whether any existing abductee has responded to their experience by installing cameras to record any subsequent nocturnal visitations.

Perhaps there is a correlation between the paradox of how few UFOs are filmed in this era of ever increasing number of cameras, and the limited photographic evidence in the abduction record. If I am mistaken in this, I would be very interested to hear of abduction film or video evidence.

I find both phenomena equally vexing, and the respective debaters seem to find the same hidey holes in which to hurl invective at one another. Birds of a feather?? :)

To think that they are mutually exclusive phenomena would be limited thinking in light of the leaps required by either alone.

By leaps of course, I mean the leaps in paradigm shift such a revelation...proven beyond doubt...would bring.

Unfortunately, that doesn't mean they have to get along. :)

Kyle

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## The Mothman Prophecies On TNT

From: Loren Coleman <[lcoleman.nul](mailto:lcoleman.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 10:23:39 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 12:15:20 -0400  
Subject: The Mothman Prophecies On TNT

Just for the record...

The television broadcast network TNT had their premiere screening of The Mothman Prophecies (Sony/Screen Gems, 2002) on Friday, August 20, 2004, at 8pm ET.

This is the first appearance of this motion picture on a widely received television network, outside the commercial-free realm of HBO, Cinemax, and similar cable outlets.

In the wake of this national broadcast, I have noticed a resulting renewed 2004 interest in all things Mothman.

It perhaps is just one of those coincidences of the unexplained that the first reports of what would become known as "Mothman" occurred in the TNT area near Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

Enjoy,

Loren

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 09:39:16 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 12:18:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmborg

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 02:52:32 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>An interesting animated gif image is found here:

>[http://www.spaceweather.com/swpod2004/15aug04/locker1\\_big.gif](http://www.spaceweather.com/swpod2004/15aug04/locker1_big.gif)

>(watch wrap)

>Although as an IFO the ISS is not on-topic, it's a good example  
>of how a known object may appear to be anomalous, particularly  
>if the viewer were unfamiliar with the ISS orbit, or it's  
>appearance through an 8" telescope.

>I was especially intrigued by its apparent "triangular" shape.

>And the solar disc makes a fine backdrop, too. :)

>I actually get goosebumps over stuff like this... obviously  
>there is something amiss with me. But awesome images of grand-  
>scale objects - seen as if on a microscope stage! - are, as we  
>used to say in college, "Choice!".

>Bravo to John Locker, the astronomer/photographer!

LOL!

In other words, "...sleep, sleep, good people... all of your  
'anomalies' are mere prosaics and there is nothing new under the  
sun. All questions are answered, all obligations met, and there  
is wonder enough in the mechanisms of man that they can be  
taken for UFOs and monsters, little green men, and 'things that  
bump' on a dark, dark night... <heavy sigh> ...made, of course,  
from the furtive, uneducated, and irrational minds of the  
mislead, the misleading, or the moronic and mentally ill. Klass  
trumps Hall in the name of the scientific (sic) father, the  
sycophantic CSICOPian son, and the wholly 'groped'. Amen."

.Just a little more friendly intemperance (if not well  
provoked intransigence) for your Sunday afternoon, Mr. King.  
You're not fooling anyone, Sir. Believe me, you're wearing a  
rotating flasher/strobe regarding your contentions. Something  
is amiss with you, Sir, in my opinion, and it raises  
gooseflesh on me. In my opinion, of course, remember. <g>

Read on.

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 14:47:16 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 12:22:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Hall

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 13:43:40 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 21:51:43 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 22:14:33 +0000  
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 09:16:08 -0500  
>>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>>What I often see from my long tenure and historical perspective  
>>>>is half-informed, highly opinionated people, their minds already  
>>>>made up about a given case, often because they already 'know'  
>>>>that UFOs are nonsense, spewing out a lot of garbage. That seems  
>>>>to be the nature of current so-called "Ufology". Anything but  
>>>>calm, rational, scientifically oriented discussion.

>>>>Oh how priceless: "my long tenure and historical perspective"!  
>>>>You will of course have deduced that it is only 'skeptibunkers'  
>>>>who have made up their mind about a given case, and spew out  
>>>>nonsense. Eminent authorities like Mr Hall are never opinionated  
>>>>and only ever indulge in calm, rational, scientifically oriented  
>>>>discussion. Rather like Mr Hall's response to your original  
>>>>query.

>>Welcome to the List. Stick around, it can only get better.

>Mr. Rimmer,

>It is an interesting tactic... toss out a provocative,  
>unsupported allegation, and then when someone questions the  
>allegation, label them as a (insert label here), or worse,  
>indict the question by suggesting that the asker is unqualified  
>to ask.

>While lots of keystrokes are expended, little or no information  
>is exchanged... except that Mr. Lehmborg believes he has found a  
>"truth" about me.

>The funny thing is that I never questioned the validity of his  
>assertion, but only asked for evidence to support it by pointing  
>out the lack thereof. The reaction has been surprising to say  
>the least.

>Luckily, Mr. Hall provided an excellent test, which I applied.

>Hmmm, perhaps I have learned something after all.

>At any rate, the archives of this forum are available. I

>challenge anyone to review my posts and claim that I fit into a  
>label. I see as much BS on one side as the other. Dick Hall  
>provided a dose of reason with his test, and he deserves credit  
>for the clarity with which I now perceive Mr. Lehmborg and his  
>assertions.

>As for the Hill case, I remain utterly fascinated by it and look  
>forward to hearing the sessions on Wendy's CD. After all, her  
>work was the point of the initial post on this thread...wasn't  
>it?

>All the best,

>Kyle

>PS to Mr. Lehmborg... I honestly do not understand your  
>hostility, and I hope that you are one day able to speak to  
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>incorrect... one reason debate exists at all.

P.P.S. by Richard Hall

I honestly don't understand John Rimmer's hostility either,  
apparently bordering on seething anger. If he would refrain from  
spitting venom over my remarks, I could (if I had the time and  
inclination) give him numerous specific examples. But often with  
him I lack the inclination. If he had read my writings (I can  
never seem to get a clear answer out of him whether he has), he  
would know that I am just as tough on gullible believers who  
think everything the slightest bit odd-looking in the sky is an  
alien spaceship. They spout a great deal of garbage too. And  
John still seems quite exercised about my original response to  
you. Odd duck, I guess. (Notice I refrained from using  
"pelican.")

What you are discovering on this List is that a lot of people  
feel very strongly about these matters, and sometimes you can  
touch a nerve quite innocently without meaning to be  
provocative. One could write volumes about why people are angry  
and alienated (and I have contributed my share) and sometimes  
let their emotions run away with them. I appreciate your  
civility.

- Dick

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 09:59:04 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 12:24:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 20:20:15 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 10:43:56 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

Patient and gentle Listfolk:

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>or a "skeptibunker", but possibly, even a "narcissist" (I'm not  
>kidding - search the Archive).

Coming as it does from a self-described skeptic, the self-pitying tone of the above is nothing novel - it is, as students of the phenomenon are aware, a polemical staple - but it is curious indeed that John Harney should whimper at being called a "pelicanist". As a recent piece (a review of my book on pilot sightings, *Strange Skies*) in his UFOphobic (though always, er, interesting) magazine *Magonia* informs us, he is a pelicanist in the most literal sense. He claims to take seriously the demonstrably pseudoscientific pelican "explanation" for the Arnold sighting (search the Archive) - the very one that led me to coin the phrase.\* I am happy to see, by the way, that "pelicanist" and "pelicanism" seem destined to survive in the ufological vocabulary. It proves that ufologists, if not their critics, have a sense of humor.

What in the world is John yapping about when he barks about "unequivocal and undeniable evidence"? If there were "unequivocal and undeniable evidence" - which he cannot be bothered to define (my guess is that he means something like, as the old expression favored by Willy Ley has it, "wreckage, machinery, or bodies") - there would be no UFO controversy, would there?

There wouldn't even be UFOs, because there would be no more unidentified flying objects. "Unequivocal and undeniable evidence" would have solved the mystery, and we would be calling what we now call UFOs by the name that characterizes their actual nature and identity. In short, we could discard the tentative phrase with which, absent "unequivocal and undeniable evidence," we are forced to adorn them.

Harney's complaint is strange and sadly hollow. If Harney wants "unequivocal and undeniable evidence," there are many areas of inquiry for which such exists (and many others, such as ball-lightning research, for which it doesn't). I would urge him to abandon ufology - the strain of uncertainty is evidently too much for his fragile nerves - and seek a more comforting pursuit, free of vexing ambiguities, complications, and intellectual challenges.

Jerry Clark

\*A pelicanist is "one who proposes hard-to-believe solutions to puzzling UFO sightings." - Strange Skies, p. 35.

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Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 10:09:35 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 12:29:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmborg

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Very reasonable 'sounding', Mr. King. A seeming portrait of calm  
civility and gracious rationality.

With regard to 'hostility' on my part, well... you're new.

Perhaps, presuming real genuineness on your part, you'll  
understand better after you've been on the List for a few  
years.

Oddly, persons similar to yourself come and go on the UpDates  
List all the time, and flash in Errol's sturdy pan like wet  
powder, but not because I harass them with my "name-calling,"  
lack of collegiality, or my intemperate commentary.

Provoked, I react in a measured manner. I'm not shy. Anything  
else is tacit agreement with dodgy ethics - in my opinion -  
intellectual cowardice - in my opinion - and flatulent  
philosophical flim-foolery - in my opinion - not to put too  
fine a point on it.

We're not alone, dude... get over it. I accept that even if you  
can't or won't. I won't celebrate a reflex intransigence, Sir,  
just as you, presumably, would not celebrate mine.

See you in a couple of months... then maybe we can 'talk'.

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Pity the poor maligned skeptibunky, that "thin blue line"  
between order and chaos, the 'lettered' teacher, the 'inspired'  
leader, and that holder of the 'balanced' guiding light. <LOL>

I sincerely suspect that you would not accept that 'evidence' if  
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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <[Stuart.Miller4.nul](mailto:Stuart.Miller4.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 16:43:41 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 12:36:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Miller

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 21:28:16 +0100  
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>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 15:38:35 +0100  
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>>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>>Lets start with the obvious but presumably the least acceptable.  
>>The reason for the silence is because there's nothing to tell  
>>people anything about. Nothing's going on - it's all either  
>>natural phenomena or military aircraft.

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>(The Magonia Mafia adding its two cents)

Hello John,

You've got to ask yourself, is it worth it? You scatter-gun a few remarks here and there in response to various posts, and then what? You've now got to spend time checking out Alfred's references to make sure he's not talking tripe, and a sure fire dig at Dick Hall seems to have rather limply fallen by the wayside. And your partner sees you drowning and rushes in, as always, to retighten the truss or whatever.

Never mind. I'm sure my response will cause you no difficulty at all.

That option John, is certainly unacceptable to me. I suspect it is unacceptable to Greg, though I don't know for sure, and I would imagine it's unacceptable to a great many others on this List as well. Is it unacceptable to you?

To make you feel a bit more comfortable, I am happy to say that in my mind, UFO does not necessarily equate to ET. Do you know how hard it was for me to say that? It feels like I've stabbed my entire philosophical credo in the back. Remember though, I'm a believer, just back from Sunday worship at The Church of The Later Day Reticulians (motto: I have Faith in my Belief). So I'm certainly down in the "flakey" corner as far as you're concerned.

Let's see now, what else do I believe?

Well, I believe it's very likely that intelligent extraterrestrial life has frequently, over the aeons, paid us various visits, etc., and a good deal of all the other cliched

stuff that those of a lesser intellectual bent involved in this subject like to believe too.

John, you have no idea how much fun it is to be stupid.

Out of interest, do you believe in anything at all?

Stuart Miller

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## Roswell Roswell Roswell

From: Jan Aldrich <[project1947.nul](mailto:project1947.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 13:45:21 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 13:23:17 -0400  
Subject: Roswell Roswell Roswell

There They Go Again.....

Once again, Roswell grabs the imagination of politicians and the media. And again ufologists will ride forward on a heady wave challenging the authorities to stand and deliver.

Perhaps, just perhaps, the Roswell legend will prove absolute and positively true.

However, a word of caution and plea for sanity.

The GAO investigation put pressure on many agencies to look for records on Roswell, not UFOs.

As a byproduct of the GAO investigation, interesting UFO files did indeed turn up:

The 4th Air Force UFO files 1947-1950 Air Force Public Information Office Files Project SIGN/Project Grudge Investigative Files 1948-1949

However, I understand that the a number of other interesting files on UFOs were uncovered, by authorities in the Roswell search, but since they had no relation to Roswell, they were not released. Typical of government and especially the military, if you give someone a mission, they do that mission single-mindedly without thoughts of other considerations.

It is my personal considered opinion that further search for early UFO records should not be solely focused on Roswell. I submit the blasphemous notion that Roswell is not the be all and end all of ufology. And even more, it may not be a UFO incident at all. However, early UFO records seem to me to be keys to much of what was going on before ideas solidified about the UFO question.

A number of us continue to look into these early records.

Some years ago, the Project 1947 website contained comments on the search for Roswell records and where additional research might find information on Roswell.

<http://project1947.com/roswell/rosearch.htm>

My focus is not Roswell, although I have done further research into official 1947 and early UFO era records.

What surprises me is that in the over three and half years since these suggestions were posted I have not heard from anyone who has checked on the suggested sources.

The only thing I have heard is phoney baloney claims: "I have a tape recording from an Indian witness who supports Gerald Anderson" or "My father has a citation from General Hap Arnold for his work investigating the Roswell incident." Copies of both of these were promised in the mail, the former not once but twice, but never materialized.

Okay, now bring on the brickbats, but before you do, let me say

this, what you have done, is far more important than what you think. Ideas and opinions are cheap, really research is difficult and shows commitment.

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## Re: Brunswick Photos & Angel Hair - Hale

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 00:04:41 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 11:01:36 -0400  
Subject: Re: Brunswick Photos & Angel Hair - Hale

>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 11:21:28 -0700  
>Subject: Brunswick photos & Angel Hair

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>The clearest and most interesting of these is the three-photo  
>series on pg. 239. All the little dots and strands of stuff that  
>Ray called diarrhea have identifiable shapes and spatial  
>relationships. These can be followed and traced through the  
>three photos. The craft can be seen to move through the angel  
>hair-like strands and puffs, which seem to be floating slowly  
>down.

>Maybe these effects could be faked, but I don't know how. That's  
>why I wanted Ray to look at these photos. I think they show the  
>existence of a structured craft of unknown origin and establish  
>the association between angel hair and UFO.

Ed,

Stanford damns the Adamski photos, damns the Brunswick  
photocollection - yet he appears to doggedly avoid peer review  
of his own much vaunted personal UFO film evidence.

What's the point talking to him about these collections of  
photos? He cannot represent his knowledge as superior to that of  
other people's submitted collections of UFO images in the way he  
his claiming.

Stanford claims he has authentic research material in his  
possession to win his argument over photographic authenticity.  
Yet I learn he has chosen to withhold that same evidence from  
his peers, this can legitimately be taken as BS.

Let Stanford give us the evidence to back his argument up. I  
want to see credible evidence of these remarkable films he seems  
to base the majority of his arguments on. If he possess the  
holy grail of ufology then show us.

For the full archive Stanford interview:

Interview transcript on 'Strange Days... Indeed' Program #234  
Broadcast 9:00 p.m. March 29, 2003 NewsTalk 1010 CFRB - Toronto  
& The Web @ [www.cfrb.com](http://www.cfrb.com)

Roy

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## Re: Roswell Roswell Roswell

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 13:40:39 EDT  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 11:03:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: Roswell Roswell Roswell

>From: Jan Aldrich <[project1947.nul](mailto:project1947.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 13:45:21 -0400  
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>of what was going on before ideas solidified about the UFO  
>question.

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I can agree alot here Jan.

I did look at 5 or more newspaper sources during the 1940's. I recall emailing you some of the dates etc. You're right that there was more than just Roswell going on prior to and after that event.

Although I recall you disagreed with me on one point regarding the government proposing the ETH during the '47 wave. I'd have to go back to NY and dig up those xeroxes from the microfilm I got from the library.

What also alarmed me were the wind patterns of those days of atomic testing. I found a story where a farmer we knew found a RAWIN on his farm in upstate NY. We looked at could a RAWIN or any other weather balloon launched from New Mexico reach NY. we looked at the published weather graphics and sure as heck they showed the wind patterns often covered that path. To corroborate, the science reporter I trained under told me that there was a bone of contention because any fallout from testing also followed that path and got into the dairy cattle and then into us!

I spent months going through God knows how many newspaper archives from the NY Times, Daily News, Poughkeepsie Journal etc. and got quite new outlook on the history of UFOs in news. Went to your website at [project1947.com](http://project1947.com) and got more of an education.

While I was in the library I got the opportunity to look at papers going back about 200 years. People were always reporting weird things.

Me, I like spending months at a time digging in archives, libraries old flea market book stores ( I actually found many a UFO book autographed by people like Ruppelt and Keyhoe and some of the books had personal notes and pics I guess someone forgot to take with them ).

Jan, I don't know how you find the time to go through all those files but thanks for doing so!



Best ,  
Greg

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## Write That Editorial And Op Ed Piece

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 13:47:54 EDT  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 11:06:33 -0400  
Subject: Write That Editorial And Op Ed Piece

As we've seen many a time a UFO story hits the wires that some 'professor' or 'scientist' gets quoted as declaring it a hoax or real without the story presenting the data for the public to decide first.

There is an opportunity for ufologists to stop this nonsense and do the public a good service. It's monumental though.

Each newspaper has it's editorial page. No secret there but those pages carry a lot of weight. I mean a lot of weight in the short and long term. Some papers are the big uns and some are small but if their stories hit the wires or not it would be cool if whenever a big UFO story or even one of the past stories has a fresh look.

What I'm saying is get the email address or snail mail address of the newspapers in your area then state and pop off a 'Letter to the Editor' when something occurs. The wire services scan for these letters and op-ed pieces and it would be good for professionals to respond so that the public can be aware that there are resources they can dig into from a pro instead of someone from the cheap seats.

Could mean major hits to your website too. :)

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 20:14:19 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 11:08:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 09:59:04 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 20:20:15 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>Patient and gentle Listfolk:

For new readers: This indicates a hilarious attempt to be patronising.

>>Also, it's considered bad form to ask for unequivocal and undeniable evidence to support such stories before accepting them >>as being literally true accounts of physical events. If you do >>you will not only be called a "pelicanist", a "noisy negativist", >>or a "skeptibunker", but possibly, even a "narcissist" (I'm not >>kidding - search the Archive).

>Coming as it does from a self-described skeptic,

Could you cite the item in which I describe myself as a skeptic (sceptic)?

>the self-pitying tone of the above is nothing novel - it is, as students >of the phenomenon are aware, a polemical staple - but it is >curious indeed that John Harney should whimper at being called a >"pelicanist".

I don't whimper at being called a "pelicanist" (I'm much too old to worry about such things), I merely find such idiocy mildly amusing.

>As a recent piece (a review of my book on pilot sightings, Strange Skies) in his UFOphobic (though always, er, >interesting) magazine Magonia informs us, he is a pelicanist in >the most literal sense.

Yes, I wrote the review but I don't actually edit the magazine - John Rimmer is the editor. Perhaps he should print the names of the editorial team in bigger letters.

>He claims to take seriously the demonstrably pseudoscientific pelican "explanation" for the >Arnold sighting (search the Archive) - the very one that led me >to coin the phrase.\*

A number of people argued against the pelican theory at some length, so they presumably took it seriously. Its chief weakness seems to be that it supposes that Arnold's estimates of speeds and distances were highly inaccurate. This does not, however, make it "demonstrably pseudoscientific", as "pseudoscientific" does not mean the same as "unacceptable to credulous UFO enthusiasts".

>I am happy to see, by the way, that  
>"pelicanist" and "pelicanism" seem destined to survive in the  
>ufological vocabulary. It proves that ufologists, if not their  
>critics, have a sense of humor.

And a pretty feeble sense of humour it is, if that's a sample of it.

>What in the world is John yapping about when he barks about  
>"unequivocal and undeniable evidence"? If there were  
>"unequivocal and undeniable evidence" - which he cannot be  
>bothered to define (my guess is that he means something like, as  
>the old expression favored by Willy Ley has it, "wreckage,  
>machinery, or bodies") - there would be no UFO controversy,  
>would there?

That's right, that's what we want - wreckage, machinery and bodies - and wouldn't we have them if they were not all stashed away in heavily guarded hangars at Wright-Patterson AFB? However, in their absence I think I prefer more rational explanations. If there were no UFO controversy that would be tragic, as it would be the end for all those crazy conferences and gee-whiz books.

<snip>

>Harney's complaint is strange and sadly hollow. If Harney wants  
>"unequivocal and undeniable evidence," there are many areas of  
>inquiry for which such exists (and many others, such as ball-  
>lightning research, for which it doesn't). I would urge him to  
>abandon ufology - the strain of uncertainty is evidently too  
>much for his fragile nerves - and seek a more comforting  
>pursuit, free of vexing ambiguities, complications, and  
>intellectual challenges.

"Fragile nerves" - this is the famous Jerry Clark Mind-Reading Act, folks.

>\*A pelicanist is "one who proposes hard-to-believe solutions to  
>puzzling UFO sightings" - Strange Skies, p. 35.

Note - not "irrational" or "plainly false", but "hard-to-believe". It doesn't matter if it's the true answer or not, if you don't like it, the proposer of it is a "pelicanist".

John Harney

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From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 20:53:05 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 11:10:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Rimmer

>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 18:04:59 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>Kyle, I suggest you read Phil Klass's two chapters on the Hill  
>case in his 1968 book, UFOs - Identified, wherein he makes  
>much out of the Hills' interracial marriage and cites Dr. Simon  
>as saying to him that racial tensions probably "played a more  
>important role..." than others believed. (p. 230, hardcover  
>edition). Then again (p. 241) devoting a paragraph to the  
>interracial marriage theme. Then (p. 248, re: insinuations about  
>motives) closes the chapter and discussion by saying that up  
>until their UFO experience the Hills were a typical middle  
>class, largely unknown couple. "Today, they are world-famous  
>celebrities." (Nudge, nudge! Wink, wink!)

>Then try Klass's 1974 book, UFOs Explained, (which cries out for  
>a subtitle: Differently This Time; for example, Klass was still  
>pushing his plasma theory in the first book, before it was  
>demolished by Jim McDonald and even suggests that is what the  
>Hills saw!) In a shorter discussion of the Hill case (pp. 296-  
>301, paperback edition) he says: "Barney, a black, was divorced  
>from his first (black) wife and now had an interracial  
>marriage."

>This time Klass even manages to combine the racial reference in  
>the same paragraph with a statement that Barney had sought  
>psychiatric help "for personal problems" without supplying the  
>essential context that he did so because of the deeply troubling  
>dreams and other sequelae resulting directly from the UFO  
>encounter. But that's par for the course for Klass, who always  
>has been a major distorter of facts.

As you have been able to provide references which Mr Lehmborg  
either does not know about, or declines to divulge, I don't have  
a copy of "UFOs Identified" to hand, so can't comment on the  
context of Klass's comments about becoming "world famous  
celebrities", but if he is indeed insinuating that the Hill's  
made up the case "out of the whole cloth" to become celebrities,  
I think he is quite wrong.

The account in "UFOs Explained" is very brief and relies mostly  
on Dr Simon's statements about the case. I agree that the  
statement that Barney sought psychiatric help "for personal  
problems" is misleading in not presenting the reasons for this.  
There I've said it: Klass was wrong. Do I get pecked to death  
by pelicans now?

As I think that the main stimulus behind this case was a  
combination of mistaken perception and psychosocial issues, I do  
not think it irrelevant to mention the nature of the Hills  
marriage, however I do not see that pointing out the fact that  
the hills were an inter-racial couple (as almost all  
commentators on the case, pro- and con- have done) in itself as  
evidence of racism, as Mr Lehmborg seems to imply

>I have no problem with Kyle or anyone asking questions, but I  
>certainly don't have the time to do all their homework for them.

>And I see nothing unreasonable in the slightest of suggesting  
>that if people are curious about a specific case, to read up on  
>it in primary sources.

But preferably not in such a peremptory and snooty manner .. "Do  
your homework" sounds more like a putdown than an encouragement  
to further research.

>Walter Webb's account appears in The UFO  
>Evidence - Volume II, that turkey of turkeys which sold all of  
>50 copies in the past year. If some of you would ask your local  
>libraries to order it, you would have a major source of  
>historical information at your fingertips.

I'm glad that we librarians (if our libraries are adequately  
funded) can be of some assistance!

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 16:43:41 +0100  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 21:28:16 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>>From: Stuart Miller <[Stuart.Miller4.nul](mailto:Stuart.Miller4.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 15:38:35 +0100  
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If Mr Lehmborg were ever to offer a reference I would be happy  
to check it out, but so far my money is on the tripe.

>and a sure fire  
>dig at Dick Hall seems to have rather limply fallen by the  
>wayside. And your partner sees you drowning and rushes in, as  
>always, to retighten the truss or whatever.

We operate as a double act, didn't you know that?

>Never mind. I'm sure my response will cause you no difficulty at  
>all.

>That option John, is certainly unacceptable to me. I suspect it  
>is unacceptable to Greg, though I don't know for sure, and I  
>would imagine it's unacceptable to a great many others on this  
>List as well. Is it unacceptable to you?

Yes it is, as you might have guessed. Greg Boone has been quite  
subtle in making the sceptical, Magonian case by cleverly  
describing the unfeasibly massive conspiracy that would  
theoretically be needed to maintain the level of secrecy over  
UFO contacts and to ensure that no government would ever leak

the story.

By a process of reductio ad absurdum, he has show just how unlikely the massive global secrecy agenda would need to be, and has neatly demonstrated that the most likely explanation for the total official silence about the various UFO phenomena over the past half-century has been, in his own words, "because there's nothing to tell people anything about. Nothing's going on - it's all either natural phenomena or military aircraft."

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>Well, I believe it's very likely that intelligent  
>extraterrestrial life has frequently, over the aeons, paid us  
>various visits, etc., and a good deal of all the other cliched  
>stuff that those of a lesser intellectual bent involved in this  
>subject like to believe too.

>John, you have no idea how much fun it is to be stupid.

>Out of interest, do you believe in anything at all?

Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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## Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind - Rimmer

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Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 21:48:00 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 11:14:13 -0400  
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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 08:30:20 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind

>and here, in the Second letter to Dr. Carroll, almost what you  
>had duplicitously asked for, if not spot on:

><http://skepdic.com/comments/aliencom.html>

Mr Lehmborg has at last, after a great deal of provocation, presented a quotation from a sceptic who suggests that the Hills made up their abduction story as a means of avoiding racial attacks on themselves:

Quote:

26 Nov 99

Re: Betty and Barney Hill "Abduction" Scenario

A former colleague of mine who studied ethnicity and race relations at Oakland University proposed the following alternative explanation for the famous "alien abduction" case. One of the facts of the case that many researchers, skeptics, and UFO buffs tend to overlook is that the Hills were an interracial couple, and that the "abduction" allegedly occurred in 1961, a time when racial tensions in America were high, and, to paraphrase author James W. Loewen, a couple such as the Hills might have reasonably feared being "killed or beaten by white racists simply for holding hands as an interracial couple or eating together in a restaurant" (Lies My Teacher Told Me, 228).

According to my colleague's theory, the Hills fabricated the sensational tale of being kidnapped by alien beings in order to intentionally draw attention from the media, thus placing themselves somewhat "in the public eye," locally if not nationally.

Their story gained them not only media coverage, but also the attention of a prominent psychiatrist, Dr. Benjamin Simon. Regardless of whether reporters, the public, or the doctors who examined the Hills actually believed them (Dr. Simon did not, stating that the story was a "fantasy"), the recognition the story brought the couple helped ensure that they would not become the victims of a racist attack. In other words, it's harder to get away with killing a famous person than it is to get away with killing a "nobody."

The "fame" the Hills generated with their story might just have been enough to ensure that, if one or both of them ever met an untimely demise in a dark alley, they would be more likely to be missed, the crime would be more likely to be reported in the media, law enforcement would be less likely to "look the other way," etc. Thus, by "making themselves famous" with their alien abduction tale, the Hills were setting up a deterrent to any hate crimes that might be perpetrated against them. The Hills really were fearing for their lives, though not from the threat

of alien abduction, but from the threat of racist violence.

In closing, I'd like to point out that their strategy does seem to have worked. When Barney Hill died seven years later, it was of natural causes, and Betty Hill survived him for years afterward (neither ever reported any further "abductions"). Unfortunately, their story, born of desperation, seems to have been the inspiration for the hundreds of later accounts that make up the "alien abduction" phenomenon. If my colleague's theory is sound (and I think it has some merit), then how very ironic it is indeed that one couple's attempt to protect themselves during turbulent and dangerous times seems to have spawned an entire "movement" based on paranoia, irrationality, and delusions!

End quote

I think there may be racial issues behind the psychological aspects of the Hill abduction, and these are alluded to in the other references Mr Lehmborg gives, but at no point do any of the other writers suggest that the Hills deliberately made up their story, or make any racialist remarks about them or indulge in any personal criticism.

The person quoted above does, and I think he (or she) is talking rot.

I can't really reply to the rest of Mr Lehmborg's comments, as I don't understand them. I do not recall at any point criticising Wendy Connors or making any comments on the Fish star map, but maybe with suitable hypnotic regression ...

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmberg

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Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 18:11:53 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 11:15:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmberg

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>>>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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<snip>

>Shocked, were you? My goodness. Kyle doesn't appear to have been  
>all that bothered by my comments, which - by the way - were  
>rather clearly not directed personally at him, but were more in  
>the nature of some observations based on my experience.

>In any case, this will serve as a response to both you and him  
>about skeptic (i.e., sceptic; certainly not septic) insinuations  
>and attitudes. (I accidentally deleted your comments about how  
>nobly the skeptics were behaving by not insinuating that the  
>>Hills were opportunists or self-aggrandizers, but I'm not going  
>to start over now. Read on.)

>Kyle, I suggest you read Phil Klass's two chapters on the Hill  
>case in his 1968 book, UFOs - Identified, wherein he makes  
>much out of rhe Hills' interracial marriage and cites Dr. Simon  
>as saying to him that racial tensions probably "played a more  
>important role..." than others believed. (p. 230, hardcover  
>edition). Then again (p. 241) devoting a paragraph to the  
>interracial marriage theme. Then (p. 248, re: insinuations about  
>motives) closes the chapter and discussion by saying that up  
>until their UFO experience the Hills were a typical middle  
>class, largely unknown couple. "Today, they are world-famous  
>celebrities." (Nudge, nudge! Wink, wink!)

>Then try Klass's 1974 book, UFOs Explained, (which cries out for  
>a subtitle: Differently This Time; for example, Klass was still  
>pushing his plasma theory in the first book, before it was  
>demolished by Jim McDonald and even suggests that is what the  
>Hills saw!) In a shorter discussion of the Hill case (pp. 296-  
>301, paperback edition) he says: "Barney, a black, was divorced  
>from his first (black) wife and now had an interracial  
>marriage."

>This time Klass even manages to combine the racial reference in  
>the same paragraph with a statement that Barney had sought  
>psychiatric help "for personal problems" without supplying the

>essential context that he did so because of the deeply troubling  
>dreams and other sequelae resulting directly from the UFO  
>encounter. But that's par for the course for Klass, who always  
>has been a major distorter of facts.

>I have no problem with Kyle or anyone asking questions, but I  
>certainly don't have the time to do all their homework for them.  
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>50 copies in the past year. If some of you would ask your local  
>libraries to order it, you would have a major source of  
>historical information at your fingertips.

I get it! This is how and why one can push through the  
interminable idiocy and canted abstractionism of one of Klass's  
churlish screeds! So it can be pushed up the running noses of  
skeptibunkies later on, and for decades to come! Wotta  
concept! LOL!

...Bowling deeply, Sir.

[alienview.nul](#)  
EXPLORE "AlienViewGroup" at its HostPros URL.  
<http://www.alienview.net>  
...content to read, content to hear, content to see.....

JOHN FORD RESTORATION FUND -- John will be released eventually.  
He'll need a tax free cash stake to get on his feet. Let's put  
one together for him; the bigger it is -- the more attention  
he gets. It could have been you. E-mail for detail.  
\$450.00 pledged -- \$300.00 collected!

"I cleave the heavens, and soar to the infinite.  
What others see from afar, I leave far behind me."  
- Giordano Bruno, scourged by the scabrously specious scurrilous.

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## Re: Memory and Manipulation - Bueche

From: Will Bueche <[willbueche.nul](mailto:willbueche.nul)>  
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Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 11:17:51 -0400  
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>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>- UFO UpDates Subscribers -  
>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 08:46:39 -0400  
>Subject: Memory and Manipulation

>Source: LA Weekly

><http://www.laweekly.com/ink/04/39/features-abramsky.php>

>08-20 - 26-04

>Memory and Manipulation

>The trials of Elizabeth Loftus, defender of the wrongly accused  
>by Sasha Abramsky

Treading the same ground as before, but willing to keep doing so until my soles wear out:

My reply to the freelance author of the LA Times article (who is indeed a Mr not a Ms fyi):

Dear Mr. Sasha Abramsky,

There's a statement in your article on memory which may have slipped past your fact checking, which I feel I should bring to your attention because it is a powerful example of how a researcher's strongly held opinions can sometimes lead to their misrepresenting their own work when speaking to the press:

"Harvard experimental-psychopathology professor Richard McNally, for example, has run two studies on alien abductees. He found that most reported a form of sleep paralysis known in the profession as hypnopompic episodes..."

As one of the dozen participants in McNally's main study (and the related study which you refer to which was by his student Susan Clancy, for which he received co-authorship credit), I have read both the unpublished and published version of his study, and the published version of Clancy's study.

I can say with accuracy that neither of McNally's studies presented any findings about sleep paralysis.

Rather, McNally simply raised this theory (the widely-held theory of sleep paralysis being a possible explanation for the "alien encounter" experiences) early on in his paper as being the operating assumption by which he viewed the subjects' descriptions. That was the extent of it.

But his research was not a study of sleep paralysis, it was a study involving the physiological responses to the recall of memories. And a rather good study by all accounts. But he had no "findings" about sleep paralysis because his study did not examine sleep paralysis.

So when you reported that he had "found" that his subjects had experienced sleep paralysis, you've been misled. And now the readers of the Los Angeles Times believe that his study "found"

that alien encounters are explained by sleep paralysis.

That McNally may have conveyed this impression to you (that his study involved research into sleep paralysis, or that it presented any findings about sleep paralysis) is unfortunate; it is my belief that even when a researcher is speaking with the popular press (as opposed to a scientific journal) there remains a level of accuracy which one must subscribe to when making claims about one's research. I hope therefore that you were simply repeating comments made earlier which you procured from elsewhere.

It is disheartening to see how truth is sometimes skewed by otherwise excellent researchers to serve their opinions.

In a subject as important as the reliability of human experience, it is always advisable for the press to receive the actual papers that are being discussed, to ensure that the comments made by the researchers are not simply their opinions, but are in fact comments about their actual research findings. While researchers are certainly free to state their opinions, it is important that their opinions are noted as such.

Sincerely,

Will Bueche

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>historical information at your fingertips.

Dick, and others on this thread,

I fully admit that my years of interest in UFOs are simply  
that... years of interest. I hope I have not implied otherwise.  
My involvement with this list is based on a very long-standing  
nagging feeling that the volume of unexplaineds seems to  
indicate that something real is happening. This seemed like a  
good place to find confirmation without having to make the leaps  
required by ZetaTalk, or being subjected to the typical "swamp  
gas" emitted by Phil Klass. I appreciate Mr. Klass and his work,  
but if I believed the theories he espouses, I'd find this forum  
more pitiful than interesting.

I tend to place Mr. Klass in the same "extreme" position as that  
of Zetataalk... albeit at opposing ends of the spectrum.

I am not ashamed to admit that I find the UFO field fun. I don't  
mean that to make light of the experiences reported here, but  
rather to describe my reaction to the intellectual challenge it  
presents. I am absolutely unemotional about the question. My day  
is not ruined when a UFO is proven a hoax, and my day would not  
be ruined by an alien ambassador greeting my President. I'm not  
a skeptibunker, I am not a believer. I am an interested party  
willing to read and learn, and to make comment when I am  
confused, but more commonly when I feel that a statement which  
is subject to question. I do this whether the writer is Philip

Klass or Nancy Lieder.

I don't know everything about this subject. This List serves as a reference work... a Roget's Thesaurus for the UFO field. I have read inspired posts and nonsense on both sides. I respond to both when I feel compelled.

Mr. Hall injected a healthy dose of advice in suggesting his test of assertions made. But he also suggested that I do more than read articles to get the information I seek. I accept that graciously, but reiterate that, in my mind, this is what I was doing by asking questions of the highest authority available - the one who made the statements in question. Note that I did not have to claim that anyone was in error in order to receive hostility and sarcastic prose... all I had to do was ask that the statement be supported.

If someone makes a statement of fact, I hold that they are the party with the burden - in any discussion. A statement of fact that is not supported by evidence is hearsay - nothing more. I don't have the burden of proving it untrue, as I made no statement of fact. If the response is, "It was my opinion", the initial statement is rendered even less worthy of consideration.

If you don't agree with this, you are wrong. IMHO

And to all that responded, I do feel welcomed. And lest we forget, I agree with Mr. Lehmborg about Wendy's new CD. It is a lot of work made concrete, and that is rare indeed.

Wendy, I look forward to getting a copy of your CD. Thank you for your kind words. :)

Kyle

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>>Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 02:52:32 -0500  
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>>An interesting animated gif image is found here:

>>[http://www.spaceweather.com/swpod2004/15aug04/locker1\\_big.gif](http://www.spaceweather.com/swpod2004/15aug04/locker1_big.gif)

>>(watch wrap)

>>Although as an IFO the ISS is not on-topic, it's a good example  
>>of how a known object may appear to be anomalous, particularly  
>>if the viewer were unfamiliar with the ISS orbit, or it's  
>>appearance through an 8" telescope.

>>I was especially intrigued by its apparent "triangular" shape.

>>And the solar disc makes a fine backdrop, too. :)

>>I actually get goosebumps over stuff like this... obviously  
>>there is something amiss with me. But awesome images of grand-  
>>scale objects - seen as if on a microscope stage! - are, as we  
>>used to say in college, "Choice!".

>>Bravo to John Locker, the astronomer/photographer!

>LOL!

>In other words, "...sleep, sleep, good people... all of your  
>'anomalies' are mere prosaics and there is nothing new under the  
>sun. All questions are answered, all obligations met, and there  
>is wonder enough in the mechanisms of man that they can be  
>taken for UFOs and monsters, little green men, and 'things that  
>bump' on a dark, dark night... <heavy sigh>...made, of course,  
>from the furtive, uneducated, and irrational minds of the  
>mislead, the misleading, or the moronic and mentally ill. Klass  
>trumps Hall in the name of the scientific (sic) father, the  
>sycophantic CSICOPian son, and the wholly 'groped'. Amen."

>.Just a little more friendly intemperance (if not well  
>provoked intransigence) for your Sunday afternoon, Mr. King.  
>You're not fooling anyone, Sir. Believe me, you're wearing a  
>rotating flasher/strobe regarding your contentions. Something  
>is amiss with you, Sir, in my opinion, and it raises  
>gooseflesh on me. In my opinion, of course, remember. <g>

Mr. Lehmborg,

You couldn't be more mistaken. Actually, I unintentionally used  
a previous reply mail window and forgot to change the subject  
line of the prior post. It was not intended to be in this thread  
at all. It was an interesting animation because when I initially  
looked at it, it seemed to show a clearly triangular thing, and

that reminded me of how so many things can look odd under the right circumstances. At no time did I "infer" "imply", "intend", "intimate", "suggest", or "insinuate" that real UFOs are all ANYTHING. Where you get this stuff is totally beyond me.

You describe someone that I am not. Why you do so is not known to me, but if it is your opinion, it is based on nothing but some kind of unfortunate mechanism of your imagination.

Kyle

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>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 13:43:40 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

<snip>

>>PS to Mr. Lehmborg... I honestly do not understand your  
>>hostility, and I hope that you are one day able to speak to  
>>people as individuals, and not their "side of the bullhorn", as  
>>you perceive it. Believe it or not, perceptions are often  
>>incorrect... one reason debate exists at all.

>Very reasonable 'sounding', Mr. King. A seeming portrait of calm  
>civility and gracious rationality.

>With regard to 'hostility' on my part, well... you're new.

>Perhaps, presuming real genuineness on your part, you'll  
>understand better after you've been on the List for a few  
>years.

>Oddly, persons similar to yourself come and go on the UpDates  
>List all the time, and flash in Errol's sturdy pan like wet  
>powder, but not because I harass them with my "name-calling,"  
>lack of collegiality, or my intemperate commentary.

>Provoked, I react in a measured manner. I'm not shy. Anything  
>else is tacit agreement with dodgy ethics - in my opinion -  
>intellectual cowardice - in my opinion - and flatulent  
>philosophical flim-foolery - in my opinion - not to put too  
>fine a point on it.

>We're not alone, dude... get over it. I accept that even if you  
>can't or won't. I won't celebrate a reflex intransigence, Sir,  
>just as you, presumably, would not celebrate mine.

>See you in a couple of months... then maybe we can 'talk'.

Mr. Lehmborg,

I fully agree that I am not alone. I do not know, but I suspect there are multiple intelligent civilizations in the universe. I do not know, but I suspect that one or more may have found their way to our little corner. I know that people have seen things they count's identify, and that some of these things remain unidentified. I do not conclude that they are necessarily alien craft, nor do I claim that they could not be. If you want me to take a definitive stance, you are doomed to be disappointed until some future event which might provoke me to do so. Until then, I remain a healthy skeptic, yearning for an unassailable truth to emerge. I may be a fool to think it is inevitable, yet that is what I think.

Your post appears to be some kind of indictment that since I refuse to engage in your style of invective, that I am intellectually your inferior. If this is so, your rhetoric is not information, it is masturbation...pure and simple...and likely quite enjoyable. Your vocabulary, coupled with the way in which you use it, is singular in my experience. That it is practiced is obvious. That it is of no use to me is unfortunate, since it seems to be taking up so much space in this forum. :)

I don't know what you meant by "see you in a couple of months", or what was the significance of placing the word talk in quotation marks.

Since you have spent the vast majority of this thread claiming that I am something I am not, explain why I should afford you the privilege of spending time "talking" with me, when I am not what you claim. I would surely be a disappointment to you. I wouldn't want that.

If you claim that your time on this list is the cause of your cranky nature, I think you do the list a disservice by displaying it.

I'm really not anything but an interested observer. I disagree with a lot that is said here...on either side of a question. I think very highly of those that study this subject in detail. I am currently reading Ray Stanford's excellent account of the Socorro event, and find it very compelling. I have seen and read stuff that really made me think. That I haven't found my "Rosetta Stone", or "smoking gun", is not a sign that I would ignore it should it appear. Quite the contrary, I hope that my time here is keeping me open to ALL the possibilities...mundane and extreme.

Warmest regards, and please accept them as just that. No hidden innuendo, no veiled disdain. Just warm regards.

Kyle

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Fleming

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>>From: Lan Fleming <[lfl Fleming6.nul](mailto:lfl Fleming6.nul)>  
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>>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>I still think a more traditional double exposure would have been  
>>a much less unwieldy way to do a hoax than a double role of  
>>film. That would, however, would have required that the first  
>>exposure be on a dark background with a model or drawing of an  
>>even darker object. Both methods would run the risks of the  
>>"UFO" looking transparent or showing no internal detail, since  
>>both methods would permit some areas within the object image to  
>>be exposed to light during the second exposure.

>Wieldy or unwieldy a "traditional double exposure" probably  
>won't cut it here because of the photometry, as Brad Sparks has  
>kept insisting, ad nauseam.

As I recall, Sparks' objection was that the object was darker  
than the sky and that because the light from two exposures is  
additive, a double exposure would work only if the object was  
brighter than the sky. Maybe I'm missing something but here's  
how I think it could work:

Suppose the film has a brightness range of 0 to 100. Then use a  
model that has a brightness of 0 (completely black, although it  
wouldn't have to be) against a screen that has a brightness of  
10. In other words, a black model against a very dark but not  
completely black background. Suppose that in the second exposure  
showing the island that the sky has a brightness of 80 and the  
rocks have a brightness of 0. When you add the brightnesses of  
the screen and model to the brightnesses of the sky and rocks  
the resultant double exposure gives:

	First Exposure		Second Exposure		Result
rocks:	10	+	0	=	10 (rocks plus screen)
sky:	10	+	80	=	90 (sky plus screen)
model:	0	+	80	=	80 (model plus sky)

The model in this simplified example comes out to be ten  
brightness levels darker than the surrounding sky after the  
second exposure because the model adds no light to the area of  
the sky over which it's superimposed.

>I suggested the dual-roll film spool idea to try and make  
>Printy's theory as wieldy as possible, and I think it could  
>work. In principle.

I see that it could work in principle, but it still seems a more risky way to do it, both for possible mechanical reasons and because of the potential for discovery.

>Unfortunately I think all the actual evidence is against it, as  
>I argue on the site:

><http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/trindex.htm>.

By whichever method might be supposed, the preparations would have to have been made back in Barauna's own darkroom before he was on the ship. As you've noted on your web site (which is very well done, by the way), it's hard to explain how Barauna could have known a "saturn-shaped" object had already been sighted the month before on the island unless he had very close connections to the Brazilian Navy personnel who would have known about it.

I think Bruce Maccabee has commented that it's impossible to prove that any given photograph is not a hoax, but you can sometimes prove a photograph is a hoax. What makes the Trindade photos compelling is not simply that they show no evidence of a hoax but more importantly, the circumstances surrounding the incident make a hoax seem extremely implausible.

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## 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet?

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Great 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet?

Moscow (AFP) - A Russian scientist has reopened the controversy over a gigantic explosion in 1908 in Siberia with a claim that he has found debris from an extraterrestrial space vehicle, or UFO, which collided with a comet.

On June 30, 1908 a colossal flash lit up the sky over Siberia, followed by an explosion with the power of a thousand atom bombs. It obliterated the taiga (forest) for hundreds of square kilometres (miles) in the basin of the river Podkamennaya Tunguska in the Krasnoyarsk region.

People living in the villages of Siberia thought there had been an earthquake. Humans and animals were thrown to the ground by the shockwave, windows were blown in.

No meteorite debris was found and scientists conclude that the core of a comet or an asteroid had exploded.

Researcher Yuri Lavbin has spent 12 years researching the mystery of the "Tunguska meteorite" and believes he has found the key to one of the great scientific enigmas of the last century, though many scientists remain sceptical.

He is president of the "Tunguska Spatial Phenomenon" Foundation in Krasnoyarsk, made up of some 15 enthusiasts, among them geologists, chemists, physicists and mineralogists, who have been organising regular expeditions to the area since 1994.

Lavbin's theory is that a comet and a mysterious flying machine collided 10 kilometres (six miles) above the earth's surface causing the explosion.

He and his team say that on an expedition to the Podkamennaya Tunguska river in July they found, between two villages, two strange black stones in the form of regular cubes with their sides measuring a metre and half (five feet).

These stones "are manifestly not of natural origin," Lavbin says. They appear to have been fired and "their material recalls an alloy used to make space rockets, while at the beginning of the 20th century only planes made of plywood existed."

He claims that the cubes are the remains of a flying machine, perhaps an extraterrestrial spaceship, while admitting that an analysis of the stones has yet to be undertaken.

He found something else: a huge white stone "the size of a peasant's hut" stuck in the top of a crag in the middle of the

devastated forest.

"Local people call it the 'reindeer stone'. It is made of a crystalline matter which is not typical of this region," Lavbin said. He suggests it is part of the core of a comet.

The scientific establishment is not convinced.

"There are plenty of amateurs who organise trips to the site of the Tunguska cataclysm," said Anna Skripnik of the meteorites committee of the Academy of Sciences.

"In Siberia where oil geologists regularly work you can find a heap of fragments of various machines."

Lavbin is not deterred. He produces satellite photos of the region to back his theory which show the "footprints" of the spaceship (long marshes and lakes) and of the comet (devastated forests, charred trees and smashed rocks).

Not to mention a crater 500 metres (yards) across.

[UFO UpDates thanks Greg Boone for the lead]

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## Re: Pravda: Tunguska UFO Op-Ed Piece - King

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>Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 12:49:31 EDT  
>Subject: Pravda: Tunguska UFO Op-Ed Piece

>Well I didn't know Pravda allowed op-ed pieces. Any of you  
>guys write an article for them?

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>Source: Pravda

>[http://english.pravda.ru/mailbox/22/98/395/13721\\_UFO.html](http://english.pravda.ru/mailbox/22/98/395/13721_UFO.html)

>08-11-04

>Explorers Find UFO Fragments Response

>George Person

>Science fiction or science vision, what does the investigation  
>reveal about trace alien metals in the Russian Siberian  
>landscape?

<snip>

Neither Pravda nor the alleged Mr. Person appear to be bucking  
for a Pulitzer. Apparently their requirements for an Op/Ed  
submission don't go much beyond "must have typewriter or word  
processor".

This almost reads like the output of one of those computer apps  
where you plug in a few phrases and click "create".

While Pravda may be the Russian Weekly World News, Ivestia  
appears to be the more mainstream paper these days, like the NY  
Times - a more high-rent tabloid.

It would be interesting to know if any of the old propaganda  
guys from the USSR made their way here...Paperclip-style.  
Current events might suggest that it is a possibility. :)

Kyle

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## Re: Some N.M. Scientists Want Close Encounter -

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 13:02:14 EDT  
>Subject: Some N.M. Scientists Want Close Encounter

>Source: Albuquerque Tribune, New Mexico

>[http://www.abqtrib.com/archives/news04/081804\\_news\\_ufo.shtml](http://www.abqtrib.com/archives/news04/081804_news_ufo.shtml)

>August 18, 2004

>Some N.M. Scientists Want Close Encounter

>By Sue Vorenberg  
>Tribune Reporter

>Could Roswell be the tragic site of a 1947 alien fender-bender?

>Maybe, says Gov. Bill Richardson. Maybe not, say New Mexico  
>scientists.

<snip>

I find this article to be rather insulting. While healthy skepticism is a necessary survival skill, it is not necessary to graphically describe the laughter and dismissal displayed in the article. One big laugh it would seem.

To those who have seen a UFO or had an abduction experience, this article just seems insensitive and insulting when it did not have to be.

That said... while I applaud Gov. Richardson's suggestion, I honestly do not believe that the government is going to reveal anything more than it wants to - assuming it has something of importance to reveal.

Kyle

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## Quoting From Previous List-Posts

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Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 13:25:32 -0400  
Subject: Quoting From Previous List-Posts

It is not necessary to include all of the post that you are responding to. Its a waste of bandwidth and Archive space. Not to mention the extra work it creates for me.

Please use quotes sparingly.

Thank you,

Errol Bruce-Knapp  
Moderator  
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## Moon Questions

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Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 22:42:34 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 13:27:30 -0400  
Subject: Moon Questions

Hello List,

Something has been nagging me, and I wondered if this might not be a suitable place to seek an answer. Perhaps better suited for an astronomy list, but as I am not a subscriber to one.

The moon always has the same side facing earth. The moon is often theorized to be a part of the Earth which broke off by some prehistoric cosmic event.

Is it logical to deduce that the reason for the moon's present attitude is a result of its moving directly away from Earth after its "birth" until slowed by Earth's gravity into its current orbit? If so, wouldn't any evidence of this be found on the side opposite earth - presumably the side that was once on the surface of the Earth? And wouldn't the composition of the near side be reflective of the Earth's interior to some degree? In short, doesn't it make better sense to explore the dark side than the light?

It makes me wonder if the dark side of the moon might hold something beyond its obviously poetic mystique.

It also would be ironic if Earth's ancient "space port" was on the part that eventually became the moon. "They" could still be coming, but the space port just moved 200,000 miles away...and faces away from us.

Also, the dark side of the moon would seem to be a perfect place for a telescope, since it would never be lit by reflected earthlight, and would provide a view exactly as from Earth, but without atmospheric distortion or light pollution, and 200,000 miles closer your subject.

Best to all,

Kyle

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## HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings - 08-22-04

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Subject: HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings - 08-22-04

HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

Mr. Vike,

I wish to pass on this information, it has become part of my local lore. For some reason, I have come into contact with many people who are witness to unusual craft and events. I myself while vacationing in Minnesota in 1978, saw a high altitude light moving at a high rate of speed and making a sharp direction change, however I have never seen anything close enough to make out a structure.

Historic UFO reports:

Littleton, Massachusetts

Date: Fall of 1967 or '68

In the fall of 1967 or '68, in Littleton, Massachusetts, A UFO was witnessed by two adults, and five or six children. The object they saw was viewed by the entire group, with and without the aid of binoculars. This story was told to me by one of the children who was a witness to the strange light in the sky. Her story goes like this:

To the best of her memory, the sighting occurred on a fall evening at dusk, in '68 or '67. She was fourteen or fifteen years of age at that time. She and her brother were playing outside with neighborhood friends when they all noticed an illuminated object to the N.E. of their position on the street, in the direction of Littleton center. The lit object was hovering low on the horizon, over a large field above tree height. It could have been as close as one hundred yards or a mile away. It was difficult to determine how close or how large the object was. To get an idea of the size of this object, I asked her to hold out her arm and put up her thumb. I asked her if her thumb would have covered the object and she said no. She seems to think it was at least the size of a half-dollar at arms length. She said that the object was the shape of a football, not quite a disk, but not a circle either. The object appeared to get larger and then smaller, or that maybe it just got closer and then moved further away. It made no sound, but it was giving off a bright yellowish/orange glow. Her brother had time to run home and get their mother and their binoculars, while one of the other children's mother was summoned as well. Both adults and the five or six children took turns viewing this object, which is reported to have moved back and forth, and/or changed size. The interesting detail of this craft is that it appeared to have cells of square windows with rounded corners, recessed or set into the object, like a honeycomb. The cells or windows covered the visible side of the UFO.

The entire sighting lasted approximately fifteen to twenty minutes. Her mother went home and called the radio personality, Mr. Carl DeSouze, of WBZ radio, an AM station in Massachusetts, and reported her sighting. Mr. DeSouze had an interest in U.F.O. sightings and would take call-ins and report them on air. She reported that her mother said that Mr. DeSouze had received

other calls concerning a similar object.

She related another story concerning UFOs:

In the early '60s there lived several USAF families living near her home in Littleton, Massachusetts. One of her neighbors was Col. Poland, a fighter pilot. Col. Poland and two other fighter pilots were flying over Massachusetts out of Hanscom airbase in Bedford, Massachusetts, sometime between 1960 and 1963. A cigar-shaped U.F.O. escorted them at their altitude and speed before vanishing off at a high rate of speed. The pilots talked about it over their communication link.

Upon landing they were told that what they saw was just swamp gas or some such lame cover story and told never to discuss it with anyone or they would be punished. Well, Col Poland decided not to keep quiet and told his family, her and the neighbors.

Thank you to the gentleman for relating these stories for us all to enjoy.

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Muenchweiler, Germany Disc Witness At Army Post

HBCC UFO Research Note: If anyone who was living/stationed in Muenchweiler, Germany at the American Army Post, or anyone who may have been witness to this sighting, even heard about it taking place. Would you please be kind enough to share the information with me. The witness would also like to know if other had seen this also. I also removed all of the last name of the people to protect their privacy. Thank you, Brian.

Date: 1980  
Time: 4:00 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 2  
Number of objects: 1  
Shape of objects: Silver disc.

Full Description of event/sighting: My friend Michelle and I were only 12. We were living in Muenchweiler, Germany, and American Army Post.

We both lived in the same stairwell. We walked behind the American elementary school which was roughly about 1000 feet from our stairwell. We were shocked to find a UFO silver disc with no windows hovering less than fifty feet in the air from where we stood. It just hovered there, no noise, nothing.

We ran to get more of our friends to be witnesses but when we returned it was just gone. It was just hovering there in clear daylight and adjacent to the elementary school was a fence separating German town from the military post housing.

Is there anyone out there who might have been living in Pirmasens or Muenchweiler in the early 1980s who might have witnessed something similar? My father at the time was the provost marshal for all of Pirmasens. Does anyone out there know Angela (last name removed) or William (last name removed)? Or Michelle (last name removed).

Additional Information:

Brian,

Hi! Thanks for your quick response.

I actually came across your web site, because I typed the name of a city in Germany where my father was the Provost Marshall for the American MPs. We lived in Germany from 1977-1982. The Army Post where we were stationed is called "Pirmasens". I was feeling nostalgic and just happened to google the name "Pirmasens, Germany", and your web site came up, because another American dependent happened to have a report on your UFO website for when he witnessed a UFO in Pirmasens.

That was amazing to me, because I have often wondered in my life who else may have seen that UFO.

There were two (2) military housing units for Army servicemen in Pirmasens. One was located in Pirmasens, and the other was located about a 20 minute drive away in a smaller housing unit called Muenchweiler. There's where our military post housing was. Our particular stairwell faced the elementary school I mentioned in the report. There is a huge gap between where the housing was and where the elementary school stood. I would be happy to send you a photograph of the school, if you like. Behind the elementary school were Army storage pools. Left and adjacent to the elementary school was a fence separating military housing (quarters) from what was called German town. And way to the back of German town was a huge forest that has something called a "TrimDisch".

The only people who know about this story, besides you now, are my husband and my father.

The UFO was so close to me and Michelle (last name removed) (the other witness) that if we had 2x the size of a ladder we could have touched it.

Do you know of any other people who have witnessed a UFO in the Pirmasens/Muenchweiler district between the years 1979-1981?

What stuck out most about the sighting was (1) how close it physically was in the sky , (2) no noise came from it whatsoever (3) no windows or obvious lights (4) slender, all silver round disc. The only possible place for an opening was the very bottom of the disc, which had a round shape. It just levitated in the air, very quietly, in the middle of the late afternoon. It was bright sunshine outside.

I've always been surprised by that because anyone on the opposite side of German town would have been able to see it easily by walking by the fence. I have often wondered if it was not indeed a product of the military, given, as I stated before, that there was a military storage pool further behind the elementary school where the UFO was sighted by me and Michelle (last name removed)..

As for the other teenage witness (I'm now 37.), Michelle (who would today be 38 yrs. old), I have no idea where she is now. Her father was also Army military personnel.

Thank you to the witness for this interesting report.

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Kingsland, Texas Lights Circling Around The Craft

Date: May to August ?  
Time: Nighttime

Hi Brian,

Here is another picture I took the night of the meteorite shower, which it was cloudy and I couldn't see anything. So I missed the meteorite shower. But things still seem to show up even if you cant see them. I have several more pictures. Some are weird, but may not be anything. I have always been interested in the sky, ever since my husband and two of our friends saw an object that followed us all the way to town from a back road about 25 miles. After we got to town we went to the race track (horses) it was out there to, outside town where you could see the sky without lights of town. Then we went to the airport, about 2 miles out of town, it followed us there too. We got scared and took our friends home and then we went home.

I have seen things in the sky that I can't explain ever since we saw this object, by the way was right over our truck. I saw the saw object on your site (I think) (picture) looked just like the one we saw. My girlfriend, when I talked to her didn't want to discuss it, said she didn't know what it was (very religious person). The thing was huge and had lights circling around it, pulsing around in different colors. We were really scared! My husband and I had not been married very long. I think it was around anywhere from May to August. School initiation night for the freshmen going into school (they don't do that anymore, Seniors got to wild with what they made the young freshmen kids do). Anyway back to the subject, I'm sorry this is so long. I just wanted to tell you about this. I think about it all the



time.Thanks again.

At least there were four of us to witness this. It was so big and bright I couldn't make out what shape it was except I knew it was circular because the lights went around it.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Livermore California Sighting - Approx: 50 Witnesses

Date: 1991  
Time: 8:45 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 50  
Number of objects: 1  
Shape of objects: Bell shaped.

Full Description of event/sighting: I was driving on the freeway in Northern California with my two cousins. We were traveling approximately 70mph westbound and were coming into Livermore California. The freeway runs right between Livermore and Dublin. I've lived in both towns as a small child so am familiar with the area completely. I noticed this object to the right of the freeway, hovering over to the right, over Dublin. It wasn't far from the freeway, approximately 1 mile to the right of the freeway. It was a grey craft. It was bell-shaped. It had windows and the windows were lit up white; as if there were lights on inside. The windows were square. The base of the craft had lights flashing on and off. Midway up towards the middle of the craft was another set of lights, sequentially flashing, one after the other. The colors of the flashing lights were red, green, blue and white. There was a door to the craft. I could barely make the door out. We pulled over on the side of the freeway where we noticed many other people had pulled over too. A couple were out of their cars pointing at the object. We watched the craft rock back and forth as it hovered and then it began to move over the freeway, away from the onlookers, towards a hill that was positioned to the left side of the freeway where Livermore is at.

The town of Livermore California is where Lawrence of Livermore lab is. That's where a lot of blueprints and top secret government/military information is created, stored, etc. We saw the craft make it's way very slowly towards the town of Livermore, ascending higher and higher at a very slow rate. Once it was positioned somewhere just above the city it suddenly shot up straight into the night sky. The sky was very clear, a very clear starlit night. We noticed our clock had stopped. I went on to take my cousin to the airport, 50miles away, returned home that night, turned on the news and didn't notice anything. I called the police station and asked if anyone had reported any sightings, they denied any.

VERY INTERESTING.

Thank you to the witness for the really interesting report.

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Langley, B.C. Bright Orange Object

Date: June 3, 2004  
Time: 2:30 a.m.

Remember when there was the meteor sightings over the pacific northwest. I forget the exact date. It was on all the major news outlets. Well...I saw something which makes me doubt that was only a meteor or the same as what was seen over Seattle.

I was in Langley, BC working security on a construction site on (deleted) Avenue at 215. After 0230 I saw a bright flash in the corner of my eye when I turned to figure out what was I saw, a bright orange object only about 100 feet and across the street and just above the roof line of the houses appeared then just blinked out. The best way to describe it. There was no explosion and didn't see it explode. It just blinked out. A few minutes later I heard rumbling.

I hope was clear with my description.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Bilston, Wolverhampton, West Midlands U.K Gray Metallic Object

Date: July 18, 1998  
Time: Midnight

Full Description of event/sighting: I had on this particular night been in bed early after a bout of stomach ache. I woke suddenly and I was unaware of the time, I thought it must be around 3:30 a.m. I checked my watch, it showed precisely midnight. I looked thru the curtains to the rear of the flats in my bedroom, this faces west in direction. As I looked above the adjacent houses I saw a gray metallic object 40 to 50 ft long. It was close, probably 300 yards at most and seemed to be 500 feet or less in height, clear enough that I could identify what appeared to be windows around a cockpit on the top. I cant remember any lights as I was petrified with fear. There was no noise, although I had double glazed windows. An aircraft I am sure would have made noise, I could hear the noise from the power station a mile away most nights. It continued fairly slowly for about 15 seconds in a northerly direction then started to gain height as it moved from view behind a high-rise called Arthur Greenwood Court.

The next day a neighbor asked if I had seen this too, as he and his brother had also been watching from their window in the same block of maisonettes. I wouldn't normally report this but I have seen on the web another report from the Wellington Road. I lived off the other end of Wolverhampton Street which intersects Wellington Road (A 41) from the south in a small street called Jenkins, close to where this other report can be found here: [http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/v03/rnd03\\_30\\_shtml](http://www.ufoinfo.com/roundup/v03/rnd03_30_shtml) I would further like to add, I had at the time no interest in the phenomenon of UFO sightings and have been known as a person that would try to pass off or debunk sightings. But to me this was incontrovertible evidence that I simply could not explain away, although I have tried to.

Thank you to the witness for their report.

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Sioux Lookout, Ontario Three Round Objects

Date: July 30, 2004  
Time: 10:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 1  
Number of objects: 3  
Shape of objects: Round

Full Description of event/sighting: I had my glasses on so I wasn't seeing things. There were three light colored objects which were very low flying. I thought they were seagulls at first but they stayed in a perfect triangle the whole time and flew in a exact straight line. They went from north to south and had no lights what so ever, so I ruled out planes. I waited for a sound of a jet or plane as well, you know cause the sound usually comes a little later. There was no sound. So that's my story and I'm sticking to it. Who ever reads this, just wanted to let you know because I just read the Dryden paper and apparently there has been a few sightings there. They are only an hour away. I told a few other people as well the night of so I have verbal witnesses, but no one else actually saw them.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Federal Way, Washington Strange Star-Like Object

Date: Approx: August 10, 2004  
Time: Late evening/Early morning

On, or about, August 10th my boyfriends mother, sister and myself went outside to watch the Meteor Showers. We positioned ourselves outside on the walkway in chairs and settled down to

watch what was supposed to be one of the most incredible Meteor Showers yet. As we sat down in our chairs I noticed a weird star like object appearing above the roof tops. I pointed it out to my boyfriends mother and sister, and we became memorized. It gradually began to rise higher above the roof tops and we were able to get a more "full on" view. It appeared to be a star at first, but we couldn't help but notice how much brighter it was than all the other stars that were out. It continued to rise... very, very slowly, and we noticed that it was flashing an array of colors. Red/Orange ... blue... and kind of a whitish yellow..... we rushed in to get the binoculars, and were able to see it a little bit clearer. In the course of an hour and a half or two hours, it moved from it's original position in the North... to a more North eastern position.

Not fast, but none the less moving while no other stars were. We watched it for as long as we possible could then came in to go to bed. We have been faithful about going outside to look for it and have noticed a strange pattern. As of last night, August 17th... exactly one week from the first day that we originally saw it, it had move drastically. We stepped out the from door to the West, and there it was! We immediately ran over to where we had seen it first and it wasn't there. We stood outside with the binoculars and noticed that there as a strange white solid (not flashing like the object) light that looked like it came from the object.... moved to the Southeast at a decent pace, and then all of the sudden faded out. We came back inside for approx. 30 minutes... returned back outside at 11:56 p.m... and the light was gone. We walked down the sidewalk to where we had seen it first and sure enough it was there! I tried to take several pictures of it and the stars around it showed up, but the object wasn't present in any of the pictures. Needless to say were going tonight to get a telescope. Please let us know if anyone else in the Federal Way, Auburn, Puyallup, Tacoma, Sumner area have seen anything like this.

Thank you for your time.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Wardsville, Ontario Light

Date: August 13, 2004  
Time: 3:45 a.m.

Another sighting...2 nights after the last one I reported to you. Aug.13- 3:45 a.m.

Same light,motionless, soundless, bright flickering white ball of light, size of a grape, at arms length. East-75 degrees in the horizon.

It seemed to be closer...and much brighter than the other night. So much brighter, I was able to snap some pictures of it. I also saw a passenger jet fly very close to it, I'm sure the pilot must have seen it.

The light lasted for about 20 minutes the stars moved, but the light remained in its stationary position. It was still there in the sky when I went back to bed.

I know this is not a star...because it is not out every night...and much to bright...and sometimes motionless???

I wish the pictures were better...but I'm surprised it captured it at all....my cheap digital camera does not do well with night shots....it has to be bright, or nothing.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Phoenix, Arizona UFOs

Date: August 15, 2004

It was rather breezy today 15-20mph coming from the West and variable cloudiness with thunderstorms developing to the North. I noticed a chemtrail being formed (under 10K ft. estimate) and

usually when there are chemtrails being formed there are orbs somewhere in the vicinity. Today was no exception.

This white orb was seen heading South then veered off to the East then changed directions South again. Making a 90 degree direction change from East to West and hesitating before it takes off out of sight to the South behind my trees. It was lower than 2000', size unknown. Just a white orb.

After seeing this orb I was rather excited and decided to hang out and see if anything else comes by. As luck would have it I saw a hive of orbs hovering to the South and almost directly ahead. I would guess it was under 2000' high 20' long and there's about 40-50 orbs in two rows with the tip of the hive red and the rest white. It looked like a seahorse in the sky especially the way it moved. It rotated and hovered for a good 15 minutes when something strange happened.

On the red tip end there seemed to be something a few feet under it like an orb following it or checking it out. They looked in sync. A minute later another object is dislodged down from the hive and almost meets up with the other orb already there. The hive spit out a total of 3 orbs, the last one coming out to the left of it and they seemed to follow in close proximity to the hive and then disappeared. I video taped the hive for 45 minutes when another set of orbs appeared to the South and zoomed by before I can catch up to it. I did capture another set of orbs a few minutes later but it started to storm and the show ended.

I noticed one thing when I was watching the hive...it looked like there was something coming out of the red tip like a string but after the orbs came out of the hive the string like thing was not there anymore. By reviewing the video over and over I don't see how, with a windy day, the hive hovered for 15 minutes then decided to head East. It only headed East after the other objects were released from it.

I will send two clips with this story so you can see the white light that makes a 90 degree turn.

Thank you Brian and give my best to all.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Scarborough, Ontario White Object

Date: August 16, 2004 Time: 12:05 p.m.

Hi Brian, another sighting over Scarborough at approx.12:05 p.m. Monday Aug.16, 2004. Again coming from the west a white object very high, extreme white colour with no light. Shape appeared rounded with a slow floating action with a slight lift on one side and also as if it was slightly changing shape. I rounded up 4 witnesses, 3 observed in disbelief while the fourth said it was a plastic white bag. Wind was happening, as you can see flying fluffy seeds moving at a good speed from south to north. This object hang in the sky coming from the west to east for at least 15 minutes, than turn north into clouds. Can plastic white bags create their own direction? Height I would estimate was 10-20,000 feet. ( Do plastic white bags fly that high?) Binoculars were used and this object appeared strange. ( NOT A BAG)

Conditions of the sky was blue with a slight haze. Cloudy to the north of Cumulus clouds were we lost sight of it. Duration was close to 20 minutes of sighting and one half hour later observed high flying white military jets dispensing chem trails. I noticed today a new moon, as over 75 % of all my 2003 sightings happened on a full, new or quarter moon. Before this sighting, at 10:10 a.m. sighted white object that look like there were like 2 or 3 flying close together like one. Observed with binoculars on my own, lasted about 2 minutes high again at least 8-10,000 feet. Southwest of were I sat, as I lifted binoculars down to see again with the naked eye lost sight of it. Is it possible there is a flap happening very high in the sky and that's why on clear days jets spray these chem trails to muck up the sky for visuals? I'm really sorry I don't have pictures and even if I did, you would not get much of a picture because of the high altitude. (maybe a small dot) Have fun and quality time with your dad and I keep sky watching. It does feel good to have

witnesses because seeing is believing.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Airport Mesa, West Sedona, Arizona Orb

Date: August 19, 2004  
Time: 11:45 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 1  
Number of objects: 2  
Shape of objects: Orb (as best I could tell)

Full Description of event/sighting: Last night, shortly before bedtime, I felt an urge to walk outside in front of my house and look at the sky. It was completely overcast, with intermittent rain. There was not a star to be seen. I looked over toward Airport Mesa, which is roughly 1/2 mile from my house as the crow flies. Hovering just to the right of Airport Mesa (guesstimated altitude: 1-2000 feet) was a somewhat dim fluorescent bluish-white spherical (as best I could tell) pulsing light. It remained completely stationary. About five minutes later, it was joined by a similar object which remained stationary at the treeline near the southern tip of Airport Mesa. The two objects seemed to pulsate in a coordinated sequence/pattern. After about another 10 minutes or so, it began to rain again, so I went back inside. These two objects were the only luminous things in the sky at that time.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Cambridge, Ontario Two Object Flying Parallel To One Another

Date: August 20, 2004  
Time: 10:38 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 1  
Number of objects: 2  
Shape of objects: Plane like - had wings.

Full Description of event/sighting: I went out side on our patio for a smoke. Was just watching the sky when 2 objects went flying by very fast. They were flying parallel to each other, but seemed to be weaving back and forth. It was kind of hazy and made them look orange in colour. They flew extremely fast and I only saw them for about 5 seconds. Thought they might be a meteor, but they didn't go quite as fast like meteors go through the sky and the fact they were together makes me wonder.

There was no sound like there usually is when a plane flies over.

Additional Information:

Q. - Can you please describe the weather. Was it Overcast?  
Raining? A clear night? Full moon?

A. - No Full moon. The weather was nice. No rain, though it seemed a bit hazy. It seemed clear above our house as I was gazing at the stars.

Q. - In what part of the sky was the UFO located? North, South, East, West? On the horizon or straight overhead or somewhere in between?

A. - There was two of them going north to south.

Q. - Describe the appearance of the UFO: shape, size, distance, color, texture, sound. The reason why I left the question in about the sound was, I noticed you mentioned that the objects didn't make a noise like aircraft do, but wondering was there any noise at all, and if so would you be able to describe it for me please ?

A. - They had wings. Shaped almost like a plane. No sound at all that I can recall. We have planes going over all the time and they make sound. The both appears orange in colour. That may have been due to the haze.

Q. - Describe the area in which you made the sighting. Is it near an airport? An Air Force Base? A military or research installation of any kind.

A. - There is a small municipal airport. We are about 1 hour southwest of the Toronto Airport and an hour or so from the Hamilton airport. Not aware of any military installations.

Q. - Also did you happen to see any aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting ?

A. - There was a couple of airplanes. One flying east and one going south west. The two objects were much higher in the sky. The planes I could see clearly, including their lights.

Q. - Did you happen to notice if there was a trail or tail following behind them ?

A. - No tail or trail that I noticed.

Q. - Did any of the objects have lights on them ?

A. - No lights. They were just illuminated an orange colour.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 10:15:54 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 13:32:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 20:14:19 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 09:59:04 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 20:20:15 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

Patient and gentle Listfolk:

>>the self-  
>>pitying tone of the above is nothing novel - it is, as students  
>>of the phenomenon are aware, a polemical staple - but it is  
>>curious indeed that John Harney should whimper at being called a  
>>"pelicanist".

>I don't whimper at being called a "pelicanist" (I'm much too old  
>to worry about such things), I merely find such idiocy mildly  
>amusing.

Well, at least we agree on one thing: Pelicanism is idiotic.  
We disagree, however, on the "mildly amusing" aspect.  
Personally, I find it hilarious. Nonetheless, maybe there's  
hope for John Harney after all.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <[fadeddiscs.nul](mailto:fadeddiscs.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 09:53:40 -0600  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 13:35:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Connors

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 18:48:12 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

<snip>

>Wendy, I look forward to getting a copy of your CD. Thank  
>you for your kind words. :)

You're welcome, Kyle. Along with Jerry Clark's UFO Encyclopedia you will find Dick Hall's, The UFO Evidence Volume II an absolute must have on your shelf. Expensive? Yes. Worth a thousand times what you pay? A true absolute. I've tinkled away a ton of money on junk books dealing with Ufology over the last 40+ years. I no longer do that and only essential and serious reference works, such as I just mentioned, line my shelves. Klass's books were pitched out as the junk they are, along with the others, years ago.

Also, I am as guilty as everyone else on this List of getting my hackles up and my electronic tongue as sharp and hot as if forged in Hell itself when it comes to the incessant battle between the Evil Empire of Pelicanism and the study of Ufology. Open minded skeptics are extremely scarce on this List. The fallacy of dichotomy and all that. I recommend when these wars begin, just sit back and enjoy the colors of the mushroom clouds. <VBG>

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## Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 11:00:27 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 13:38:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind - Groff

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 21:48:00 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 08:30:20 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind

>>and here, in the Second letter to Dr. Carroll, almost what you  
>>had duplicitously asked for, if not spot on:

>><http://skepdic.com/comments/aliencom.html>

>Mr Lehmborg has at last, after a great deal of provocation,  
>presented a quotation from a sceptic who suggests that the Hills  
>made up their abduction story as a means of avoiding racial  
>attacks on themselves:

>Quote:

>26 Nov 99

>Re: Betty and Barney Hill "Abduction" Scenario

<snip>

Fame as a deterrent to hate crimes? It seems to me that there  
have been many very high profile hate crimes over the last 40  
years or so. King, Evers and Biko immediately come to mind. It  
seems their fame was no deterrent.

The Hill's might have been fortunate that their fame didn't put  
them more squarely in someone's crosshairs.

Being a 'nobody' might have it's advantages.

'Nemo esse vult nemo et quoniam nemo sum ego, ipse sum qui esse  
volo!'

Nobody wants to be a nobody. but since I am nobody, I'm exactly  
who I want to be.

Terry Groff

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"The flash of light you saw in the sky was not a UFO.

Swamp gas from a weather balloon was trapped in a thermal pocket  
and refracted the light from Venus"  
- Agent 'K'

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Hall

From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 16:15:24 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 15:13:55 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Hall

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 20:53:05 +0100  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Richard Hall <[hallrichard99.nul](mailto:hallrichard99.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 18:04:59 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>Kyle, I suggest you read Phil Klass's two chapters on the Hill  
>>case in his 1968 book, UFOs - Identified, wherein he makes  
>>much out of the Hills' interracial marriage and cites Dr. Simon  
>>as saying to him that racial tensions probably "played a more  
>>important role..." than others believed. (p. 230, hardcover  
>>edition). Then again (p. 241) devoting a paragraph to the  
>>interracial marriage theme. Then (p. 248, re: insinuations about  
>>motives) closes the chapter and discussion by saying that up  
>>until their UFO experience the Hills were a typical middle  
>>class, largely unknown couple. "Today, they are world-famous  
>>celebrities." (Nudge, nudge! Wink, wink!)

<snip>

>As I think that the main stimulus behind this case was a  
>combination of mistaken perception and psychosocial issues, I do  
>not think it irrelevant to mention the nature of the Hills  
>marriage, however I do not see that pointing out the fact that  
>the Hills were an inter-racial couple (as almost all  
>commentators on the case, pro- and con- have done) in itself as  
>evidence of racism, as Mr Lehmborg seems to imply

John,

"Psychosocial issues," eh? Like what? "Tensions arising from a  
mixed marriage?" That might be more conceivable in the southern  
U.S. during the 1960s, but much less likely in New England, of  
which I am a native. Barney and Betty seemed very well adjusted  
to those of us who knew them in those days, rather well educated  
and intelligent, normal in all respects. And mistaken perception  
of what?

>>I have no problem with Kyle or anyone asking questions, but I  
>>certainly don't have the time to do all their homework for them.  
>>And I see nothing unreasonable in the slightest of suggesting  
>>that if people are curious about a specific case, to read up on  
>>it in primary sources.

>But preferably not in such a peremptory and snooty manner .. "Do  
>your homework" sounds more like a putdown than an encouragement  
>to further research.

John,

I am an abstractor by profession, trained to write briefly and  
concisely. I think perceived "snootiness" is in the eye of the  
perceiver in this case. But since this is by far the most civil  
communication from you in a long time, I wish to acknowledge it  
as such. (Will I now be riddled by bullets from pelican

hunters?)

>>Walter Webb's account appears in The UFO  
>>Evidence - Volume II, that turkey of turkeys which sold all of  
>>50 copies in the past year. If some of you would ask your local  
>>libraries to order it, you would have a major source of  
>>historical information at your fingertips.

>I'm glad that we librarians (if our libraries are adequately  
>funded) can be of some assistance!

I have a fond place in my heart for librarians, and my sister is  
one (professor of library sciences).

- Dick

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## Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet? -

From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 11:25:13 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 18:41:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet? -

>Source: Yahoo News

>[http://news.yahoo.com/news?  
tmpl=story&u=/afp/20040822/sc\\_afp/russia\\_space\\_meteorite\\_comet\\_040822230301](http://news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/afp/20040822/sc_afp/russia_space_meteorite_comet_040822230301)

>08-22-04

>Great 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet?

>Moscow (AFP) - A Russian scientist has reopened the controversy  
>over a gigantic explosion in 1908 in Siberia with a claim that  
>he has found debris from an extraterrestrial space vehicle, or  
>UFO, which collided with a comet.

<tongue\_in\_cheek>

Actually what happened is one chance out of a googolplex of chances.

The UFO was chasing the comet in order to refuel but during the energy exchange a Siberian bigfoot farted and the sudden and unexpected addition of methane into the process acted as catalyst for the explosion. </tongue\_in\_cheek>

Terry

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 11:34:30 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 06:35:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmberg

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 19:27:12 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Alfred Lehmberg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 09:39:16 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 21 Aug 2004 02:52:32 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>An interesting animated gif image is found here:

>>>[http://www.spaceweather.com/swpod2004/15aug04/locker1\\_big.gif](http://www.spaceweather.com/swpod2004/15aug04/locker1_big.gif)

>>>In other words, "...sleep, sleep, good people... all of your  
>>>'anomalies' are mere prosaics and there is nothing new under the  
>>>sun. All questions are answered, all obligations met, and there  
>>>is wonder enough in the mechanisms of man that they can be  
>>>taken for UFOs and monsters, little green men, and 'things that  
>>>bump' on a dark, dark night... <heavy sigh>...made, of course,  
>>>from the furtive, uneducated, and irrational minds of the  
>>>mislead, the misleading, or the moronic and mentally ill. Klass  
>>>trumps Hall in the name of the scientific (sic) father, the  
>>>sycophantic CSICOPian son, and the wholly 'groped'. Amen."

>>>Just a little more friendly intemperance (if not well  
>>>provoked intransigence) for your Sunday afternoon, Mr. King.  
>>>You're not fooling anyone, Sir. Believe me, you're wearing a  
>>>rotating flasher/strobe regarding your contentions. Something  
>>>is amiss with you, Sir, in my opinion, and it raises  
>>>gooseflesh on me. In my opinion, of course, remember. <g>

>>>You couldn't be more mistaken. Actually, I unintentionally used  
>>>a previous reply mail window and forgot to change the subject  
>>>line of the prior post. It was not intended to be in this thread  
>>>at all. It was an interesting animation because when I initially  
>>>looked at it, it seemed to show a clearly triangular thing, and  
>>>that reminded me of how so many things can look odd under the  
>>>right circumstances. At no time did I "infer" "imply", "intend",  
>>>"intimate", "suggest", or "insinuate" that real UFOs are all  
>>>ANYTHING. Where you get this stuff is totally beyond me.

>>>You describe someone that I am not. Why you do so is not known  
>>>to me, but if it is your opinion, it is based on nothing but  
>>>some kind of unfortunate mechanism of your imagination.

Perhaps not so "unfortunate," Mr. King. As airily, lack of  
mechanism might explain your apparent readiness to accept what  
you been told by 'authority' as inviolate.

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## Re: Moon Questions - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 13:12:25 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 06:36:09 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - Groff

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 22:42:34 -0500  
>Subject: Moon Questions

<snip>

>Also, the dark side of the moon would seem to be a perfect place  
>for a telescope, since it would never be lit by reflected  
>earthlight, and would provide a view exactly as from Earth, but  
>without atmospheric distortion or light pollution, and 200,000  
>miles closer your subject.

Hi Kyle and welcome to the list.

Actually there is no 'dark side' per se. During the new moon, the side facing us has become the dark side and the opposite side is well lit by the sun. However, the opposite side is as good a place for a scope as any. The scope would have to be able to cope with the temperature extremes spending about 2 weeks in sunlight and 2 weeks in the dark. If the scope was placed at one of the moon's poles the stresses might be more evenly distributed but since the Moon does wobble slightly there is no spot that is always dark or always sunlit.

Terry

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Weber

From: **Bill Weber** <[wweber1.nul](mailto:wweber1.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 14:16:15 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 06:38:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Weber

>From: Wendy Connors <[fadeddiscs.nul](mailto:fadeddiscs.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[UFOUpdates.nul](mailto:UFOUpdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 09:53:40 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 18:48:12 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

><snip>

>>Wendy, I look forward to getting a copy of your CD. Thank  
>>you for your kind words. :)

>You're welcome, Kyle. Along with Jerry Clark's UFO  
>Encyclopedia you will find Dick Hall's, The UFO Evidence Volume  
>II an absolute must have on your shelf. Expensive? Yes. Worth a  
>thousand times what you pay? A true absolute. I've tinkled away  
>a ton of money on junk books dealing with Ufology over the last  
>40+ years. I no longer do that and only essential and serious  
>reference works, such as I just mentioned, line my shelves.  
>Klass's books were pitched out as the junk they are, along with  
>the others, years ago.

I couldn't agree more. I was talking about that just this this  
morning. Both Hall and Clark have put together 'must have'  
volumes that in any mainstream area of research would be  
standard issue texts and provide the basis from which the value  
of others would be measured. Worthwhile reading lists exist  
online (many including the work of Don Ledger, by the way), but  
these three volumes are indispensable. I use them nearly every  
day.

However, buying Wendy's latest offering is also money well  
spent. I enjoy the audio format for information since I spend so  
much time commuting. Get yourself MP3 equipped, Wendy's latest  
addition, and you couldn't be more impressed.

Best,

Bill Weber

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## Re: Barry Taff? - Burns

From: Chris Burns <[Thurstonoreggae.nul](mailto:Thurstonoreggae.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 14:16:14 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 06:40:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: Barry Taff? - Burns

Hey List,

I came upon a random post on a UFO message board where a reader claims that MUFON 'questioned' the legitimacy of Dr. Barry Taff's doctorate degree, not that MUFON's word is gold but it got my eyebrow arched.

So, anybody hear of this, or know concretely what Dr. Taff's background is?

I was unable to find a bio detailing his education apart from the description of "former UCLA parapsychologist".

My interest in him lies in several interviews he gave that struck me as provocative in regard to his thoughts on the UFO phenomenon. But I would love to know more about his background before I spend anymore time trying to find his material.

This List helped me out with what was (and wasn't) Thomas Bearden's background (The Excalibur Briefing is propping up a short leg on my card table now), so I'm hoping someone can enlighten me on the subject of Dr. Taff.

Thanks for the help.

Chris Burns

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## Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 20:13:24 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 06:43:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda - Shough

>From: Lan Fleming <[lfleming6.nul](mailto:lfleming6.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 20:15:16 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>From: Martin Shough <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 20 Aug 2004 21:16:02 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: The Big Global UFO Secrecy Agenda

>>Wieldy or unwieldy a "traditional double exposure" probably  
>>won't cut it here because of the photometry, as Brad Sparks has  
>>kept insisting, ad nauseam.

>As I recall, Sparks' objection was that the object was darker  
>than the sky and that because the light from two exposures is  
>additive, a double exposure would work only if the object was  
>brighter than the sky. Maybe I'm missing something but here's  
>how I think it could work:

I'll leave it to Brad to weigh in in defence of his photometry  
argument.

>>I suggested the dual-roll film spool idea to try and make  
>>Printy's theory as wieldy as possible, and I think it could  
>>work. In principle.

>I see that it could work in principle, but it still seems a more  
>risky way to do it, both for possible mechanical reasons and  
>because of the potential for discovery.

Yes there is some additional risk. I think we have to assume  
that Barauna would (ex hypothesi) have been expecting that the  
Navy would confiscate his film, possibly even his camera as  
well. At the very least he would expect close oversight of his  
actions. This is because in order to mimic the Dec 31 1957  
sighting (as you mention below) he had to have known that the  
Navy intelligence department were in the middle of a Trindade  
UFO investigation at the time. A double exposure would not  
entail the same \*immediate\* risk of being found out.

On the other hand, if Brad Sparks' arguments could be elided and  
a double-exposure was technically possible after all, we have a  
different problem, because a double exposure should be  
relatively easy to detect by microscopic granulation tests of  
the negatives. Not only did the Navy and their civilian  
consultants do such a test, it was Barauna who encouraged them  
to do so! They found no evidence of anomalous grain density.

So this is one reason why Printy's 'internal mask' mechanism  
has been worth looking at, because it isn't at all clear (to me,  
at least) that granulation anomalies would show up in this case.  
As Tim suggested to me, we can't rule it out that the positive  
mask might have been an ultra-fine grain emulsion, for example,  
and in any case the effect of the superposition would I think be  
much subtler than the increased grain-density of a double  
exposure.

>>Unfortunately I think all the actual evidence is against it, as

>>I argue on the site:

>><http://www.parcellular.fsnet.co.uk/trindex.htm>.

>By whichever method might be supposed, the preparations would  
>have to have been made back in Barauna's own darkroom before he  
>was on the ship. As you've noted on your web site (which is very  
>well done, by the way), it's hard to explain how Barauna could  
>have known a "saturn-shaped" object had already been sighted the  
>month before on the island unless he had very close connections  
>to the Brazilian Navy personnel who would have known about it.

>I think Bruce Maccabee has commented that it's impossible to  
>prove that any given photograph is not a hoax, but you can  
>sometimes prove a photograph is a hoax. What makes the  
>Trindade photos compelling is not simply that they show no  
>evidence of a hoax but more importantly, the circumstances  
>surrounding the incident make a hoax seem extremely  
>implausible.

I agree with you, and thanks for the kind compliment.

Best,

Martin Shough.

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## Re: Moon Questions - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <[mshough.nul](mailto:mshough.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 20:16:00 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 06:45:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - Shough

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 22:42:34 -0500  
>Subject: Moon Questions

>It makes me wonder if the dark side of the moon might hold  
>something beyond its obviously poetic mystique.

Hi Kyle

As Pink Floyd once memorably pointed out, "There is no Dark Side  
of the Moon." ;-)

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 14:59:36 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 07:08:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - King

>From: Wendy Connors <[fadeddiscs.nul](mailto:fadeddiscs.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[UFOUpdates.nul](mailto:UFOUpdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 09:53:40 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

<snip>

>You're welcome, Kyle. Along with Jerry Clark's UFO Encyclopedia  
>you will find Dick Hall's, The UFO Evidence Volume II an  
>absolute must have on your shelf. Expensive? Yes. Worth a  
>thousand times what you pay? A true absolute. I've tinkled away  
>a ton of money on junk books dealing with Ufology over the last  
>40+ years. I no longer do that and only essential and serious  
>reference works, such as I just mentioned, line my shelves.  
>Klass's books were pitched out as the junk they are, along with  
>the others, years ago.

>Also, I am as guilty as everyone else on this List of getting my  
>hackles up and my electronic tongue as sharp and hot as if  
>forged in Hell itself when it comes to the incessant battle  
>between the Evil Empire of Pelicanism and the study of Ufology.  
>Open minded skeptics are extremely scarce on this List. The  
>fallacy of dichotomy and all that. I recommend when these wars  
>begin, just sit back and enjoy the colors of the mushroom  
>clouds. <VBG>

<snip>

More good advice! I will try to find copies of the books you mentioned. I am currently reading Ray Stanford's book on the Socorro landing case. I am struck by the similarities to the Cash/Landrum case... much closer to home... with which I am more personally familiar.

As for the "camps" represented here, I have spent a large amount of time perusing the UpDates archives, and what strikes me is how often the very same arguments come up again and again. The differences seem to be more about the shrillness of the debate, or the varied indictments of the claims made, rather than the actual validity of the sightings.

In fact, several aged posts mirror my position to the point that I could have written a few myself. It would appear that if one attempts to sit on the fence in this forum, it does little more than provide an easy target for the parties on either side. One's attempt to stay above the fray tends only to provide sufficient "altitude" to make one a good target for "attitude".

As my grandfather used to tell me, "When they're shooting at you from all sides, you are likely on the path to enlightenment. Unfortunately, enlightenment often comes at a high cost."

While I don't fear for my health or safety from the barbs hurled my way, I am dismayed at times by the emotional reactions often elicited. Other than the obvious emotional reaction to an extreme experience, I see no place for emotion in a forum such as this.

Emotion adds nothing to intellectual debate, beyond lines of

text. Provoking emotion is a dodge... a surrogate for debate... and not a proper method for advancing any argument. Quite the contrary.

I assure you that while I am rather familiar with mushrooms and the colors they can produce, I shall steer clear of the "cloud" variety, lest I fall prey to the resulting "fallout".

Oh that there were a remedy for the "fungus among us". :)

Thanks again!

Kyle

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## Reflections On Gravity

From: Sheryl Gottschall <[gottscha.nul](mailto:gottscha.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 07:35:57 +1000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 07:09:47 -0400  
Subject: Reflections On Gravity

You are invited to read Reflections On Gravity Part 1 at:

<http://www.acufos.asn.au/gravity/reflections1.html>

This article explores some new and some old ideas about the nature of gravity and its use in space travel. It draws together some diverse Physics topics the essence of which is explained, and also considers information from ostensibly ET sources.

Sheryl Gottschall

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## Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet? -

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 17:56:38 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 07:13:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet? -

>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 11:25:13 -0500  
>Subject: Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet?

<snip>

><tongue\_in\_cheek>

>Actually what happened is one chance out of a googolplex of  
>chances.

>The UFO was chasing the comet in order to refuel but during the  
>energy exchange a Siberian bigfoot farted and the sudden and  
>unexpected addition of methane into the process acted as  
>catalyst for the explosion. </tongue\_in\_cheek>

Terry,

I have read some funny stuff here, but that's the funniest  
one... yeti! ;o)

Kyle

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## Gravity Anomalies Still Unexplained

From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 18:50:39 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 07:51:42 -0400  
Subject: Gravity Anomalies Still Unexplained

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Links to paper at:

<http://arxiv.org/ftp/gr-qc/papers/0408/0408023.pdf>)

An Invisible Hand?

An unexplained effect during solar eclipses casts doubt on  
General Relativity

"ASSUME nothing" is a good motto in science. Even the humble pendulum may spring a surprise on you. In 1954 Maurice Allais, a French economist who would go on to win, in 1988, the Nobel prize in his subject, decided to observe and record the movements of a pendulum over a period of 30 days. Coincidentally, one of his observations took place during a solar eclipse. When the moon passed in front of the sun, the pendulum unexpectedly started moving a bit faster than it should have done.

Since that first observation, the "Allais effect", as it is now called, has confounded physicists. If the effect is real, it could indicate a hitherto unperceived flaw in General Relativity=97the current explanation of how gravity works.

Space

That would be a bombshell=97and an ironic one, since it was observations taken during a solar eclipse (of the way that light is bent when it passes close to the sun) which established General Relativity in the first place. So attempts to duplicate Dr Allais's observation are important. However, they have had mixed success, leading sceptics to question whether there was anything to be explained. Now Chris Duif, a researcher at the Delft University of Technology, in the Netherlands, has reviewed the evidence. According to a paper he has just posted on arXiv.org, an online publication archive, the effect is real, unexplained, and could be linked to another anomaly involving a pair of American spacecraft.

Three different types of instrument have been used to detect the Allais effect. The first are conventional pendulums, such as the one Dr Allais used originally. The second are torsion pendulums, which work by hanging a bar that has weights at each end from a wire. As the wire twists back and forth, the bar rotates in pendulum-like motion. The third are gravimeters, which are, in essence, very precise scales. All of these instruments measure the acceleration due to gravity at the Earth's surface, a quantity known as g. The Allais effect is a small additional acceleration, so tiny that it would take an apple about a day to fall from a tree branch if it were the only gravitational effect around.

Allez, Allais

Dr Duif has examined various conventional explanations for the Allais effect. He finds the most obvious suggestion=97that it is a mere measuring error=97unlikely, because similar results have been found by many different groups, operating independently and, in at least one case, without knowledge of Dr Allais's results.

He also discounts several explanations that rely on conventional physical changes that might take place during an eclipse. One of these is that the anomaly is caused by the seismic disturbance induced as crowds of sightseers move into and out of a place where an eclipse is visible. That seems unlikely, given that one of the experiments with a positive result was conducted in a remote area of China while another that had a negative result took place in Belgium, one of the most crowded parts of the planet. Dr Duif also considered the possibility that, because the moon's shadow cools the air during an eclipse, this cooler, and thus denser, air might exert a different gravitational pull on the instruments. This change could, he reckons, affect a gravimeter, but it cannot account for the results from the pendulums.

Dr Duif rules out a third explanation, too: that cooling of the Earth's crust due to the eclipse shadow causes the ground to tilt slightly, and thus distorts the results. He notes that although a detectable tilt is caused when the temperature drops by a few degrees, that tilt is too small to explain the anomalies and, in any case, it would lag roughly 30 minutes behind the shadow (because it takes time for the ground to cool) while the experimental measurements show a change in  $g$  instantaneously during an eclipse.

Although Dr Duif discounts each of the conventional explanations on its own, he admits that they might, in combination, account for the Allais effect. But the possibility also remains that General Relativity=97Einstein's sacred child=97is wrong.

This suggestion would fit in with another odd phenomenon: the fact that the Pioneer 10 and 11 space-probes, launched by NASA, America's space agency, in the early 1970s, are receding from the sun slightly more slowly than they should be.

According to a painstakingly detailed study by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the part of NASA responsible for the craft, there is no conventional explanation for this. There may, of course, be no relationship with the Allais effect. But Dr Duif points out that the anomalous force felt by both Pioneer probes (which are travelling in opposite directions from the sun) is about the same size as that measured by some gravimeters during solar eclipses.

So what are the alternatives? One possibility (though it could not account for the Pioneer observations) is known as Majorana shielding. This eponymous theory is that large masses (such as the moon) partially block the gravitational force from more distant objects (such as the sun). Another idea is "MOND", or Modified Newtonian Dynamics, a theory put forward in 1983 by Moti Milgrom of the Weizmann Institute in Israel. MOND suggests that at very low accelerations gravity gets a bit stronger. An even stranger suggestion, made in 2002 by Mikhail Gershteyn, then at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is that the force of gravity is different in different directions. Most physicists do not like that one at all. It requires that the conceptual "frames of reference" against which movement, acceleration and so on are measured, are not uniform in all directions. But it was a similarly radical idea=97that there is no absolute frame of reference in the universe, only local frames that can be measured relative to one another, which put the "relativity" into relativity theory in the first place...

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## Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet? -

From: Colin Stevenson <[colsweb.nul](mailto:colsweb.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 06:12:01 +0100 (BST)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 07:53:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet? -

>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>>Great 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet?

>>Moscow (AFP) - A Russian scientist has reopened the controversy  
>>over a gigantic explosion in 1908 in Siberia with a claim that  
>>he has found debris from an extraterrestrial space vehicle, or  
>>UFO, which collided with a comet.

><tongue\_in\_cheek>

>Actually what happened is one chance out of a  
>googolplex of chances.

>The UFO was chasing the comet in order to refuel but during the  
>energy exchange a Siberian bigfoot farted and the sudden and  
>unexpected addition of methane into the process acted as  
>catalyst for the explosion. </tongue\_in\_cheek>

Greetings Terry and Listers

A search on 'Ask the Butler' also produced interesting results  
in that the UFO was traveling near light speed and lost the  
extra matter created which accidentally veered off course and  
hit Earth despite every effort to deflect it. An ET suicide  
mission to protect Planet Earth's tree's.

: -)

You never know for sure .....

Col  
<http://www.colsweb.com>

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## Edgar Mitchell On UFOs & ETs

From: **Torbjorn Sassersson** <[torbjorn.sassersson.nul](mailto:torbjorn.sassersson.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 10:37:54 +0200  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 07:59:15 -0400  
Subject: Edgar Mitchell On UFOs & ETs

[Non-subscriber post]

Hello!

F.Y.I. Dr Edgar Mitchell on ET/UFOs and the paranormal.

I have published an interview with Dr Edgar Mitchell on the paranormal, ET and UFOs that might be of interest to you.

Interview with Dr Edgar Mitchell

<http://www.soultravel.nu/2004/040813-Mitchell/>

Related article: Human Psychics and ETs - Can we Talk?

<http://www.soultravel.nu/2004/040714-Buchanan/>

In this interview remote viewer Lyn Buchanan talks freely about his thoughts on ETs.

By the way:

I am trying to contact with Buzz Aldrin, Philip Corso and Neil Armstrong for interviews on UFOs. I would appreciate enormously if you could help me get their contact information or if you could forward my questions to them. Would that be possible?

If you want more news on ET/UFOs in connection to the paranormal e-mail and write SUBSCRIBE in the subject field.

Best regards  
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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 03:54:08 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 08:03:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmborg

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 19:58:12 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 10:09:35 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

<snip>

>>We're not alone, dude... get over it. I accept that even if you  
>>can't or won't. I won't celebrate a reflex intransigence, Sir,  
>>just as you, presumably, would not celebrate mine.

>>See you in a couple of months... then maybe we can 'talk'.

>Mr. Lehmborg,

>I fully agree that I am not alone.

Oh - you're alone, all right. All alone. Me too. We're not  
alone... see the difference?

>I do not know, but I suspect  
>there are multiple intelligent civilizations in the universe. I  
>do not know, but I suspect that one or more may have found their  
>way to our little corner. I know that people have seen things  
>they count's identify, and that some of these things remain  
>unidentified.

Wow! Almost room for reasonable consensus in there... almost. Is  
it a loss leader? A technique of partisan ?

>I do not conclude that they are necessarily alien  
>craft, nor do I claim that they could not be.

Yes, either of those positions would be the height of lunacy,  
and equivalent lunacies at that! Not! I've a suspicion that  
you've only 'read' from one side of the aisle, Mr. King. The  
smart money might conclude little else.

...Dude, if you can go out to a clear night sky and not have  
your knees buckle with the certainty of potentiality, you're not  
holding your mouth right. <LOL> And you're not making rational  
points telling us earlier how much you respect our 'esteemed'  
and much 'revered' Philip Klass, a world class paragon of obtuse  
conjecture, fallacious reasoning, and paucity of constructive  
imagination. You absolve yourself of being taken seriously as a  
skeptic puling such patent nonsense, Mr. King, I should think.

>If you want me to  
>take a definitive stance, you are doomed to be disappointed  
>until some future event which might provoke me to do so.

Take any stance you want, Mr. King, with my blessing. Just don't  
pout and whine breathy protests about "attacks" and "name-  
calling" when somebody appears who won't validate your faith.

>Until  
>then, I remain a healthy skeptic, yearning for an unassailable  
>truth to emerge.

Well then, it is likely you who are doomed to disappointment, Mr. King; no small irony there. Unassailable 'truths' are as rare as they are unreasonable. As to whether or not you remain a healthy skeptic... or are even a skeptic at all... that remains, as I had written, to be seen. You're apparent choice of 'health' provider seems to cast your aggregate sincerity in some doubt. Let's have this conversation in a couple of months, next ce pas?

>I may be a fool to think it is inevitable, yet  
>that is what I think.

You may be a fool. What follows only suggests it.

>Your post appears to be some kind of indictment that since I  
>refuse to engage in your style of invective, that I am  
>intellectually your inferior.

Excuse me? There is little apology that I feel the way I do and I'm not scared to question your motivations, assertions and positions. ...Get up in your face in the . If you take that as invective... well, there is little I really want to do about it. I'm convinced that the moderator will keep me in line, even if you can't.

With regard to your "intellectual inferiority", or lack of same... I can only offer that that is some kind of annoyed if irrelevant projection on your part. I'm pretty dumb about some things, Mr. King. I'd presume you're pretty smart about others... I'm left handed, FYI, so it's likely that I'm into all sorts of procedural pre-versions, creative malapropisms, and airy heresies. ...Puts a nice edge on the art though... [g].

>If this is so, your rhetoric is  
>not information, it is masturbation...pure and simple...and  
>likely quite enjoyable.

Wow, forgetting for a moment that this seems to cross a line on a multitude of levels... what a thing to share. out loud. in a public forum... But, I've always said that writing is better than sex, so there just might be something to what you say, after all. Did I get any on you? It's alright... my herpes is dormant. LOL!

>Your vocabulary, coupled with the way in  
>which you use it, is singular in my experience.

Andy Roberts describes it as the way 18th Century English sea captains used to talk. I liked that! I wasn't insulted, and it was likely meant that way. You'd like him I think. I'm sure he, already, likes you. I've no excuse but that I respect the language. No apologies here...

>That it is  
>practiced is obvious. That it is of no use to me is unfortunate,  
>since it seems to be taking up so much space in this forum. :)

What a wonderfully benign slight! What a delicate bit of pointed insult. What a pot calling the kettle black...! The emoticon was a nice touch too, fitting from one who's used their space to whine and moan about the invective of others, grind suspicious axes, and ooze impassioned explications on their own sense of fairness and balance...

Um... I'm becoming aroused again; better get your rubber knickers on. I'm wounded, of course, Mr. King. Verily! <LOL>

>I don't know what you meant by "see you in a couple of months",  
>or what was the significance of placing the word talk in  
>quotation marks.

Here I'll help... if you're still here (in the UFO UpDates Forum) in a couple of months and have avoided aping wet flash powder, we'll talk about your ships and shoes and sealing wax, your cabbages and kings... but for now, "given my intemperate invective" and your ability to blithely perform what you accuse,

there won't be much chance for "talk." For now - If it walks like a duck and quacks to suit, I'm going to presume water fowl and pepper it with some judicious buckshot. There's room for all manner of subsequent apology later on... if called for. [g].

>Since you have spent the vast majority of this thread claiming  
>that I am something I am not, explain why I should afford you  
>the privilege of spending time "talking" with me, when I am not  
>what you claim. I would surely be a disappointment to you. I  
>wouldn't want that.

Suit yourself, Sir. You would afford me privileges, now? It may be Mr. King, that you have a higher regard for yourself than I do, for you, at present.

>If you claim that your time on this list is the cause of your  
>cranky nature, I think you do the list a disservice by  
>displaying it.

They've gotten over it in the first place and likely titter in embarrassed schadenfrude that you would presume to evaluate what 'services' UpDates, in the second. You, the intellectually corrupt Mr. Klass, and the lovely Mr. Rimmer are the preferred antithesis to the evil that I do, presumably... LOL. You do think quite a lot of yourself, don't you. Nothing wrong with that. [g].

>I'm really not anything but an interested observer.

So you have advised.

>I disagree  
>with a lot that is said here...on either side of a question.

So you would have me believe.

>I  
>think very highly of those that study this subject in detail.

Just saying that provides little verity, moreover I suspect you've cherry picked your 'details' such as they are... we'll see as the weeks and months spin out.

>I  
>am currently reading Ray Stanford's excellent account of the  
>Socorro event, and find it very compelling. I have seen and read  
>stuff that really made me think. That I haven't found my  
>"Rosetta Stone", or "smoking gun", is not a sign that I would  
>ignore it should it appear.

We'll see.

>Quite the contrary, I hope that my  
>time here is keeping me open to ALL the possibilities...mundane  
>and extreme.

Uh -huh. Very high minded... sounding. Proclaimed from the "high ground" one would assume.

>Warmest regards, and please accept them as just that. No hidden  
>innuendo, no veiled disdain. Just warm regards.

...A fine fellow, really. Nothin' up his sleeve! <LOL>

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## UFO Triangle Formation Melbourne Australia

From: John Auchettl <[Praufu.nul](mailto:Praufu.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 06:25:40 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 08:08:14 -0400  
Subject: UFO Triangle Formation Melbourne Australia

Hi Errol And List,

UFO TRIANGLE FORMATION  
Melbourne  
Australia  
23 Aug 2004-08-24  
c. Phenomena Research Australia

Two large formations of light were captured on video last night 23 Aug 2004. The formation was moving over Melbourne while the video was taken at a location near Pascoe Vale.

The objects were in two groups of three lights and each group was in a triangle formation.

The video was taken by Mark & Janine Blease of Melbourne. PRA have a copy of the video for analysis and so does Channel 7 TV Melbourne.

A check of Melbourne Air Traffic Control, show no aircraft at that location or in formation at that time and no radar contact was reported.

This morning on the Breakfast Show - Radio station 3AW Melbourne, spoke to the couple who took the video and they said it was quite a surprise and very spectacular, offering no explanation. Other people called the radio station and some did come onto the 'talk-back' line to support the sighting.

This is a multiple witness event and a hoax has been ruled out.

At present there is no simple explanation, however an investigation has now been opened and as more information becomes available we will post it.

IMAGE 1

[http://praufo.bravehost.com/PRA%20-%20UFO%20Melbourne%20040823%20\[1\].jpg](http://praufo.bravehost.com/PRA%20-%20UFO%20Melbourne%20040823%20[1].jpg)

IMAGE 2

[http://praufo.bravehost.com/PRA%20-%20UFO%20Melbourne%20040823%20\[2\].jpg](http://praufo.bravehost.com/PRA%20-%20UFO%20Melbourne%20040823%20[2].jpg)

This is night video so it is very low value data, however, save the images to a file and then expand for more visual detail.

Best regards to you all,

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PRA - Director

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## Re: Moon Questions - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 07:02:07 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 08:10:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - Kaeser

>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 13:12:25 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

<snip>

>Actually there is no 'dark side' per se. During the new moon,  
>the side facing us has become the dark side and the opposite  
>side is well lit by the sun. However, the opposite side is as  
>good a place for a scope as any. The scope would have to be able  
>to cope with the temperature extremes spending about 2 weeks in  
>sunlight and 2 weeks in the dark. If the scope was placed at one  
>of the moon's poles the stresses might be more evenly  
>distributed but since the Moon does wobble slightly there is no  
>spot that is always dark or always sunlit.

I think there are a number of theories that have been proposed regarding the formation of the moon, and the most widely accepted at this point is that the moon is part of the Earth, blown into space by a collision with an asteroid. Of course, this was a very lucky event for us, since it's been determined that life on Earth was formed (in part) because of the tidal flow that was caused by the moon. Without the moon, life would likely not have formed. As far as the "Dark" side of the moon is concerned, the terrain has been photographed and mapped for a number of years. But due to communication difficulties, I believe no thought was given to exploration of the far side of the moon.

I also thought it was important to note that the moon is receding from the Earth at a rate of about 3.8 centimeters a year. While this rate is far too slow to notice over a period of years, our ancient ancestors saw a much larger and brighter moon than we do.

Steve

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 06:21:12 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 08:12:06 -0400  
Subject: Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet? -

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 17:56:38 -0500  
>Subject: Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet?

>>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>one... yeti! ;o)

...A real knee slapper? Or another thing you're not sure about,  
Mr. King. It might be you're a little too quick to laugh about,  
well... anything.

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Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 06:54:20 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 08:15:09 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmberg

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 14:59:36 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Wendy Connors <[fadeddiscs.nul](mailto:fadeddiscs.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates <[UFOUpdates.nul](mailto:UFOUpdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 09:53:40 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>Emotion adds nothing to intellectual debate, beyond lines of  
>text. Provoking emotion is a dodge... a surrogate for debate...  
>and not a proper method for advancing any argument. Quite the  
>contrary.

>I assure you that while I am rather familiar with mushrooms and  
>the colors they can produce, I shall steer clear of the "cloud"  
>variety, lest I fall prey to the resulting "fallout".

>Oh that there were a remedy for the "fungus among us". :)

"...fungus..."

Astonishing - you really don't see yourself self-proscribing  
your own little box, wandering the borders of your little plot  
and furtively urinating on its tiny little corners - cultivating  
your own molds and spores?

Pretending emotionlessness is the dodge, Sir, the surrogate for  
"business as usual" (stalled!), continued ambivalence and ardent  
complacency, only. It hasn't moved us, ufologically, a  
centimeter in 50 years and is exactly why we keep going over the  
same stuff you lament above. A proper method for advancing  
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## Re: Edgar Mitchell On UFOs & ETs - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <[bob.nul](mailto:bob.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 08:07:23 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 08:17:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: Edgar Mitchell On UFOs & ETs - Shell

>From: Torbjorn Sassersson <[torbjorn.sassersson.nul](mailto:torbjorn.sassersson.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>I am trying to contact with Buzz Aldrin, Philip Corso and Neil  
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To contact Philip Corso you will need a spirit medium, as he  
died shortly after his book was published.

Bob Shell

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>:-)

>You never know for sure.....

True enough. You never know for sure. No little emoticon after that. And the knowing is going to continue to be postponed for as long as we tolerate agencies, institutions, and governments that nurture the very intellectual void we'd otherwise decry, that abhorred cultural vacuum which begs to be, and is, filled by individual rank and file persons wanting their aggregate realities to make a little more sense to them. Our agencies are a duplicity. Our institutions are an obfuscation. Our governments are a fraud. It's not the dodgy fringe, at all. It is what provokes the dodgy fringe which deserves the attention.

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## Re: Moon Questions - Lehmberg

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>I think there are a number of theories that have been proposed  
>regarding the formation of the moon, and the most widely  
>accepted at this point is that the moon is part of the Earth,  
>blown into space by a collision with an asteroid. Of course,  
>this was a very lucky event for us, since it's been determined  
>that life on Earth was formed (in part) because of the tidal  
>flow that was caused by the moon. Without the moon, life would  
>likely not have formed. As far as the "Dark" side of the moon is  
>concerned, the terrain has been photographed and mapped for a  
>number of years. But due to communication difficulties, I  
>believe no thought was given to exploration of the far side of  
>the moon.

>I also thought it was important to note that the moon is  
>receding from the Earth at a rate of about 3.8 centimeters a  
>year. While this rate is far too slow to notice over a period of  
>years, our ancient ancestors saw a much larger and brighter moon  
>than we do.

...Can you just imagine what the tides were, once? Wow! And  
there used to be a lot more ocean too.

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Baylor Professor Studies Unusual Claims

By Jeffrey Weiss

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS - (KRT) - Christopher Bader was one of those kids who loved tales of the improbable. He grew up to become his own improbable tale:

He's a sociology professor at the conservative and Baptist Baylor University, a Presbyterian who has a particular interest in people who say they are UFO abductees or victims of religion-linked ritual abuse. His study of the two groups was published in a recent issue of the Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion.

"My students ask me all the time: 'Do you believe in UFOs? Do you believe in ritual abuse? Do you believe in Bigfoot?'" He said. "My answer is that I just don't care whether they're real or not."

Studying the sociology of religion is nothing like delving into theology, he said.

"We're not studying God. We're studying what people who believe in God and live on earth do," he said.

"God" and "religion" are defined broadly by sociologists of religion. Belief in UFO abductions and in ritual abuse both include a large dose of faith.

The scientific mainstream has not accepted any claims of alien abductions. And many who claim to have survived ritual abuse say they discovered the abuse through the recovery of long-repressed memories. The length of time between the alleged event and the recovery of the memory often makes it hard to investigate the claims.

So are there UFOs grabbing people? Are there Satanic cults abusing people? In many cases, people believe without the kinds of evidence that would convince outsiders - it's a matter of faith. And that means people who belong to support groups for UFO abductees or for survivors of ritual abuse can be studied as members of "new religious movements."

The only connection between the UFO folks and the ritual abuse folks is that the two groups gained attention in the 1980s, as Dr. Bader was starting his academic career.

Sociologists such as Bader study small groups like these because



they believe this is a way to understand how successful faiths develop. After all, the largest religions all started with a few people considered unusual by their neighbors.

"It really is no crazier than anything else," he said of the outside-the-mainstream stuff he studies. "I appreciate it as a belief, and a sincerely held belief."

Not that he expects belief in UFO abductions to morph into a major faith anytime soon. "Not in my lifetime," he said.

Most of his work involves less controversial belief systems - why churches and denominations succeed or fail in drawing members. But when Baylor hired him a couple of years ago, he told his new bosses that part of his studies could seem a bit, well, odd for a Baptist school.

"But when I talk about Satanism in class, I'm not recruiting," he said.

His paper, published in the peer-reviewed journal, is the fruit of years of tentative contacts with support groups for people who say they've been snatched by aliens or ritually abused. Members of these groups are suspicious of outsiders. Much of his paper details how he gained their trust - and eventually, some information about them.

Eventually, he was able to get 55 of the UFO folks and 51 ritual-abuse survivors to anonymously fill out forms about their ages, education and other demographic information.

That information fills a hole in the study of these groups, he said. Most academic attention has focused on the beliefs or on psychological effects on the believers. Bader's goal was to identify the kinds of people who subscribe to these beliefs.

What he came up with has its limits, he admits. The sample size is small, and there's no way to know for sure if they represent the average UFO abductee or ritual-abuse survivor. But the results are in line with research done on other small, new religious movements, he said.

Many academics who study such movements tend to consider members of these particular groups as rubes, he said. "They assume that these are some country bumpkins who believe that the UFOs are plucking them off their tractors. That's not what people who are interested in new ideas are like."

It turns out that the folk who filled out Bader's forms are a lot like most Americans who seek out unusual faith experiences: They're generally female, white, affluent and well-educated when compared with the general population.

Of the 51 UFO abductees, 32 were women, 48 said they were white and six identified as Native American (three chose both categories), 34 attended some college, and 29 were white-collar workers. Most said they found some positive aspects to their experience.

Of the 48 ritual-abuse survivors, all were white women, 44 had attended college, and of the 21 then employed, 18 were white-collar workers. This was an unhappy population, and most reported they had dozens of multiple personalities.

What they have in common, Bader said, is that they mostly follow the pattern found in other new religious movements.

"The theory tells us that it doesn't matter about the personality of the 'god' involved," he said. "The point is that a certain demographic is interested in things outside the mainstream."

Bader's own interest in such things started when he was very young.

"I read 'The Amityville Horror' when I was in the fourth grade and I couldn't sleep for a week," he said. "When I was a kid, I used to try to find Bigfoot in the woods or worry that UFOs would come to my room and get me."

He'll admit to never losing his fascination with the mystery

associated with tales of the supernatural.

"If we ever caught Bigfoot and put him in a cage," he said, "I'd be really depressed."

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MARINE JETS IN BATTLE  
WITH OREGON SAUCER?

"Two California Marine reservists died Wednesday," July 21, 2004, "after two F/A-18 jet fighters collided over the Columbia River near Arlington, Oregon during a training exercise."

"The fiery crash scattered debris up to 30 miles (48 kilometers) away. One pilot parachuted to safety, but the other two Marines' bodies were recovered after their bodies fell into the river."

"The explosion at about 2:30 p.m. was visible more than 40 miles (64 kilometers) away. A driver on Interstate (Highway) 84 near Echo saw a bright flash in the sky, followed by a trail of smoke."

"The shock wave from the collision felt like 'a big boom of rolling thunder,' said Don Adams, a fuel island attendant at the Anderson Chevron."

"The explosion shook the gas (petrol in UK--J.T.) station's canopy, and Adams went out and saw one jet, with the rear half engulfed flames falling toward the west of the small community of about 500."

"Inside, cashier James Baker heard the explosion and saw part of the fuselage falling from the sky, as well as what looked like half an aircraft falling to the east."

"The jets were based at Miramar Naval Air Station near San Diego," California, "and had flown out of Portland (Oregon) earlier in the day, said Nancy Corey, a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) spokesperson."

"The pilots, two of seven visiting from California, were part of an annual two-week training experience with the Portland-based (Oregon) Air National Guard 142nd Fighter Wing, said spokeswoman Capt. Misti Mazzia."

"We bring units that are different from us and fly and fight against them to keep our skills polished," she said. Last year (2003), the 142nd Fighter Wing visited Miramar Naval Air Station on a military training exercise, Capt. Mazzia said."

"An Oregon Air National Guard spokesman told the Associated Press that the planes were on a low-altitude training exercise. One of the dead men was a pilot, and the other was either a pilot or a weapons operator, military spokesmen said."

"Marine spokesman Capt. Dan McSweeney in Quantico, Virginia said the incident was being investigated but did

not release the names of the dead men because their families had not yet been told of their deaths."

"The survivor, tentatively identified as Major Craig Bardon, was taken to the Mid-Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles, Oregon after he parachuted to land on a hill to the west of Arlington."

"Jack West was setting out his (lawn) sprinklers when he heard the explosion and was one of the first people to reach the survivor at his landing site."

"The survivor did not know exactly what had happened, West said. 'He didn't know if his plane just blew up, or if his wingman hit him,' West said."

"The survivor was released from the Mid-Columbia Medical Center late Wednesday night," July 21, 2004, "nursing staff reported. His condition was not disclosed."

"Jeremy Takala was setting out nets to catch salmon with his uncle, Andrew David, and grandfather, Jim Bronsco Sr., all of Goldendale (Washington state), when he heard a loud explosion. He assumed it came from a nearby landfill" across the river in Washington state.

"After a second explosion, he looked up and saw the fireball above. They dropped everything and headed up the river while debris rained all around them, he said."

"From about half a mile up the river, they could see two figures parachuting down, David said. One landed in the middle of the river, and the three went to help pull him out. By the time their boat reached the man, he had started to sink into the river, Takala said."

"They pulled the man, whose clothes smelled of jet fuel, out by the parachute, but he was already dead, Takala said."

"Gary Bettencourt, Gilliam County undersheriff, said he was surprised that nobody got hit by falling debris."

"Gary Grossmiller, owner of the Happy Canyon Pizza Parlor, went out when he saw people pointing at the sky outside his shop and saw the parachutes. About a half hour after the crash, a foot-long (30-centimeter) piece of what appeared to be carbon fiber, smelling of jet fuel, landed on his back porch steps."

(Editor's Comment: Now, this is weird! Thirty minutes after the reported mid-air collision, this mysterious carbon fiber cylinder falls out of the sky and lands on Mr. Grossmiller's back steps. What is this thing, anyway? An alien photon torpedo depleted of all its on-board energy?)

"Joey Evens, 14, of Arlington, was swimming with three friends at the swimming area at Earl Snell Memorial Park when the crash happened, and the lifeguard ordered them out of the water. While Joey was swimming, he said a piece of metal fell from the sky and landed" in the river "about 15 feet (4.5 meters) in front of him."

"A military investigative team was expected to arrive late Wednesday, and state and local authorities are searching for debris from the crash, said Georges Kleinbaum, (Oregon) Office of Emergency Management state search and rescue coordinator."

The following day, Thursday, July 22, 2004, the National UFO Reporting Center received a report of a UFO in the region. The female eyewitness reported, "Around 11:10 p.m., on July 22, my husband and I were out studying satellites on our front lawn" in Portland, Ore. "As I looked to my right, I exclaimed, 'Oh, look! That is the lowest, biggest and brightest satellite we have seen.' Right at that moment, the object darted off at a right angle and, within eight seconds, dimmed and was gone...disappeared out of sight. The object was round in shape and lit up all around and had spike-type legs (approximately 5 or 6 of them) extending from the center of the object. It was not like any of the other satellites we had seen that evening, and none of them shot off within eight seconds and disappeared."

Commenting on the incident, UFO Roundup editor Joseph Trainor said, "For years people have heard Air Force latrine rumors about the 'designated hitter.'" On every military air patrol, at least one jet flies fully armed. This jet 'rides shotgun' on the flight and, if the flight encounters a UFO, this particular pilot automatically switches to combat flight rules and attacks the object."

"This may be what happened in Arlington. Look at the

evidence that contradicts the 'collision' story. The survivor said he doesn't know what happened. Witnesses on the ground reported two explosions. And that strange carbon-fiber whuttizzit fell out of the sky thirty minutes after people saw the aerial fireball. All in all, this is one very strange airborne 'collision.'" (See the Tri-City Herald for July 22, 2004, "Two killed in fighter jet collision in Gorge." Many thanks to Daniel Wilson for this newspaper article.)  
 (Editor's Comment: No doubt about it. The Columbia River region has been a real UFO hotspot during the past few weeks. Check out the next news story.)

#### UFO ACTIVITY RISES IN WAKE OF NUCLEAR PLANT INCIDENT

"Washington state's only commercial nuclear reactor" in Richland, Wash. "remained out of service while technicians tried to determine why an automatic shutdown system failed to work properly yesterday," Friday, July 30, 2004.

"State emergency officials said there was no release of radiation and no danger to the public. It was not immediately known when the Columbia Generating Station reactor would be restarted."

"The failure triggered an alert in which state agencies prepared to respond if needed to help Benton and Franklin counties near the Hanford Nuclear Reservation."

"But Brad Peck, a spokesman for the reactor's operator, Energy Northwest, said the reactor was started and the alert was cancelled at 11:57 a.m., just two hours after it was declared."

"The reactor, which produces power for the Northwest's electrical grid, will remain out of service until the owners determine what caused the problem, he said."

"Energy Northwest spokeswoman Heather McMurdo said lights on a control panel showed that two of the 185 control rods did not fully insert into the reactor during the shutdown."

"The rods, which control the reactor's operation, were inserted manually at about 10 a.m., she said."

"Backup systems operated correctly, and the alert could have been canceled when the control rods were manually inserted, but plant operators wanted to err on the side of caution, McMurdo said."

"'It was conservative for us to have remained in an alert status,' she said."

"Bob Harper, a spokesman of the (Washington) state Emergency Operations Center, said that although there was no threat to the public, the center, at the (Washington) National Guard's Camp Murray, was activated, as called for under the plant's emergency plan."

"The state Department of Health dispatched a field team to take air samples and soil readings as a precaution, he said."

"State authorities originally said that the shutdown occurred during a test, but Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials later said it occurred during normal operations."

"NRC spokesman Ken Clark in Atlanta (Georgia) said the reactor automatically shut down after a light-positive indicator" activated at about 9:25 a.m. "It was then that the equipment indicated that some control rods were not fully extended, he said."

"Columbia Generating Station is a boiling-water reactor that produces up to 1,500 megawatts of electricity, which is sold to the Bonneville Power Administration. Formerly known as the Washington Public Power Supply System No. 2, it is the only one of five reactors started in the late 1970s to be completed before construction was halted in 1983."

Right after the nuclear plant emergency shutdown, there was a sharp increase in UFO sightings in Trout Lake, Wash. Ranch owner and ufologist James C. Gilliland reported, "We have had almost a week of constant (UFO) activity, with as many as 13 eyewitnesses at a time. Several shapes came in very low and exploded into brilliant light. Some side-skipped back and forth, changing speeds, exhibiting behavior unlike any

conventional craft."

"There was a triangle on (Friday) August 6 (2004) around 10:30 p.m., which swooped down, ducked and turned around like a ghost ship. It was a bit longer than my hand. Two out of 12 (guests) saw it. It happened very quickly."

"On (Sunday) August 8 (2004), at 9:50 p.m., a ship came in from southeast (over the Hanford reservation--J.T.). It burst into a brilliant golden light, dimming to orange and then white. It continued northwest and then repeated the signal. Yet this time it was a brilliant white like a welder's arc. Three witnesses were present." (See the Seattle Post-Intelligencer for July 31, 2004, "Hanford reactor shut down after alert." Many thanks to Daniel Wilson and James C. Gilliland for this newspaper article.)

#### NIGHT SAUCER SPOTTED IN SOMERSET, UK

On Saturday, August 14, 2004, at 9:30 p.m., David C. was outdoors in Piddlington, Somerset, UK when he saw something strange in the night sky.

"There was an oval-shaped disk with white lights that was moving very fast," David reported, "There was another shape with all different coloured lights coming from the south. This object was spinning round. It lasted for approximately five minutes, then it disappeared."

"Then another two disks with white lights appeared."

David described the objects as "grey and black oval disks with white lights around the outside which kept spinning. The other shape was blue, red, green and yellow. They were 2,000 feet (600 meters) up, and their speed was amazingly quick." (Email Form Report)

#### CHUPACABRA'S "COUSIN" HAS SCIENTISTS BAFFLED IN CHILE

"Specialists from the Museum of Natural History" in Valparaiso, a seaport city in Chile, "are subjecting a carcass found in Cerro Cordillera to a battery of tests."

"The situation came about a few days ago (Monday, August 2, 2004) at the house of Manuel Otazo, who found the corpse of a strange animal inside the doghouse belonging to one of his animals."

"'We perceived the foul smell and thought at first that someone had thrown away fish by-products. But then we saw that our pet (dog) was frightened and didn't want to go into his doghouse. Upon inspecting it, we came across the monster,' said Sonia Valdivia, the tearful homeowner."

"Manuel Otazo explained that the animal had a small head and red fur, with large fangs, claws and hands resembling wings, different from any rodent or known domestic animal."

"Otazo said, 'At night we could hear noise on the rooftop, and hens and rabbits died recently at a neighbor's house. We think it could be the Chupacabra or one of his relatives that was wounded and came to die in our pet's doghouse.'"

"After burying it, the owners subsequently contacted the Museum of Natural History in Valparaiso, who transferred the specimen to their facility."

"The animal is submerged in a special brine. Fernando Soto, professor of biology, reported that the carcass--in an advanced state of putrefaction--will be submitted to a treatment based on choleopterids that devour flesh to recover the skeleton. The bones will be compared to the anatomies of known specimens."

"Despite the a priori examination performed on the animal, Dr. Soto noted that, while it could be a dog or cat, he was surprised by some strange features, such as the absence of incisors, the size of its extremities, and the color of its fur."

"The Museum of Natural History says that it isn't so unusual to run into strange specimens in the area. Only a few months ago, they received the carcass of a pig with three eyes."

"The owners, who were from Cerro Baran, decapitated

it at once,'" Dr. Soto said, "'Because they thought it was a thing of the Devil rather than a genetic aberration.'" (See the Chilean newspaper La Estrella de Valparaiso for August 5, 2004, "Chupacabra's 'cousin' found in Valparaiso." Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Liliana Nunez para esto articulo de diario.)

MISSING GLIDER MYSTERY  
IN CHESHIRE, UK

"Mystery surrounds the sighting of a small aircraft in darkness over the Delamere Forest last Tuesday night," August 10, 2004.

"Police launched a full-scale search operation after four different witnesses reported seeing a microlight (ultralight in the USA--J.T.) or glider lose control and fall into an area of dense forest known as Thieves Moss."

"They even employed a group of archers, including Mike Williams from Northwich, who 'know the forest like the back of their hand' to help out."

"But to date, no evidence of the craft or pilot has been found. Police decided to reduce the search on Wednesday afternoon," August 11, 2004, "in favor of other leads, including circulating information to police forces around the country (UK)."

"A police spokesman said, 'We are appealing to anyone who knows anyone who flies a glider or microlight, who has not been in contact since Tuesday evening, to get in contact with us.'"

"The search of Delamere Forest began after the first reported sighting at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday night, with sniffing dogs and handlers from the Mid-Wales Search and Rescue Dogs Association receiving overhead support from the Mid-Wales Police helicopter."

"They continued until 4 a.m. when deteriorating weather conditions in the forest made it impossible to conduct a meaningful search."

"The land-search was resumed early on Wednesday by members of Cheshire police's search and rescue team, along with an unconventional rescue service."

"Foggy, wet weather prevented the police spotter plane from circling the forest, so Cheshire police search director Sgt. Martin Baker called on the South Cheshire Field Archers."

"The archers were chosen for their detailed knowledge of Thieves Moss, the 40 acres of dense forest where the aircraft was spotted and which the archers lease from the Forestry Commission."

"Club secretary Dave Wheeler also spoke of how he came to spend Wednesday morning trekking the forest in his suited clothes, ankle-deep in bog and chest-high in nettles."

"'I got to the office that morning and had a message from Sgt. Baker asking could we assist the search, so I phoned two other members and headed down to Delamere, still in my office clothes.'"

"'We split the forest into thirds and did a thorough search. We are happy to help because--who knows?--it might have been one of us on the receiving end.'"

"Dave said the search was made more difficult by the terrain than the size of the forest, which is not reachable by public roads."

"'Knowing the place well, we could move through it quite quickly, but there are sink holes, ditches and other hazards that make it hard work.'"

"Dave said his main worry is that Thieves Moss contains two deep gravel pits that have filled with water."

"'I have a terrible feeling that the pilot may have seen them through the fog as nice, flat surfaces and landed on them. It doesn't bear thinking about.'"

"Police liased with Cheshire divers, but they were not required, and a search plane flew over the area at the weekend. It found no fuselage."

"He added that police had dismissed a report from a man who runs a paranormal website about the possibility that what had been seen above the forest was a UFO." (See the Chester Chronicle for August 18, 2004, "Vanished in thin air." Many thanks to Robert Fischer for this newspaper article.)

MYSTERY AIR PATROLS  
STARTLE PASADENA

"Jet engines command respect. And Friday," August 13, 2004, "over the San Gabriel valley" in southern California, "they did."

"Residents reported rumbling sounds while others complained of the noise of at least two fighter jets (which) would show up between midnight and about 8 a.m."

"The soaring twin-winged F-15 Eagle and F-16 Falcon surprised others who happened to catch a glimpse of the planes flown by members of Colorado-based NORAD, the North American Aerospace Defense Command, composed of special military personnel from the United States and Canada."

"It was not an annoying buzz of an aircraft, it is the sound of freedom," said Canadian Army Major Douglas Martin, a NORAD spokesman, "It's a vital part of the defense of our country."

"NORAD, established in 1958 to combat aerospace threats from outside of the United States and Canada, now includes domestic airspace as of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the (USA's) East Coast."

"Martin was coy when asked if President George W. Bush's visit to the Southland (slang for southern California--J.T.) Thursday and Friday (August 12 and August 13, 2004) prompted the flybys. He also refused to confirm when the patrols started, when they would end, when the jets were last in the area and when they would return."

"Representatives from several military bases, the U.S. Secret Service, the FBI, local law enforcement and government officials offered no explanation for the jets."

"Yet residents from Arcadia, Azusa, Duarte, Monrovia, El Monte and as far west as Glendale know what they heard."

"I was in my kitchen when I heard the roar. It was a wild roar at first, but then it got very, very loud and went on for a long time," said Duarte resident Mickey Dudek, 57. "I couldn't see, but I could hear it passing overhead. I half-expected a crash. I thought, Is this another terrorist attack!?"

"Dudek said the noise upset her dogs and sent them running around the pool."

"Don Walker, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), would not comment on the fighter jets but confirmed a temporary flight restriction was set up during Bush's visit. El Monte airport officials said the temporary flight restriction lasted from 11 a.m. Thursday to 9 a.m. Friday."

(Editor's Note: These flight restrictions are standard procedure whenever the president comes to visit. Airport security screeners refer to them as "ground stops.")

"It's standard procedure," said assistant manager Carl Hoten, "It's general information for pilots so they can avoid temporary flight restriction areas."

"Pasadena resident Bill Bibbiani, a former Marine, was in his backyard when he saw the planes flying from east to west at medium altitude."

"Bibbiani, a member of the Pasadena Unified School District board, heard the jets as late as 2 p.m. Friday. He said he recognized the fighter jets as (Navy) F-18 Hornets because of their unique twin tails."

"But, it turns out, the F-15 (Eagle) has a similar tail."

"I never saw more than one at a time," he said."

"Bibbiani, 63, first thought the aircraft were part of a ceremonial flyover at the Rose Bowl and Dodger Stadium, but when they kept going back and forth, over and over, he figured he was wrong. "I wasn't alarmed, just curious," he said."

Pasadena (population 133,936) is on Interstate Highway I-210 about 10 miles (16 kilometers) north-northeast of Los Angeles City Hall. (See the Pasadena, Cal. Star-News for August 13, 2004, "Jets' roar awakens residents." Many thanks to Daniel Wilson for this newspaper article.)

ROVERS FIND MORE EVIDENCE



## OF WATER ON MARS

"NASA's Mars rovers have uncovered more tantalizing evidence of a watery past on the Red Planet, scientists said Wednesday," August 18, 2004. "And the rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, are continuing to do their jobs months after they were expected to die."

"Aside from minor complaints, such as a balky wheel on Spirit and a stone jamming a grinder on Opportunity, 'both rovers are performing marvelously,' says Chris Salvo of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory" in Pasadena, California, "which manages the mission. Salvo says engineers expect to remove the stone before the grinder is again needed by scientists."

"Both Mars rovers landed in January (2004) on an \$835 mission to search for signs of past water on the planet. Since a controversial report of fossilized microbes hidden inside a Martian meteorite emerged in 1996, scientists have pondered the possibility that life once existed on Mars, and water would have been a prerequisite for that."

"Gusev Crater was selected as Spirit's landing site because from space the crater appears to have been a lake at some point in its history. Team scientists said at the JPL briefing that Spirit has now climbed about 10 yards (9 meters) up a hillside, getting above the Gusev plain. Holes drilled into soft bedrock there show that, compared with the volcanic rocks below, there are higher amounts of elements that are active in water. Those elements may be evidence of the suspected lakebed."

"Opportunity, by contrast, has descended deep into one of the craters dotting Meridiani Planum, its landing region. 'Wonderful layered rocks' exist there, says mission scientist Steve Squyres of Cornell University."

"In March (2004), Opportunity detected similar layers inside a small crater at its landing site, layers pointing to a past saltwater sea on Mars. Another crater now under exploration goes about 80 feet (24 meters) deeper, revealing more clues:"

"The layers look lumpy rather than rippled by running water, as seen at more shallow craters."

"The sea-salt chemistry of the rock changes the deeper the rover goes."

"Rather than seeing 'blueberry' rocks found at other craters, the team reports red pebbles dot the landscape."

"A lumpish rock in the crater, perhaps made entirely of these new pebbles, has intrigued team geologists." (Editor's Comment: I've got a geologic name for this rock...Squyres' conglomerate.)

"More analysis may reveal whether a deep sea or mere waterlogged dirt deposited the deep rock layers."

"Both rovers have been exploring more than twice as long as they were designed to last. And even though the Martian winter is (now) at its coldest, Salvo is confident that the rovers will continue, despite showing signs of mortality."

"'They are developing a few of the signs of aches and pains of aging,' he says, 'You might, too, if you had to operate two times past your design life.'" (See USA Today for August 19, 2004, "More evidence of Martian water bubbles up," page 14B.)

Well, that's it for this week. Join us in seven days for more UFO, Fortean and paranormal news from around the planet Earth--and occasionally, Mars--brought to you by "the paper that goes home--UFO Roundup." See you then!

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## Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet? -

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 09:40:25 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 09:24:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet? -

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 07:31:30 -0500  
>Subject: Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet?

<snip>

>True enough. You never know for sure. No little emoticon after  
>that. And the knowing is going to continue to be postponed for  
>as long as we tolerate agencies, institutions, and governments  
>that nurture the very intellectual void we'd otherwise decry,  
>that abhorred cultural vacuum which begs to be, and is, filled  
>by individual rank and file persons wanting their aggregate  
>realities to make a little more sense to them. Our agencies are  
>a duplicity. Our institutions are an obfuscation. Our  
>governments are a fraud. It's not the dodgy fringe, at all. It  
>is what provokes the dodgy fringe which deserves the attention.

Mr. Lehmborg,

We may disagree on what constitutes the "dodgy fringe", but the comments on duplicity, obfuscation and fraud I accept with absolute sincerity. Bravo!

One question. If the "not knowing will be postponed as long as we tolerate" said "agencies...", how best do we show a commensurate intolerance, and thereby accelerate the "knowing"? Or is there even a chance of it with said agencies' well entrenched status, and track record of success in duplicity, obfuscation and fraud?

The outcry against the regime often results in more protracted "nurturing of the intellectual void". To withhold said outcry is tacit approval, at least in a democracy. Is there an answer?

Honestly, do you see a way to fix it? Anarchy is an option, but what springs up in its wake may be worse yet.

I for one, absolutely would enjoy having my reality make more sense. I am not certain that the government has all the answers, but they likely have more to lend to the debate than has been made public.

Trying to find that which would make my reality make sense is the primary reason I read the posts here. Another reason is that I find enjoyment in the wide range of opinions. Access to some of the more highly regarded in the field is another.

As an aside, I address you as Mr. Lehmborg because we have never met, and I haven't received private correspondence which would clearly afford me the privilege of addressing you otherwise. As we have now at the very least managed to "cut a rug" together, would I be taking liberties to address you as Alfred?

Kyle

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## Re: Edgar Mitchell On UFOs & ETs - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 09:52:44 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 09:25:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: Edgar Mitchell On UFOs & ETs - King

>From: Torbjorn Sassersson <[torbjorn.sassersson.nul](mailto:torbjorn.sassersson.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 10:37:54 +0200  
>Subject: Edgar Mitchell On UFOs & ETs

>[Non-subscriber post]

>Hello!

>F.Y.I. Dr Edgar Mitchell on ET/UFOs and the paranormal.

>I have published an interview with Dr Edgar Mitchell on the  
>paranormal, ET and UFOs that might be of interest to you.

>Interview with Dr Edgar Mitchell

><http://www.soultravel.nu/2004/040813-Mitchell/>

>Related article: Human Psychics and ETs - Can we Talk?

><http://www.soultravel.nu/2004/040714-Buchanan/>

>In this interview remote viewer Lyn Buchanan talks freely about  
>his thoughts on ETs.

>By the way:

>I am trying to contact with Buzz Aldrin, Philip Corso and Neil  
>Armstrong for interviews on UFOs. I would appreciate enormously  
>if you could help me get their contact information or if you  
>could forward my questions to them. Would that be possible?

>If you want more news on ET/UFOs in connection to the  
>paranormal e-mail and write SUBSCRIBE in the subject field.

>Best regards  
>Torbjorn Sassersson  
>Editor

<snip>

Mr. Sasserson,

Corso is easily located, but I doubt you'd get much info from  
him.

Likewise Mr. Armstrong, but for different reasons.

Good luck!

Kyle

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 11:06:23 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 09:28:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Maccabee

>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 20:14:19 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 09:59:04 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>As a recent piece (a review of my book on pilot  
>>sightings, Strange Skies) in his UFOphobic (though always, er,  
>>interesting) magazine Magonia informs us, he is a pelicanist in  
>>the most literal sense.

>Yes, I wrote the review but I don't actually edit the magazine -  
>John Rimmer is the editor. Perhaps he should print the names of  
>the editorial team in bigger letters.

>>He claims to take seriously the  
>>demonstrably pseudoscientific pelican "explanation" for the  
>>Arnold sighting (search the Archive) - the very one that led me  
>>to coin the phrase.\*

>A number of people argued against the pelican theory at some  
>length, so they presumably took it seriously. Its chief weakness  
>seems to be that it supposes that Arnold's estimates of speeds  
>and distances were highly inaccurate. This does not, however,  
>make it "demonstrably pseudoscientific", as "pseudoscientific"  
>does not mean the same as "unacceptable to credulous UFO  
>enthusiasts".

"A number of people..." What number? My recollection is that there were 2 or 3 who argued "pelican" and the others who realized that there would have to have been several serious errors in Arnold's reporting of the event for the pelican explanation to "fly." A major error would have to be in Arnold's claim that he turned his aircraft to look out the open window (pilot's left side window) to be certain there were no reflections. At this time he would have been flying parallel to the "pelicans." It was claimed by "pelicanists" that pelicans can fly high and fast: up to 50 mph at 9000 ft (Arnold's altitude and, what seemed to him, to be the altitude of the "pelicans"). Even granted that this could be true, Arnold was flying more than twice as fast. Hence his sighting line from the plane (now pay attention.... form an image in your mind as viewing Arnold and the pelicans from above)... his sighting line would have rotated \*backwards,\* i.e., toward the rear of the plane. Seeing such he would have realized that he was traveling faster than they were and, one would hope, he would have reported same, if he reported at all. Instead, the sighting line moved \*forward\* indicating they were faster than he, and they ultimately disappeared in the direction of (and he believed near) Mt. Adams, far south of his position.

There are other problems with the pelican explanation such as: when he first saw the objects they seemed to be far north of Mt. Rainier. As he was a bit south and 20 mi or so west of Rainier at the time, and heading eastward, "north of Mt. Rainier" meant

a sighting line to the left of his position.

Now, if these were pelicans, of a size 2-3 feet, maybe, they would only have been visible over a several mile distance, so they would not have been very far from his plane. (Arnold thought the objects were at least far as Mt. Rainier.) The question is, how could pelicans have flown fast enough to pass in front of Arnold's plane without Arnold catching up to them and perhaps even passing their southward track before they crossed his track? And after they crossed his track, why wouldn't he have to look backwards at them as he flew on east, instead of his report of looking always eastward or southeastward toward them after they passed Mt. Rainier?

Anyone who wishes to understand the origin of the term "pelicanism" is invited to read the most complete report of the Arnold sighting plus analysis (including analysis of the "pelican solution") at:

<http://brumac.8k.com/KARNOLD/KARNOLD.html>

>>I am happy to see, by the way, that  
>>"pelicanist" and "pelicanism" seem destined to survive in the  
>>ufological vocabulary. It proves that ufologists, if not their  
>>critics, have a sense of humor.

>And a pretty feeble sense of humour it is, if that's a sample of  
>it.

<snip>

>>\*A pelicanist is "one who proposes hard-to-believe solutions to  
>>puzzling UFO sightings" - Strange Skies, p. 35.

>Note - not "irrational" or "plainly false", but "hard-to-  
>believe". It doesn't matter if it's the true answer or not, if  
>you don't like it, the proposer of it is a "pelicanist".

A stronger definition would be this: a pelicanist is one who proposes publicly (as if it were "the: solution) an explanation which contradicts the best evidence (most likely to be correct) in sighting report.

The "corollary to this definition" is that the "pelicanist" must convincingly show where the report is wrong in order to justify the proposed explanation. This is where the pelicanist argument is weak and has led me to be skeptical of the skeptics.

Another example of "pelicanism in action" is the Mars-Jupiter explanation for the sighting by the crew of the Japan Airlines Jumbo Jet in November, 1986. Read "The Fantastic Flight of JAL 1628" at:

<http://brumac.8k.com/JAL1628/Jal1628.html>

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## Re: Moon Questions - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 10:29:02 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 09:29:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - King

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 07:02:07 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 13:12:25 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

><snip>

>>Actually there is no 'dark side' per se. During the new moon,  
>>the side facing us has become the dark side and the opposite  
>>side is well lit by the sun. However, the opposite side is as  
>>good a place for a scope as any. The scope would have to be able  
>>to cope with the temperature extremes spending about 2 weeks in  
>>sunlight and 2 weeks in the dark. If the scope was placed at one  
>>of the moon's poles the stresses might be more evenly  
>>distributed but since the Moon does wobble slightly there is no  
>>spot that is always dark or always sunlit.

>I think there are a number of theories that have been proposed  
>regarding the formation of the moon, and the most widely  
>accepted at this point is that the moon is part of the Earth,  
>blown into space by a collision with an asteroid. Of course,  
>this was a very lucky event for us, since it's been determined  
>that life on Earth was formed (in part) because of the tidal  
>flow that was caused by the moon. Without the moon, life would  
>likely not have formed. As far as the "Dark" side of the moon is  
>concerned, the terrain has been photographed and mapped for a  
>number of years. But due to communication difficulties, I  
>believe no thought was given to exploration of the far side of  
>the moon.

>I also thought it was important to note that the moon is  
>receding from the Earth at a rate of about 3.8 centimeters a  
>year. While this rate is far too slow to notice over a period of  
>years, our ancient ancestors saw a much larger and brighter moon  
>than we do.

Terry and Steve,

Thank you for reminding me that the opposite side is not always  
the dark side. D'oh!!

I also see the difficulties with temperature changes, but I  
would think that the Hubble telescope deals with such extremes.

My curiosity was based on the idea that a telescope on the Moon  
would be easier to maintain once installed(no shuttle required),  
less susceptible to damage from space debris (since the Moon  
would partially shield the scope), and the light pollution from  
the Earth would not be a factor (keeping in mind that darkness  
would not be constant, but that when it was dark, it would be a  
much darker dark).

Communications might be the remaining obstacle. Odd that we

still need line of sight to communicate effectively...with all the advances in the last few decades. A more helpful alien visitor might drop off some material on that one.

Thanks again for filling in a few gaps!

Kyle

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak.nul](mailto:DRudiak.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 08:38:29 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 09:31:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Rudiak

>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 20:14:19 +0100  
>Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 11:08:28 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 09:59:04 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>He claims to take seriously the  
>>demonstrably pseudoscientific pelican "explanation" for the  
>>Arnold sighting (search the Archive) - the very one that led me  
>>to coin the phrase.\*

>A number of people argued against the pelican theory at some  
>length, so they presumably took it seriously.

Giggle. No, people like me argued against it not because we took  
it seriously, but because people like Harney took it seriously  
and were proclaiming it the ultimate solution to the Arnold  
case.

>Its chief weakness  
>seems to be that it supposes that Arnold's estimates of speeds  
>and distances were highly inaccurate.

No, it's chief weakness was that it was scientifically  
impossible. Pelicans can't outfly a plane on a parallel course.  
This has nothing to do with Arnold's estimates of speed or  
distance. Even if Easton's "pelicans" were right outside  
Arnold's window, they couldn't move forward of Arnold's  
position and finally disappear in the distance ahead of his  
plane because, duhhh, pelicans can't outfly a plane.

>This does not, however,  
>make it "demonstrably pseudoscientific", as "pseudoscientific"  
>does not mean the same as "unacceptable to credulous UFO  
>enthusiasts".

It certainly does make it "demonstrably pseudoscientific" if not  
downright idiotic, not that Harney seems to care.

>>\*A pelicanist is "one who proposes hard-to-believe solutions to  
>>puzzling UFO sightings" - Strange Skies, p. 35.

>Note - not "irrational" or "plainly false", but "hard-to-  
>believe". It doesn't matter if it's the true answer or not, if  
>you don't like it, the proposer of it is a "pelicanist".

A pelican outflying a plane is indeed clearly "irrational" and  
"plainly false," hence "hard-to-believe." What more does anyone  
with any brains need to dismiss it?

Since Harney seems to take offense at the term "pelicanist,"  
substitute "idiot," "fool," "dim bulb," or any other old-  
fashioned term that means someone who's low level of  
intelligence and/or obstinate personality and/or psychological  
denial does not allow them to see that they are spouting patent

nonsense .

David Rudiak

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## Vallee On Physics Of High Strangeness

From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 09:35:44 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 11:53:08 -0400  
Subject: Vallee On Physics Of High Strangeness

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Abstract

The main argument presented in this paper is that continuing study of unidentified aerial phenomena ("UAP"), including "apparitions" of a religious or spiritual nature, may offer an existence theorem for new models of physical reality. The current SETI paradigm and its "assumption of mediocrity" place restrictions on forms of non-human intelligence that may be researched in our environment. A similar bias exists in the ufologists' often-stated hypothesis that UAP, if real, must represent space visitors. Observing that both models are biased by anthropomorphism, the authors attempt to clarify the issues surrounding "high strangeness" observations by distinguishing six layers of information that can be derived from anomalous events, namely (1) physical manifestations, (2) antiphysical effects, (3) psychological factors, (4) physiological factors, (5) psychic effects and (6) cultural effects. In a further step they propose a framework for scientific analysis of unidentified phenomena that takes into account the incommensurability problem.

Home Page: <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Stargate/8958/index.html>

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## Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet? -

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 11:01:12 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 11:54:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet? -

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 06:21:12 -0500  
>Subject: Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet?

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 17:56:38 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet?

>>>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 11:25:13 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet?

>><snip>

>>><tongue\_in\_cheek>

>>>Actually what happened is one chance out of a googolplex of  
>>>chances.

>>>The UFO was chasing the comet in order to refuel but during the  
>>>energy exchange a Siberian bigfoot farted and the sudden and  
>>>unexpected addition of methane into the process acted as  
>>>catalyst for the explosion. <tongue\_in\_cheek>

>>I have read some funny stuff here, but that's the funniest  
>>one... yeti! ;o)

>...A real knee slapper? Or another thing you're not sure about,  
>Mr. King. It might be you're a little too quick to laugh about,  
>well... anything.

>[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)

Mr. Lehmborg,

Were the scenario Terry described played out before me, I'd be  
hard pressed to deny the truth of it, but I'd be laughing my ass  
off the entire time...until I was vaporized in the resulting  
cataclysm.

I usually do not laugh quickly enough. I have to remind myself  
constantly not to take things too seriously.

Kyle

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## Skeptic Blackmore Calls It Quits?

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 13:22:37 EDT  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 11:55:58 -0400  
Subject: Skeptic Blackmore Calls It Quits?

[http://www.skepticalinvestigations.org/anomalistics/skeptic\\_research.htm](http://www.skepticalinvestigations.org/anomalistics/skeptic_research.htm)

I'm sure most of you saw this from the website from the Edgar Mitchell post.

At least Susan Blackmore has the integrity to say what's what from her perspective.

Best,

Greg

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## Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 19:39:37 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 12:03:12 -0400  
Subject: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary

Source: The Daily Times

<http://www.daily-times.com/cgi-bin/artman/exec/view.cgi?archive=3D484&num=3D=13519>

08-22-04

Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary

By Debra Mayeux  
The Daily Times

AZTEC -- As research continues into the infamous, yet unproven Aztec UFO crash of 1948, a Canadian film company has released the first full-length documentary about the event.

The Aztec Public Library, sponsor of the annual Aztec UFO Symposium, recently received a copy and plans to premiere it at 7 p.m. Thursday at Aztec City Hall.

"This video elevates the story to a national level of discussion," said Leanne Hathcock, librarian and founder of the symposium.

It was her research, along with the help of North Carolina resident Scott Ramsey, that led to a renaissance of interest in the purported crash in March 1948 in Hart Canyon north of Aztec.

Ramsey has completed countless hours of research and successfully declassified material pertinent to the incident.

"We're working very hard in trying to identify two law enforcement officers at the scene, and at the same time trying to be respectful to the families," Ramsey said.

New Mexico and UFOs have become synonymous since the surging popularity of the Roswell crash in July 1947, but Aztec is coming into its own, according to Hathcock and Ramsey.

"I think the documentary puts Aztec in a positive light," Ramsey said.

City Commissioner Jim Rubow agreed, saying the film was well done.

"I thought it was fairly open minded," he said. "They did a good job of integrating local history giving (the story) a better understanding of anything I've seen to date."

The film begins with a view of San Juan County's high desert landscape and film producer Paul Kimball telling the story of Aztec.

It was a quiet evening north of the county seat, when an oil well fire broke out on a mesa above Hart Canyon. The fire led people to something much more interesting =97 a crashed UFO containing charred bodies, Kimball tells in the story Ramsey

continually attempts to verify.

It has been the researchers desire to locate all living eyewitnesses, but Ramsey said he has missed many due to their untimely deaths.

He has spoken to a number of people in Cuba about a former resident who may have been at the crash site. He learned from them that in March 1948, the Air Force paid that small town a visit.

Dr. Lincoln La Paz and a high-ranking military official came to Cuba to investigate strange sightings, Ramsey said.

"At the end of a few days of investigation, La Paz wrote it off as meteor showers, including rock samples that he tried to pawn off on locals as meteorites," Ramsey said.

The researcher, who is most prominent in the documentary, believes this incident might be tied to Aztec.

This information will not be found on the video because it was only recently discovered.

What viewers will see is a potpourri of ufologists including Stanton Friedman and Nick Redfern and skeptics like Karl Pflock.

Ramsey, however, is the center of attention, having done most of the updated research on Aztec.

"He was going on the paper trail and the evidence," Hathcock said, adding Kimball used "talking heads" to tell the story to provide a basis for credibility.

"I feel like it was well done," she said.

"(Kimball) is a purist when it comes to doing a documentary," Ramsey said. "It has to be based on as much fact as possible."

The facts are played out with scenery and "Dick Tracy" graphics for an enjoyable yet informative film that will soon be for sale with all profits benefiting the Aztec Public Library.

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## Re: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo - Myers

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog.nul](mailto:ufowatchdog.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 01:55:08 -0700  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 12:07:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo - Myers

>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog.nul](mailto:ufowatchdog.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 11:04:39 -0700  
>Subject: Re: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo

>>From: Victoria Jack <[isis777.nul](mailto:isis777.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 15:44:12 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo

>>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog.nul](mailto:ufowatchdog.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 08:06:02 -0700  
>>>Subject: Re: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo

>>>From: Victoria Jack <[isis777.nul](mailto:isis777.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 09:47:28 -0400  
>>>Subject: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo

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>>>>experienced the awe and wonder of films like "Close Encounters"  
>>>>and "Contact." Now get ready for the reality and truth behind  
>>>>these amazing stories.

>>>><snip>

>>>>Also presenting this year are William Henry, James Gilliland  
>>>>Lloyd Pye, Jaime Maussan, Richard Dolan, Michael Horn, Tricia  
>>>>McCannon and many more! Our special guests include George Noory  
>>>>of Coast To Coast AM, The Sci-Fi Channel, Bill Birnes of UFO  
>>>>Magazine and Sean David Morton.

>>>>Sean David Morton associated with "truth" and "reality"... now  
>>>>there's a laugh. Sad to see some are still willing to promote  
>>>>this phony...

>>Sean David Morton is not speaking at the Expo this year, he's  
>>only coming down to visit and to introduce George Noory.

>>You hit me pretty hard in 9/11; I couldn't cancel the  
>>conference. If you would ever like to come down for yourself

>>and check things out, I'd be glad to have you as a guest.

>Thanks for your response. This is the first time someone  
>associated with a conference has actually taken the time to  
>respond, aside from some idiot telling me through third parties  
>that my time should be spent doing something else or someone  
>accusing me of being some government disinformation operative or  
>some other nonsense.

>For those unfamiliar with what Victoria is referring to  
>regarding 9/11, this was a commentary I wrote when people  
>started hawking 'the truth' about 9/11 before the smoke from the  
>WTC had even cleared, which I thought of as nothing less than  
>utterly shameless and smacking of double dipping for dollars.

><http://www.ufowatchdog.com/shameless.html>

>Now that I have a promoter right here, I'd like to ask you a few  
>questions.....

>Victoria, you said two things: You couldn't cancel the  
>conference in 2001 and that Morton isn't a presenter and is  
>"only coming down to visit and to introduce George Noory."

>First, I'm not completely sure why you brought up being unable  
>to cancel the conference. Would you clarify what you meant by  
>that? And if you're talking about me hitting "pretty hard in  
>9/11" in reference to my commentary, the people that were  
>selling the blood from 9/11 were more than deserving of that  
>commentary and the outrage over the antics taking place at that  
>time.

>Secondly, why do conferences continually play host to known  
>charlatans, seeming to endorse the veracity of claims made by  
>known UFO idiots by continually associating their names with  
>'reality' and that catch-all 'the truth'? Why not cast a more  
>discerning eye on speakers and attempt to host the most credible  
>presenters?

<snip>

>I'm sure you're aware of Morton's failed lawsuit against me and  
>my website. His baseless libel case was tossed out when he  
>couldn't prove any of his claims when it came time to present  
>evidence in court. When I hear his name associated with anything  
>resembling 'reality', I can't help being both amused and  
>astonished.

><http://www.ufowatchdog.com/mortonfiles.html>

>However, it's a free country and free market, you can,  
>obviously, do what you want at your conference and have whomever  
>you choose. I just find it hard to believe that anyone having a  
>serious interest in UFOs would play host to any number of UFO  
>idiots out there at the cost of serious and credible Ufology.

<snip>

>Victoria, I'd like to hear your take on this. Thanks for the  
>invitation to your Conference, I do sincerely appreciate it.  
>I've found being regular Joe UFO conference attendee is much  
>more informative.

>I await your response and appreciate your time. Thanks.

Well, I never did hear back from Victoria Jack. I guess she's  
not interested in answering my questions before the Bay Area UFO  
Expo takes place.

Regards,

Royce J. Myers III  
UFOWATCHDOG.COM  
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## Earl D. Jones Passes

From: Loren Coleman <[lcoleman.nul](mailto:lcoleman.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 08:52:50 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 12:35:48 -0400  
Subject: Earl D. Jones Passes

From Ohio-based investigator Ron Schaffner, 24 Aug 2004:

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I have just been informed today that former UFO and Bigfoot investigator, Earl D. Jones died last Saturday of cancer. He was a Vietnam veteran. Many of you might not recognize this name, so allow me to shed some light on the contributions that Earl accomplished during the late 1970's and early 80's.

I met Earl in 1976 during one of the regular meetings of the Ohio UFO Investigator's League. He had been investigating some follow-ups to Northern Kentucky UFO reports from the great 1973 wave. His reports that were given to the group were very detailed in every aspect. He was willing to do all the hard work to get to the truth of any particular report.

As this time, I was the principal Bigfoot (and other strange creature) investigator for OUFOL. Back in the 70's there were no real Bigfoot groups in the east. Most Bigfoot reports were investigated by the UFO groups. Earl was very anxious to get involved with this research too. After all, in theory, it should be easier to document and obtain evidence that was ground level.

In the course of several years, Earl and I traveled all over Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia investigating, interviewing and documenting reports of that time period, including the great flaps of 1977, 1978 and 1980.

Earl was very instrumental in the investigations of several high profile cases of that time.

See:

<http://home.fuse.net/rschaffner/henschen.htm>

<http://home.fuse.net/rschaffner/richland.htm>

<http://home.fuse.net/rschaffner/minerva.htm>

<http://home.fuse.net/rschaffner/kentucky.htm>

<http://home.fuse.net/rschaffner/vinton.htm>

<http://home.fuse.net/rschaffner/bigdog.htm>

<http://home.fuse.net/rschaffner/fouke.htm>

In my opinion, Earl was one of the best trackers I ever knew. He had a natural instinct on how to handle law enforcement and the media. He was a great organizer and helped form some of the ideas of an Ohio coalition of researchers. Earl was also a sketch artist and was very good at drawing composites from eyewitnesses. Some of his drawings have become very familiar within various works - specifically, the Minerva Hominid composite.

I can still recall the situation that occurred to us during our departure back to Cincinnati from our second Minerva trip.

Earl's car mysterious caught on fire and we barely escaped with our equipment before the car was engulfed in flames. Some have said that it was not an accident, but to this day, I still think it was a short in the electrical system

We traveled to Washington state in 1981 to get to the bottom of the Ray Wallace fiasco that was being believed by other Ohio folk. In our attempt to get the truth out on this and a case the year before, Earl became frustrated with research. He still attended a lot of UFO meetings and such, but he rapidly became involved with other interests.

I lost track of Earl about 1990, or so and neither one of us were in contact. Tonight, his wife, Margie called to tell me what happened. I feel its my duty to spell out these words on my keyboard to let the rest of the research community know of Earl's accomplishments. I suppose its like when others leave us that were involved with this phenomena. It gives us time to pause and think of what we have done with our lives over the years.

My most memorable times of my life were investigating reports of strange phenomena with Earl and our many travels together, whether it was by car, camping, or backpacking.

Please feel free to forward this to other individuals and mailing lists. I encourage it.

Sincerely,

Ron Schaffner  
Creature Chronicles

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## Re: Moon Questions - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 09:51:27 -0400  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 12:36:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - Kaeser

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 10:29:02 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

<snip>

>My curiosity was based on the idea that a telescope on the Moon  
>would be easier to maintain once installed(no shuttle required),  
>less susceptible to damage from space debris (since the Moon  
>would partially shield the scope), and the light pollution from  
>the Earth would not be a factor (keeping in mind that darkness  
>would not be constant, but that when it was dark, it would be a  
>much darker dark).

>Communications might be the remaining obstacle. Odd that we  
>still need line of sight to communicate effectively...with all  
>the advances in the last few decades. A more helpful alien  
>visitor might drop off some material on that one.

Kyle,

The idea is a good one, but probably only one piece of a larger picture. I think a moon base to establish a presence on the moon and begin scientific investigation is a goal that I would certainly support. A moon based telescope would be part of that, I'm sure, and I can imagine that many astronomers would jump at the chance to spend a short period of time on the moon at such a facility.

This will likely become a reality at some point, if we don't blow our society apart first. Unfortunately, it's not likely to occur in my lifetime.

Steve

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## Re: Moon Questions - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 07:49:58 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 12:45:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - Shell

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 10:29:02 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>Communications might be the remaining obstacle. Odd that we  
>still need line of sight to communicate effectively...with all  
>the advances in the last few decades. A more helpful alien  
>visitor might drop off some material on that one.

I have found it interesting for some time that we still don't  
have a permanent satellite in lunar orbit. I don't understand  
that. It's not like it wouldn't be useful. And compared to  
putting something in orbit around Saturn, it would be a piece of  
cake.

It makes me think of all the folks who have said our relative  
lack of lunar exploration is because we have been 'warned off'.  
Booo-o-o-o-o-o!

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## Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet? -

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 09:32:12 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 12:53:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet? -

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 09:40:25 -0500  
>Subject: Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet?

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 07:31:30 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet?

><snip>

>>True enough. You never know for sure. No little emoticon after  
>>that. And the knowing is going to continue to be postponed for  
>>as long as we tolerate agencies, institutions, and governments  
>>that nurture the very intellectual void we'd otherwise decry,  
>>that abhorred cultural vacuum which begs to be, and is, filled  
>>by individual rank and file persons wanting their aggregate  
>>realities to make a little more sense to them. Our agencies are  
>>a duplicity. Our institutions are an obfuscation. Our  
>>governments are a fraud. It's not the dodgy fringe, at all. It  
>>is what provokes the dodgy fringe which deserves the attention.

>Mr. Lehmborg,

>We may disagree on what constitutes the "dodgy fringe", but the  
>comments on duplicity, obfuscation and fraud I accept with  
>absolute sincerity. Bravo!

"[Accepted]". Remember that. .And an opener like that is a  
practiced debate tactic indicating calmness and rationality and  
thoughtfulness and reflectivity. A harbinger, if you will, to  
suggest that all which follows... will be calm and rational and  
thoughtful and reflective. Jerry Clark and Greg Sandow are  
masters of that... of course... they pay off..

Anymore, I always view an opening gambit with suspicion. Once  
burned and all that.....

>One question.

Ah, the rub! Just one?

>If the "not knowing will be postponed as long as  
>we tolerate" said "agencies...", how best do we show a  
>commensurate intolerance, and thereby accelerate the "knowing"?

In other words: how do I solve all the worlds most pressing  
problems regarding intolerance and ignorance and overpopulation  
and terrorism and starvation and religious fundamentalism and  
the slurking sneering front people for a hijacked mainstream?  
Did you want the 'short' version?

Don't even pretend to mock me, Mr. King. I've written hundreds  
of explications on the subject. You can wade them at your  
leisure in the archives of this list, at AlienViewGroup site,  
and on other popular venues found on the internet.

>Or is there even a chance of it with said agencies' well

>entrenched status, and track record of success in duplicity,  
>obfuscation and fraud?

What are you doing about it, Sir? You admit that all that exists on the one hand and then, and then have no idea what to do about it yourself? You're trying to get me to go out on an imagined limb. How cute. You're going to have to be a little more sincere than that, Mr. King.

>The outcry against the regime often results in more protracted  
>"nurturing of the intellectual void". To withhold said outcry is  
>tacit approval, at least in a democracy. Is there an answer?

<LOL>

Who's spankin' the monkey, now?

<LOL>

Pot/Kettle, dude.

>Honestly, do you see a way to fix it? Anarchy is an option, but  
>what springs up in its wake may be worse yet.

It has often happened in what little of the past we are actually aware of, Mr. King, where tearing it all down just to groove on the rubble was entirely appropriate... where it was entirely appropriate. Michael Parenti has some insight on that, as does James W. Loewen. Besides, it may be that it can't get any worse, Sir, on the limited levels I suspect you may be considering. There are worse things than an apocalypse over which we have no control. There is that lack of control in itself. There is loss of self-respect and the despair that that facilitates. There is not being respected. You beginning to get the point? How much respect could you possibly have for me, if you expect me to actually try to attempt an answer to a "How far is up" question, like that which you have proffered here.

Sometimes it's just the "awareness" and some small ability to essay on it that is enough to keep the shadows back. Like I said, I've written on the subject. Splash around in that...

>I for one, absolutely would enjoy having my reality make more  
>sense. I am not certain that the government has all the answers,  
>but they likely have more to lend to the debate than has been  
>made public.

That was remarkably uncomplicated and sincere sounding, Mr. King. A ray of light?

>Trying to find that which would make my reality make sense is  
>the primary reason I read the posts here. Another reason is that  
>I find enjoyment in the wide range of opinions. Access to some  
>of the more highly regarded in the field is another.

Wow! I'm almost starting to warm to you! You're good! <LOL>

>As an aside, I address you as Mr. Lehmborg because we have never  
>met, and I haven't received private correspondence which would  
>clearly afford me the privilege of addressing you otherwise. As  
>we have now at the very least managed to "cut a rug" together,  
>would I be taking liberties to address you as Alfred?

Ummmm - no. This early in our association it may be that familiarity turns to soon to contempt, Sir. The best we can work toward at present, Mr. King, is to be respectfully adversarial, I should think. It'll take a little more than a bow and a box of candy, in any case. Do you do metaphor? Mr. Rimmer has demonstrated a real problem with it, by way of example - also in the Archives.

[alienview.nul](http://www.alienview.nul)  
EXPLORE "AlienViewGroup" at its HostPros URL.  
<http://www.alienview.net>

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 10:25:10 -0500  
Fwd Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 12:55:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak.nul](mailto:DRudiak.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 08:38:29 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 20:14:19 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 09:59:04 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>This does not, however,  
>>make it "demonstrably pseudoscientific", as "pseudoscientific"  
>>does not mean the same as "unacceptable to credulous UFO  
>>enthusiasts".

>It certainly does make it "demonstrably pseudoscientific" if not  
>downright idiotic, not that Harney seems to care.

>>>\*A pelicanist is "one who proposes hard-to-believe solutions to  
>>>puzzling UFO sightings" - Strange Skies, p. 35.

>>Note - not "irrational" or "plainly false", but "hard-to-  
>>believe". It doesn't matter if it's the true answer or not, if  
>>you don't like it, the proposer of it is a "pelicanist".

>A pelican outflying a plane is indeed clearly "irrational" and  
>"plainly false," hence "hard-to-believe." What more does anyone  
>with any brains need to dismiss it?

>Since Harney seems to take offense at the term "pelicanist,"  
>substitute "idiot," "fool," "dim bulb," or any other old-  
>fashioned term that means someone whose low level of  
>intelligence and/or obstinate personality and/or psychological  
>denial does not allow them to see that they are spouting patent  
>nonsense.

David,

I think this exchange nicely underscores the essential frivolity  
of pelicanism - er, excuse me, the "psychosocial hypothesis".

Like the joke about the old Seinfeld television series (which at  
least was entertaining and not meant to be taken seriously), it  
is about nothing. Pelicanists are always best off when they're  
flapping their wings, not involving themselves in discussions of  
actual substance, such as the puzzling sightings that comprise  
the core of the UFO problem.

Jerry Clark

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Filers Files #36 =96 2004, Skywatch Investigations  
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Is ET Underground?

The purpose of these files is to report the UFO eyewitness and photo/video evidence that occurs on a daily basis around the world and in space. These Files make the assumption that extraterrestrial intelligent life exists. Mars Fossils, Vegetation and life, Theory Says Oil Reserves Bigger Than Expected -- And E.T. Might Live Underground, Connecticut =96 Disk, New York - Sphere UFO, New Jersey =96 Loud Noises in the Sky, Pennsylvania =96 Five Lights in a Row, Michigan =96 Flying Triangle, Ohio - Underground UFO Interference, Illinois =96 Flash, Alabama =96 Flying Triangle, Texas =96 Egg, Arizona =96 Cigar, Nevada - Objects Light Show, California =96 Silver Cylinder Turns Into Black Saucer, Oregon - Seven Fast Moving Lights, Washington - Orange Object, Canada =96 Disk, Panama =96 Cylinder, Brazil - Man Snaps a UFO UK/England - Silver Oval, Portugal =96 Oval, Indonesia to Japan - Morphing Oval Object, and Australia film.

Mars Fossils, Vegetation and Life

A group of scientists, engineers and former intelligence officers familiar with image analysis who are working with the Filer Research Institute and have found strong indications of life of Mars. For years we have seen evidence of water on Mars that includes geysers and liquid water. This water can be seen in the wet tracks of both Mars Rovers as far back as the Viking 1976 landings. Dr. Gilbert Levin and Dr. Patricia Straat who was at the time were working for NASA devised tests to indicate microbiological life. These tests called Labeled Release experiments were positive indicating life on Mars, but the scientific findings were ridiculed and explained as a chemical reaction because there was no water on Mars for life. A national debunking campaign against the realization that life exists in space as been going on since at least 1953.

Scientists, military, and the news media have all been ridiculed if they speak of life outside Earth. This ridicule is starting to fold based on the weight of evidence and the courage of a few people such as astronaut Edgar Mitchell and other key scientists.

Dampness in soil shown in JPL Rover image.

Spirit and Opportunity find identical spherules - same markings

Yesterday, I spoke with Sir Charles W. Shults III of Xenotech Research who has found numerous fossils in the Mar's Rover images. He is convinced that Mars was once covered by oceans and lakes with live marine organisms. He has found numerous marine fossils that include sharks teeth, squid, fish heads, Trilobite fossils, and sea urchins. His findings collaborate our own. He feels that all types of marine life once existed on Mars. Also clouds are in Mars skies and large amounts of water are in the

soil within a meter of the surface, and that reservoirs of water and ice extend perhaps a kilometer deep in the soil. See his great website at:

<http://www.xenotechresearch.com/marsindx.htm>.

The Mars Global Surveyor satellite has found intricately branched formations of tree-like vegetation of radial symmetry and tremendous size. These appear as gigantic living organisms, sprawling hundreds of meters in every direction. They may be a type of tree or ground vegetation that grow to an astounding thousand yards in diameter. The author Arthur Clarke has been shown these photos and agrees they represent life. Indeed they are nicknamed Clarke's Trees and are mainly located at between about 60 and 82 degrees latitudes south.

Each year for over a hundred years astronomers have recorded the annual greening of the landscape on Mars. Despite constant statements to the contrary, the actual surface of Mars in the warmer months reaches surface temperatures comparable to Earth such as 80 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Each year, Mars as recurring Dark Dune Spots that are believed to represent living organisms. In early spring the dark spots can barely be seen and are a light gray. By late spring they have turned dark indicating growth. A Hungarian team of Gunti Horvath and others have proposed a very plausible mechanism for the growth of colonies of living organisms. During spring water melts, or water vapor is carried to the warming surface to encourage the growth of the living organisms. It is difficult to explain the apparent growth by any chemical or geological reactions.

<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/meetings/lpsc2003/pdf/1134.pdf>

It is apparently politically forbidden for NASA to admit the presence of life in space. I for one have been directed by London Control to intercept a UFO and observed it on our airborne radar.

I request that NASA give up the charade that there is no life in space, based on their own recent photographs taken by their rovers, the "Spirit" in Gusev crater and "Opportunity" on Meridiani Planum.

Asteroid shaves past Earth's atmosphere

NewScientist.com news service reports 23 August 04 The closest observed asteroid yet to skim past the Earth without hitting the atmosphere, was reported by astronomers on Sunday. The previously unknown object, spanning five to ten meters across, has been named 2004 FU162. It streaked across the sky just 6500 kilometers - roughly the radius of the Earth - above the ground on 31 March 2994. The MIT Lincoln Laboratory's asteroid-hunting LINEAR telescope in Socorro, New Mexico, US, observed the object four times over a 44-minute period, several hours before its closest approach in March. Lincoln astronomers, who have discovered over 40,000 asteroids and comets since 1980, quickly recognized the object came exceptionally close.

Despite having only four positions for the object, Steven Chesley of NASA=92s Jet Propulsion Laboratory was able to calculate its orbit because it was moving rapidly across the sky.

The Minor Planet Center published Chesley=92s results on Sunday in its electronic circular. "This was an extraordinarily close encounter and so the orbital change was quite extraordinary. 2004 FU162 was deflected by about 20 degrees because of the Earth's gravity. I've never seen anything like that before," Chesley told

The asteroid was around 30 meters in diameter - big enough to produce a one-megaton explosion in the atmosphere. Thanks to Skywatch-International Web Site <http://www.skywatch-international.org/>

Theory Oil Reserves Bigger Than Expected - E.T. Might Live Underground

Cornell University Professor Thomas Gold says oil is purely geological, not biological, in origin; and life probably started underground, so look there for ET. It's not exactly a theory of



everything, but in his book, "The Deep Hot Biosphere" (Copernicus/Springer-Verlag, \$27), Cornell University Professor emeritus of astronomy Thomas Gold says that life on earth probably started deep underground, where it still exists in profusion and that therefore it would be reasonable to look for life on other planets underground as well, even if those planets look quite inhospitable on the surface. The basic idea that a large amount of microbial life exists in the pore spaces of the rocks down to depths of between 6 and 10 kilometers and arose in the following way. Natural petroleum almost always contains elevated levels of helium and also contains molecules that are unquestionably of biological origin. The evidence that a deep biosphere exists has now been strongly supported by microbial studies in deep bore holes. Drilling deep into the crystalline granite of Sweden between 1986 and 1993 revealed substantial amounts of natural gas and oil. 80 barrels of oil were pumped up from a depth between 5.2 km and 6.7 km.

Mars, like the Earth, will have internal heat sources, and temperatures will be increasing with depth. Water is so common on planetary bodies that it seems almost certain it will be present in large quantity on Mars, and there must then be a depth range in which it is liquid. If the surface temperature has decreased over geologic times, the depth range of liquid water would have moved a little lower. The surface itself and a thin layer below are cold, so that any water coming up from deeper levels would generally not spill over the surface, but freeze in the rocks.

Another big idea for Gold is that oil and natural gas, generally regarded as products derived from ancient biology, are hydrocarbon substances created geologically in the early stages of earth's formation. As such, they began very deep and gravitated toward the surface, rather than the other way around. And there should be enormous undiscovered oil reserves buried very deep, he says. Gold was the founding director of Cornell's Center for Radiophysics and Space Research for two decades.

These "bugs," actually archae bacteria, thrive in intense heat and pressure deep underground, without any light -- that is, in a truly alien environment within planet earth. There's no reason to doubt that such critters could exist on many other planets as well, perhaps including Mars and some of the moons of Jupiter and Saturn. Oil contains lots of bacteria because they eat the stuff, not because they make it, Gold says.

<http://www.people.cornell.edu/pages/tq21/>

#### Connecticut - Disk

WINSTED =96 The observer walks his dogs every morning at 4 AM, and on August 10, 2004, he noticed a star like object flying low over Main Street that had slow moving back and forth motion. He states, "The object got my attention when it hovered for a short time, then took off straight up without making any noise and its shape was a disk." The sun was just rising and I could see its outline against the sky line about 1000 feet in altitude. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

#### New York - Sphere UFO

EAST WILLISTON -- There was a bright light in the sky that was hovering over Long Island at 3 AM, on August 8, 2004. He got his video camera that was mounted on a tripod and began to video tape with his 360 X zoom lens. He states, "What I saw was amazing; it was round and appeared to have the landscape of a planet." There was a green corona around the outer edge of the circle with a black band that went across the circle horizontally. The object appeared to be pulsating. I checked astronomy website with planets and determined this was no planet? Thanks to Peter Davenport

BROOKLYN =96 The witness just brought a brand new Nikon D70 camera with a 400 mm lens - and started taking images on the boardwalk of Brighton Beach on August 7, 2004, at 1:30 PM. He was photographing the sea, sand, sky, and birds filling up the memory card with a lot of practice shots. He went home and transferred all his images to the computer. My Dad noticed a speck at the upper right portion of a shot if a bird flying over the sea. He reports, "I zoomed in on the day time image, and my

hair stood up because it wasn't a bird or a star." Later on during the day, I went to soccer practice with my Dad and again we saw something white in the sky, that was very mysterious. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

New Jersey =96 Loud Noises in the Sky

GALLOWAY =96 The witness was awakened at 3:49 AM, from a deep sleep by a loud noise approaching her home on August 5, 2004.

As the noise grew nearer the witness states, " I tried to get up and couldn't at first, although I was conscious I couldn't get up." Finally, I was able to go to the window and could only see clouds overhead, but the sound was oscillating, a roaring noise hovering very near. By now my husband was awake and he heard it too. We live near an air force base and a public airport so I hear planes regularly but not like this. The object hovered overhead for quite a while. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Pennsylvania =96 Five Lights in a Row

YORK -- At 4:30 AM, on August 8, 2004, the observer got up to get some water and noticed a very bright light high up in the southeastern sky, which was much larger and brighter than any star or planet. He grabbed the binoculars and saw off in the distance five horizontal lights very close to one another, totally stationery. I got my wife out of bed. He states, "By the time she came to the kitchen, it had moved further away and at a slightly different angle, making it impossible to see it as five lights. "Rather, by this time it was just one bright light." I called 911 and three policemen came to the house. They saw the light in the sky, which I photographed by the time they arrived. Again, it had moved further away but was still clearly visible. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Michigan =96 Flying Triangle

GLADSTONE =96 On August 5, 2004, the observer saw a round fuzzy light through his binoculars at 1 AM. He states, "I have reported these before but I got a good look at them through 20x50 binoculars tonight." From a distance they look like bright circles with a halo around them, but tonight I saw two within 5 minutes of each other." One was far too fast to see. The second, I caught for about 5 seconds through the binoculars. It came from the south fast and was sort of triangular shaped which surprised me. It was almost like a glowing paper airplane with pointed up wings. I finally lost it as it manoeuvred and finally disappeared. My neighbors are seeing them also. One of my neighbors is in search and rescue and has served in the Navy for 12 years and never saw anything at sea or out like this. I love tracking satellites and have loved astronomy since I was a boy and cannot explain these things in the night sky. I will keep watching. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Ohio - Underground UFO Interference

FOSTORIA -- George Ritter has been able to take video of UFOs near his home on a regular basis. The video taken on August 22, 2004, shows a UFO over a nearby farmer's field. Many of the videos appear to show the craft entering and leaving the field. The Fostoria area is known to have many underground caverns that could provide a base for these craft. The electrical interference is apparent in the image. Often when UFOs are present there are interruptions of electrical service and television interference. The field is now under development for new homes. Thanks to George Ritter.

Illinois - Flash

LAKE ZURICH =96 There was a sudden extraordinary occurrence in the sky on August 9, 2004, about 17 miles north of Chicago's O'Hare Airport. The witness a former accountant was walking his dog at 11:15 PM, and looked towards the Big Dipper when a bright white light flashed across the sky in front of him. This ball and streak was traveling south horizontal to the ground towards O'Hare Airport, at a speed calculated at a speed of 18,000 mph at less than 5,000 feet, possibly under 1,000 feet about 5 to 10 miles away. The streak or tail was two or three miles long. In summary, this occurrence was like seeing a shooting star,

traveling low and horizontally, at an incredible speed. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

HIGHLAND/POKAHONTAS -- On August 8, 2004, at 3 AM, the witness was returning from my friends house when a white object paced his car on Interstate 70 between Highland and Pokahontas, Illinois. He states, "I caught sight of this object to my right (southeast) as I reached the speed limit. I rolled down the passenger window to make sure I wasn't seeing a reflection or distortion in the glass. It looked the same. The object was illuminated in white light although it was somewhat dimmer than the full moon would be. It looked like a round tube standing on its edge straight up and down. Like the core of a paper towel roll. Except this one had a ring that circled the entire object like rings of Saturn. The whole object was as big as a penny held at arm's length away and hovered 25 to 30 degrees off of the horizon. As I drove it seemed to float a little higher and lower in the sky, but kept pace. I had my little camera with me so I decided to pull off to try to get a picture. But it faded from view. I had my police scanner on, but no one I heard reported anything. It was like a towel core on its edge with Saturn's rings around it." Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Alabama =96 Flying Triangle

HOOVER/BLUFF PARK =96 A father and his daughter were driving back from fueling up her car, when they saw red and white lights through the tops of the trees on August 10, 2004, at 9:23 PM. When they came to a stop sign and a clearing, they saw a strange-looking craft flying northeast not too high up in the sky. It was composed of four white lights and two red lights, none of which were flashing, and it was traveling quite fast. It was triangular in shape with one white light at the forward point, three white lights in a row behind it, and the two red lights at the opposite back corners. There were no green lights and no 'headlights' that we frequently see on aircraft landing at this time of night. At arm's length, it was about one inch long and at about 1,000 feet altitude. It was really close, to me, closer than aircraft usually fly. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Texas - Egg

ARLINGTON =96 A dark object with a glowing green-yellow light was seen on August 10, 2004, at 11:55 PM, by two friends. The witness reports, "I just saw the weirdest thing I have seen since the big meteor a month ago." My friend and I witnessed an object flying across the sky unlike any aircraft I have ever seen. It was a dark oblong shape. The large part looked like a shadow almost. It was colorless but slightly darker than the sky. It had a greenish yellow glowing object suspended just beneath the large object. I thought at first that it might be a balloon and glow stick, but the object was traveling against the wind at a steady rapid pace. It made no sound. It looked to be pretty large and traveled west at least 1000 feet. We watched it for a good while, until it disappeared in the distance. It was freaky, but very cool. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Arizona - Cigar

MESA =96 The witness reports, "I was turning from Baseline onto Hawes Road going southbound on August 9, 2004, at 12:40 AM, when I saw a bright reddish orange blimp looking object." It was very bright, but then became a small light then back to a large shape then it disappeared. I looked over and another car was also stopped in the middle of the road watching as well." Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Nevada - Objects Light Show

SPARKS -- At 9 PM, it started as a small white light blip in the sky, north of the city on August 5, 2004. and as it came closer, the lights changed color and started to splinter off into different pieces, going in different directions. The night sky gave a good background for the many colors. The witness states, "We looked through a telescope at these objects as they flew in

many different directions, and found that they were actually huge round objects with lights going off and on all the way around them." This show lasted approximately two hours. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director

RENO =96 The observer was walking his dog at 10:08 PM, on August 5, 2004, when he saw a huge craft with two red lights flying over Eastern Reno not far from some commercial planes flying near Reno Tahoe Airport. Coming from the Northwest was a strange craft with two reddish blinking lights seemingly connected, but at a distance that would fit between four commercial planes. I think I could make out dim stars between the lights, but I'm not sure. It covered the sky at a lazy speed. One commercial jet was at about 7,000 feet moving in for the landing loop they do from the south, and the jet was moving faster. I watched for several minutes, and stood outside my house watching as it disappeared over the Virginia Mountain Range. There was a pair of blinking aircraft-style lights, but very erratic in the flashing. I held my hand up and the distance between the lights was about four fingers wide too big for any one aircraft. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

California =96 Silver Cylinder Turns Into Black Saucer

PAUMA =96 On August 3, 2004, the witness was driving northeast on Highway 76, at 5:30 PM, when he saw a silver cylinder shaped object flying straight down, then level off, changing colors and shape. The silver cylinder changed into a black saucer shape craft, and sped off at a very high rate of speed climbing to about four thousand feet. It was lower than the tops of the Mount Polimar when just vanished over the horizon. Thanks to Peter Davenport <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

MODESTO -- R. David Anderson took this picture a few nights ago August 20, 2004. He states, "I noticed a flash of light to the south of Vega at about 9:45 PM. I aimed the camera at the place where I saw the flash and I got this unusual object in the shot I took. The five points of light seem to all belong to one UFO. Also, I started a new web site if you would like to post the link so your readers can access it: [www.ufobase.net](http://www.ufobase.net)

Oregon - Seven Fast Moving Lights

PORTLAND =96 Around 1 AM, on August 9, 2004, the witness was sitting outside smoking a cigarette when a small flash of light in the sky caught his eye. He states, "I looked at the white lights about seven in all as they moved in a V pattern to the west without any wing tip or signal." It moved forward then right without stopping. The lights then began going out as if the object had some thickness. The object was very dark or black in the dark sky. This incident only took a few seconds and the object moved very fast. My only explanation would be a B2 bomber with landing lights on; but I just can't explain the turn. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Washington - Orange Object

SHELTON -- On August 8, 2004, a bright orange object was noticed flying very rapidly to the southwest, at 11:30 PM. The object had no tail and was too fast to be meteorite. It was faster than anything I have ever seen, and was heading slightly southwest of our house. It didn't leave a trail like a meteorite would and it didn't fade out or disappear...it just shot into and out of sight very rapidly without any stopping or direction change. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Canada - Disk

RIDING MOUNTAIN, Manitoba -- An object was seen in the sky to the southeast corner of the Riding Mountain National Park on August 11, 2004, at 1 PM. It was moving up and down and back and forth with blue lights around it with a red light on top. We watched it for about an hour and then went to bed. It darted back and forth in a small area for two hours. Thanks to Brian Vike <http://www.hbccufo.com/>

#### Panama - Cylinder

My sister was trying to video tape long strikes of lightning in the evening sky at 9 PM after she had noticed a lot of silent thunder on August 5, 2004. As she filmed a flying object flew right across her video screen clear as day? It's an incredible video how do I send it to you? It's a cylinder shaped ship that is not a normal aircraft. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

#### Brazil - Man Snaps a UFO

SAO PAULO -- On Tuesday, August 3, 2004, "three men were driving on the Anhanguera Highway" in Brazil's state of Sao Paulo, when they saw something unusual over a field. They stopped the car, and two of the men jumped over a fence to get a little closer. One man had a modern cell phone with him, and took a photo of a strange, cylinder-like, silver object hovering a few meters above the ground. Under the object some dust could be seen lifting into the air. It remained hovering for 30 minutes and emitted a sound like several engines working together. Thanks to Revista UFO for August 2004.

#### UK/England - Silver Oval

HAMPSHIRE =96 At 10 PM, the witness was outside feeding goat's on August 5, 2004, when he looked up and saw a long thin white object passing slowly overhead. This object was at an altitude of about 14 -15 thousand feet and heading in a northerly direction. The object did not make any noise. At one point the sun caught the side of the object, which made it shine but there where no light's on it. This object was not a bird, comet, balloon, helicopter, hot air balloon, flare, fire-work, or satellite. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

#### Portugal - Oval

MADEIRA =96 On August 8, 2004, the witness noticed an aircraft and nearby was a really strange object at 12:43 PM. Although the commercial aircraft made noise the strange object did not make any noise. The strange oval had three white lights and a little red one too. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

#### Indonesia to Japan - Morphing Glowing Orange Oval Object

JAKARTA-TOKYO =96 The witness reports, "Shortly after take-off I was looking at the on-board movie screen which was showing live footage of the clear night sky in front of the plane on August 7, 2004, at 12:30 AM." I could see stars and a small `moon` with kind of orange glow around it. I continued to look at it when to my astonishment this shape began to move across the screen in such a way that it was clearly not the moon or a star. For two minutes, I watched it as it moved across the screen in an S-shape and occasionally disappeared from view only to reappear in a different place. Because of this it could have been possible I was witnessing more than one UFO. I am a 28 year old male and I am writing this report because there is no rational explanation for what I saw. All other passengers appeared to be asleep when this happened. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

#### Australia - UFO Triangle Formation

MELBOURNE - Phenomena Research Australia reports that on August 23, 2004, Two large formations of light were captured on video from a location near Pascoe Vale. The objects were in two groups of three lights and each group was in a triangle formation. The video was taken by Mark and Janine Blease of Melbourne and shown on Channel 7 TV.

A check of Melbourne Air Traffic Control, show no aircraft at that location or in formation at that time and no radar contact was reported. This morning on the Breakfast Show - Radio station 3 AW Melbourne, spoke to the couple who took the video and they said it was quite a surprise and very spectacular, offering no

explanation. Other people called the radio station and some did come onto the "talk back" line to support the sighting. Thanks to John Auchettl - Director Phenomena Research Australia [PRA] Mulgrave, Victoria, Australia, 3170 and Skywatch-International.

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#### Another Investigator Is Being Persecuted

David E. Twitchill writes, "Once again a seeker of the truth, involving the UFO/abduction phenomenon, is being persecuted for coming forward. Dr. Michael Salla, Phd of American University in Washington DC is being censured and threatened with possible dismissal from his position researcher-in-residence as a result of his scholarly investigations into the possibility of an alien presence in our world. Dr. Salla has been investigating the UFO phenomenon for years and has written a book entitled "Geopolitics: Political Implications of the Extraterrestrial Presence."

Dr. Michael E. Salla, is a pioneer in the development of geopolitics, the scholarly study of the political implications of the extraterrestrial presence that is not acknowledged to the general public, elected officials or the mass media. His interest in geopolitics evolved out of his investigation of the sources of international conflict and its relationship with the undisclosed extraterrestrial presence. He cites evidence of as many as sixteen different extraterrestrial races currently interacting with humanity. He is the author of Geopolitics: Political Implications of the Extraterrestrial Presence (Dandelion Books, 2004).

Dr. Salla is an internationally recognized scholar in international politics, conflict resolution and US foreign policy, and is the author/editor of an additional four books including The Hero's Journey Toward a Second American Century (Greenwood Press, 2002). Dr. Salla has held academic appointments in the School of International Service, American University, Washington DC (1996-2001), and the Department of Political Science, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia (1994-96). He is currently a Researcher in Residence in the Center for Global Peace, American University (2001-2004). He has a Phd in Government from the University of Queensland, Australia.

Harvard University Psychiatrist, Dr. John Mack, faced similar persecution a few years ago when he published his book on alleged alien abduction cases. Dr. Mack was a skeptic who dared to look at the evidence and, as a direct result, became a believer but still enjoys his position at Harvard.

In 1999 the "COMETA Report" was published in France entitled, UFOs and Defense: What must we be prepared for? This ninety page report is the result of an in-depth study of UFOs, covering many aspects of the subject, especially questions of national defense. The study was carried out over several years by an independent group of former "auditors" at the Institute of Advanced Studies for National Defense (IHEDN) and by qualified experts from various fields. Before its public release, it had been sent to French President Jacques Chirac and to Prime Minister Lionel Jospin. They concluded that at least five percent of reported cases defied a prosaic explanation. After citing several of these cases and the method of their investigation, the committee concluded that the phenomenon is "real and not imaginary and that they were most likely of extraterrestrial origin." .

Presidents Carter and Reagan have reported their own personal UFO sightings.

The Disclosure Project, a group of 500 high ranking military, government and corporate officials, are now coming forward with insider information to expose the truth embargo on the phenomenon by admitting to their role in covert operations involving UFOs and their occupants and seeking open Congressional hearings. Dr. Salla is man of impeccable credentials whose loss would be sorely felt by the University and the world. His employment may be terminated but his work in

this field will not be abated nor stifled. The truth ultimately comes to light. The purpose of an institution of higher learning is not only to expound upon yesterday's assumptions but also to explore the possibilities of tomorrow's truths . . . regardless of their controversial nature.

If the reader agrees, I would urge you to write or email the principles bellow and "respectfully" urge them to reconsider their position in the matter of Dr. Salla. At his website:

<http://www.exopolitics.org/Wash-Post-Ike%20and%20ETs.htm>

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#### Russia - Two Airliners Crash Within Minutes

ITAR-Tass reports that about the same time a Tu-154 disappeared, and a Tu-134 airliner crashed in the Tula region, about 125 miles south of Moscow. Authorities believe the Tu-134 fell from an altitude of 32,800 feet and there were no survivors from either plane. A Sibir airlines Tu-154 jet, carrying 46 people, took off from Moscow's newly redeveloped Domodedovo airport at 9:35 p.m. Tuesday and the other plane, a Tu-134 carrying 43 people, left 40 minutes late. The Tu-134 was headed to the southern city of Volgograd, while the other plane was flying to the Black Sea resort city of Sochi, where President Vladimir Putin is vacationing. The planes disappeared from radar screens about 11:00 p.m., and by early Wednesday morning, the wreckage of both had been found. Terrorism is feared.

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## 'Mothman' Director's Wife Dies

From: Loren Coleman <[lcoleman.nul](mailto:lcoleman.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 11:46:55 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 11:00:19 -0400  
Subject: 'Mothman' Director's Wife Dies

Sad news...

'Mothman' Director's Wife Dies

Sad news, but another for Loren's files. Notable that both of Pellington's films are about a man whose wife dies -

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Source: <http://www.moviepoopshoot.com/news/aug04/90.html>

Wed, 25 Aug 2004

Ford Finds Himself Directionless

Mark Pellington has exited the director's chair for WB's upcoming Harrison Ford starrer, The Wrong Element.

Helmer, who came aboard the pic in early July, bowed out due to the death of his wife last week after a brief illness.

WB has yet to find a replacement for Pellington, though the studio is actively pursuing a substitute to keep the pic's intended early fall shoot date.

"I am unfortunately stepping down from the job of directing the film 'The Wrong Element' due to the recent tragic loss of my beloved wife Jennifer," Pellington said Monday in a statement to Variety. "It is a difficult time, and having suffered the loss of my life partner and mother to my child, I would not be able to commit the time and energy and focus at this point needed to truly successfully helm the film."

Pic, to star Ford and Paul Bettany, is being co-financed with Village Roadshow Pictures. Jon Shestack and Beacon Communications chairman Arman Bernstein are producing. Pic, penned by Joe Forte, revolves around the security chief for a global bank whose family is kidnapped.

Pellington directed "Arlington Road" and "The Mothman Prophecies." He is not attached to any other projects. (As reported by VARIETY)

[Credit - Tim Chapman]

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Mothman Death List  
[http://www.lorencoleman.com/mothman\\_death\\_list.html](http://www.lorencoleman.com/mothman_death_list.html)

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## X-Files Dean Haglund On Black Vault Radio

From: John Greenewald - The Black Vault <[bounces.nul](mailto:bounces.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 10:50:59 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 11:04:24 -0400  
Subject: X-Files Dean Haglund On Black Vault Radio

Dean Haglund on Black Vault Radio This Saturday Night

Northridge (BlackVault) - August 25, 2004 - Catch The X-Files famed character "Langly", Dean Haglund, on Black Vault Radio this Saturday night - starting at 11:00pm Pacific.

Dean is probably best known for his nine seasons playing Langly, one of the computer geeks known as "The Lone Gunmen" from the hit FOX TV series The X-Files. He also starred in the The X-Files spin-off series The Lone Gunmen. His character is so popular that Dean is a main attraction at X-File and Sci-Fi conventions all over North America. He appears on trading cards, T-Shirts and even has his own comic book ("The Lone Gunman" published by Dark Horse Comics).

A long-time comedy improviser, Dean got his start with the likes of Ryan Stiles and Colin Mockery (Whose Line is it Anyway?) in the internationally award winning Vancouver TheatreSports League. He now regularly performs in Los Angeles with The Groundlings and Second City. Catch him nearly every Friday night at The Friar's club where he performs with Second City alumni such as Dan Castellaneta (Homer on The Simpsons).

The Black Vault Radio hit the airwaves just last weekend, and had an overwhelming success. Servers were maxed out from listeners fully streaming the audio LIVE on the Internet! Black Vault Radio is also heard on the Cable Radio Network (CRN) and is broadcast throughout the nation on countless cable and satellite feeds.

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 12:04:17 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:05:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmborg

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 10:25:10 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak.nul](mailto:DRudiak.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 08:38:29 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 20:14:19 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>>fashioned term that means someone whose low level of  
>>intelligence and/or obstinate personality and/or psychological  
>>denial does not allow them to see that they are spouting patent  
>>nonsense.

>David,

>I think this exchange nicely underscores the essential frivolity  
>of pelicanism - er, excuse me, the "psychosocial hypothesis".

>Like the joke about the old Seinfeld television series (which at  
>least was entertaining and not meant to be taken seriously), it  
>is about nothing. Pelicanists are always best off when they're  
>flapping their wings, not involving themselves in discussions of  
>actual substance, such as the puzzling sightings that comprise  
>the core of the UFO problem.

True enough. They sure can get excited about gym-shorts labels,  
though! <LOL>

[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)

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## Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet? -

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 14:34:08 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:11:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet? -

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 09:32:12 -0500  
>Subject: Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet?

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 09:40:25 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: 1908 Siberian Explosion: UFO Meets Comet?

<snip>

>Wow! I'm almost starting to warm to you! You're \_good\_! <LOL>

>>As an aside, I address you as Mr. Lehmborg because we have never  
>>met, and I haven't received private correspondence which would  
>>clearly afford me the privilege of addressing you otherwise. As  
>>we have now at the very least managed to "cut a rug" together,  
>>would I be taking liberties to address you as Alfred?

>Ummmm - no. This early in our association it may be that  
>familiarity turns to soon to contempt, Sir. The best we can work  
>toward at present, Mr. King, is to be respectfully adversarial,  
>I should think. It'll take a little more than a bow and a box of  
>candy, in any case. Do you do metaphor? Mr. Rimmer has  
>demonstrated a real problem with it, by way of example - also  
>in the Archives.

Mr. Lehmborg,

My question was regarding the subject of UFOs. If I want advice on how to solve all the worlds problems, I'll find a higher authority, and one I feel is capable of answering such a question. I neither suspect that such an authority posted to this List, nor did I intend to place that burden on you. Not in any way. I think it's odd that you received it that way.

I thought your post was trying to infer that the truth about UFOs might be better known if there wasn't so much duplicity, fraud, etc. coming from the institutions we should trust to provide such information. That sentiment I fully agree with, even if we disagree on what that truth is. I'm not sure that we actually do disagree though, as your responses tend to only confuse me more.

My question was exactly what it appeared to be - a semi-rhetorical question of how one (or many) might actually effect change, short of anarchy. I imagined for a moment that you may have either a ready suggestion, or perhaps the same lament that I have... that it is likely that we will have to divine the truth ourselves, independent of the institutions you mentioned. In spite of them. Each time I envision a scenario wherein one (or many) might force the issue, the institutions you talked about instantly mobilize to produce sufficient fraud, duplicity, etc (FUD) to muddy everything, and we're back where we started. I thought we might find a meeting of the minds in there, and perhaps a suggestion for a solution, or a path to a solution, or a mere opinion. Twas my goal. Really and truly.

If you have already addressed this issue, I apologize for dredging it up and provoking more misplaced assumptions about my motives for asking.

I promise not to trouble you again until I am better versed on your existing body of work, lest I invite more of your peculiar brand of mind-reading, which prevents understanding on both sides. In this case, it is unwarranted because it is incorrect. You argue with someone you have invented. "He" is not "me". Really and truly.

My final (aside) question was a yes or not question to which you answered "no". I believe you meant to say "yes", unless I misinterpret the remainder of the paragraph. No need to clarify.

Finally, anarchy IS sometimes appropriate. I'm just not sure that it leads to finding truth. Since the remaining rubble is usually claimed by the strongest and not the wisest, the result can lead to something worse than even a feigned "order". But chaos in some form may well be the final catalyst. That seems a very distinct possibility to me. Really and truly.

Until I am better qualified to inquire, all the best,

Kyle

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 22:03:50 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:33:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

>From: David Rudiak <[DRudiak.nul](mailto:DRudiak.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 20:14:19 +0100  
>>Fwd Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 11:08:28 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

>>A number of people argued against the pelican theory at some  
>>length, so they presumably took it seriously.

>Giggle. No, people like me argued against it not because we took  
>it seriously, but because people like Harney took it seriously  
>and were proclaiming it the ultimate solution to the Arnold  
>case.

I certainly don't proclaim it the ultimate solution. I think  
there are too many uncertainties in the story to be confident of  
any particular interpretation of it being correct.

>>Its chief weakness  
>>seems to be that it supposes that Arnold's estimates of speeds  
>>and distances were highly inaccurate.

>No, it's chief weakness was that it was scientifically  
>impossible. Pelicans can't outfly a plane on a parallel course.  
>This has nothing to do with Arnold's estimates of speed or  
>distance. Even if Easton's "pelicans" were right outside  
>Arnold's window, they couldn't move forward of Arnold's  
>position and finally disappear in the distance ahead of his  
>plane because, duhhh, pelicans can't outfly a plane.

Yes, but the accuracy of Arnold's account is disputed. Nobody  
suggested that any birds could fly faster than his plane.

>>This does not, however,  
>>make it "demonstrably pseudoscientific", as "pseudoscientific"  
>>does not mean the same as "unacceptable to credulous UFO  
>>enthusiasts".

>It certainly does make it "demonstrably pseudoscientific" if not  
>downright idiotic, not that Harney seems to care.

Only if you can somehow prove the accuracy of Arnold's account.

>>>\*A pelicanist is "one who proposes hard-to-believe solutions to  
>>>puzzling UFO sightings" - Strange Skies, p. 35.

>>Note - not "irrational" or "plainly false", but "hard-to-  
>>believe". It doesn't matter if it's the true answer or not, if  
>>you don't like it, the proposer of it is a "pelicanist".

>A pelican outflying a plane is indeed clearly "irrational" and  
>"plainly false," hence "hard-to-believe." What more does anyone  
>with any brains need to dismiss it?

It would be, but who said that they could fly faster than a

plane?

Here's the bit where he gets hysterical:

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>substitute "idiot," "fool," "dim bulb," or any other old-  
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From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 22:09:09 +0100  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:35:05 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 11:06:23 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>>does not mean the same as "unacceptable to credulous UFO  
>>enthusiasts".

>"A number of people..." What number? My recollection is that  
>there were 2 or 3 who argued "pelican" and the others who  
>realized that there would have to have been several serious  
>errors in Arnold's reporting of the event for the pelican  
>explanation to "fly." A major error would have to be in Arnold's  
>claim that he turned his aircraft to look out the open window  
>(pilot's left side window) to be certain there were no  
>reflections. At this time he would have been flying parallel to  
>the "pelicans."

<snip>

Exactly. It all depended on whether you regarded Arnold's account  
as being pretty accurate or whether there were major errors in  
it. For example, James Easton argued on this matter at great  
length in a posting on 22 July 1999:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1999/jul/m22-009.shtml>

I was not arguing that Easton's theory was true or other  
theories were false, but that it was nevertheless rational -  
whether right or wrong - just as your interpretation is  
perfectly rational, even if some people point to changes Arnold  
made in his account and suspect that his account is unreliable  
in some respects.

Personally, I see no reason to favour any particular theory as  
to what Arnold might have seen.

>>Note - not "irrational" or "plainly false", but "hard-to-  
>>believe". It doesn't matter if it's the true answer or not, if  
>>you don't like it, the proposer of it is a "pelicanist".

>A stronger definition would be this: a pelicanist is one who  
>proposes publicly (as if it were "the: solution) an explanation  
>which contradicts the best evidence (most likely to be correct)  
>in sighting report.

Who decides on the quality of the evidence? In a number of  
well-known cases the evidence is very much in dispute.

>The "corollary to this definition" is that the "pelicanist" must  
>convincingly show where the report is wrong in order to justify  
>the proposed explanation. This is where the pelicanist  
>argument is weak and has led me to be skeptical of the  
skeptics.

No. It is necessary to show that the report is correct. As is  
often repeated - extraordinary claims require extraordinary  
evidence

John Harney

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## Article "Flying Saucers Are Fun!"

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 19:25:42 EDT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:37:52 -0400  
Subject: Article "Flying Saucers Are Fun!"

"Flying Saucers Are Fun!"

<http://www.times-standard.com/Stories/0,1413,127~2896~2352005,00.html>

Here's an article about a town that uses the 'Flying Saucer' phenom to bring their community together and have fun.

Best,

Greg

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Secrecy News -- 08/25/04

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood.nul](mailto:saftergood.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 21:19:36 -0400  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:39:26 -0400  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 08/25/04

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
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HALF OF ALL SECRETS ARE IMPROPERLY CLASSIFIED, OFFICIAL SAYS

Half of all government secrets may be unnecessarily or improperly classified, a Pentagon intelligence official told a congressional hearing this week.

Pressed by Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT) to estimate what percentages of all classified information are and are not correctly classified, Carol A. Haave, the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Counterintelligence and Security, said: "How about if I say 50-50?"

"I do believe that we overclassify information," she said. "I do believe that it is extensive [but] not for the purpose of wanting to hide anything. But I will tell you that with respect to military operations, people have a tendency to err on the side of caution."

The August 24 hearing was held by the House Government Reform Committee Subcommittee on National Security to consider the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission with respect to overclassification and information sharing.

A transcript of the hearing may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2004/082404transcript.html>

The witnesses included Ms. Haave, Information Security Oversight Office Director J. William Leonard, former NSA deputy director William Crowell of the Markle Foundation Task Force on National Security, and myself.

Their prepared statements may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2004/index.html>

CIA MULLS DISCLOSURE OF HISTORICAL INTEL BUDGET DATA

The Central Intelligence Agency asked a federal court for more time to consider its response to an FAS lawsuit that seeks the disclosure of historical intelligence budget data from 1947 through 1970. An Agency response had been due August 25.

In its formal request for a three week extension until September 15, the Agency cited the impact of the 9/11 Commission report and said that the Commission's recommendations "continue to be

the subject of an extraordinary level of activity by officials at the highest levels of government -- including Acting Director of Central Intelligence McLaughlin himself."

Informally, the CIA's counsel suggested that the 9/11 Commission recommendation to declassify (current) intelligence budget figures and the Administration's forthcoming response could moot the Agency's opposition to disclosure of historical budget data.

The CIA's insistence on historical budget secrecy was cited at a congressional hearing this week as an extreme example of overclassification.

See the CIA's unopposed motion to delay its response until September 15 here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/1947/cia082004.pdf>

#### A REPORT CARD ON SECRECY

The expansion of official secrecy in recent years is measurable, not merely rhetorical, and is documented in a "report card" issued this week by OpenTheGovernment.org, a coalition of organizations working to defend public access to government information.

"Government data confirm what many have suspected: secrecy has increased dramatically in recent years under policies of the current administration. For every \$1 the federal government spent last year releasing old secrets, it spent an extraordinary \$120 maintaining the secrets already on the books," according to an OpenTheGovernment.org press release.

"Secrecy Report Card: Quantitative Indicators of Secrecy in the Federal Government" is to be available as of Thursday morning, August 26, here:

<http://www.openthegovernment.org/>

#### JOINT DOCTRINE FOR COMBATING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

Military doctrine on confronting the threat of weapons of mass destruction is set forth in a new Department of Defense document.

It addresses the principles and practices to be employed in nonproliferation, counterproliferation, and consequence management.

See "Joint Doctrine for Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction," Joint Publication 3-40, 8 July 2004 (81 pages, 400 KB PDF file) (thanks to RT):

[http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp3\\_40.pdf](http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp3_40.pdf)

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## Re: UFO Triangle Formation Melbourne Australia -

From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 11:35:15 +1000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:41:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Triangle Formation Melbourne Australia -

>From: John Auchettl <[Praufu.nul](mailto:Praufu.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 06:25:40 -0400  
>Subject: UFO Triangle Formation Melbourne Australia

<snip>

More information can be viewed at this link:

[http://www.hypermax.net.au/~aufor/Victorian\\_sighting.html](http://www.hypermax.net.au/~aufor/Victorian_sighting.html)

Content:

- \*Eyewitness reports
- \*Color images
- \*Area Maps

This is an interesting sighting with many witnesses.

A Channel 9 TV cameraman also filmed the objects.

George Simpson will view 2 lots of video, when he has completed these interviews there will be more to report.

Regards Diane Harrison

National Director of The Australian UFO Research Network  
Australian Skywatch Director

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## Disclosure Australia Announcement 17

From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 11:55:42 +1000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:43:32 -0400  
Subject: Disclosure Australia Announcement 17

Disclosure Australia Newsletter 16 has been posted to:

<http://disclosure.freewebsite.org>

This issue contains an exclusive interview of Harry Turner by the Project.

Turner was the person the RAAF asked to look at their UFO files in 1954, and Turner's report lay in Government Archives until Bill Chalker found it in the early 80's.

Turner worked in the Department of Defence's Joint Intelligence Bureau between 1964 and 1982 and was the person behind the UFO scenes.

A fascinating interview.

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## Newest AUFORN UFO Photo

From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:01:25 +1000  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:45:51 -0400  
Subject: Newest AUFORN UFO Photo

View The Newest UFO Photo to have landed on AUFORNs desk:

<http://www.hypermax.net.au/~aufor/contentpage.html>

Regards Diane Harrison  
National Director of The Australian UFO Research Network  
Australian Skywatch Director

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## CI: Pravda Gets It Wrong

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot.nul](mailto:macbot.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 20:42:38 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:53:29 -0400  
Subject: CI: Pravda Gets It Wrong

List,

As some of you have noticed, I've migrated new posts from the "old" Cydonian Imperative website to a new template hosted by Blogger.

Meanwhile, keep an eye on

<http://cydonianimperative.blogspot.com>

for new posts.

All content at:

<http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

will remain unchanged.

Anyway, here's the latest.

Thanks!

Mac Tonnies

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Cydonian Imperative:  
Pravda Gets It Wrong

by Mac Tonnies

Humanoid face mysteriously disappears from Mars

"On June 25, 1995 the NASA administration included the test photoshoot of the Martian face in the program flight of Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft. The mission control received the long-awaited photos on April 5th, 1998. The spacecraft took pictures of the face from the height of 440 kilometers (in 1976 the images were taken from the height of 1,870 kilometers). To everyone's great disappointment, the photos depicted only uneven landscape - one could not see any facial outlines on them at all."

[image]

JPL's 1998 "catbox" "enhancement" on the Face on Mars.

This colorful account from Pravda - the Russian equivalent to the West's Weekly World News - reiterates one of the most depressing aspects of the Mars Global Surveyor's infamous 1998 reimagining of the Face on Mars: the conviction that the facial likeness observed in the Apollo images had somehow vanished, mirage-like, into the Cydonian terrain upon closer investigation.

[image]

Viking frame 35A72: our first look at the Face (1976).

The 1998 image initially released to the news media had been subjected to a high-pass filter, a digital imaging process used to suppress detail. It's virtually certain that JPL/NASA's use of the filter was intentional and thus disingenuous - a near-effortless attempt to erase the Face from the public conscience. Tellingly, subsequent images were spared the grainy, substandard appearance generated by the high-pass filter.

Few, if any, independent Mars researchers were fooled. But Pravda's naive treatment of the subject shows that JPL's trickery continues to generate confusion on an international level.

[image]

Above is a conventionally processed image of the 1998 photo (inverted to simulate original Viking lighting conditions). On a related note, I find it disturbingly ironic that image processor Ian Fleming's effort to reproduce JPL's "catbox" image is actually a bit more discernable than the "official" attempt to obliterate the Face.

-end-

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## Re: Moon Questions - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 00:20:31 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:55:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - King

>From: Tim Shell <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 07:49:58 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>Communications might be the remaining obstacle. Odd that we  
>>still need line of sight to communicate effectively...with all  
>>the advances in the last few decades. A more helpful alien  
>>visitor might drop off some material on that one.

>I have found it interesting for some time that we still don't  
>have a permanent satellite in lunar orbit. I don't understand  
>that. It's not like it wouldn't be useful. And compared to  
>putting something in orbit around Saturn, it would be a piece of  
>cake.

>It makes me think of all the folks who have said our relative  
>lack of lunar exploration is because we have been 'warned off'.  
>Booo-o-o-o-o-o!

Tim,

If such a satellite was set into an equatorial geosynchronous orbit, perhaps we could use it to maintain communications with a base on the far side, as it would always be "visible" (RF-wise) from here, like the lunar disk itself. This would require some gymnastics with the signal here. We already have the earth covered several times over though, so it would seem plausible to utilize an existing grid to pass the chores one to another as they followed the moon. Another approach would be to tether such a satellite to the moon and let it out to a point of equilibrium roughly to the "right" or "left" of the moon as seen from Earth.. Would provide some good experimentation for the "elevator to space" in a safer, off-planet, low-gravity environment. A nice test for the tech, perhaps? An incentive to take a closer look at the idea?

As for being "warned off", Arthur Clarke may have pegged it after all: "All these worlds are yours except (the Moon?)... Attempt no (more?)landings there". :)

Kind Regards,

Kyle

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## Re: Moon Questions - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 00:44:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:57:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - King

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 09:51:27 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

<snip>

>Kyle,

>The idea is a good one, but probably only one piece of a larger  
>picture. I think a moon base to establish a presence on the moon  
>and begin scientific investigation is a goal that I would  
>certainly support. A moon based telescope would be part of that,  
>I'm sure, and I can imagine that many astronomers would jump at  
>the chance to spend a short period of time on the moon at such a  
>facility.

>This will likely become a reality at some point, if we don't  
>blow our society apart first. Unfortunately, it's not likely to  
>occur in my lifetime.

Steve,

I agree that a project of this sort would require additional  
goals, and among them could be...

Passive radar detection a la Bassett's passive grid (too UFO-  
centric perhaps) as well as active collision detection equipment  
(less UFO- centric but still an additional "eye" on the local  
scene for meteor and space debris.

Tether technology, i.e., testing the tech in the lower lunar  
gravity, and away from any hazards to earthlings. Also perhaps  
using this technology to plant a communications bird in attached  
orbit to allow continuous communication with Earth from the far  
side.

Radio-telescoping from a far more "pristine" vantage point, less  
affected by terrestrial "noise".

The type of experiments once conducted on the shuttle,  
where reduced or micro-gravity is useful.

Training for interplanetary missions including habitat  
testing... physiological effects on long-term space travel, etc.

Terraforming (small constructed biospheres for food production,  
etc)

Waste management, and the use of waste products for fertilizers,  
etc.

Resource exploitation - the commercial and industrial implications

While I realize that the costs of these projects would be high,  
all the potential return on just a couple of the ideas listed  
could well pay for the entire kit and the kaboodle, too.



I share your assessment that it is not likely in the near-term. I hope the idea takes hold, however. The moon is seemingly a forgotten step- stool to some awesome achievements... which is the shame. We see it every single day, and yet it is as if it isn't there at all.

Kind Regards,

Kyle

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## Re: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo - Jack

From: Victoria Jack <[isis777.nul](mailto:isis777.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 00:52:38 -0700  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 13:07:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo - Jack

[Non-subscriber post]

From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog.nul](mailto:ufowatchdog.nul)>  
To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 01:55:08 -0700  
Subject: Re: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo

>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog.nul](mailto:ufowatchdog.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2004 11:04:39 -0700  
>Subject: Re: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo

>>From: Victoria Jack <[isis777.nul](mailto:isis777.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2004 15:44:12 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo

>>>From: Royce J. Myers III <[ufowatchdog.nul](mailto:ufowatchdog.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 16 Aug 2004 08:06:02 -0700  
>>>Subject: Re: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo

>>>>From: Victoria Jack <[isis777.nul](mailto:isis777.nul)>  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Fri, 13 Aug 2004 09:47:28 -0400  
>>>>Subject: 6th Annual Bay Area UFO Expo

<snip>

>>>>Also presenting this year are William Henry, James Gilliland  
>>>>Lloyd Pye, Jaime Maussan, Richard Dolan, Michael Horn, Tricia  
>>>>McCannon and many more! Our special guests include George Noory  
>>>>of Coast To Coast AM, The Sci-Fi Channel, Bill Birnes of UFO  
>>>>Magazine and Sean David Morton.

>>>>Sean David Morton associated with "truth" and "reality"... now  
>>>>there's a laugh. Sad to see some are still willing to promote  
>>>>this phony...

>>>>Sean David Morton is not speaking at the Expo this year, he's  
>>>>only coming down to visit and to introduce George Noory.

>>>>You hit me pretty hard in 9/11; I couldn't cancel the  
>>>>conference. If you would ever like to come down for yourself  
>>>>and check things out, I'd be glad to have you as a guest.

>>>>Thanks for your response. This is the first time someone  
>>>>associated with a conference has actually taken the time to  
>>>>respond, aside from some idiot telling me through third parties  
>>>>that my time should be spent doing something else or someone  
>>>>accusing me of being some government disinformation operative or  
>>>>some other nonsense.

>>>>For those unfamiliar with what Victoria is referring to  
>>>>regarding 9/11, this was a commentary I wrote when people  
>>>>started hawking 'the truth' about 9/11 before the smoke from the  
>>>>WTC had even cleared, which I thought of as nothing less than

>>utterly shameless and smacking of double dipping for dollars.

>><http://www.ufowatchdog.com/shameless.html>

>>Now that I have a promoter right here, I'd like to ask you a few questions.....

>>Victoria, you said two things: You couldn't cancel the conference in 2001 and that Morton isn't a presenter and is >>"only coming down to visit and to introduce George Noory."

>>First, I'm not completely sure why you brought up being unable >>to cancel the conference. Would you clarify what you meant by >>that? And if you're talking about me hitting "pretty hard in >>9/11" in reference to my commentary, the people that were >>selling the blood from 9/11 were more than deserving of that >>commentary and the outrage over the antics taking place at that >>time.

>>Secondly, why do conferences continually play host to known >>charlatans, seeming to endorse the veracity of claims made by >>known UFO idiots by continually associating their names with >>'reality' and that catch-all 'the truth'? Why not cast a more >>discerning eye on speakers and attempt to host the most credible >>presenters?

><snip>

>>I'm sure you're aware of Morton's failed lawsuit against me and >>my website. His baseless libel case was tossed out when he >>couldn't prove any of his claims when it came time to present >>evidence in court. When I hear his name associated with anything >>resembling 'reality', I can't help being both amused and >>astonished.

>><http://www.ufowatchdog.com/mortonfiles.html>

>>However, it's a free country and free market, you can, >>obviously, do what you want at your conference and have whomever >>you choose. I just find it hard to believe that anyone having a >>serious interest in UFOs would play host to any number of UFO >>idiots out there at the cost of serious and credible Ufology.

><snip>

>>Victoria, I'd like to hear your take on this. Thanks for the >>invitation to your Conference, I do sincerely appreciate it. >>I've found being regular Joe UFO conference attendee is much >>more informative.

>>I await your response and appreciate your time. Thanks.

>Well, I never did hear back from Victoria Jack. I guess she's >not interested in answering my questions before the Bay Area UFO >Expo takes place.

Hello,

I'm really busy before the show, I wanted to give you a more thoughtful response, but if you'd like here's a few quick thoughts. Plus I did send you a very long email right after I saw what you'd written, but NEVER heard back from you.

Re: Cancel of the 2001 Expo...

9/11 was 4 days before the Expo, so me using the Expo to sell "Blood" as you put it, I would had to know about it before the event.

I would have lost a \$14,000.00 deposit. I would have had to get another date from the hotel (which at that time would have been about a week or two before Christmas. Not a good time! Do all of my advertising again, get a hold of 1,100 people and tell them not to come (some drive, some fly they would have lost money also, with these non-refundable tickets) I would have lost all the money from the airline tickets I'd purchased for the speakers. And much more that I don't have time to go into.

Plus speakers and attendees started calling me and telling me NOT to cancel. They said, "If you cancel, they win! Or "I for

one need a distraction after this week."

So after getting calls all Tuesday and Wednesday I decided to go on with it. I don't want it to sound like the only thing I think about is money... but I don't make or have a lot, and if I had cancelled, it would probably been the end of the Bay Area UFO Expo.

Regarding Morton's law suite... No I didn't know anything about it. I try to keep an open mind and stay out of the politics.

I went through all of your Halls and except for 3 people and the X-File poster (I was an X-File Fan) I agree with you and why you have them up there. I've only had a very few of them speak at my conference.

I would love for you to give me a list of people you think should be speaking, and I will consider each and every one of them.

I'm sorry I can't really get into this any longer - I do have to leave for the Hotel tomorrow, and am still getting things together. But after the expo I will write you something better with more thought behind it.

Most Sincerely,

Victoria Jack

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## Melbourne UFO Triangle Formation Videos

From: John Auchettl <[Praufu.nul](mailto:Praufu.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 04:48:01 EDT  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 13:29:56 -0400  
Subject: Melbourne UFO Triangle Formation Videos

UFO TRIANGLE FORMATION  
Melbourne  
Australia  
23 Aug 2004-08-24  
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VIDEO SAMPLE

LOCATION

<http://praufo.bravehost.com/PRA - UFO Triangle Melbourne 23 Aug 2004.html>

NOTE:

These two videos are in a high quality production mode. They have been edited for space.

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- (1) Right click on the DOWNLOAD link
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VIDEO 1  
Raw Night Vision Data  
Size: WMA file 2.2MB or 2147 Kb

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Negative Effect Data  
Size: WMA file 2,2MB Or 2191 Kb

Best regards to you all,

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## Re: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary - Bourdais

From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais.nul](mailto:gbourdais.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 10:54:31 +0200  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 13:31:55 -0400  
Subject: Re: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary - Bourdais

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 19:39:37 -0700  
>Subject: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary

>Source: The Daily Times

>Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary

>By Debra Mayeux  
>The Daily Times

To the List,

There is a five page article by Scott Ramsey in the August MUFON  
UFO Journal.

A very interesting article.

And many thanks to Scott Ramsey, who has found a series of  
witnesses, after many years of research and high expenses, and  
his research is going on.

Any comment from the List?

Gildas Bourdais

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:08:38 -0500  
Fwd Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 13:42:12 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 22:09:09 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 11:06:23 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 20:14:19 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

Patient and gentle Listfolk:

>No. It is necessary to show that the report is correct. As is  
>often repeated - extraordinary claims require extraordinary  
>evidence.

This is yet another of the uncountable reasons I am not a pelicanist. If I thought for a moment that Harney were thinking at all, I would presume he means that since Arnold couldn't produce wreckage, machinery, or bodies, we can ignore his sighting as unprovable. But who knows what Harney means? I doubt that he does, either; he just like the sounds of the words. For the rest of you:

The man who coined the phrase Harney recites, often misattributed to Carl Sagan, was a good friend of mine, someone with whom over the years I spent hundreds of hours conversing and who influenced my own views of anomalous questions immensely. I refer to the late sociologist of science Marcello Truzzi, whose reasonableness, balance, and nuanced thinking are missed more than ever, especially when one is being subjected to pelican flappings.

Marcello thought up the notion ("extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence") many years ago and spent the rest of his life regretting it. (Unfortunately, Marcello never got around to writing the book he always talked about, in which he would have examined the question at length.) Rightly, he regarded the maxim as an empty tautology. He also pointed out that it begged such basic questions as:

What is an "extraordinary claim"? What is "extraordinary evidence"? And even if you can define such (the terms, of course, are inherently relative, subjective, and elusive), why do you need "extraordinary" evidence to prove an "extraordinary" claim, and not just good, ordinary evidence?

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Jerry Clark

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 19:52:46 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 09:04:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:08:38 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 22:09:09 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>sighting as unprovable. But who knows what Harney means? I doubt  
>that he does, either; he just like the sounds of the words. For  
>the rest of you:

I don't think we should ignore the Arnold sighting just because  
nothing can be proved one way or the other. I do think, however,  
that in view of the fact that it was a single-witness sighting,  
that not too much weight should be given to it.

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>claim, and not just good, ordinary evidence?

What is being claimed - by some people - in this case is that  
Arnold actually saw some aircraft traveling at supersonic speed  
at a time when no such craft existed anywhere on Earth. I think  
most people would regard that as an extraordinary claim.

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>make that apparently unfalsifiable (and - more to the point -  
>deeply convenient) claim and let it go at that, much as he  
>wants to.

If you had actually bothered to read my post you would see that  
I do not assert that any particular interpretation of the Arnold  
case is incorrect; I said that different interpretations were  
\_not irrational\_. Of course, either all of them are wrong or one  
of them is right, but I don't pretend to know which.

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>all, Harney's words as they stand have all the substance of  
>passing wind.

Those who are interested must use their judgement to assess how  
accurate they think Arnold's report might have been.

Could you please cite the posting or publication in which I  
declare "that since UFOs don't exist, Arnold \_must\_ have been in  
error"? You are making things up again, Jerry, just as some  
people do to spice up unexciting UFO reports.

John Harney

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## Re: Moon Questions - Kaeser

From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 13:27:37 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 09:09:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - Kaeser

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 00:20:31 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

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>If such a satellite was set into an equatorial geosynchronous  
>orbit, perhaps we could use it to maintain communications with a  
>base on the far side, as it would always be "visible" (RF-wise)  
>from here, like the lunar disk itself. This would require some  
>gymnastics with the signal here. We already have the earth  
>covered several times over though, so it would seem plausible to  
>utilize an existing grid to pass the chores one to another as  
>they followed the moon. Another approach would be to tether such  
>a satellite to the moon and let it out to a point of equilibrium  
>roughly to the "right" or "left" of the moon as seen from  
>Earth.. Would provide some good experimentation for the  
>"elevator to space" in a safer, off-planet, low-gravity  
>environment. A nice test for the tech, perhaps? An incentive to  
>take a closer look at the idea?

>As for being "warned off", Arthur Clarke may have pegged it  
>after all: "All these worlds are yours except (the  
>Moon?)... Attempt no (more?)landings there". :)

Hi Kyle,

A satellite in geosynchronous orbit around the Earth would not see a moon base when it was turned away from the satellite, and a satellite in geosynchronous orbit around the moon (and I'm not really sure of the feasibility of that) would put the moon between it and the Earth as the moon rotated around the Earth.

The goal is a valid one, but I think it will involved a series of satellites orbiting the moon.

As I seem to recall, our failure to go back to the moon or spend a lot of resources in performing in depth analysis is based on a lack of interest when compared to the outer planets. For many in NASA I get the impression that they believe we've already been there and they have to look outward, and a moon base has never really been a topic of discussion (since the late 50's when the military had a serious study generated). It's also not fair to say that we've completely ignored the moon, with several non-manned satellites sent to study facets of the moon over the past two decades.

I've seen no indication from credible sources that there have been any warnings, or concerns about warnings, in regard to returning to the moon.

Steve

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 17:48:48 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 09:11:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Maccabee

>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 22:09:09 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 11:06:23 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>>A stronger definition would be this: a pelicanist is one who  
>>proposes publicly (as if it were "the: solution) an explanation  
>>which contradicts the best evidence (most likely to be correct)  
>>in sighting report.

>Who decides on the quality of the evidence? In a number of  
>well-known cases the evidence is very much in dispute.

>>The "corollary to this definition" is that the "pelicanist" must  
>>convincingly show where the report is wrong in order to justify  
>>the proposed explanation. This is where the pelicanist  
>>argument is weak and has led me to be skeptical of the  
>skeptics.

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No, the report is the report. It must be assumed true and  
accurate to some degree. Analogous to innocent until proven  
guilty. The skeptic must show where the report is wrong in such  
a way as to make the "corrected" report agree with an proposed  
explanation.

In the Arnold case the skeptic must argue that Arnold was  
incorrect in saying that he rolled his window down and turned  
the plane 'sideways" to avoid reflections. At this time he was  
flying south parallel to the "pelicans."

There are numerous other reported details which also must have  
been wrong for the pelicans to have a chance of flying.

Of course, if one takes the attitude that no observer is ever  
correct an any details except the ones that agree with a  
particular mundane explanation, then, of course, all sightings  
are explainable. (This might not apply to instrumented  
sightings... but each one has to be tackled on its own. In the  
1978 New Zealand sightings, for example, the coincidence between  
radar targets and observed lights and even color movies make it  
ven more difficult to argue that the witness statements... and  
radar and film... are simultaneously wrong.)

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 18:50:11 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 09:17:55 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Friedman

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:08:38 -0500  
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Right on Jerry, but I prefer Budd Hopkins version:  
"Extraordinary claims require extraordinary investigation". I  
would add that the proclamations, so often made by the  
pelicanists, are not the same as investigation. Often they  
involve pseudoscience... which is a lot easier to do than real  
science.

I was off in Newfoundland for a fine week as a tourist with my



wife. We visited the Alexander Graham Bell museum in Nova Scotia and the place (Cabot Tower in Newfoundland) where Marconi received the first transatlantic radio signal in 1901... despite the claims of the well educated pelicanists that the telephone and wireless radio transmission over the ocean were impossible. Bell was also involved with the first flight of a powered airplane in the British empire... In Canada, in about 1908... again despite those who said man would never fly... some of whom claimed that the Wright Brothers were lying hoaxers re their 1903 flight.

The noisy negativists will always be with us.

Stan Friedman

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## HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings - 08-26-04

From: **Brian Vike** - HBCC UFO <[hbccufo.nul](mailto:hbccufo.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 14:32:55 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 09:24:22 -0400  
Subject: HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings - 08-26-04

HBCC UFO Recently Reported Sightings

Date: Newsletter Released August 26, 2004

Smithfield, Near Trenton, Ontario Orange Ball

Date: 1992 or 93?  
Time: Approx: 3:00 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 1  
Number of objects: 1  
Shape of objects: round glowing ball.

Full Description of event/sighting: Heard you on [unknowncountry.com](http://unknowncountry.com) and thought I would send in my UFO sighting. I should be able to obtain the actual date because there was an article in the Trentonian paper after I saw it because other people had seen it too apparently.

This sighting was about 3:00 p.m. I think (if my memory serves) I happened to notice orange sparks outside by the mailbox. It was very odd. I thought must be a trick of the light on the trees. (newspaper article later reported another lady was drawn to window by sparks - same day or soon after I think) I couldn't stop wondering about it so I went outside. I stood outside in this small grass field staring at the sky like an idiot. Don't know what the neighbors thought I was doing! I just stared for a long time and didn't even see anything, don't know why I stayed. Then I caught sight of this huge glowing orange ball just hovering over the lake. I watched it for something like 15 minutes (I didn't have a watch on so not sure how long) I walked around the neighborhood just looking up at this ball. It was weird. Other people were outside, but no one else seemed to see this ball in the sky!!!! I began to think it must be something normal around here. (My first year in Ontario, I'm from BC.) Like a flare from some base operation and nobody thought anything of it (Trenton airforce base is there) Some kids were out in the street and I wanted to say to them, "Do you know what that orange thing is???" But they weren't looking at it, they never noticed it and I felt stupid, so I didn't say anything

My husband thinks it was a flare. But when the article came out other people had seen it, the same day or close to it. It had followed their car.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Fort St. John, British Columbia Craft/Plus (UFO)

Date: June 18/19, 2004 (images caught over a 2 day period)  
Time: Day #1 - 8:30 p.m. - Day #2 - 2:30 p.m.

HBCC UFO Research Note: I received an email on August 18, 2004 from a fellow who resides in Fort St. John, British Columbia. In the email was one picture only. There was no report/text to go with the photo. I looked at the photo and wondered what the heck the "thing" was in which the witness caught on film. Today,

August 24, 2004 I received a package in the postal mail from the witness. In the parcel there was the same picture that I received from him earlier, a report and a 95mb CD which held a lot of footage of some incredible objects he had taken. I played the footage and about half way through I was able to see the object he had captured on film and which he sent to me in the email. This object, whatever it might be moved so fast that I had one heck of a time in trying to edit the clip to grab a still of it, again mainly because the object moved so quickly. I also ran the footage again and grabbed a clip which shows the object flying past the camera which I have posted to my site. Also I have posted a number of photos of white objects which are flying in all different direction and again the speed is incredible. I will be going through the footage more carefully as there is alot on it. More footage and pictures will be added as I go through the video.

I telephoned him and we had a nice conversation, and my first question to him was, were there any dandelion or Cottonwood seeds flying around that day that he noticed. He said no. The fellow also said the temperature that day was around 20 degrees C (68 degrees F). There was "no" wind what so ever, he said the air was still that day.

Witnesses Report: On June 18th and 19th, 2004 I was filming what I thought was Rods from my friends backyard. What I saw through the camera at 40X could not be seen with the naked eye. The first day (gray sky), the footage was taken around 8:30 p.m. while on the second day (blue sky) was around 2:30 p.m.

The photos and footage I have sent you shows 2 craft and a Rod. The craft appears clearly in one frame only. This is the third sighting I've had and all the objects were traveling along the same path, along the Alaska Highway. I also took more video footage yesterday (August 19, 2004) and it also shows more Rods but nothing clear.

Thank you to the gentleman for all of the clips and report.

Video clips and pictures are =A92004Mr.Mann.

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North Langley, BC Sighting

Date: Beginning of August 2004  
Time: 1:30-2:30 a.m.

Number of witnesses: 1  
Number of objects: 1?  
Shape of objects: Star-Like

Full Description of event/sighting: Hello, I live in a North Langley municipality in the Fraser Valley. I developed a bad case of insomnia and over the summer, I started to take late night walks to help relax me (I THOUGHT!). I was only in my second or 3rd night out and I was standing still doing some star gazing and I also like to try and spot the odd satellite moving across the sky.

On this particular night, I was looking virtually straight up when I saw a very bright "star" appear and then disappear! I thought I was maybe just seeing things but I got a very sick/excited type feeling in my stomach and body. It was like I just saw something I couldn't explain and it looked like it was not within our atmosphere.

I went home and couldn't stop thinking about what I just saw. In future walks, I started to take my camera with me but to date, I have not been able to catch anything on it. Then about 3 weeks ago, I was looking straight up again and low and behold, FLASH! Another bright "star" appeared out of nowhere... but this time I swear I saw some kind of trail behind it. It was stationary for about 2 or 3 seconds... then it disappeared and re-appeared (by my perspective) about 3 inches from the last position and this time I know I saw a trail behind it. It made two more appearances at different angles from it's last position and then it was gone! The whole episode only took about 15 or 20 seconds and I was just frozen there watching this. I didn't even remember I had a camera and even if I did, I wouldn't have had enough time to capture anything... besides, I couldn't take my

eyes off of what I was seeing.

I have spent some time creating an animation which comes pretty close to what I saw and if you would like to see it... please let me know where to send it to (email address etc...).

I will continue to take my late night walks with my camera and I will update you with anything I find.

Thank you.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Chandler, Arizona Metallic Object Observed Around Jetairliner (Southwest= Airlines)

Date: August 10, 2004

Time: 5:40 p.m.

Message: My wife and I live in Chandler, Arizona, just south of Phoenix. On August 10, 2004 at 5:40 pm we were on our back patio looking north at an approaching thunderstorm. Thinking to get a better view, we walked through our apartment to the front door and went outside. As we looked north, towards Phoenix and Sky Harbor Airport, we noticed what appeared to be a Southwest Airlines jet flying from right to left, heading west, a common thing to see. What happened next was NOT common. Approaching rapidly towards the rear of the jet was a metallic object, guessing to be approximately 30-40 feet in diameter, completely round, with no visible means of propulsion or contrails. It closed to within 50 feet or so of the tail of the jet, hovered there (while keeping pace), then maneuvered to just off the right side wing, where it hovered for about 10 seconds, then moved forward out of our sight towards the front of the plane, where the body of the plane kept it from our view, until we lost sight of both in the distance.

Unfortunately we had no camera to record this, and it happened over the space of about 2 minutes total. This plane had to have left Sky Harbor at 5:35 or so, heading west, to be where it was when we witnessed this, perhaps it could be identified and the crew and passengers asked about what they saw. They HAD to have seen this thing, since it was so close to them. It did bear a remarkable resemblance to so-called "orbs" I've seen described and pictured here and elsewhere. This is the absolute truth as we saw it.

Additional Information:

Hi Brian,

Thanks for replying to my email. There's really very little I can add to what was described earlier, except to amplify some descriptive elements. The day was partly cloudy, with the usual mass of clouds surrounding the "Rim" of mountains around Phoenix. We had been watching the local news which mentioned a large thunderstorm moving towards our area, so we thought to go out back and see what was coming. There was indeed a huge mass of black clouds coming towards us in the distance. To get a better view we went out front.

The thunderstorm center was to our front, with a fine grayish area to its left. It was against this gray background that we witnessed the event. The jet was in a flat trajectory heading west, which is usual for planes leaving Sky Harbor. I'll have to use the term "lengths", meaning the length of the jet, as a way to describe relative distances. We both looked first at the approaching storm, then noticed the plane at about 2/3 of the way up into the sky.

Simultaneously, we both saw, about 10 lengths behind the plane, the 30 to 40 feet in diameter round metallic looking object, flying at the same height as the jet, and closing position rapidly. It took no more than 3 seconds for it to stop about 50 feet directly behind the tail of the plane, where it hovered for about 20 seconds, then moved rapidly to a place just off the right wing. It stayed there for about 10 seconds, then moved forward so that the body of the plane blocked further sight of it. We continued watching the plane until it disappeared in the

distance, not seeing anything further. Neither of us noticed any military aircraft. Neither the jet nor the object left a visible contrail. This happened on Tuesday, August 10, 2004 at 5:40-5:45 PM MST. I wish we'd had a camera or VideoCam that day, but we were just going to look at a thunderstorm.

Thanks for hearing us out on this.

Thank you to the witness for the very interesting report. Sounds like another close encounter with an aircraft.

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Dawson Creek, B.C. Object Swerves Back And Forth

Date: August 11 2004  
Time: Approx: 11:00 p.m.

Message: I am writing to report a sighting. On August 11 2004, I was visiting my in-laws at there farm near Dawson Creek B.C. At around 11:00 p.m. that evening, we decided to sit outside and see if we could see any falling stars. (there was supposed to be a meteor shower that night). After seeing a few, we were ready to go inside when I suddenly saw this strange white light moving across the sky. It was the same shape and size as a typical star, but it was moving incredibly fast. At first I thought it was another falling star...but it traveled across the sky without disappearing and it changed its course repeatedly. I pointed it out to my mother in law and she was already looking at it with her mouth wide open. We called for my father in law to see if he could see it and sure enough he could. It then vanished over the horizon. We sat stunned for a minute. Then from the same direction as the first...another one was coming...this one did not change its course. It headed straight for the first one at an even faster speed. No sound could be heard...we believe we saw alien spacecraft.

Additional Information:

Hi Brian,

The sky was very clear that night. it had not been raining that day. I don't recall seeing the moon that night though.

We watched the entire event (both sightings) for a total of about 8 min...with a 1 or 2 min break between the two. It came from the southwest and headed northeast. It was straight overhead. When I first spotted it moving, it was traveling in a straight course like an airplane, but I could see no flashing lights nor could I hear any sounds...it also seemed much higher than a typical plane would fly. It than began to swerve back and forth mildly ( it looked like it was moving around something, although we couldn't see anything else up there at the time) and then moved down slightly then back up and then continued along it's path.

The second one appeared shortly after and did not swerve..it just followed the other one. The area we were in is quite remote. The nearest airport is about 35 min away, highway driving..no other houses are really close by. I do believe the objects were at high altitude. No trail or other light was visible from these objects. All I can really add is that they both looked exactly like stars...the same size...a little brighter...but they moved so fast...and the were visible for a long time...we watched them go over the horizon.

Hope this helps!

Thank you very much to the witness for the report.

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Horshshoe Bay, Texas Cloud Shooting Out Different Colors

Date: Week of the 15th to the 21 first, 2004  
Time: 2:00 p.m.

Hi Brian,

I wanted to tell you about something my husband and construction crew saw the first of the week. I didn't think much about it

until I read about a cloud from filer files. Anyway, my husband, came home after work and told me about an unusual cloud he saw at work. He said the cloud was right over head at their construction site in Horshshoe Bay, Texas - Matern Island. A small island where they are building a house (very affluent neighborhood, mostly hugh vacation homes). Anyway this cloud had colors of light coming out of it. He said boy honey you would like to have taken a picture of it. He said the colors were all different colors and he said it wasn't a rainbow. He had never seen a cloud like that before. But said it was very beautiful. There are at least 7 worker, maybe more because I don't know who all was at that location that day. I cant recall what day it was and didn't think to ask him the time. Thanks.

Additional Information:

Hi Brian, I asked my husband about the cloud all the crew saw. It was last week about 2:00 p.m., high in the sky with colors of green, yellow, blue, he said several colors. He couldn't remember what day, early in the week I think. I thought he told me it wasn't cloudy.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Phoenix, Arizona Orbs And Chemtrails

HBCC UFO Note: The Chemtrail footage was taken on August 21, 2004 at 12:13 p.m.

Brian.

I have something new from this morning. It has been cloudy all morning and I saw a break in the clouds so I thought I would check out the sky to see if anything was up there. There was too.

Around 10:50 a.m. a white orb was floating in from the East about 10K-15K ft.high against the incoming storm front arriving today. I put the camera on the tripod and tracked it until I lost it in some thick clouds. I waited for the orb to come to a break in the clouds, since they were moving that way I figured it would come through the opening in the clouds, but it never made it. I waited for 5 minutes to see if I can see the orb come out somewhere else but the clouds thickened to where there were no more breaks.

Several minutes later I went back outside to see if I can see it and there it was hovering in the same place for several seconds not moving an inch. It is very rare that these objects hover in one spot for so long so I grabbed the tripod, aimed the camera and saw that it was still there. While taping this orb the clouds are passing by it very fast and the fact that I can still see it as the clouds pass by says that this object is IN the clouds.

I taped it for 5 to 7 minutes more until there were no more breaks in the clouds and came in to send you the clip and sighting story.

Thank You for your time Brian and say hello to all.

Thank you to the gentleman for all of the clips and report.

Video clips and pictures are c. 2004RichG.

Video clips can be viewed at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=3DNews&file=3Darticle&sid=3D1757>

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Wolseley, Saskatchewan Fast Moving Light

Date: August 24, 2004  
Time: 9:18 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 2  
Number of objects: 1  
Shape of objects: No shaped determined - simply a fast moving

light.

Full Description of event/sighting: I stepped out our front door at approx 9:15 p.m., Saskatchewan time to have a smoke. I like to look up at the stars and especially tonight as we have not had a clear sky for a couple of nights. I noticed a light in the sky moving. The light was as large as an average star when looking at it. What caught my attention was the speed in which this light was moving. It was much faster than planes that I have seen in night sky before.

It started out approximately 65 -70 degrees in the SE sky and moved on a Northerly direction across the eastern sky. It did not travel in a straight line, where if it started out at 60 degrees it moved in an arc to the north where it was last seen in the NE. However it did not maintain a perfect arc, it would moved slightly up or down at some points.

The other witness told me later that while he saw the light, he also saw an irregular shape around it with a point on the top side.

This light reminded me of a similar light I saw also in the NE sky about 7 weeks ago. It appeared between to stars and only appeared for 10 seconds and seemed to stop and then disappear. And approximately 5 minutes later it appeared on the exact same trajectory between the same two stars. It again disappeared after 10 seconds.

Thanks.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Fallon, Nevada Two Silver-White Disks

Date: August 25, 2004  
Time: 11:50 a.m.

I was just outside trying to get pictures of the jets flying over the house when I saw two UFOs flying in the opposite direction in the flight path of the jets. The jets take off to the north and then turn and fly east. When they fly over my house they are going west to east. I heard them and then I ran outside but I just missed them ( I couldn't find them in the zoom) I was contemplating waiting for more (removed) when I looked up directly overhead and saw what looked like two round saucer-like objects heading west. They looked silver-white and looked like disks with something hanging from the middle. One of them was doing loops around the other. I called for my wife to come out and she saw them as they faded from view. She also saw one of them flying circles around the other.

The picture looks like jets coming at you but they are actually moving away. I've seen standard military jets all my life and these were not those!

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Denver, Colorado Chemtrails And White Orb

Date: August 25, 2004  
Time: 11:30 a.m.

At 11:30 a.m. saw 4 planes dumping crap in our sky, obviously filling in the sky between the natural clouds. The weather report just before noon announced on partly cloudy skies. Now at 12:15, sky is almost completely filled in, 2 planes visible dumping still. Air smells like nail polish, is burning my eyes and throat when I go outside. Saw one white orb in one of the chemtrails, around which the chemtrail disappeared, as if it had been vacuumed up. These are very heavy dense chemtrails that are spreading rapidly. What are we not to see? I've sent emails this AM to Channel 7 (ABC) but expect no response on these chemtrails of course. But have a great day. I slept all night, so did not go out during the night.

Thank you to the witness for filling us in.

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## Strange Doings On Tunguska

From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 17:52:52 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 16:34:56 -0400  
Subject: Strange Doings On Tunguska

Source: Time Online

<http://www.time.com/time/columnist/jaroff/article/0,9565,688585,00.html>

Strange Doings on Tunguska

By Leon Jaroff

Amazingly, some people still believe the devastating Siberian event was caused by space aliens

If any people are more gullible about Unidentified Flying Objects than Americans, it's the Russians. And if any group of professionals is more gullible than Russians about UFOs, it's the journalists. This truism was confirmed again this month when, around the world, wire services and other press outlets straight-facedly reported a new claim that a UFO had been involved in the great Tunguska catastrophe.

Tunguska? That's the then-uninhabited region in Siberia where in 1908 a mammoth explosion leveled and charred trees and killed wildlife over an area of 800 square miles. That night in northern Europe and western Russia, the skies glowed with an eerie light and in London, for example, it was light enough outside to read a newspaper. The lone human being in the area, a trapper living near the periphery of the blast, was blown off the porch of his shack, but survived. Had the explosion occurred over London, say, or New York, the casualties would have been counted in the hundreds of thousands.

Most scientists today believe that the Tunguska event was caused by an asteroid or a comet that heated so rapidly upon plunging into the atmosphere that it blew up some five miles above the surface with an explosive force of 10 to 15 megatons. But that conclusion is far too rational for Russians like scientist Yuri Lavbin, who heads the Tunguska Space Phenomenon public state fund. It was Lavbin who in July announced that he would lead an expedition to Siberia and stated, "We intend to find proof that not a meteorite but an extraterrestrial spaceship crashed with the Earth."

Some might suggest that Lavbin was predisposed to making a remarkable discovery. And that is precisely what happened. A Russian scientific team headed by Lavbin scoured the Tunguska site early in August and breathlessly announced that it had found the remnants of an extraterrestrial spacecraft, in the form of a large metallic block. After sending a 50 kilogram chunk of the block to a laboratory for testing, Lavbin chose not to await the results. "I can make an official announcement that we were saved by some forces of a superior civilization," he proclaimed. "They exploded this enormous meteorite headed toward us with tremendous speed. Now this great object that caused the meteorite to explode is found at last."

His announcement was greeted by loud raspberries from reputable scientists. Interviewed by Space.com, British researcher Benny Peiser, who runs the CNet website, a scholarly forum devoted largely to asteroid impacts and other potential natural threats,

called the Russian report "a rather stupid hoax." He was equally critical of the press: "It's a rather sad comment on the current state of anything-goes attitudes among some science correspondents that such blatant rubbish is being reported."

All this came as no surprise to science writer James Oberg. In his 1982 book, "UFOs and Outer Space Mysteries," he had traced the origins of the Russian Tunguska UFO obsession to a science fiction writer named Kazantsev, who wrote a story attributing the mighty blast to an exploding nuclear power plant of a spaceship from Mars. Other Russians took the bait. Astronomy lecturer Feliks Zigel, who was also a flying saucer enthusiast, became a spokesman for the "spaceship" theory of Tunguska, and a scientist named Aleksey Zolotov, began claiming, almost annually but without proof, that he had found radioactivity at the blast site.

Oberg predicted that the Tunguska spacecraft story, in various forms, would endure and that gullible members of the press would continue to be hoodwinked by Russian UFOlogists. More than two decades later, his prediction stands unchallenged.

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## Re: UFO Triangle Formation Melbourne Australia -

From: **Billy Booth** <[Ufocasebook.nul](mailto:Ufocasebook.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 20:59:44 EDT  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 16:37:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Triangle Formation Melbourne Australia -

>From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 11:35:15 +1000  
>Subject: Re: UFO Triangle Formation Melbourne Australia

>>From: John Auchettl <[Praufu.nul](mailto:Praufu.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 06:25:40 -0400  
>>Subject: UFO Triangle Formation Melbourne Australia

Today I rec'd video from down under, and you can access the Melbourne video on my site here:

<http://www.ufocasebook.com/melbournetriangle.html>

Thanks,

B J

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## Re: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary - Warren

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 04:45:44 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 16:49:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary - Warren

>From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais.nul](mailto:gbourdais.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 10:54:31 +0200  
>Subject: Re: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 19:39:37 -0700  
>>Subject: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary

>>Source: The Daily Times

>>Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary

>>By Debra Mayeux  
>>The Daily Times

>There is a five page article by Scott Ramsey in the August MUFON  
>UFO Journal.

>A very interesting article.

>And many thanks to Scott Ramsey, who has found a series of  
>witnesses, after many years of research and high expenses, and  
>his research is going on.

>Any comment from the List?

Gildas, Et Al,

Scott's efforts certainly don't go un-noticed, and his research lends much credence to the Aztec Incident. His unrelenting search for witnesses has become fruitful, and the verification of the high power radar sites mentioned as far back as Frank Scully's book has even the most ardent skeptics taking a second look at Aztec!

Scott's dedication and fervor for finding the truth is much appreciated, and methinks the best is yet to come!

Regards,

Frank Warren

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## UFO Photo Taken With Cell Phone Is A Hoax

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 08:07:45 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 19:23:41 -0400  
Subject: UFO Photo Taken With Cell Phone Is A Hoax

Dear friends:

It has been determined that the UFO photo taken with a cell phone is a hoax perpetrated by a man who also claimed to have had missing time after he had taken the image.

He photographed only a small brush of eucalyptus trees at some distance and took advantage of the cell camera's low resolution and blur effect caused by the heat of the sun.

The hoax was discovered by Brazilian UFO Magazine consultant and astronomer Claudio Brasil. The result was corroborated by Brazilian UFO Magazine consultant Rogerio Chola.

I should be sorry to give you the news, but, on the contrary, I am glad. I should be sorry that we have one UFO photo less in our files, but am glad that we have resolved a hoax!

All the best,

A. J.

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### Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 07:34:48 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 19:41:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

Folks,

I submit the following here because it is just the kind of trend that facilitates our ufological ignorance, so it's not entirely off-topic.

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INVISIBLE BALLOT - A Review Of William Gazecki's New Film  
Documentary Of The Same Name

By Alfred Lehmborg  
[www.AlienView.net](http://www.AlienView.net)

I am going to make a rather shameful disclosure to you, reader. I've been casually disrespecting the foundations of a federal republic I'd presumed (a result of ceaseless but duplicitous inculcation) was in better shape than it was. And it is decidedly not in good shape I have very fearfully discovered. It is much, much more troubled than I would have dared think!

The shameful disclosure? I have never VOTED, sir or madam, not at the State, Local, or Federal level. My last vote was for a rally chairman in high school circa 1965.

Up until just recently, a fierce independent and ardent individualist, I was rather of proud of that. I even thought I could justify it.

No more.

Retired military, I too conveniently rationalized that I served my country in other ways, never served in one stateside spot long enough to feel responsible, and never got excited about the choices I was offered, anyway! It always seemed to me that our two party system only presented alternate heads of the same beast. I still believe the latter to a degree. I digress.

What's changed? In a nutshell, it seems the electoral ballots we cast in our elections - Local, State, And Federal, begin to fade to an awful and seeming inexorable "invisibility", as we speak. That's not a metaphor, folks. Our individual vote is dissolving to an insubstantial nothingness - a valueless nothingness. An insidious nothingness.

The ballots we cast in our elections, our exercise of rights in what could be a glorious republic, have quietly - so without appropriate fanfare!) begun to disincorporate from a physical reality that can be checked and verified - into an electronic virtual reality that cannot be checked and verified. Electronic TouchScreen Voting. It should stand the hair on the back of your neck, reader!

I had always thought that the vote, as it was supposed to be practiced in the United States of America, actually meant something! I felt well served with that. Insulated.

In the fashion that ones vote was presumed recorded, tallied, and otherwise counted - recounted if necessary, it was an action taken by an individual in this country that actually moved a counting tumbler, somewhere, in the direction that a 'voter' had indicated that it should go - given the choices available to make. That was the presumption. This electoral 'count', as ultimately meaningless as it may have been, given the proscribed choices, was effected by an action the 'individual' took - or did not take. I felt safe not voting, given an egalitarian system of some ethics in the process where an individual had a snowball's chance to be heard, to have impact, however small.

A person, an individual, I'd always presumed, could participate in the process of how they were governed, even if it was only an illusion of participation. A vote DID count for something - an either/or of limited choices - but a choice none the less! So I thought!

This, very likely, may no longer be, remotely, the case, reader! It may be that your effort taken to indicate a vote might be as meaningless as a puff of flatulent air! Your individually consequential vote may be in danger of being rendered - by canted neo-cons one discovers - apart from the focus of the film reviewed - into a complete illusion - even if it was only a virtual illusion before.

Be that as it may, the always tenuous "popular" vote has likely already been hijacked and is in the egregiously stealthy process of being rendered meaningless - your will and choice negated to a worthless exercise in pathetic futility!

Oscar Nominated Filmmaker William Gazecki has completed another compelling documentary giving every indication that it is as bad as all that! What Mr. Gazecki outlines - in a compelling montage of vetted experts - is an outrage of pointed disrespect that is bereft of all hyperbole!

Gazecki outlines a clear and active threat to any SEMBLANCE of continuing to live in a free society for any one of us! Additionally, he alludes to an unwarranted, unwelcome, and unnecessary 'partisan' holding arbitrary sway - a monstrously conflicted and non constructive 'intrusion' on that free society - with regard to the biased and otherwise documented 'spiritual convictions' of the, too few, 'owners'!

Who 'owns' democracy? Does not an 'owned' democracy cease to be?

Gazecki does not go into the neo-conic proprietary ownership (near monopoly!) of our national voting mechanism in his film, but it is well known. His contention, instead and even more significant actually, is that a proprietary ownership of the voting mechanism by ANY single private entity is a bad thing. A VERY bad thing!

Very bad.

Why is that, you ask? Well, here's just a taste:

Because it doesn't 'work'! Because it can't be checked! Because it is too needlessly, and duplicitously, complicated! Because it is needlessly or horrifically expensive! Because there's no paper record produced by it! Because it renders a vote "recount" impossible and meaningless! Because there is no indisputable audit trail for the maintenance of the hardware and software! Because it is "overwhelming" to most poorly trained election workers! Because some of the persons officiating the corporate aspect of it are criminals! Because it is effortlessly easy to stealthily defeat or hack! Because there is no independent oversight! Because it is difficult to set up and run! Because its software is patched with unauthorized and undocumented 'fixes'! Because we can't INSPECT the nature of the software code - which can say anything - or the hardware machines, which can be secretly TOLD to say anything!

Because it is turning our system of government wholly over into the hands of non-accountable and elitist corporate sociopaths!

Enough?

At best, all this is hobbling and socially regressive! At worst it's culturally dangerous. A short detour to the cruelest



fascism! Among too many other valid criticisms to list, it is socially static and unrewarding, and it is without any respect for the individual concerned about the quality of his individual vote - its biggest injury/insult, in my opinion. Your civil rights are discounted, nullified, and retired! You - you - are betrayed!

This evil betrayal of our republic spits in your face, reader. Feel rankly dreadful viscous-ness drool down your cheek and into your open mouth... with my apologies.

Sorry if that revolted your sensibilities. It had to be said. Everybody take a deep breath. I won't do that again.

Gazecki's 90 minute film, a concerned clarion cry of cultural warning, provides the individual with a cogent stream of competent professional people, university professors, United States Representatives, Election workers, Investigative journalists, systems engineers, research consultants, software experts - and significant others et al - ALL suggesting a very strong potential for a dire threat to our representative government and free republic! No hype and histrionics here, sir or madam!

In one instance, for example, a radical conservative owned the proprietary rights to the suspect and dodgy touch-screen electronic voting machines, that put him in office! Presuming ethical behavior - which has a damned good chance of going the other way, and south, fast... good reader - is not remotely wise, forgetting that it is a clear conflict of rational interest that cannot be allowed, or remotely tolerated, from anyone! Christ himself! Verily!

Allowing the henhouse keys to indicted foxes already raping this country is patent lunacy, folks! You'd stop it if you could, if you knew about it, and you can. I'd mentioned that some of the key officiators were convicted confidence men, history will look back on you reader, and wonder... "What the hell was she THINKING"!?! Gazecki makes no sociological call on any of this, himself, remember, but showcases the facts for ready inspection by the viewer, regardless. In all honesty this time, he reports; you decide.

I'd suggest that this abomination of biased CONTROL through our, public - you can bet we paid for it - voting software and hardware, by an extremely canted and partisan minority - is an affront to our nation constitutionally, morally and ethically, and it is a clear disregard of the public interest that should otherwise be served!

That's why I'm voting this time, for the first time ever, folks, "absentee", so there is a paper record - recommended for all reading this review - which can still be counted and remains bereft of the 'Ballot Invisibility' William Gazecki very convincingly describes in his landmark film. My 'vote', that I had shamefully taken for granted, becomes precious to me when it is threatened to become a complete charade!

The bastards in non-elected leadership should have remained content just dictating the overall choice I could make. They err in trying to absolve my choice completely. Al-Qaeda is preferable to these SOBs!

If you've never voted, reader, or are comfortable with aggregate election machinery that is privately owned, secretly officiated and arbitrarily controlled... get a copy of this film before not a shred of democracy remains! VOTE, friends and neighbors! Now more than ever.

Oh - the fix? That's easy!

Faster ain't always better, folks! What price 'fast' if you can't trust it? We take the time and spend less money, in the long run, to do a hands-on job - with a troglodyte's paper trail! RIGHT! A hanging chad is at least VISIBLE, friend! It trumps an "Invisible Ballot" seven ways to Sunday! Lastly, Congress made this happen, folks! They can make it "un-happen"! Sweat the bastards! I'm going to!

See - it's simple. We got into it, simply, in the dark. We can get out of it, simply (using old, verifiable, technology!) in

the light. Too bad if heads have to roll. We'd have had too many  
real heads roll. Innocent heads, later on, allowing this  
insanity to continue.....

Contact [www.williamgazecki.com](http://www.williamgazecki.com) or

<http://www.invisibleballots.com/>

for more info and details. If you saw only one video this year,  
I've no doubt that this is the one it should be...

Read on, but vote absentee.

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## Re: Newest AUFORN UFO Photo - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 03:42:41 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 19:42:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: Newest AUFORN UFO Photo - Hatch

>From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:01:25 +1000  
>Subject: Newest AUFORN UFO Photo

>View The Newest UFO Photo to have landed on AUFORNs desk:

><http://www.hypermax.net.au/~aufor/contentpage.html>

Hello Diane:

I couldn't find the photo, just lots of links. Can you just give us the URL straight to the photo?

Thanks

- Larry

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## Re: Moon Questions - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 08:54:04 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 19:45:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - King

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 13:27:37 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 00:20:31 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

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>A satellite in geosynchronous orbit around the Earth would not  
>see a moon base when it was turned away from the satellite, and  
>a satellite in geosynchronous orbit around the moon (and I'm not  
>really sure of the feasibility of that) would put the moon  
>between it and the Earth as the moon rotated around the Earth.  
>The goal is a valid one, but I think it will involved a series  
>of satellites orbiting the moon.

>As I seem to recall, our failure to go back to the moon or spend  
>a lot of resources in performing in depth analysis is based on a  
>lack of interest when compared to the outer planets. For many  
>in NASA I get the impression that they believe we've already  
>been there and they have to look outward, and a moon base has  
>never really been a topic of discussion (since the late 50's  
>when the military had a serious study generated). It's also not  
>fair to say that we've completely ignored the moon, with several  
>non-manned satellites sent to study facets of the moon over the  
>past two decades.

>I've seen no indication from credible sources that there have  
>been any warnings, or concerns about warnings, in regard to  
>returning to the moon.

Steve,

If a satellite was placed in geosynchronous orbit above a spot  
on the the moon western edge as seen from earth, wouldn't it  
always remain in that spot as seen from earth?, I'm probably not  
thinking right on this, but it seems correct. I'm not sure  
either that lunar geosynchronous orbit is possible. But it seems  
plausible...

I have read the same comments you have regarding the lack of  
interest in returning to the moon... hence my initial post. I  
agree that NASA seems to think we've "got the t-shirt". True  
perhaps. These are just speculation. But speculation is often  
the subject of posts in this list, and I can see value in it for  
several UFO-related reasons.

With the money being spent on the ISS, the moon would seem to  
provide a more stable, cost-effective, and spacious "platform"  
for much of the same science...and it is already there.

I completely agree on the "warning". That was a joke. I hope. :)

Groping feebly...with kind regards,

Kyle

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## Re: Moon Questions - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 09:00:46 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 19:46:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - Groff

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 13:27:37 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 00:20:31 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

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>>If such a satellite was set into an equatorial geosynchronous  
>>orbit, perhaps we could use it to maintain communications with a  
>>base on the far side, as it would always be "visible" (RF-wise)  
>>from here, like the lunar disk itself.

<snip>

>Hi Kyle,

>A satellite in geosynchronous orbit around the Earth would not  
>see a moon base when it was turned away from the satellite, and  
>a satellite in geosynchronous orbit around the moon (and I'm not  
>really sure of the feasibility of that) would put the moon  
>between it and the Earth as the moon rotated around the Earth.  
> The goal is a valid one, but I think it will involved a series  
>of satellites orbiting the moon.

Hi Steve, Kyle

Since the Moon's rotation and orbital period are the same, it  
always has the same face pointing at us. If a satellite were put  
into luno-synchronous orbit, it too would stay in the same  
location relative to the Earth and would not necessarily be  
blocked by the moon. The Earth itself, however, would rotate  
away from the satellite so it would require a few receiving  
stations to gather data from the satellite.

If a satellite were put on the far side of the Moon it might  
require a few relay satellites (or stations) depending on the  
altitude of the orbit.

Terry

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Reason

From: **Cathy Reason** <[CathyM.nul](mailto:CathyM.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 15:12:22 +0100  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 19:47:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Reason

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 17:48:48 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>No, the report is the report. It must be assumed true and  
>accurate to some degree. Analogous to innocent until proven  
>guilty. The skeptic must show where the report is wrong in such  
>a way as to make the "corrected" report agree with an proposed  
>explanation.

I must admit I find this rather confusing. Why is it necessary  
for skeptics in particular to prove anything at all about a  
report? Surely what matters is whether a report can be accounted  
for using only known entities? (Entities in the philosophical,  
rather than the extraterrestrial sense, that is.)

In this case, the important question is surely whether the  
report can be explained in terms of known human error processes,  
such as visual perception errors. If it can, then Occam's Razor  
requires us to adopt this explanation unless further data become  
available. I don't see why the responsibility for doing this  
should devolve on to any particular group of people.

On the face of it, mistaking small, slow objects for large,  
fast-moving ones constitutes one of the more straightforward  
visual perception errors. My little collection of UFO books  
don't contain enough information for me to see if this is a  
viable explanation in this case. I found something about nearby  
mountains being used to "triangulate" positions and distances,  
but it isn't clear to me exactly what this is supposed to mean.

Cathy

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 10:04:03 -0500  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 19:48:53 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Clark

>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 19:52:46 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:08:38 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 25 Aug 2004 22:09:09 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

John,

>I don't think we should ignore the Arnold sighting just because  
>nothing can be proved one way or the other. I do think,  
however, >that in view of the fact that it was a single-witness  
sighting, >that not too much weight should be given to it.

That is a whole other argument - albeit a dubious one; Arnold's  
was not a single-witness sighting - from the one you were  
advancing. In the original one, we were to believe that the  
sighting was potentially explainable even by the most far-  
fetched hypotheses (using the word very loosely here; we're  
really talking frantic wing-flapping, in this instance in the  
most literal sense).

Now, however, you're shifting ground and acting more like the  
guy who goes on with his life without heeding Claim X, thus (by  
Marcello Truzzi's formulation) the guy with nothing to prove.  
But of course until I challenged you, you were making claims  
about the case - as you did as well in the Magonia review of my  
Strange Skies book, where you chided me for failing to accept  
assorted pelicanist versions of sightings, prominently including  
Arnold's.

It is also a bizarre claim to be made by a Magonian. You have  
spent years making negative claims about UFO reports and  
witnesses. Your sudden retreat into agnosticism-bordering-on-  
indifference is, shall we say, surprising. Or maybe not, since  
convenience and shifting ground play such a notable role in  
pelicanist polemic.

>>What is an "extraordinary claim"? What is "extraordinary  
>>evidence"? And even if you can define such (the terms, of  
>>course, are inherently relative, subjective, and elusive), why  
>>do you need "extraordinary" evidence to prove an "extraordinary"  
>>claim, and not just good, ordinary evidence?

>What is being claimed - by some people - in this case is that  
>Arnold actually saw some aircraft traveling at supersonic speed  
>at a time when no such craft existed anywhere on Earth. I think  
>most people would regard that as an extraordinary claim.

Huh? UFO reports are certainly interesting, but they were made

before Arnold's sighting, and millions have been made since. Far from being extraordinary, they are not even that unusual anymore. "Extraordinary" is simply an adjective you're using so that you can, I take it, dismiss the report because poor Ken Arnold was unable to produce wreckage, machinery, or bodies.

Certain theories (such as Klass's superplasma, Meade Layne's etheric entities, Easton's supersonic pelicans) may arguably be termed extraordinary, but UFO sightings themselves hardly fit that definition. Whatever UFOs may or may not be, they are an ordinary enough phenomenon of general human experience.

>>Marcello [Truzzi] believed that the individual who has nothing >>to prove is the one who has said nothing at all. (In effect, >>this is the individual who expresses no judgment except not to >>involve himself in the controversy and to go on with his or her >>life and work without heeding Claim X.) But as Marcello >>emphatically argued, a skeptic has as much obligation as the >>proponent to prove his assertion. Thus, Harney, who has made an >>assertion above, must now establish, via good evidence and >>logical argument, that the report was incorrect. He can't just >>make that apparently unfalsifiable (and - more to the point - >>deeply convenient) claim and let it go at that, much as he >>wants to.

>If you had actually bothered to read my post you would see that >I do not assert that any particular interpretation of the Arnold >case is incorrect; I said that different interpretations were >\_not\_ irrational\_. Of course, either all of them are wrong or one >of them is right, but I don't pretend to know which.

Ah, the sudden, convenient conversion to agnosticism, where one idea (as long as it does not involve a genuine anomaly) is as good as another.

>Could you please cite the posting or publication in which I >declare "that since UFOs don't exist, Arnold \_must\_ have been in >error"? You are making things up again, Jerry, just as some >people do to spice up unexciting UFO reports.

Nice try, John. As you of course know well, you are not going to do something so bone-headed as to make explicit such an assertion. It is, however, implicit in just about everything you've written that I've read, on this List or in Magonia. You have a fatal, telling attraction to weak, hard-to-impossible-to-support "prosaic" explanations, as opposed to reasoned, balanced assessments which leave open the option that when all else has failed (as certainly appears to be the case with the Arnold sighting) a true anomaly, possibly an interesting one, awaits.

By the way, please don't bore me or insult our collective intelligence by pretending to believe that I insist that all ostensible UFO reports are of true anomalies. Even the book you reviewed recently documents quite the opposite, and then there's a large paper trail preceding that book's publication. On the other hand, I would be interested in learning which UFO reports you regard as genuinely intriguing and so far resistant to persuasive prosaic accounting. If any, of course. I'm afraid that if you take Easton's pelicans seriously, you'll believe anything, but I'd be pleased to be proved wrong.

Jerry Clark

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## Buying UFO Books

From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi2.nul](mailto:isaackoi2.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 11:13:39 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 19:55:19 -0400  
Subject: Buying UFO Books

Greetings List,

Since I have bought UFO and SETI books from several hundred different shops and booksellers, I thought it might be a good idea to exchange some thoughts on various sources of books (with a particular emphasis on my experience in the United Kingdom).

(As always, I have at least one ulterior motive for this post. I am on holiday in New York this week and would welcome some suggestions for some used bookstores to browse whilst out and about seeing the sights with my wife. I have read about "The Strand"

<http://www.strandbook.com>

but am not sure where to go after that...)

### A. Bookstores in the UK

In terms of physical bookshops, there are several stores in London that specialise in esoteric literature. Two bookstores stand out. They are:

(a) Watkins Books: Very central (just outside Leicester Square). Extensive selection of new UFO books upstairs (better than London's largest mainstream bookstores - Borders, Books Etc, Foyles etc). A selection of used UFO books and discounted books downstairs. The number of used books seems to fluctuate wildly. Sometimes they will have several large bookshelves stacked with relatively rare UFO books, but in the last year or two it has been more common for Watkins to merely have a shelf or two of the more standard used UFO books.

Watkins Books Ltd,  
19 Cecil Court,  
Charing Cross Road,  
London, WC2N 4EZ.  
Tel: 020 7836 2182  
<http://www.watkinsbooks.com>

(b) Atlantis Bookshop: Well known esoteric and new age bookstore near the British Museum. I'm afraid that I've never been that impressed with their selection UFO books. Their UFO books (all second hand) fit in one small bookcase that is only about waist high. Occasionally they will have a relatively rare item, but boy oh boy they will charge through the nose for it.

Atlantis Bookshop  
48a Museum Street  
London, WC1A 1LY  
Tel: 020 7405 2120  
<http://www.atlantisbookshop.demon.co.uk>

Several general used bookstores in London have fairly good selections of UFO books. The main concentration of used bookstores in London is on Charing Cross road. Most of the better second hand stores are at the southern end (just outside

Leicester Square and near Watkins bookstore). The northern end of Charing Cross road (near the junction with Oxford Street and Tottenham Court Road) is now dominated by the larger bookstore chains (Borders, Books Etc, Foyles etc), which have rather limited selections of UFO books. Just north of the middle of Charing Cross road (i.e. just up from the junction with Shaftsbury Avenue), there are also several bookstores selling discounted/remaindered books.

My personal favourite of the general used bookstores in London is the Book and Comic Exchange in Notting Hill. It has a selection of UFO books almost as large as that in the specialist UFO bookstores, but at much lower prices and with a more rapid turnover. It is a cheap and cheerful bookstore that often does not seem to realise the relative scarcity of some of the UFO books it sells.

Outside London, the one esoteric bookstore that I have found particularly useful is The Inner Bookshop in Oxford.

The Inner Bookshop,  
111 Magdalen Road,  
Oxford, OX4 1RQ.  
Tel: 01865 245301  
<http://www.innerbookshop.com>

That shop has:

(a) a better selection of second hand UFO books than either Watkins or Atlantis, and

(b) a good selection of new UFO books, quite a few at discount prices.

One town in the UK deserves a special mention.

Hay-on-Wye (near the border between Wales and England) has made itself into a tourist attraction by becoming a town full of second hand bookstores. Although none of those bookstores specialises in UFO or esoteric books, several of those stores have interesting collections of UFO books. I have found a number of elusive UFO books there. If you love rummaging in second hand bookstores, Hay-on-Wye is the place to go. (On the other hand if, like some of my friends, you think second hand bookstores are a smelly waste of time then don't bother going there!)

A useful guidebook to second hand bookstores throughout the United Kingdom is produced by, and available from, Skoob Books (which is also a large second hand bookstore with a reasonably extensive selection of UFO/esoteric books, at slightly above average prices).

Skoob Books,  
10 Brunswick Centre,  
(near Russell Square tube station),  
London WC1N 1AE.  
Tel: 020 7278 8760  
<http://www.skoob.com/>

The Skoob guide (available in their bookstore and on their website) is basically simply a list of bookstores with their addresses and a short outline of their specialities. The content seems to have been largely provided by the individual bookstores rather than being independently written. More fun and independent were the Drif guidebooks to second hand bookshops of the British Isles, written by a somewhat eccentric chap that obviously had a love/hate relationship with second hand bookstores (with most of the reviews castigating the relevant shop and/or its owner). Never exactly known for their accuracy, the Drif guidebooks are now rather out of date.

An online guide to second hand bookstores in London and the rest of the United Kingdom is available at the following link:

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/4824/uk-lond.htm>

Also useful is the Yellow Pages website, which can be used to search for the addresses and telephone number of second hand bookstores in a selected area within the UK. The relevant website is at:

<http://www.yell.com>

A useful website for getting maps of the above shops (and other locations in London and the rest of the UK) is <http://www.streetmap.co.uk> . Simply enter the relevant postcode to get a map.

#### B. Internet purchases in (or from) the UK

In my experience buying UFO books online is less enjoyable than rummaging in second hand bookstores but is far more efficient and effective. The bulk of the UFO books I own were bought via the Internet.

Apart from purchases of new books from the usual suspects (Amazon.com etc), I have found Ebay a surprisingly good source of UFO books. Of course, you have to have the patience to wait for an auction of books of interest to come along (a problem that can be reduced by using the email notification function on Ebay) and then wait whilst the auction progresses. This hassle is worth it. UFO books are commonly sold on Ebay that I have never seen in UK shops and/or at a small fraction of the price that they sell for in the UK. I have bought collections of 10-20 relatively scarce books from Ebay sellers in the USA for the price that would be charged for just one of those books in a shop in the UK.

A wide range of cheap second hand UFO books is also available on individual sellers on Half.com, which does not involve waiting for auctions to close. Unfortunately, at present Half.com is not officially available to purchasers outside the USA. Credit cards registered outside the USA cannot be used to pay for books on Half.com. My limited purchases on half.com (about 20-30) have been reliant on contacts in the USA that have been kind enough to receive funds from me via Paypal, pay for the books on Half.com for me, take shipment of the books and then reship them on to me.

More straightforward are purchases via Abebooks.com. The Abebooks.com website

<http://www.abebooks.com>

allows buyers to search the inventories of a large number of second hand bookstores (or at least more professional booksellers). I have found this to be the most effective and efficient way to find elusive UFO books. Of course, these sellers are more likely to realise when they are selling a relatively scarce book than the average Ebay seller, and this will be reflected in the charge for the book. Often, in my experience, the asking price for a scarce UFO book on Abebooks.com is 5-20 times the price that I have bought the same book elsewhere.

The same benefits and problems exist to an even greater extent with specialist booksellers on the Internet (such as Ufomind / Aliens on Earth) or mail-order (e.g. Arcturus). Both of those specialist booksellers are based in the USA. The nearest that the UK has to such specialist online/mail-order booksellers is Spacelink Books, run by Lionel Beer

<http://www.spacelink.fsworld.co.uk/>

Lionel produces rather infrequent lists of his stock (some of which are available on his website). Those lists are not terribly extensive but include the occasional bargain (usually remaindered stock) and the occasional scarce item.

#### C. Shipping from the USA to Europe

As will be apparent from the above, I have found that most of the more elusive UFO books are much more readily and cheaply available from sellers in the USA and Canada than from bookstores and individuals in the United Kingdom. Unfortunately, shipment of books from the USA to the UK by most of the standard methods is not cheap.

There would be little point in buying collections of UFO books from Ebay sellers in the USA for a few dollars if it were necessary to pay 50-100 dollars for shipping. This is where I

become a bit evangelical. There is no need to pay such high shipping fees. The US Postal service offers a shipping service called "M-bags" which is rather slow (about 6-8 weeks to get to the UK), but is extremely cheap. (This method of shipping is similar to book rate mail which is available within the USA. Although book rate mail per se is not available for international shipments, M-bags are a very similar service for shipping internationally.)

The minimum charge of about 10 dollars covers M-bag shipment of up to 11 lbs of books. I've had collections of 30-40 UFO books shipped from the USA to the UK for about 20 dollars. This is under a quarter of the cost of the next cheapest method of shipment I've used.

It seems that many US Post Office workers have not heard of M-bags. I've had several Ebay sellers tell me that their local post office worker had been in the job for 20+ years and never heard of them before. (I've also dealt with Ebay sellers that have been told, incorrectly, in one post office that M bags can only be used to ship to military bases overseas, only to post the books to me by M bag without any problem in another post office in the same town). A little bit of persistence is sometimes required to make the postal workers find out how to send an M-bag shipment.

Shipping by M bag involves little (if any) extra effort by the seller in the USA. The seller merely boxes the books as normal and asks at the USPS post office to ship by M bag. The post office will then put the box into a canvas sack (the "M-bag") and the seller merely has to fill in a shipping label which is tied around the neck of the sack.

I've probably had 600-700+ UFO books shipped from the USA, largely by M-bag. By using M-bag shipping, those books have been cheaper to obtain than UFO books I've bought in shops in the United Kingdom or had shipped from sellers within Europe.

Paying many private sellers in the USA (e.g. Ebay sellers) is easier for bidders in the UK now that the use of Paypal is becoming more widespread. As many of you probably already now, Paypal can be used by individuals as an easy means to allow payment by credit card. Many individuals that are selling books on Ebay are not operating businesses that accept credit cards. However, increasingly those individuals are registered with Paypal.com and can accept payments made via that service that the buyer can charge to his credit card. Similarly, Paypal can be used by buyers in the UK to buy items from individuals on this List that sell a few items to fund their research, e.g. Wendy Connors now helpfully accepts Paypal payments for her excellent Audio History CDs.

#### D. Libraries

Although not strictly within the remit of an email about buying UFO books, I should also at least mention obtaining books on loan via libraries. Although local public libraries in the UK tend to have limited numbers of books on UFOs, each such library allows readers to order books from other libraries in the UK via an inter-library loan scheme for a nominal charge. This is by far the cheapest way to read scarce UFO books. I used to use this scheme frequently a few years ago when I read science fiction books rather than UFO books. I found that if the book I requested via the inter-library loan scheme was in print and not easily available from another library, the local library that I placed my request with would often purchase a copy of the relevant book. The relatively small library in my home town consequently ended up with one of the best collections of science fiction books that I've seen in any library! I'm not sure whether libraries would be so quick to buy relatively expensive UFO books such as Dick Hall's UFO Evidence Volume II or Jerry Clark's Encyclopedia. Perhaps John Rimmer would know??

#### E. Lists of UFO bookstores

Other existing lists of UFO bookstores include the following:

1. List by CUFOS (rather short list, emphasis on USA/International):

<http://www.cufos.org/bookstores.html>

2. I could have sworn that there was a reasonably extensive (if somewhat out of date) list of contact details for UK UFO booksellers on the ufoinfo.com website, but I can't find the relevant page on that website at the moment. When I'm back home and have access to my own notes/computer, I'll find the relevant link and email it (and, if time permits, a more extensive version of this email, particularly if others within the UK provide some input) to Joe McGonagle's Ufologyinuk list.

Kind Regards,

Isaac Koi

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## The Price Of Secrecy

From: Dante Rosati <[dante.nul](mailto:dante.nul)>  
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Subject: The Price Of Secrecy

Source: Wired News

[http://www.wired.com/news/politics/0,1283,64731,00.html?tw=wn\\_tophead\\_1](http://www.wired.com/news/politics/0,1283,64731,00.html?tw=wn_tophead_1)

<snip>

"During the 2003 fiscal year, the federal government spent more than \$6.5 billion securing classified information, according to a new "Secrecy Report Card" from OpenTheGovernment.org, a coalition of government watchdog and civil liberties groups.

That's an increase of more than \$800 million from the previous year, according to the group, and a nearly \$2 billion jump since 2001. But it's only a best guess, really; the report card's accounting doesn't include a penny from the Central Intelligence Agency, which keeps even its overall budget classified."

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Ledger

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Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 13:12:33 -0300  
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Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Ledger

>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 19:52:46 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:08:38 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

<snip>

>Those who are interested must use their judgement to assess how  
>accurate they think Arnold's report might have been.

The fact is John, there would have been no one else that Arnold could have had as a passenger in his Callair that day, who could have been better qualified to say what Arnold encountered. Arnold was in his element and was the expert witness. Who else would you suggest?

Don Ledger

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Secrecy News -- 08/27/04

From: Steven Aftergood <[saftergood.nul](mailto:saftergood.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 12:24:28 -0400  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 20:10:54 -0400  
Subject: Secrecy News -- 08/27/04

SECRECY NEWS  
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy  
Volume 2004, Issue No. 76  
August 27, 2004

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US CONTINUES TO LEAD WORLD IN ARMS SALES (CRS)

The United States led the world in the sale of conventional weapons for the eighth year in a row, according to a report yesterday from the Congressional Research Service.

"From 2000-2003, the United States made \$35.8 billion in arms transfer agreements with developing nations, in constant 2003 dollars," according to the report, which also noted that overall arms sales declined substantially in 2003.

The CRS report, authored by analyst Richard F. Grimmett, is revised and published annually. It is based in part on unspecified U.S. government data.

"Grimmett's annual report is a definitive source for basic statistics and analysis of trends in global arms transfers," said Matthew Schroeder of the FAS Arms Sales Monitoring Project.

CRS reports are not made directly available to the public. A copy was obtained by FAS.

See "Conventional Arms Transfers to Developing Nations, 1996-2003," August 26, 2004 (94 pages, 2.4 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/man/crs/RL32547.pdf>

NEW CRS REPORTS ON SECRECY POLICY

New, previously unpublished Congressional Research Service reports on secrecy policy include the following:

"Secrecy Versus Openness: New Proposed Arrangements for Balancing Competing Needs," updated August 26, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/RS21895.pdf>

"The Protection of Classified Information: The Legal Framework," updated August 5, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/RS21900.pdf>

NEW CRS REPORTS ON INTELLIGENCE POLICY

New, previously unpublished Congressional Research Service reports on intelligence policy include:

"Senate Select Committee on Intelligence: Term Limits and Assignment Limitations," August 12, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RS21908.pdf>

"Intelligence Community Reorganization: Potential Effects on DOD Intelligence Agencies," August 6, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL32515.pdf>

"Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Programs: Issues for Congress," updated August 4, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL32508.pdf>

"Information Warfare and Cyberwar: Capabilities and Related Policy Issues," updated July 19, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL31787.pdf>

It is the policy of the Congressional Research Service and the current congressional leadership to block direct public access to CRS reports like these.

#### REMOVING TERRORIST SANCTUARIES (CRS)

U.S. efforts to shut down terrorist enclaves around the world are examined in another unpublished Congressional Research Service report, obtained by Secrecy News.

"The 9/11 Commission identified six primary regions that serve or could serve as terrorist sanctuaries. These included Western Pakistan and the Pakistan-Afghanistan border region; southern or western Afghanistan; the Arabian Peninsula, especially Saudi Arabia and Yemen, and the nearby Horn of Africa, including Somalia and extending southwest into Kenya; Southeast Asia, from Thailand to the southern Philippines to Indonesia; West Africa, including Nigeria and Mali; and European cities with expatriate Muslim communities."

"In all of these regions, the United States and its allies have mounted campaigns to deny safe havens for terrorists. This report analyzes current U.S. policies aimed at closing down sanctuaries in each of these countries and regions in light of the 9/11 Commission recommendations."

See "Removing Terrorist Sanctuaries: The 9/11 Commission Recommendations and U.S. Policy," August 10, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL32518.pdf>

#### SENATOR ROBERTS' INTELLIGENCE REFORM BILL

Senator Pat Roberts, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, this week unveiled his vision of a reformed, restructured intelligence community. The controversial proposal would establish a national intelligence director and essentially eliminate the Central Intelligence Agency.

The actual text of Sen. Roberts' draft bill has not been made widely available. It may be found here (139 pages, 240 KB PDF file) (thanks to J):

[http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004\\_cr/roberts-911nspace.pdf](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2004_cr/roberts-911nspace.pdf)

The bill includes a lukewarm endorsement of intelligence budget disclosure (section 131), starting after Fiscal Year 2005, that falls short of the 9/11 Commission recommendation on the topic.

#### FIRSTGOV FEATURES SECRECY NEWS

"Whatever you want or need from the U.S. government, it's here on FirstGov.gov."

<http://www.firstgov.gov/>

FirstGov.gov, which is "the U.S. government's official web portal," purports to offer the most comprehensive search engine and index of U.S. government publications.

Remarkably, its definition of U.S. government information includes the Secrecy News archive, as well as much of the Federation of American Scientists web site.

Secrecy News is not, um, a U.S. government publication. So how does it come to be indexed in FirstGov.gov? A site policy statement explains:

"In rare instances, FirstGov.gov links to websites that are not government-owned or government-sponsored if these websites provide government information and/or services in a way that is not available on an official government website."

Which is precisely the point.

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## Re: Moon Questions - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 13:54:49 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 20:13:09 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - Ledger

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 13:27:37 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 00:20:31 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

<snip>

>As for being "warned off", Arthur Clarke may have pegged it  
>after all: "All these worlds are yours except (the  
>Moon?)... Attempt no (more?)landings there". :)

Actually it was Jupiter's satellite Europa that was referred to  
in that "warning", not our Moon.

Don Ledger

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## CCCRN News: Formation Reports 8 & 9 - Matsqui, BC

From: Paul Anderson <[paulanderson.nul](mailto:paulanderson.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 10:07:44 -0700  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 20:14:41 -0400  
Subject: CCCRN News: Formation Reports 8 & 9 - Matsqui, BC

CCCRN NEWS  
E-News from the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network

August 27, 2004

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

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FORMATION REPORTS #8, 9 - MATSQUI, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Two more formations, one a circle with two attached crescents and the other resembling an Egyptian ankh symbol, in corn. Seen by local resident while sky diving (during takeoff of plane) in early August. Not far from location of the two corn formations last year at Abbotsford (plus the third farther east at Agassiz). Initial aerial photos of the first formation are posted on the web site (not yet available for second formation). Investigation in progress by CCCRN British Columbia. Further details pending. These are the eighth and ninth reported formations for 2004.

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c. CCCRN, 2004

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## Re: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 18:45:01 -0300  
Fwd Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 20:17:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary - Friedman

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 04:45:44 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais.nul](mailto:gbourdais.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 10:54:31 +0200  
>>Subject: Re: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary

>>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 19:39:37 -0700  
>>>Subject: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary

>>>Source: The Daily Times

>>>Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary

>>>By Debra Mayeux  
>>>The Daily Times

>>There is a five page article by Scott Ramsey in the August MUFON  
>>UFO Journal.

>>A very interesting article.

>>And many thanks to Scott Ramsey, who has found a series of  
>>witnesses, after many years of research and high expenses, and  
>>his research is going on.

>>Any comment from the List?

>Gildas, Et Al,

>Scott's efforts certainly don't go un-noticed, and his research  
>lends much credence to the Aztec Incident. His unrelenting  
>search for witnesses has become fruitful, and the verification  
>of the high power radar sites mentioned as far back as Frank  
>Scully's book has even the most ardent skeptics taking a second  
>look at Aztec!

>Scott's dedication and fervor for finding the truth is much  
>appreciated, and methinks the best is yet to come!

I have spent quite a bit of time with Scott both in New Mexico  
and in North Carolina. He is objective, careful, persistent and  
willing to put his money where his mouth is.

We surely could use more people like him in ufology.

He travels a lot and has always responded rapidly to calls. He  
goes for facts and data and has demolished anti-Aztec efforts by  
a number of debunkers.

He certainly convinced me, to my surprise, that something really  
did happen there.

Stan Friedman

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## UFOs Reported At Dryden Ontario

From: **Terry Groff** <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 18:26:38 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 08:59:21 -0400  
Subject: UFOs Reported At Dryden Ontario

Source: Fort Francis Times Online

<http://www.fftimes.com/index.php/7/2004-08-27/18127>

UFO sightings reported at Dryden  
August 27, 2004

Dryden, Ont. (CP)

It's a bird. It's a plane. It's a UFO?

The manager of the Dryden Regional Airport wants to get to the bottom of reports of unidentified flying objects in the area.

George Friesen said yesterday that he has requested a checklist from NAV Canada on the subject and "has a few phone calls to reply to" following a report of a UFO sighting in the Dryden area July 12.

NAV Canada provides air navigation services used by airports, airlines, and aircraft operators across Canada.

The Dryden-area UFO sighting is posted on [www.hbccufo.com](http://www.hbccufo.com) - a website that reportedly represents the Canadian UFO research community.

The post said at least three Dryden-area people witnessed "low altitude bright lights tracking across the sky."

One person reported seeing the lights on three-consecutive nights, as well as a V-shaped metallic craft during the day "moving through the sky, very slowly."

Area police services said they received no calls of suspected UFOs in July.

Friesen said his interest is both personal and professional.

"If something occurs near an airport, professionally we are obliged to report it," he said.

While working in Lynn Lake, Man. in the early '90s, Friesen said he dealt with quite a few inquires about "strange objects in the sky"-largely because the airport was releasing huge atmospheric weather balloons at the time.

The last unexplained phenomena observed in the northwest was a "strange light" seen in the Thunder Bay area in March, 2003.

At the time, officials with a U.S.-based research centre suggested the light may have been space junk.

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## Re: Moon Questions - Christensen

From: Wendy Christensen <[christensen.nul](mailto:christensen.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 19:48:41 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 09:01:57 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - Christensen

>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 13:12:25 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 22:42:34 -0500  
>>Subject: Moon Questions

There is no dark side of the moon, really... matter of fact,  
it's all dark.....

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Wendy Christensen - Bobcat Mountain Studios

<http://www.wendychristensen.com>

"The H.S.U.S. Complete Guide to Cat Care" (now in paperback,  
too) ...and look for "Outwitting Cats: Tips, Tricks and  
Techniques for Persuading the in your Life that what YOU want is  
also what THEY want" (The Lyons Press, Nov. 1, 2004)

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## A Quantum Leap Of Faith

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 09:07:45 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 09:07:45 -0400  
Subject: A Quantum Leap Of Faith

Source: The Lexington Herald News - Kentucky

<http://www.kentucky.com/mld/kentucky/living/religion/9498440.htm>

06-28-04

A Quantum Leap Of Faith

Beliefs in UFOs and ritual abuse are studied as new religious movements

By Jeffrey Weiss

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS - Christopher Bader was one of those kids who loved tales of the improbable, and he grew up to become his own improbable tale: He's a sociology professor at the conservative and Baptist Baylor University. He's a Presbyterian. And he has a particular interest in people who say they are UFO abductees or victims of religion-linked ritual abuse. His study of the two groups was published in a recent issue of the Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion.

"My students ask me all the time: 'Do you believe in UFOs? Do you believe in ritual abuse? Do you believe in Bigfoot?'" Bader said. "My answer is that I just don't care whether they're real or not."

Studying the sociology of religion is nothing like delving into theology, he said.

"We're not studying God. We're studying what people who believe in God and live on earth do," he said.

"God" and "religion" are defined broadly by sociologists of religion. Beliefs in UFO abductions and in ritual abuse both include a large dose of faith.

The scientific mainstream has not accepted any claims of alien abductions. And many who claim to have survived ritual abuse say they discovered the abuse by recovering long-repressed memories. The length of time between the alleged event and the recovery of the memory often makes it hard to investigate the claims.

So are there UFOs grabbing people? Are there satanic cults abusing people? In many cases, people believe without the kinds of evidence that would convince outsiders -- it's a matter of faith. And that means people in support groups for UFO abductees or ritual-abuse survivors can be studied as members of "new religious movements."

Sociologists such as Bader study these small groups because they think it is a way to understand how successful faiths develop.

After all, the largest religions all started with a few people considered unusual by their neighbors.

"It really is no crazier than anything else," he said of the outside-the-mainstream stuff he studies. "I appreciate it as a belief, and a sincerely held belief."

Most of his work involves less controversial belief systems -- why churches and denominations succeed or fail in drawing members. So when Baylor hired him a couple of years ago, he told his new bosses that part of his studies could seem a bit, well, odd for a Baptist school.

"But when I talk about Satanism in class, I'm not recruiting," he said.

His paper, published in the peer-reviewed journal, is the fruit of years of tentative contacts with the support groups. Members are suspicious of outsiders. And much of his paper details how he gained their trust -- and eventually, some information about them.

Bader was able to get 55 of the UFO folks and 51 ritual-abuse survivors to anonymously fill out forms detailing their ages, education levels and other demographic information.

That fills a hole in the study of these groups, he said. Most attention has focused on the beliefs or on the psychological effects for the believers. Bader's goal was to identify the kinds of people who believe.

What he came up with has its limits, he admits. The sample size is small, and there's no way to know for sure whether they represent the average UFO abductee or ritual-abuse survivor. But the results are in line with research on other small, new religious movements, he said.

Academics who study such movements tend to consider members of these groups rubes, he said. "They assume that these are some country bumpkins who believe that the UFOs are plucking them off their tractors. That's not what people who are interested in new ideas are like."

Of the 51 UFO abductees, 32 were women; 48 said they were white, six identified themselves as Native American (three chose both categories), 34 attended some college and 29 were white-collar workers. Most said they found some positive aspects to their experience.

Of the 48 ritual-abuse survivors, all were white women; 44 had attended college; and of the 21 then employed, 18 were white-collar workers. This was an unhappy population, and most reported that they had dozens of personalities.

What they have in common, Bader said, is that they mostly follow the pattern found in other new religious movements.

"The theory tells us that it doesn't matter about the personality of the god involved," he said. "The point is that a certain demographic is interested in things outside the mainstream."

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## Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska - Ledger

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Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 09:12:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska - Ledger

>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>To: UFO Updates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 17:52:52 -0500  
>Subject: Strange Doings On Tunguska

>Source: Time Online

><http://www.time.com/time/columnist/jaroff/article/0,9565,688585,00.html>

>Strange Doings on Tunguska

>By Leon Jaroff

>Amazingly, some people still believe the devastating Siberian  
>event was caused by space aliens

>If any people are more gullible about Unidentified Flying  
>Objects than Americans, it's the Russians.

<snip>

>Most scientists today believe that the Tunguska event was  
>caused by an asteroid or a comet that heated so rapidly upon  
>plunging into the atmosphere that it blew up some five miles  
>above the surface with an explosive force of 10 to 15 megatons.

Most scientists, eh. Who are they? The "true believers"? Sounds like the shoe is on the other foot. Since there is no conclusive proof one way or the other, it's a little unscientific, isn't it, to just believe that way.

>Some might suggest that Lavbin was predisposed to making a  
>remarkable discovery. And that is precisely what happened. A  
>Russian scientific team headed by Lavbin scoured the Tunguska  
>site early in August and breathlessly announced that it had  
>found the remnants of an extraterrestrial spacecraft, in the  
>form of a large metallic block. After sending a 50 kilogram  
>chunk of the block to a laboratory for testing, Lavbin chose not  
>to await the results. "I can make an official announcement that  
>we were saved by some forces of a superior civilization," he  
>proclaimed. "They exploded this enormous meteorite headed toward  
>us with tremendous speed. Now this great object that caused the  
>meteorite to explode is found at last."

>His announcement was greeted by loud raspberries from reputable  
>scientists. Boy, this guy is leaving himself wide open for a  
>slander suit isn't he.

>Interviewed by Space.com, British researcher Benny Peiser, who  
>runs the CCNet website, a scholarly forum devoted largely to  
>asteroid impacts and other potential natural threats, called the  
>Russian report "a rather stupid hoax." He was equally critical  
>of the press: "It's a rather sad comment on the current state of  
>anything-goes attitudes among some science correspondents that  
>such blatant rubbish is being reported."

Thus spaketh the lord.

>Oberg predicted that the Tunguska spacecraft story, in various



>forms, would endure and that gullible members of the press would  
>continue to be hoodwinked by Russian UFOlogists. More than two  
>decades later, his prediction stands unchallenged.

I don't think I'm being gullible either way. What the heck  
happened and why is there no proof of any of the orthodox  
theories?

Don Ledger

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## Alert - Mothman On 'CBS News Sunday Morning'

From: Loren Coleman <[lcoleman.nul](mailto:lcoleman.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 06:56:42 -0400  
Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 09:16:19 -0400  
Subject: Alert - Mothman On 'CBS News Sunday Morning'

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August 29, 2004

CBS News Sunday Morning: A history of political protests; a report on autism; a look at the film "Open Water"; singer Michael McDonald discusses his career; in search of the Mothman in Point Pleasant, W.Va.

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This, no doubt, is a repeat of Bill Geist's report from last year's Mothman Festival - originally broadcast on September 28, 2003.

The focus is the unveiling of the Mothman statue, with the white-suited John A. Keel there - although he doesn't seem to get much attention from the television folks.

Be patient. Geist usually airs during the last 20 minutes of the 90 minute program.

Also. see September 14, 2003's listing here:

[http://www.lorencoleman.com/mothman\\_death\\_list.html](http://www.lorencoleman.com/mothman_death_list.html)

I assume CBS might mention that the Mothman Festival has now become an annual event.

Loren

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## Mexican UFOs & Skeptical Inc.

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 06:45:09 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 09:21:23 -0400  
Subject: Mexican UFOs & Skeptical Inc.

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<http://members.aol.com/tprinty2/Mexico04c.html>  
<http://members.aol.com/tprinty2/Mexico04d.html>  
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Mr. Printy doesn't get it, is obtusely assumptive, and is a likely perpetrator of what I'd suspect he'd accuse. We shall see.

I'm not a ufologist.

Did that surprise anybody? It shouldn't, and this is forgetting not everyone interested in the subject is.

I may be a contributor. I may be a proponent and booster. I may be a defender. I may be an enthusiast. I may be low-level chronicler, tedious poet, or portentous essayist in its regard. But I'm not a ufologist. Calling me a ufologist is roughly analogous to calling Stanton Friedman "Doctor Friedman..." inappropriate even if deserved. Like saying you have a Bronze Star with a "V" device. Tied to a spot, generally, I'm restricted pretty much to secondary reference. I have to take someone else's word - that's not an "-ologist" in my estimation.

What I am is an individual person, respectful of the sensibility of others, but with a degree of education and intelligence and life experience, who finds Mr. Printy and his clan of fellow SNKUDs - reactionary skeptibunkies, noisy negativists, and knee-jerk ufological denialists - singularly unconvincing, remarkably unsatisfying, and astonishingly oblivious to the obvious with regard to UFOs and associated subjects.

Moreover, I think it's helpful in the aggregate that I try to share these observations with others as much as I am able, and in a manner that I deem appropriate. I think art and music and earnest explication is a constructive way to start.

Perhaps I can encourage others that there is a degree of the unconvincing, unsatisfying, and astonishing obliviousness to Mr. Printy and his cultish coterie, and doing such feel well served and well serving! Additionally, I detest the sneering smirking snide, know something about intellectual courage, and aspire to give as good as I get!

But I'm not a ufologist - one can add that to the long list of other things that Mr. Printy is wrong about.

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## Re: UFO Photo Taken With Cell Phone Is A Hoax -

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 04:51:22 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 09:25:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Photo Taken With Cell Phone Is A Hoax -

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 08:07:45 -0300  
>Subject: UFO Photo Taken With Cell Phone Is A Hoax

>It has been determined that the UFO photo taken with a cell  
>phone is a hoax perpetrated by a man who also claimed to have  
>had missing time after he had taken the image.

<snip>

>I should be sorry to give you the news, but, on the contrary, I  
>am glad. I should be sorry that we have one UFO photo less in  
>our files, but am glad that we have resolved a hoax!

Hello A.J.,

No apologies necessary! Not in my opinion, anyhow.

You do us a service by pointing out these little messes before  
they take root, which of course they do anyway.

Frankly, I was underwhelmed by the photo in the first place.  
Having missed the point (cluster of trees) I thought the object  
of interest was the lenticular cloud!

I am so tired of things like this, that I put up a page  
directing people to the proper reporting centers. Here it is.  
Maybe others will want to do something similar:

<http://www.larryhatch.net/UREPORT.html>

Peter Davenport must have the patience of a saint. Others don't  
even need patience, but slap together whatever oozes through the  
cracks without a qualm.

Best wishes and thanks again

- Larry

PS: How is 'Urandir' doing? Is he selling lots of alien rocks,  
or have those lost market appeal?

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 07:34:05 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 09:29:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmberg

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 10:04:03 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 19:52:46 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

<snip>

>>Could you please cite the posting or publication in which I  
>>declare "that since UFOs don't exist, Arnold must have been  
>in error"? You are making things up again, Jerry, just as some  
>>people do to spice up unexciting UFO reports.

>Nice try, John. As you of course know well, you are not going to  
>do something so bone-headed as to make explicit such an  
>assertion. It is, however, implicit in just about everything  
>you've written that I've read, on this List or in Magonia.

Mr. Rimmer tried the exact same mechanism with me at the start  
of this thread, but I bought in initially - I guess because I'm  
not a ufologist. <LOL>

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 07:41:19 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 09:32:26 -0400  
Subject: Re: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary - Lehmborg

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 18:45:01 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 04:45:44 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <[gbourdais.nul](mailto:gbourdais.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 10:54:31 +0200  
>>>Subject: Re: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary

>>>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 2004 19:39:37 -0700  
>>>>Subject: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary

>>>>Source: The Daily Times

>>>>Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary

>>>>By Debra Mayeux  
>>>>The Daily Times

>>>There is a five page article by Scott Ramsey in the August MUFON  
>>>UFO Journal.

>>>A very interesting article.

>>>And many thanks to Scott Ramsey, who has found a series of  
>>>witnesses, after many years of research and high expenses, and  
>>>his research is going on.

>>>Any comment from the List?

>>Gildas, Et Al,

>>Scott's efforts certainly don't go un-noticed, and his research  
>>lends much credence to the Aztec Incident. His unrelenting  
>>search for witnesses has become fruitful, and the verification  
>>of the high power radar sites mentioned as far back as Frank  
>>Scully's book has even the most ardent skeptics taking a second  
>>look at Aztec!

>>Scott's dedication and fervor for finding the truth is much  
>>appreciated, and methinks the best is yet to come!

>I have spent quite a bit of time with Scott both in New Mexico  
>and in North Carolina. He is objective, careful, persistent and  
>willing to put his money where his mouth is.

>We surely could use more people like him in ufology.

>He travels a lot and has always responded rapidly to calls. He  
>goes for facts and data and has demolished anti-Aztec efforts by  
>a number of debunkers.



>He certainly convinced me, to my surprise, that something really  
>did happen there.

That's a tad like Greenspan saying there's a bubble in the  
economic indicators.

Do you have any info on how to contact the film's producer, Sir?  
I'd like to review it for publication.

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## NIDS FT Report

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 06:15:24 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 09:34:11 -0400  
Subject: NIDS FT Report

Hello all:

I don't know if anybody mentioned this earlier, but Colm Kelleher has put out a a darned good study on so-called Flying Triangles.

It shows some very nice maps and text, and even mentions my work. Naturally, I find that more interesting than some other threads.

[http://www.nidsci.org/articles/8\\_25triireport.php](http://www.nidsci.org/articles/8_25triireport.php)

I think its worth a good look.

My only complaint is that parts of the prose seem repetitive, but thats a minor quibble. I'm still looking for my bottle opener at this hour.

Best wishes

- Larry Hatch

" There is no such thing as an ungodly hour, just ungodly meeps who hide your bottle opener, your cigarette lighter and things of that nature. -LH "

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## Re: Moon Questions - Lehmberg

From: **Alfred Lehmberg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 08:26:28 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 09:36:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - Lehmberg

>From: Wendy Christensen <[christensen.nul](mailto:christensen.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 19:48:41 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 13:12:25 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 22:42:34 -0500  
>>>Subject: Moon Questions

>There is no dark side of the moon, really... matter of fact,  
>it's all dark.....

<snip>

Just like the whole rest of the universe, most of this planet,  
and some spots in the same town for most people. Whole rooms in  
the same house for many. The "dark side of the moon" is  
everywhere you don't want to, can't, or haven't looked. This  
makes the "dark side of the moon" very dark indeed, right Mr.  
King?

Incomprehensibly self-indulgent enough for ya, Ms. C.? <g>

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## Re: Buying UFO Books - Hayes

From: John Hayes <[webmaster.nul](mailto:webmaster.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 14:33:41 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 09:44:16 -0400  
Subject: Re: Buying UFO Books - Hayes

>From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi2.nul](mailto:isaackoi2.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 11:13:39 -0400  
>Subject: Buying UFO Books

<snip>

>2. I could have sworn that there was a reasonably extensive (if  
>somewhat out of date) list of contact details for UK UFO  
>booksellers on the ufoinfo.com website, but I can't find the  
>relevant page on that website at the moment. When I'm back home  
>and have access to my own notes/computer, I'll find the relevant  
>link and email it (and, if time permits, a more extensive  
>version of this email, particularly if others within the UK  
>provide some input) to Joe McGonagle's Ufologyinuk list.

Hello Isaac,

You are correct that there was a list of booksellers on the  
UFOINFO site but I removed it because it was outdated.

If you wish to look at the list you could try going to the  
Internet Archive at:

<http://www.archive.org/>

search for [www.ufoinfo.com](http://www.ufoinfo.com) in the Wayback Machine and browse  
back through the dates - I would guess sometime in 2003.

Regards,

John Hayes

[webmaster.nul](mailto:webmaster.nul)

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UFO Reports and Experiences, UFO + PSI Magazine  
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Rosales), Filer's Files, Oz Files, UFO News UK.

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 15:08:40 +0100  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 08:58:56 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Rimmer

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 07:34:05 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 10:04:03 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 19:52:46 +0100  
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>Mr. Rimmer tried the exact same mechanism with me at the start  
>of this thread, but I bought in initially - I guess because I'm  
>not a ufologist. <LOL>

Curiously, you did manage, after a few promptings, to come up  
with exactly the sort of reference I was asking for - a sceptic  
making the stupid suggestion that Betty and Barney Hill had made  
up their entire abduction account from nothing - so it is worth  
asking! You never know what you'll come up with unless you try!

>The difference between the implicit and the explicit is lost on  
>these guys, or only too aware of the difference, they use it to  
>support their fatuous arguments in a less than ethical manner,  
>rather like one trick neo-con swiftboat captains against John  
>Kerry.

Sorry, obscure political (?) reference which means little to  
those of us on the other side of the water.

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John Rimmer  
Magonia Magazine  
[www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm](http://www.magonia.demon.co.uk/arc/00/newmag.htm)

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## Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 11:44:25 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:02:21 -0400  
Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska - Friedman

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul), [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 23:53:07 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska

>>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 17:52:52 -0500  
>>Subject: Strange Doings On Tunguska

>>Source: Time Online

>><http://www.time.com/time/columnist/jaroff/article/0,9565,688585,00.html>

>>Strange Doings on Tunguska

>>By Leon Jaroff

>>Amazingly, some people still believe the devastating Siberian  
>>event was caused by space aliens

>>If any people are more gullible about Unidentified Flying  
>>Objects than Americans, it's the Russians.

<snip>

>>Oberg predicted that the Tunguska spacecraft story, in various  
>>forms, would endure and that gullible members of the press would  
>>continue to be hoodwinked by Russian UFOlogists. More than two  
>>decades later, his prediction stands unchallenged.

>I don't think I'm being gullible either way. What the heck  
>happened and why is there no proof of any of the orthodox  
>theories?

It should be noted that Leon Jaroff is a fellow of CSICOP and  
has never given any evidence of knowing anything about UFOs  
other than his own biases and prejudices. Unfortunately, he has  
a big podium.

This is not to say I believe there was a nuclear spaceship  
involved in Tunguska.

Notice that there is no attempt to find the results of the tests  
that were supposedly conducted on the specimen nor to establish  
that the leader is telling the truth about himself.

If you can't attack the data attack the people...

Stan Friedman

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>Do you have any info on how to contact the film's producer, Sir?  
>I'd like to review it for publication.

The producer is Paul Kimball of Redstar Films in Halifax, Nova Scotia, check out

<http://redstarfilm.com>

Paul also did Stanton T.Friedman IS Real and Do You Believe in MAJIC? both of which have been shown on the Space Channel in Canada.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: A Quantum Leap Of Faith - Hatch

From: **Larry Hatch** <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 08:03:27 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:06:55 -0400  
Subject: Re: A Quantum Leap Of Faith - Hatch

Dear Readers:

Are there three (3) people on this List, who know or can intuit how infinitesimally small, and at the same time how immensely large, a " Quantum Leap" is?

Maybe there are 4 or 5, but I would not bet on it.

I don't know whether to laugh or cry when some clown uses the Q word in a religious context.

Somehow, and I know this is asking a lot, I wish that all airheadedness and spirits etc. be kept off this List for the purposes of (hopefully) saner ufological discussion.

Who offended who is of equal disinterest, especially if involving blowhards, bishops or unmedicated poets.

The underlying agenda here is to find some facts about UFOs, one way or the other. Failing that, perhaps some decent Belgian beer, but not all this rancor.

I apologize for my website being down for 2 or 3 days. That was unavoidable. 5 out of 6 of the most recent threads on this List were entirely avoidable.

Sorry

- Larry Hatch

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## UFO Photographs In The Former USSR?

From: Philip Mantle <[philipmantle.nul](mailto:philipmantle.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 15:04:03 +0000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:08:23 -0400  
Subject: UFO Photographs In The Former USSR?

Dear List members,

I wonder if there's anyone on the List, or do you perhaps know anyone, who has access to UFO photographs from within the former USSR. If you do, could you contact me off-List please at:

[philipmantle.nul](mailto:philipmantle.nul)

Thanks,

Philip

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## Re: UFO Photo Taken With Cell Phone Is A Hoax -

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 10:28:18 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:10:49 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Photo Taken With Cell Phone Is A Hoax -

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 08:07:45 -0300  
>Subject: UFO Photo Taken With Cell Phone Is A Hoax

>It has been determined that the UFO photo taken with a cell  
>phone is a hoax perpetrated by a man who also claimed to have  
>had missing time after he had taken the image.

Of course it's sad it's not a hovering alien mothership, but  
uncovering it as a hoax is really the next best thing.

As someone on this List has said before, it's ironic that the  
job of disproving UFO sightings and photos has become the job of  
the people most interested in proving them 'true', since the  
outright skeptical can't seem to get it done.

But I suppose that's the way it is with science - the real work  
is only going to be done by those most interested.

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## Re: Moon Questions - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 10:32:37 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:12:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - King

>From: Wendy Christensen <[christensen.nul](mailto:christensen.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 19:48:41 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 23 Aug 2004 13:12:25 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 22 Aug 2004 22:42:34 -0500  
>>>Subject: Moon Questions

>There is no dark side of the moon, really... matter of fact,  
>it's all dark.....

Wendy,

Ahhh... a Floydian slip!!?

Kyle

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## Re: Moon Questions - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <[tshell.nul](mailto:tshell.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 10:37:01 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:14:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - Shell

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 08:54:04 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>If a satellite was placed in geosynchronous orbit above a spot  
>on the the moon western edge as seen from earth, wouldn't it  
>always remain in that spot as seen from earth?, I'm probably not  
>thinking right on this, but it seems correct. I'm not sure  
>either that lunar geosynchronous orbit is possible. But it seems  
>plausible...

Sure it's possible. It all has to do with the speed and  
altitude. But I've solved the problem anyway. We put three in  
orbit! Ha!

Actually, I'm still waiting for someone to come up with a good  
scenario where we use robotic spiders with decent AI to smooth  
out a suitable crater, weave a net, and build a several-miles-  
in-diameter radio telescope conveniently shielded from most of  
the Earth noise.

Well, maybe once we get the elevator built...

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## Re: Moon Questions - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 10:43:20 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:15:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - King

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul), [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 13:54:49 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 13:27:37 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

><snip>

>>As for being "warned off", Arthur Clarke may have pegged it  
>>after all: "All these worlds are yours except (the  
>>Moon?)... Attempt no (more?)landings there". :)

>Actually it was Jupiter's satellite Europa that was referred to  
>in that "warning", not our Moon.

Don,

Absolutely, I was simply applying a little "retcon" as did Mr.  
Clarke in the novel.

Half-joking, but if he had information that we were ever "warned  
off" from ANYWHERE, it would have been the moon, because we'd  
never sent humans to any other place "out there". Hence my  
parenthetical "the Moon" and "more?"). My attempt at a semi-  
humorous aside... heavy on the semi... 'S'

Kyle

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## Re: Moon Questions - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 11:07:49 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:18:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - King

>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 09:00:46 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 13:27:37 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

<snip>

>>A satellite in geosynchronous orbit around the Earth would not  
>>see a moon base when it was turned away from the satellite, and  
>>a satellite in geosynchronous orbit around the moon (and I'm not  
>>really sure of the feasibility of that) would put the moon  
>>between it and the Earth as the moon rotated around the Earth.  
>> The goal is a valid one, but I think it will involved a series  
>>of satellites orbiting the moon.

>Since the Moon's rotation and orbital period are the same, it  
>always has the same face pointing at us. If a satellite were put  
>into luno-synchronous orbit, it too would stay in the same  
>location relative to the Earth and would not necessarily be  
>blocked by the moon. The Earth itself, however, would rotate  
>away from the satellite so it would require a few receiving  
>stations to gather data from the satellite.

>If a satellite were put on the far side of the Moon it might  
>require a few relay satellites (or stations) depending on the  
>altitude of the orbit.

Exactly as I thought... thank you!

So a base on the far side could maintain communication via a  
satellite in a geosynchronous orbit around the moon bouncing  
signal back to an array of networked satellites around the  
earth... perhaps an existing array or perhaps requiring a new  
one.

I appreciate the comments on this thread. Barely UFO-related,  
but I can't kick the feeling that having eyes on that far side  
could provide an unfettered view, at least.

Thanks again for the illumination. While the moon is obviously  
"dark all over" unless lit from elsewhere, it would be nice to  
get the view from "where the earth don't shine". :)

Kyle

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## Re: Moon Questions - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 11:20:06 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:19:56 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - King

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 08:26:28 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>From: Wendy Christensen <[christensen.nul](mailto:christensen.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 19:48:41 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

<snip>

>>There is no dark side of the moon, really... matter of fact,  
>>it's all dark.....

><snip>

>Just like the whole rest of the universe, most of this planet,  
>and some spots in the same town for most people. Whole rooms in  
>the same house for many. The "dark side of the moon" is  
>everywhere you don't want to, can't, or haven't looked. This  
>makes the "dark side of the moon" very dark indeed, right Mr.  
>King?

<snip>

As I don't think I'd choose Messrs. Barrett, Waters, et.al. to  
back me up in a discussion about the value of the Moon's far  
side, I naively assumed that the reference was more light-  
hearted than accusatory... or revelatory.

Kyle

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## Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 12:32:21 -0500  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:21:27 -0400  
Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska - King

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul), [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 23:53:07 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska

><snip>

>I don't think I'm being gullible either way. What the heck  
>happened and why is there no proof of any of the orthodox  
>theories?

Don,

I'm curious about what proof you are looking for. If the "conventional wisdom" is that a comet or meteor caused the Tunguska blast, what would the "proof" be? A big area of flattened trees... in a radiating pattern somewhat biased along the path of the meteor. There would be burnt ground or plant life, there would be resulting atmospheric effects... auroral lights in unusual places, and there would be a great ground-shaking.

If the comet or meteor was vaporized in the explosion, by definition the evidence of the comet or meteor is now "thin air" thin air, which would presumably have dissipated by now. I don't think there's much hope of "proving" that it was a comet or meteor. While it may be comforting for some to have a non-ET related explanation, that comfort should not be taken as proof of its validity, any more than taking comfort in God's eternal love should constitute proof of its validity. I must allow though that either may very well be valid. In my reality, neither of those give me much comfort, so I look elsewhere. Before I read any scientific information about Tunguska, I thought that it must have been something anomalous. An anachronistic nuke, a meandering "mini-black hole", a malfunctioning Martian craft, etc.

The new twist is that ET was saving us. ET acted to thwart our destruction. Just pondering this raises implications reaching far into the recesses of the UFO debate, and that is invigorating if nothing else.

"Hairy Thunderer or Cosmic Muffin", the mystery remains and the debate remains...hopefully as bereft of proclamation as the theories are of "proof". But if Dr. Einstein's admonition that "God doesn't play dice..." is accurate, it would be an ultimate irony if it was determined that an ET used one (even one of "God-like" scale) to save us all. :) (...For ET so loved the world...) That's tasty in so many ways...

Until the "die" is found to be of anomalous nature, I will have to keep this one in the unsolved file.

At present, I find no compelling argument for one theory over another. A comet or meteor is a possibility, nothing more. Not even necessarily the most likely...just a possibility. My comfort level however resides somewhat "left" of center on this one.

Heck, the whole thing could be just some kind of sociological "project" or behavioral experiment. Theories abound. Proof is a grail for now.

Kind Regards,

Kyle

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From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 14:38:38 -0300  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:22:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: NIDS FT Report - Ledger

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 06:15:24 -0700  
>Subject: NIDS FT Report

>I don't know if anybody mentioned this earlier, but Colm  
>Kelleher has put out a a darned good study on so-called Flying  
>Triangles.

>It shows some very nice maps and text, and even mentions my  
>work. Naturally, I find that more interesting than some other  
>threads.

Hi Larry,

I notice that NIDS has an icon on one of their maps map that I  
assume is from your map at the mouth of Halifax Harbour, Canada.  
Is that the Cow Bay FT sighting?

Best,

Don Ledger

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## Re: A Quantum Leap Of Faith - Boone

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 14:18:47 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:24:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: A Quantum Leap Of Faith - Boone

>Source: The Lexington Herald News - Kentucky

><http://www.kentucky.com/mld/kentucky/living/religion/9498440.htm>

>06-28-04

>A Quantum Leap Of Faith

>Beliefs in UFOs and ritual abuse are studied as new religious  
>movements

>By Jeffrey Weiss

>The Dallas Morning News

>DALLAS - Christopher Bader was one of those kids who loved tales  
>of the improbable, and he grew up to become his own improbable  
>tale: He's a sociology professor at the conservative and Baptist  
>Baylor University. He's a Presbyterian. And he has a particular  
>interest in people who say they are UFO abductees or victims of  
>religion-linked ritual abuse. His study of the two groups was  
>published in a recent issue of the Journal for the Scientific  
>Study of Religion.

<snip>

>"The theory tells us that it doesn't matter about the  
>personality of the god involved," he said. "The point is that  
>a certain demographic is interested in things outside the  
>mainstream."

Oh for cryin' out loud!

Next they'll be dragging in Republicans and Democrats and  
tossing them into some lab or something and give em' the '3rd  
Degree' to determine who really walks on water, Bush or Kerry.

Maybe we should compartmentalize Ufology, y'know, like have  
'Forensic Ufology' and 'Social Ufology' or even 'Low Carb  
Ufology'. Then everyone can chat within their little circles and  
no one will know what the other guy is doing just like in the  
government.

It's an old military strategy. Confuse yourself so much that  
your enemy will think you're crazy.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Mexican UFOs & Skeptical Inc. - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 14:23:48 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:26:06 -0400  
Subject: Re: Mexican UFOs & Skeptical Inc. - Boone

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 06:45:09 -0500  
>Subject: Mexican UFOs & Skeptical Inc.

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><http://members.aol.com/tprinty2/Mexico04c.html>

><http://members.aol.com/tprinty2/Mexico04d.html>

<snip>

Hey Alfred!

Thanks for the link above. I read the article and was suprised he would think me worthy of quoting.

I'm pissed off though that he didn't take me out of context.

How dare he accurately quote me! I demand recompense! I won't rest until he or someone takes my comments out of context!

I deserve better than to be quoted accurately! All these years of hard work and for what?

I tell you if this keeps up I might have to go out and find me a debunker and pay him under the table to do some good ol' fashioned debunking - sounds like that old gospel 'Gimme that Old Time Religion.

The nerve of these people! :)

Neat article though.

Best,

Greg

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## Re: UFO Photo Taken With Cell Phone Is A Hoax -

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 14:54:43 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:29:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFO Photo Taken With Cell Phone Is A Hoax -

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 04:51:22 -0700  
>Subject: Re: UFO Photo Taken With Cell Phone Is A Hoax

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <[gevaerd.nul](mailto:gevaerd.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 08:07:45 -0300  
>>Subject: UFO Photo Taken With Cell Phone Is A Hoax

>>It has been determined that the UFO photo taken with a cell  
>>phone is a hoax perpetrated by a man who also claimed to have  
>>had missing time after he had taken the image.

><snip>

>>I should be sorry to give you the news, but, on the contrary, I  
>>am glad. I should be sorry that we have one UFO photo less in  
>>our files, but am glad that we have resolved a hoax!

>No apologies necessary! Not in my opinion, anyhow.

>You do us a service by pointing out these little messes before  
>they take root, which of course they do anyway.

<snip>

Thank you Larry and A. J.

You've hit the nail right on the head there Mr. Hatch. We all must be vigilant but also take a look at how this story bubbled to the top anyhow. New technology enters the UFO field. How often have we asked why people don't bring their cameras or shoot pics during an UFO event? Now we have millions of people with space age doohickeys ( I hope that's the plural ) that take pics, video, play games etc. at hip's reach. It was inevitable that someone would use them to record the unusual and I'm suprised we don't have cell phone 'Nessie' and 'Bigfoot' shots coming out of the woodwork as well.

So this story turned out to be bogus, but what happens next when someone else records an event? Will we or the press refer to this recent incident as the 'be all and tell all' of personal recording devices capturing an unusual event?

I hope not. If I was a debunker/disinformationalist I would have thought of this one a long time ago.

Best,

Greg

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## Old Long Island UFO Crash Story?

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 15:15:48 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:31:30 -0400  
Subject: Old Long Island UFO Crash Story?

Okay, saw this on a message board and am not familiar with it but I assume it's about the same John Ford some of you have mentioned?

What happened? Is the case closed kaput? Ignore me if it's a stupid question.

Best,  
Greg

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[http://home.pacbell.net/joerit/docs2/crash/s\\_haven2.htm](http://home.pacbell.net/joerit/docs2/crash/s_haven2.htm)

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UFO CRASH AT SOUTHAVEN PARK?

by Robert Sands

A local investigative group that has been researching accounts of unidentified objects on Long Island for the past five years released a report (with photos and a video tape) yeaterday that claims an alien space craft crashed into a remote area of Southaven Park in Shirley just before Thanksgiving last year.

The incident happened just after 7:00 P.M. on the night of November 24, according to John Ford, chairman of the Long Island U.F.O. Network, who said that it has taken his group six months to do a thorough investigation. It was just recently, though, that his group was able to acquire the video and the photos. "We knew that something crashed into the park that night and we have, bit by bit," said Ford, "been able to finally put the picture together."

Several motorists who were traveling along Sunrise Highway that night, according to Ford, contacted his organization and described what they thought was a plane that was going down into the park. And many local residents whose homes border Southaven report that they heard loud rumbling sounds and saw strange lights.

"Eyewitness accounts have confirmed that a fire was reported immediately after," noted Ford. "In addition, the roads around the park were blocked off to travel by county and park police. The next day, and for a few days after, the park was closed to the public."

One local resident who lives near the park said that for a five to six day period after the incident, his house experienced numerous power surges and the phone would ring strangely without anyone on the other end. "I ride horses in the park so I'm pretty familiar with the activities there," said the 45-year-old man who requested anonymity because of the sensitive nature of his job ("they would fire me if they thought I believed in flying saucers"). "For the next few days there were a lot of

military helicopters going over the park - and I couldn't get in."

Records show that Southaven Park was closed between November 25 and 28. According to park officials, the park was closed to the general public that week because it was reserved for duck hunting.

Although some of the area fire departments were initially called, they were turned back and the fire was handled by the federally controlled Brookhaven National Laboratory Fire Department, said Ford.

Ford's group finally gained admittance into the park a week later. "We found an area that was burned out and some trees were bent over," Ford recalled. "A section looked like it had been plowed over by machinery." But two things were of particular interest to Ford. "We were getting a higher than normal radiation reading in the area, higher than regular background radiation, and the fence line in that area," said Ford, "had no magnetic reading." Ford explained that metal fences maintain a magnetic charge from the Earth. "Something had stripped away the magnetic charge of the fence."

Last week Ford received what he had been waiting and hoping for: a video film of the crash. "I can't say where I got it from because these people who supplied the tape are afraid that the government will go after them." Because of the poor quality of the tape, Ford has been working with video specialists to try and enhance the quality of the picture and to produce stills.

The video, a copy of which was given to South Shore Press, shows people examining a bright reddish, metallic-type object about four-square feet that appears to be emitting a white, cloudy gas, and a hissing sound can be heard - a sight and sound that resembles dry ice that has been exposed to warmer temperatures. The next shot shows what appears to be a person trying to lift up a body near a tree, but the poor quality of the film makes positive identification impossible. In a final scene, three uniformed men (wearing dark jackets and rounded caps similar to federal SWAT teams) are seen placing a large shiny spread (similar to mylar) over something on the ground. Ford makes no apologies for the poor quality of the video: "Things are happening fast and the guy who took the shots doesn't want to be too obvious." And he confesses that it is hard to get people to come forward and admit what they've seen. "One of the major problems in researching UFOs is that people are afraid of sounding like lunatics when describing strange, unexplained events." But an even greater fear, notes Ford, is the government. "You get involved with things that the government doesn't want people to know and they can make life pretty tough for you."

What are Ford's conclusions about the Southaven incident? "We are still very actively investigating this event. We believe that an extraterrestrial craft, with aliens, crashed that night in the park - and we are out to prove it."

The Long Island U.F.O. Network has a 24-hour hotline number (286-3212) to which Ford encourages people to call if they have any information on the (Southaven) incident or any other (unexplainable) phenomenon. Or you can call this reporter at 281-PRESS - he would love to know what happened that night.

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### Survival Center Alert Asteroid Toutatis 4179

From: William H Bolt <[AB5SY.nul](mailto:AB5SY.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 14:47:30 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:34:16 -0400  
Subject: Survival Center Alert Asteroid Toutatis 4179

Hopefully we'll have a clear sky on Sept. 29th

Asteroid Toutatis 4179 (official) Sept 29th, 2004

Anyone who spends even 20 minutes researching Toutatis should quickly comprehend the very real danger this monstrosity represents.

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According to NASA on September 29, 2004 a large and potentially hazardous asteroid called Toutatis 4179 will come very close to planet Earth.

Facts from NASA:

- Toutatis is about 3 miles long, 1.5 miles wide
- Discovered in 1989, it nears earth every 3.98 years
- It has a very strange shape, rotation and orbit
- On Sept 29th it will come less than 963,000 miles close
- 963,000 miles is considered a very near miss
- It orbits into the main asteroid belt between Mars & Jupiter
- Earth, Mars & Jupiter's gravity affects its orbital path
- It will slow down crossing near Earth at about 24,000 m.p.h.
- It will be very bright, visible even with binoculars
- Officially, NASA gives a zero chance of impact
- A collision would kill most all life forms on Earth

Because of many unknowns, the chance of Toutatis hitting Earth on Sept. 29th can't be entirely ruled out. The scientist at the NASA (NEO) near earth object program are some of the smartest people in the world, so let's hope their calculations are correct.

A large asteroid will hit Earth on Sept. 29, 2004?

"On September 29th this year a 3 mile long asteroid will make the closest predicted approach of any asteroid or comet to Earth until the year 2060", say scientists at NASA=B4s Jet Propulsion Laboratory Near-Earth Object Program. They predict the asteroid will come within 963,000 miles of Earth..... a very near miss.

Asteroid Toutatis 4179 (formerly named 1989 AC), was discovered by C. Pollas on January 4, 1989, at Caussols, France. It was named after a Celtic/Gallic god. It is one of the largest known "Potentially Hazardous Asteroids" (PHA) that approaches our planet on a near Earth orbit. Close encounters with Venus, Earth, Mars and Jupiter constantly alter the shape of the

asteroid=B4s path as it loops through the solar system every 3.98 years. During its orbital path it enters and exits the "main asteroid belt" which lies between Mars and Jupiter. It is estimated that the main asteroid belt contains over a million objects larger than 1 kilometer across. Toutatis' strange shape, chaotic rotation and eccentric orbit could be best explained by a history of violent collisions. Any collision within the main beltway would change the exit trajectory of Toutatis, altering its return path to Earth. This would render all standing calculations meaningless.

On October 31, 2000 Toutatis passed less than 29 lunar distances from Earth. The September 29th fly-by will come less than four lunar distances of the Earth.

Toutatis also has one of the strangest rotations yet observed in the solar system. Instead of the spinning about a single axis, as do the planets and the vast majority of asteroids, it "tumbles" somewhat like a flubbed football pass.

At three miles long it would present a terrible danger to the Earth if it were to collide with the planet, although scientists at NASA say this is unlikely. It is traveling at a speed of about 20 miles per second and if it struck, the ocean would unleash a "mega tsunami" or giant tidal wave that could reach around the entire globe, inundating millions of hectares of land, destroying coastal habitations and killing perhaps millions of people.

If it hits land it could completely destroy an area the size of Europe and would raise enough dust into the atmosphere to change the climate of the planet completely, causing a mini ice age that would freeze crops, destroy plant life and pre-empt a global famine. It would also completely destroy the ozone layer.

Provided below are enough clicks to get you going, and then you=B4re on your own - meaning do your own research, draw your own conclusion. My own opinion is that this fly-by has a 50/50 of impact. The most disturbing thing for me personally is that I can=B4t find anything from NASA indicating their admitted margin of error. This leads me to believe that their margin of error does not exclude impact. As you begin to read and pour through the wealth of information and data you will not like what you learn. This city size asteroid is coming right at us on what may very well prove to be a collision course - or a near miss.

[http://echo.jpl.nasa.gov/asteroids/4179\\_Toutatis/toutatis.html](http://echo.jpl.nasa.gov/asteroids/4179_Toutatis/toutatis.html)

<http://neo.jpl.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/db?name=3D4179>

<http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/planetary/text/toutatis.txt>

<http://www.solarviews.com/eng/toutatis.htm>

<http://neo.jpl.nasa.gov/neo/pha.html>

[http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/mystery\\_monday\\_040503.html](http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/mystery_monday_040503.html)

[http://adsabs.harvard.edu/cgi-bin/nph-bib\\_query?1998AcA....48..547S](http://adsabs.harvard.edu/cgi-bin/nph-bib_query?1998AcA....48..547S)

Originally from [www.para-normal.com](http://www.para-normal.com).

A minor rumor has hatched on the Internet that a large and deadly asteroid will strike Earth this fall. The rumors are likely rooted in a real event, however. On Sept. 29, 2004 an asteroid the size of a small city will make the closest known pass of such a very large space rock anytime this century. While not dangerous for now, asteroid Toutatis is incredibly strange. And scientists are quite familiar with it, having bounced radar off the tumbling stone on previous flybys to generate computer renderings of its weird shape and movement. Toutatis looks something like a dumbbell hurtling awkwardly through space. It has a crazy rotation that makes normal days impossible. (read more)

Scientists can't explain the shape or the spin, but they're eager to learn more in September when, during the close pass, even backyard skywatchers will be able to spot the asteroid.



Well known path

The orbit of Toutatis is pinned down with better precision than any other large asteroid known to cross Earth's orbit. Toutatis' 4-year trek around the Sun ranges from just inside the Earth's path out to the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter. The asteroid visits us every four years.

This fall, it will zoom by our planet within a million miles, or about four times the distance to the Moon.

WSU Site and Potentially Hazardous objects

<http://www.eecs.wsu.edu/~hudson/Research/Asteroids/index.htm>

<http://www.eecs.wsu.edu/~hudson/Research/Asteroids/index.htm>

NASA site with table of near earth objects.

<http://neo.jpl.nasa.gov/neo/close.html>

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## Re: Newest AUFORN UFO Photo - Frola

From: Robert Frola <[ufologist.nul](mailto:ufologist.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 08:52:34 +1000  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:36:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: Newest AUFORN UFO Photo - Frola

>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 03:42:41 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Newest AUFORN UFO Photo

>Hello Diane:

>I couldn't find the photo, just lots of links. Can you just give  
>us the URL straight to the photo?

Hi Larry,

The link to the photo is:

[http://www.hypermax.net.au/~auforn/Victorian\\_sighting.html](http://www.hypermax.net.au/~auforn/Victorian_sighting.html)

Cheers

Robert

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## Re: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary - Warren

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 05:53:19 -0700  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:38:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary - Warren

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 07:41:19 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary

>>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 18:45:01 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Aztec To Premiere UFO Documentary

<snip>

>Do you have any info on how to contact the film's producer, Sir?  
>I'd like to review it for publication.

Alfred,

Paul Kimball, who has added his voice to this List quite often  
is President of Redstar Films LTD; here is the company info:

Redstar Films Ltd.  
#533, 1657 Barrington St  
Halifax NS Canada  
B3J 2A1

Ph. (902) 429-5254  
Fax (902) 429-5256

[info.nul](mailto:info.nul)  
<http://www.redstarfilm.com/>

Regards,

Frank Warren

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## Who's Bumping Off The Microbiologists?

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 14:44:05 EDT  
Fwd Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:27:57 -0400  
Subject: Who's Bumping Off The Microbiologists?

This story about the ongoing accident prone microbiologists is getting scarier by the day.

Does it have anything at all to do with Ufology? Were any of them connected?

Or is this just a coincidence that goes beyond mere mortal understanding?

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Survival Center Alert Asteroid Toutatis 4179 -

From: Nick Pope <[nick.nul](mailto:nick.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 14:54:13 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 10:01:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: Survival Center Alert Asteroid Toutatis 4179 -

>From: William H Bolt <[AB5SY.nul](mailto:AB5SY.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 14:47:30 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Survival Center Alert Asteroid Toutatis 4179

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>represents.

<snip>

As an Associate Member of Spaceguard UK I'm the last person to play down the threat posed to the Earth by NEOs. However, all the scientific data suggest that Toutatis will come no closer to the Earth than approximately one million miles - around four times the distance from the Earth to the moon.

As I said in my 6 July post on this issue, I suspect that a far greater danger comes from cultists trying to jump on another apocalyptic bandwagon:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2004/jul/m06-033.shtml>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## Re: Moon Questions - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:14:04 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 10:05:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - Lehmberg

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 11:20:06 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>From: Alfred Lehmberg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 08:26:28 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>>From: Wendy Christensen <[christensen.nul](mailto:christensen.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 19:48:41 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

><snip>

>>>There is no dark side of the moon, really... matter of fact,  
>>>it's all dark.....

>><snip>

>>Just like the whole rest of the universe, most of this planet,  
>>and some spots in the same town for most people. Whole rooms in  
>>the same house for many. The "dark side of the moon" is  
>>everywhere you don't want to, can't, or haven't looked. This  
>>makes the "dark side of the moon" very dark indeed, right Mr.  
>>King?

><snip>

>As I don't think I'd choose Messrs. Barrett, Waters, et.al. to  
>back me up in a discussion about the value of the Moon's far  
>side, I naively assumed that the reference was more light-  
>hearted than accusatory... or revelatory.

Naive is spot on accurate, I suspect, and "assume" makes an ass  
of you and me, Mr. King, but have no fear, Sir, I intend to be  
a source of ongoing disappointment for you. Be sure to keep us  
all posted on your "revelations", won't you? I'm sure I'll find  
them "revelatory" myself.

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:51:24 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 10:10:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Lehmborg

>From: John Rimmer <[jrimmer.nul](mailto:jrimmer.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 15:08:40 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 07:34:05 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

<snip>

>Curiously, you did manage, after a few promptings, to come up  
>with exactly the sort of reference I was asking for - a sceptic  
>making the stupid suggestion that Betty and Barney Hill had made  
>up their entire abduction account from nothing - so it is worth  
>asking! You never know what you'll come up with unless you try!

I suspect that if you knew the reference was available you wouldn't have made the challenge Mr. Rimmer. Additionally, the requirement for two promptings testifies to the irrelevantly distracting specificity of the initial inquiry, Sir, nothing more. You thought you knew the 'answer' or you wouldn't have asked the 'question'. Moreover, you trying to appear reasonable now does not diminish the fact that you were slapped for your smirks and sneers... real justice, in my opinion, for trying to arbitrarily degrade and derail a positive review of Wendy Connors' singular contribution to ufology. Disingenuously degrade the part to dismiss the whole, right Mr. Rimmer?

>>The difference between the implicit and the explicit is lost on  
>>these guys, or only too aware of the difference, they use it to  
>>support their fatuous arguments in a less than ethical manner,  
>>rather like one trick neo-con swiftboat captains against John  
>>Kerry.

>Sorry, obscure political (?) reference which means little to  
>those of us on the other side of the water.

Right - the most powerful nation in the world is trying to drag, kicking and screaming, the whole of western civilization into the final conflict and end-of-times Armageddon and you haven't heard a salient detail? Nothing about John Kerry and "swiftboats" in the British Press, eh? Be that as it may, I'm sure you can drag the relevance out of context, and easily predict that it is not going to be one in any way flattering.

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## Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 11:56:10 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 10:14:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska - Friedman

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 12:32:21 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 23:53:07 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska

>><snip>

>>I don't think I'm being gullible either way. What the heck  
>>happened and why is there no proof of any of the orthodox  
>>theories?

>I'm curious about what proof you are looking for. If the  
>"conventional wisdom" is that a comet or meteor caused the  
>Tunguska blast, what would the "proof" be? A big area of  
>flattened trees... in a radiating pattern somewhat biased along  
>the path of the meteor. There would be burnt ground or plant  
>life, there would be resulting atmospheric effects... auroral  
>lights in unusual places, and there would be a great ground-  
> shaking.

>If the comet or meteor was vaporized in the explosion, by  
>definition the evidence of the comet or meteor is now "thin air"  
>thin air, which would presumably have dissipated by now. I don't  
>think there's much hope of "proving" that it was a comet or  
>meteor. While it may be comforting for some to have a non-ET  
>related explanation, that comfort should not be taken as proof  
>of its validity, any more than taking comfort in God's eternal  
>love should constitute proof of its validity. I must allow  
>though that either may very well be valid. In my reality,  
>neither of those give me much comfort, so I look elsewhere.  
>Before I read any scientific information about Tunguska, I  
>thought that it must have been something anomalous. An  
>anachronistic nuke, a meandering "mini-black hole", a  
>malfunctioning Martian craft, etc.

<snip>

Several years ago a Soviet paper was published indicating that  
small granules were discovered in Antarctica at a level  
consistent with 1908 that matched similar granules found near  
Tunguska and apparently from a comet. There were certainly  
strange effects in the atmosphere all around the globe for some  
time after the event... just as volcanic eruptions and nuclear  
explosions can inject stuff into the atmosphere that makes its  
way all around the globe.

I don't have a reference.

Stan Friedman

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## Bentwaters Alert State

From: Nick Pope <[nick.nul](mailto:nick.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 15:58:11 +0100  
Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 10:16:50 -0400  
Subject: Bentwaters Alert State

List,

A series of posts last year debated the issue of whether there had been an alert condition at the time of the Rendlesham Forest incident. Larry Warren and others claimed that there had been, citing as evidence a photograph that appears in "Left At East Gate", showing a sign at the main gate of RAF Bentwaters, displaying the words "Alert Condition".

I pointed out that the bottom of the sign was obscured and suggested that the words "Alert Condition" would always be on the sign, but that had the bottom of the sign not been obscured, a descriptor of the specific alert condition would have been visible:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/aug/m30-023.shtml>

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2003/sep/m11-011.shtml>

That is certainly true of the way in which UK military establishments operate now.

I discussed this with Larry Warren, who insisted that he was correct. He said he thought he had some more photographs that might shed light on this and undertook to look for them and send them to me if he found them.

I heard nothing for a long time, but yesterday received a letter from Larry, along with two photographs. One was a copy of the one that appears in "Left At East Gate". On the back are Larry's initials and the words "Dec 1980". The second photo is clearly also of the main gate at RAF Bentwaters, though taken at night. On the back are Larry's initials and the words "May 1981". The sign is clearly visible and only one word appears on it: "Normal".

In an accompanying letter, Larry suggested that I should correct my earlier post, on this List, at the earliest opportunity. I had no difficulty with this, hence this post.

The photograph in "Left At East Gate" is captioned "Main gate of RAF Bentwaters, morning of incident, 28 December, 1980". Although the morning of the first incident was 26 December, the photograph Larry sent does indeed suggest that contrary to my initial view, there was an alert condition at some stage during the incident.

Does anybody have any further thoughts on this?

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:59:16 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 10:19:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska - Clark

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 11:44:25 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul), [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 23:53:07 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska

>>>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 17:52:52 -0500  
>>>Subject: Strange Doings On Tunguska

>>I don't think I'm being gullible either way. What the heck  
>>happened and why is there no proof of any of the orthodox  
>>theories?

>It should be noted that Leon Jaroff is a fellow of CSICOP and  
>has never given any evidence of knowing anything about UFOs  
>other than his own biases and prejudices. Unfortunately, he has  
>a big podium.

Don and Stan:

I have no strong opinion about Tunguska and regard the latest claim as just one more unproved exotic speculation which, like all its predecessors, will soon be forgotten. But it's possibly worth noting that Jaroff is more than just a CSICOP Fellow; he's a longtime anti-anomaly blowhard who was expelling wind well before CSICOP existed. He's been a huge bore on the subject for decades. I think it's safe to say that he'll be forgotten, too. Anomalies, real and imagined, will continue.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: Survival Center Alert Asteroid Toutatis 4179 -

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 15:15:57 +0000  
Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 10:21:10 -0400  
Subject: Re: Survival Center Alert Asteroid Toutatis 4179 -

>From: William H Bolt <[AB5SY.nul](mailto:AB5SY.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 14:47:30 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Survival Center Alert Asteroid Toutatis 4179

>Hopefully we'll have a clear sky on Sept. 29th

>Asteroid Toutatis 4179 (official) Sept 29th, 2004

>Anyone who spends even 20 minutes researching Toutatis should  
>quickly comprehend the very real danger this monstrosity  
>represents.

<snip>

Thanks for the tip, William. I have just told my boss where he  
can stick it, dumped the wife and kids, quintupled my life  
insurance and cashed in my shares.

Regards,

Joe

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## Re: Mexican UFOs & Skeptical Inc. - Groff

From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 10:17:59 -0500  
Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 10:22:37 -0400  
Subject: Re: Mexican UFOs & Skeptical Inc. - Groff

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 14:23:48 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Mexican UFOs & Skeptical Inc.

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 06:45:09 -0500  
>>Subject: Mexican UFOs & Skeptical Inc.

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>><http://members.aol.com/tprinty2/Mexico04c.html>

>><http://members.aol.com/tprinty2/Mexico04d.html>

><snip>

>Hey Alfred!

>Thanks for the link above. I read the article and was suprised  
>he would think me worthy of quoting.

<snip>

Gee. He quoted me too. Since my initial post was so short, it  
would have been difficult to quote me out of context.

Regardless of what the objects are, my quote would still stand  
on its own.

Terry Groff

"The flash of light you saw in the sky was not a UFO.  
Swamp gas from a weather balloon was trapped in a thermal pocket  
and refracted the light from Venus"  
- Agent 'K'

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## Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 13:22:23 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 11:00:25 -0400  
Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska - Ledger

>From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 11:44:25 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 23:53:07 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska

<snip>

>I mentioned in an earlier note that one Soviet scientist did  
>numerous tests with small explosive charges in a test chamber to  
>get the same butterfly explosion pattern as is evident with the  
>Tunguska explosion as seen from the aerial photographs not  
>available until WW 11.

This gave him the direction of entry and angle. The direction of  
"impact [in this case above ground]" was adverse to the usual  
line of entry for meteors and other space junk, but did agree  
with the witnesses report of an object seen that day shortly  
before the explosion. This scientist did not make any case for  
an extraterrestrial space ship, just discovered the angle and  
direction that the object was travelling.

If the witnesses were right about this direction of travel and  
that the object they same made a sweeping curve in its flight  
line, that precludes any natural space material, does it not?  
But I will give you the coincidence factor that could have  
arisen, that an object was seen but that it was not the cause of  
the explosion.

Two American scientists who visited the site in the mid nineties  
ignored that data and claimed it came in from a direction, ~90  
degrees off that determined by the Soviet scientist many years  
before.

They ignored the butterfly pattern and the physics of flow  
mechanics.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Moon Questions - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 13:56:35 -0300  
Fwd Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 11:03:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - Ledger

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 10:43:20 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 13:54:49 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 13:27:37 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>><snip>

>>>As for being "warned off", Arthur Clarke may have pegged it  
>>>after all: "All these worlds are yours except (the  
>>>Moon?)... Attempt no (more?)landings there". :)

>>Actually it was Jupiter's satellite Europa that was referred  
>>to in that "warning", not our Moon.

>Absolutely, I was simply applying a little "retcon" as did Mr.  
>Clarke in the novel.

>Half-joking, but if he had information that we were ever  
>"warned off" from ANYWHERE, it would have been the moon, because  
>we'd never sent humans to any other place "out there". Hence my  
>parenthetical "the Moon" and "more?"). My attempt at a semi-  
>humorous aside... heavy on the semi... 'S'

A shameful waste of money and resources is what it it was/is,  
Kyle. But it wasn't my buck so I can't complain.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 14:22:14 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 09:11:43 -0400  
Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska - Ledger

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 12:32:21 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul), [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 23:53:07 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Strange Doings On Tunguska

<snip>

>If the comet or meteor was vaporized in the explosion, by  
>definition the evidence of the comet or meteor is now "thin air"  
>thin air, which would presumably have dissipated by now. I don't  
>think there's much hope of "proving" that it was a comet or  
>meteor. While it may be comforting for some to have a non-ET  
>related explanation, that comfort should not be taken as proof  
>of its validity, any more than taking comfort in God's eternal  
>love should constitute proof of its validity. I must allow  
>though that either may very well be valid. In my reality,  
>neither of those give me much comfort, so I look elsewhere.  
>Before I read any scientific information about Tunguska, I  
>thought that it must have been something anomalous. An  
>anachronistic nuke, a meandering "mini-black hole", a  
malfunctioning Martian craft, etc.

>The new twist is that ET was saving us.

<anip>

Well as for that, Kyle, I doubt it. If they were around, they probably looked on with interest, like us watching a lion pull down an antelope on National Geographic.

>At present, I find no compelling argument for one theory over  
>another. A comet or meteor is a possibility, nothing more. Not  
>even necessarily the most likely...just a possibility. My comfort  
>level however resides somewhat "left" of center on this one.

Well that's my point. Don't forget who posited the "mini black hole" theory, while completely ignoring the affect such an unproved phenomenon would have on everything in the near vicinity. Anyway, I'm not sure that the mini black hole is given credence of late. Am I wrong about that?

As for the comet/asteroid or mixed version, where's the trace material. Usually comets are dirty. Also, how does one apply the low angle of impact with "the usual" round impact craters. See my reply to Stan's on this thread re the Tunguska explosion pattern seen from the air. It's not round.

Best,

Don Ledger

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## Hungarian UFO Photo?

From: Roy Hale <[roy.nul](mailto:roy.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 18:34:15 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 09:13:16 -0400  
Subject: Hungarian UFO Photo?

Hi All,

As this list has been on the subject of UFO Photos of late, i.e. Brunswick etc, I found this picture on Phillip Matle's website:  
<http://www.beyondroswell.com/Mantle/Hufon.htm>

If you have already seen this picture then forgive me, but as Phillip quotes HUFON on his page:

"HUFON researchers were left with the conclusion that this is a genuine UFO photograph, and that a real, flat, disc-shaped object, several meters in diameter can be seen in the photo, the surface of which appears to reflect the autumn sunshine."

Your thoughts on this picture are sought.

Roy

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## Venus' 'Erratic Movements'?

From: William Wise <[w.wise.nul](mailto:w.wise.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 14:03:23 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 09:15:28 -0400  
Subject: Venus' 'Erratic Movements'?

When reading through Blue Book case files one often runs across statements much like the following:

"Venus appears low on the horizon at this time of year and is unusually bright; it is possible for it to appear to change color and perform erratic maneuvers when seen through thin clouds or ground haze."

It would be interesting to observe video of Venus under such conditions to better understand and appreciate how astronomical phenomena under unusual conditions can lead to their misidentification. This would be true for other unusual phenomena such as sun dogs, moon dogs, and relatively slow moving bollides as well.

Venus being the most predictable of these phenomena I assume it would be the easiest to capture on tape during the sort of conditions that would give rise to misidentification as a UFO.

If any such video is available a link would be most welcome.

William Wise

"Who that has once seen how truth leads on to truth, shall ever dare to set a bound to knowledge?" -Alfred Noye

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## Re: Newest AUFORN UFO Photo - Harrison

From: Diane Harrison <[aufor.nul](mailto:aufor.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 06:23:26 +1000  
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 09:17:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: Newest AUFORN UFO Photo - Harrison

>From: Robert Frola <[ufologist.nul](mailto:ufologist.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 08:52:34 +1000  
>Subject: Re: Newest AUFORN UFO Photo

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 03:42:41 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Newest AUFORN UFO Photo

>>I couldn't find the photo, just lots of links. Can you just give  
>>us the URL straight to the photo?

>The link to the photo is:

>[http://www.hypermax.net.au/~auforn/Victorian\\_sighting.html](http://www.hypermax.net.au/~auforn/Victorian_sighting.html)

Hi Larry

Link to the photo you requested, Robert posted a link to  
the recent Victorian sighting which are also interesting.

<http://www.hypermax.net.au/~auforn/Tewantin.html>

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Regards Diane Harrison

National Director of The Australian UFO Research Network  
Australian Skywatch Director

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 21:58:00 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 09:19:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Harney

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 10:04:03 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 19:52:46 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>I don't think we should ignore the Arnold sighting just because  
>>nothing can be proved one way or the other. I do think,  
>>however, that in view of the fact that it was a single-witness  
>>sighting, that not too much weight should be given to it.

>That is a whole other argument - albeit a dubious one; Arnold's  
>was not a single-witness sighting - from the one you were  
>advancing. In the original one, we were to believe that the  
>sighting was potentially explainable even by the most far-  
> fetched hypotheses (using the word very loosely here; we're  
>really talking frantic wing-flapping, in this instance in the  
>most literal sense).

There were other reports of UFOs in the same general area for  
that day, but there is no good reason to believe that they were  
the same things that were seen by Arnold.

You only say hypotheses are far fetched if they would help to  
solve the mystery. As I have said, the validity or otherwise of  
the various hypotheses depends to a great extent on how accurate  
Arnold's recollections of his sighting were.

>Now, however, you're shifting ground and acting more like the  
>guy who goes on with his life without heeding Claim X, thus (by  
>Marcello Truzzi's formulation) the guy with nothing to prove.  
>But of course until I challenged you, you were making claims  
>about the case - as you did as well in the Magonia review of my  
>Strange Skies book, where you chided me for failing to accept  
>assorted pelicanist versions of sightings, prominently  
including Arnold's.

I don't expect you or anyone else to accept any particular  
explanations, it's just that I think it is irrational to dismiss  
them without serious consideration just because they don't  
appeal to you.

>It is also a bizarre claim to be made by a Magonian. You have  
>spent years making negative claims about UFO reports and  
>witnesses. Your sudden retreat into agnosticism-bordering-on-  
> indifference is, shall we say, surprising. Or maybe not, since  
>convenience and shifting ground play such a notable role in  
>pelicanist polemic.

I have not changed my views at all; I have always adopted a  
logical and consistent approach to the subject, though I must  
admit that in the early years I was sometimes a little too  
credulous.

>>What is being claimed - by some people - in this case is that

>>Arnold actually saw some aircraft traveling at supersonic speed  
>>at a time when no such craft existed anywhere on Earth. I think  
>>most people would regard that as an extraordinary claim.

>Huh? UFO reports are certainly interesting, but they were made  
>before Arnold's sighting, and millions have been made since. Far  
>from being extraordinary, they are not even that unusual  
>anymore. "Extraordinary" is simply an adjective you're using so  
>that you can, I take it, dismiss the report because poor Ken  
>Arnold was unable to produce wreckage, machinery, or bodies.

I have already explained that Arnold's report was extraordinary  
because he estimated that the objects were travelling at  
supersonic speeds. As you will probably agree that they were not  
meteors, then such a sighting can reasonably be described as  
extraordinary. It's really quite simple and logical, so I don't  
know why you are making it seem so difficult.

>Certain theories (such as Klass's superplasma, Meade Layne's  
>etheric entities, Easton's supersonic pelicans) may arguably be  
>termed extraordinary, but UFO sightings themselves hardly fit  
>that definition. Whatever UFOs may or may not be, they are an  
>ordinary enough phenomenon of general human experience.

The sightings are generally not extraordinary, but the claims  
made about them by many ufologists certainly are.

>>If you had actually bothered to read my post you would see that  
>>I do not assert that any particular interpretation of the Arnold  
>>case is incorrect; I said that different interpretations were  
>>\_not irrational\_. Of course, either all of them are wrong or one  
>>of them is right, but I don't pretend to know which.

>Ah, the sudden, convenient conversion to agnosticism, where one  
>idea (as long as it does not involve a genuine anomaly) is as  
>good as another.

What is a "genuine anomaly"? Could it be just a report for which  
there is insufficient or inaccurate information, or which has  
not been properly investigated? Please note that I have never  
stated, or implied, that one idea "is as good as another". You  
are making it up again.

>>Could you please cite the posting or publication in which I  
>>declare "that since UFOs don't exist, Arnold \_must\_ have been  
>in >error"? You are making things up again, Jerry, just as some  
>>people do to spice up unexciting UFO reports.

>Nice try, John. As you of course know well, you are not going to  
>do something so bone-headed as to make explicit such an  
>assertion. It is, however, implicit in just about everything  
>you've written that I've read, on this List or in Magonia. You  
>have a fatal, telling attraction to weak, hard-to-impossible-to-  
>support "prosaic" explanations, as opposed to reasoned,  
>balanced assessments which leave open the option that when all  
>else has failed (as certainly appears to be the case with the  
>Arnold sighting) a true anomaly, possibly an interesting one,  
>awaits.

This phrase "true anomaly" might sell books and is no doubt  
useful on the UFO lecture circuit, but it doesn't actually mean  
anything.

>By the way, please don't bore me or insult our collective  
>intelligence by pretending to believe that I insist that all  
>ostensible UFO reports are of true anomalies. Even the book you  
>reviewed recently documents quite the opposite, and then there's  
>a large paper trail preceding that book's publication. On the  
>other hand, I would be interested in learning which UFO reports  
>you regard as genuinely intriguing and so far resistant to  
>persuasive prosaic accounting. If any, of course. I'm afraid  
>that if you take Easton's pelicans seriously, you'll believe  
>anything, but I'd be pleased to be proved wrong.

Of course I don't believe that you think all UFO reports are  
"true anomalies" (whatever they might be), but I do get the  
impression that you consider certain "classic" cases to belong  
to the canon of Sacred UFO Mysteries, which must not be doubted  
or subjected to critical examination. I haven't found any cases  
which seem inexplicable, except those for which the information  
is insufficient or unreliable. There have also been some very

intriguing hoaxes and I find it amusing that so many ufologists are in denial about these stories being false, even when the evidence is compelling.

John Harney

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## Re: Newest AUFORN UFO Photo - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 15:28:48 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 09:20:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: Newest AUFORN UFO Photo - Hatch

>From: Robert Frola <[ufologist.nul](mailto:ufologist.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 08:52:34 +1000  
>Subject: Re: Newest AUFORN UFO Photo

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 03:42:41 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Newest AUFORN UFO Photo

>>Hello Diane:

>>I couldn't find the photo, just lots of links. Can you just give  
>>us the URL straight to the photo?

>Hi Larry,

>The link to the photo is:

>[http://www.hypermax.net.au/~auforn/Victorian\\_sighting.html](http://www.hypermax.net.au/~auforn/Victorian_sighting.html)

Thanks Robert! I didn't want to dredge through a large website  
on a slow connection.

- Larry

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## Re: NIDS FT Report - Hatch

From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 15:42:03 -0700  
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 09:22:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: NIDS FT Report - Hatch

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 14:38:38 -0300  
>Subject: Re: NIDS FT Report

>>From: Larry Hatch <[larryhatch.nul](mailto:larryhatch.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 06:15:24 -0700  
>>Subject: NIDS FT Report

>>I don't know if anybody mentioned this earlier, but Colm  
>>Kelleher has put out a a darned good study on so-called Flying  
>>Triangles.

>>It shows some very nice maps and text, and even mentions my  
>>work. Naturally, I find that more interesting than some other  
>>threads.

>>I notice that NIDS has an icon on one of their maps map that I  
assume is from your map at the mouth of Halifax Harbour, Canada.  
Is that the Cow Bay FT sighting?

Hello Don:

May I presume you refer to this page I mentioned?

[http://www.nidsci.org/articles/8\\_25trireport.php](http://www.nidsci.org/articles/8_25trireport.php)

Its a large page. I looked all over and don't see anything like  
you described. Can you tell me which map/icon you refer to, its  
size, description/color and exactly where it is on the page?

I do have this one listing for Cow Bay:

#18196: 2002/08/13 02:20h d=5m 63:33W 44:37N NAM CAN NSC  
COW BAY,NS:HUGE BLK DLT BLOCKS STARS:>NW FLAT EDGE FIRST  
15Kph:ABS SLNT  
Ref# 200 CUFOS: INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER Vol.27 #3

Is that the event you refer to?

Best

- Larry

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## Jury Out On Wausau Crop Circles

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 09:27:46 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 09:27:46 -0400  
Subject: Jury Out On Wausau Crop Circles

Source: The Wausau Daily Herald - Wisconsin

<http://www.wausaudailyherald.com/wdhlocal/283816716175454.shtml>

08-29-04

Jury Still Out On Origin Of Farmer's Crop Circles

By Amy Kimmes  
Wausau Daily Herald  
[akimmes.nul](mailto:akimmes.nul)

TOWN OF WAUSAU - Scott Worden won't say for sure whether he believes in the paranormal, but he doesn't dismiss the idea either.

That's why Worden, a longtime dairy farmer, agreed to have two paranormal investigators inspect six crop circles Saturday that were found by a farmhand Monday in Worden's barley field.

"Everybody thinks I'm nuts, but I just want to know what caused it. I know cows more than I know circles," said Worden, 37, through a sheepish grin. Worden runs the farm with his brother, Tim, and father, Darrell.

Paranormal investigator Terry Fisk of Eau Claire said he would first and foremost be looking for evidence that showed the formations were a hoax.

"You usually can tell how the crops have been laid down and if there is damage to the crops," said Fisk, 49, who in July investigated crop circles found in Chippewa Falls. Usually, plants are bent, not broken in crop circles whose causes are difficult to explain. In obviously hoaxed circles, the grains are broken.

The two arrived at the site around 9 a.m. Saturday morning with cameras and tape measures. They also brought a Geiger counter, which measures radioactivity, and a TriField meter, an instrument that measures magnetic, electrical and radio waves, as well as microwaves.

They were disappointed to find that the field had been harvested with a combine after the circles were created. It also appeared that many people had walked through the field.

"We like to compare the crop inside the circles to the crop outside the circles," said paranormal investigator Chad Lewis of Eau Claire, who has been investigating crop circles for 10 years. "Obviously, since this has been cut, we can't do that."

The circles' proximity to the road - about 50 feet - could indicate a hoax.

"Maybe someone wants it to be noticed, plus, it's easy access," said Fisk, who, along with Lewis, hosts a radio program called

"The Unexplained" that airs weekly in the Eau Claire area.

Even the lack of activity found on the investigators' TriField meter could indicate a sham. But the duo won't dismiss the phenomenon as such at this point.

The waves the meter detects could have dissipated between the time the crop circles formed and today, Lewis said.

Town chairman Jim Riehle, who was looking at the crop circles Saturday morning, is convinced the crop circles are the real deal.

"I used to listen to Art Bell on the radio all the time," Riehle said. "I don't think this is a hoax. I'm a grain farmer. When you walk through a field like this, you leave footprints, and you can still see them three days later. There aren't any footprints around here, no tracks to show where people would have come in."

Bell hosted a nationally syndicated all-night radio show called "Coast to Coast AM" in the 1990s and from time to time from 2001 to 2003. The show, which is still on the air with a different host, deals with tales of the supernatural, the paranormal and weird.

Crop circles, most of which are found to be easily explainable hoaxes, can be formed with a rope, a board and a couple of people.

You attach the rope to the board, step on the board and move in a circle, Fisk said. It usually takes two people, with one person standing on the end of the board at the center of the circle.

The crop circle investigation won't stop with Saturday's probe, which is considered preliminary work by the paranormal investigators.

They say they'll also check with Wisconsin Public Service for reports of power outages in the area around the same time the crop circles were formed. They'll also ask airport officials whether pilots have reported other circles in the area and find out if police received word of any UFO sightings.

Later, they'll send in soil and crop samples to BLT Crop Circle Investigations in Cambridge, Mass., for testing. Results from the lab work will not be available until spring 2005.

[UFO UpDates thanks Greg Boone for the lead]

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### Sighting 08-28-04 Lancaster Ohio

From: **Kenny Young** <[ufo.nul](mailto:ufo.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 04:46:27 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 09:29:58 -0400  
Subject: Sighting 08-28-04 Lancaster Ohio

Subject: UFO Sighting  
Location: Lancaster, Oh (Fairfield County)  
Date: Saturday, August 28, 2004 - 7:30 P.M.

#### SUMMARY

By E-mail advisement, a 34-year old resident of Lancaster, Ohio has reported a UFO sighting by 3-witnesses. The claimant, a 36-year old friend and his 17-year old son observed the object before a thunderstorm hit the area around 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 28, 2004, they observed an unusual object in the skies directly over the city of Lancaster, Ohio.

"This may sound nuts," the witness wrote, "but right before the storm hit at around 7:30 P.M, I saw something right over the city of Lancaster, no lights at all.

"It looked like a "V" but it did not move up or down, but it did drift from North-East to South-East, AGAINST the wind, before coming to a stop, seeming to stay in place. It was a VERY dark shape.

"At first I thought it was a parachute, but who in their right mind would jump with a thunder storm in their face? This object made NO sound at all, and I watched it for about 7 to 8 minutes."

The 34-year old individual reporting the sighting is married with a 14-year old son and worked as an electrical contractor for 10-years included his full name (which is not divulged in this report, contact info on-file - KY), and also added that the object: "looked at times like it would invert, looking like a rectangle during the rotation, and then look like an upside down "v".

Through 3 question and answer E-mail sessions with the witness, he said that he was standing on West 5th Avenue and looking east, directly over Lancaster when watching the unusual object. He lost sight of it when the clouds 'overtook it' and openly inquired if this object were a balloon, how it did not move with the wind? The claimant also felt that if this object were somehow tethered, it must have been situated at Anchor Hocking Glass Factory on about a 1,000 feet of rope.

The witness was so impressed by the sighting that around 9:30 or 10:00 p.m. of Saturday, August 28, he contacted two law enforcement agencies; The Lancaster City Police and The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office. Neither agency could supply additional information and had received no reports. The witness also took the step of contacting the Fairfield County Airport in Lancaster, Ohio by E-mail, inquiring if they might have information for him about tethered balloons over this location. He has not yet received a reply from the airport.

"I was thinking about the best way to describe this, when it hit me," he said. "If you have a flip open cell phone, open it up until it forms a 'V' when looking at it from the side. Now rotate it, so that the face of it is facing you, and imagine you cant see the depth of the 'V', just the outline. There is

the rectangle. Now rotate it all the way down until it looks like an upside down 'V.'

COMMENT

Separately, a series of UFO sighting reports emerged from Lucasville, Ohio (Scioto County) on August 17 and 24th involving the sighting of an unusual triangular shaped object seen in the vicinity of The Ohio Correctional Institute. Thus far there are no additional reports to supplement the Lancaster sighting.

Filed,  
August 30, 2004

Kenny Young  
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Cincinnati UFO Hotline - (513) 588 - 4548

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## Re: Buying UFO Books - Pope

From: Nick Pope <[nick.nul](mailto:nick.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 12:51:26 +0100  
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 09:31:14 -0400  
Subject: Re: Buying UFO Books - Pope

>From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi2.nul](mailto:isaackoi2.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 11:13:39 -0400  
>Subject: Buying UFO Books

>Since I have bought UFO and SETI books from several hundred  
>different shops and booksellers, I thought it might be a good idea  
>to exchange some thoughts on various sources of books (with a  
>particular emphasis on my experience in the United Kingdom).

<snip>

Isaac,

To supplement the extensive list you offered, I would add Tlon Books in the Elephant and Castle shopping centre, and Mysteries on Monmouth Street. The market at Merton Abbey Mills near Wimbledon also has a couple of places worth checking out: Books & Lyrics, and Abbey Books. The latter has a particularly good selection of books on folklore and mythology. Outside London there are various booksellers in Glastonbury who stock a wide range of books on UFOs.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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## Re: Mexican UFOs & Skeptical Inc. - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 09:38:46 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 09:34:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: Mexican UFOs & Skeptical Inc. - Lehmborg

>From: Terry Groff <[terry.nul](mailto:terry.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 10:17:59 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Mexican UFOs & Skeptical Inc.

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 14:23:48 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Mexican UFOs & Skeptical Inc.

>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 06:45:09 -0500  
>>>Subject: Mexican UFOs & Skeptical Inc.

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>>><http://members.aol.com/tprinty2/Mexico04c.html>

>>><http://members.aol.com/tprinty2/Mexico04d.html>

>><snip>

>>Thanks for the link above. I read the article and was suprised  
>>he would think me worthy of quoting.

><snip>

>Gee. He quoted me too. Since my initial post was so short, it  
>would have been difficult to quote me out of context.

>Regardless of what the objects are, my quote would still stand  
>on its own.

For my part, I'll be damned if I'm to be damned for my  
appreciation of the intelligence and courage of the people of  
Mexico!

Printy's puling is smoothly written bigotry, intellectual and  
otherwise, "...but that's just my take on it..." - used  
without permission. <G>

[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)  
EXPLORE "AlienViewGroup" at its HostPros URL.  
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## Re: Moon Questions - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 11:10:32 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 09:50:21 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - King

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 13:56:35 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 10:43:20 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

<snip>

>A shameful waste of money and resources is what it it was/is,  
>Kyle. But it wasn't my buck so I can't complain.

Hi Don,

If by "shameful" you mean that the Mercury/Gemini/Apollo program never fed the hungry, or clothed the naked, I must agree. Of course, feeding the hungry and clothing the naked still seems to be a very low priority for this government, yet we stopped sending men to the moon long ago. If by waste of money and resources you mean that despite the high cost it failed to advance our understanding of manned space flight, or failed to produce any seriously useful information, I would disagree. Your second statement appears to contradict your first, unless you mean that I should ignore your first.

In agreement with your initial comment however, I honestly think NASA "jumped the shark" when they sent a car (rover). To me, that was just a poke in the eye to the Russians. There was certainly no compelling reason to send a car. But it was a uniquely American symbolism to have astronauts "golf-carting" across the lunar landscape. Even as a youngster, I thought that was a waste. If the LEM was capable of holding a golf cart, it would seem they could have sent some lasting equipment or monitoring sensors, or any number of more important things. I lost interest in Apollo after the rover flight. It appeared to me that NASA had begun to look at the moon as a joke, and began to parody its importance. The golf shot added to this comic metaphor. I think about whomever was tasked with sterilizing and packing the driver and ball. He must have felt at least a little sheepish about his "contribution" to the space program.

We here in America often seem to feel it necessary to over-do when the doing is impressive enough. That seems as true now as it ever did then.

Best Regards,

Kyle

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## Zen & Sagan & The Art Of Scientific Foot-Shooting

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 13:34:08 EDT  
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 09:51:42 -0400  
Subject: Zen & Sagan & The Art Of Scientific Foot-Shooting

<http://www.hsuyun.org/Dharma/zbohy/Literature/essays/mzs/foot-shooting.html>

Okay, this is the funniest darned look at mainstream science I've ever read outside of 'MAD Magazine'.

Some of our favorites are mentioned like Sagan, Kaku, Asimov.

What's most enlightening is that this 'editorial' is more like a focus on how one perceives another's foibles to chastise and in doing so tosses one's own foibles out there.

Someone 'round here has a wise saying about 'if you can't attack the data, attack the person' ? Hope I quoted that right :)

Best,

Greg

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## Re: Moon Questions - King

From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 12:43:45 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 09:53:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - King

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:14:04 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 11:20:06 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

<snip>

>>As I don't think I'd choose Messrs. Barrett, Waters, et.al. to  
>>back me up in a discussion about the value of the Moon's far  
>>side, I naively assumed that the reference was more light-  
>>hearted than accusatory... or revelatory.

>Naive is spot on accurate, I suspect, and "assume" makes an ass  
>of you and me, Mr. King, but have no fear, Sir, I intend to be  
>a source of ongoing disappointment for you. Be sure to keep us  
>all posted on your "revelations", won't you? I'm sure I'll find  
>them "revelatory" myself.

At least you have now made your intent clear. And I expect that  
my disappointment, if not expressed, will (like so much of your  
rhetoric applied to me) be invented.

Oh, and The Rubaiyat was written by Omar Khayyam.

Kyle

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## New Mexico's Richardson Headed For More Trouble?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 09:58:26 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 09:58:26 -0400  
Subject: New Mexico's Richardson Headed For More Trouble?

Source: The Silver City Daily Press Silver City, New Mexico

[http://www.thedailynews.com/artman/publish/article\\_1724.shtml](http://www.thedailynews.com/artman/publish/article_1724.shtml)

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Inside The Capitol

Jay Miller Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE =97 Gov. Bill Richardson appears to be headed for more trouble with his latest request for full disclosure by the federal government of everything it knows about the crashed flying saucer the military originally claimed to have found near Roswell in 1947.

Richardson made his request in the foreword of a book about a recent archeological dig at the crash site by scientists from the University of New Mexico. Both the dig and the book were sponsored by the SCIFI Channel. Richardson says he wants to get to the bottom of what happened so he wants the case reopened and our best scientific investigation to be conducted.

That sounds suspiciously like what Richardson wants done with the Billy the Kid case. He thinks modern scientific methods should be able to reveal secrets that historians for more than a hundred years have not been able to find.

The sheriffs who want to dig up Billy and his mom to compare their DNA, now have brought Dr. Henry Lee into the case. Lee, a nationallyknown forensic scientist, has been asked to find Billy's blood on a carpenter's bench he might have been laid on, since the gravedigging project still is in limbo.

I am interviewing other nationally known forensic scientists and soon will have some possibly surprising information for you about what they think of Dr. Lee's qualifications and research methods.

Possibly, Richardson can get away with asking that the UFO investigation be reopened without harming his reputation. The late Rep. Steve Schiff, of Albuquerque, seemed unharmed by his request for a congressional investigation into the Roswell UFO. He even got some action out of the government. The Air Force switched its weather balloon explanation to a spy balloon before closing the case again.

But Schiff had such a buttndown reputation that he survived any image problems. Richardson's quest for Billy's bones, followed by a search for UFOs, however, may cause some chuckles around the state and nation from those who don't see eye to eye with our governor. It's not that he's a kook, but he may be a little too anxious to promote interest in our state.

The use of science to prove what one wants to find has cast a

shadow, lately, on the scientific community that worries serious scientists. Recently, in Russia, scientist Yuri Labvin announced that a research team he heads intended to find evidence that aliens were involved in the tremendous blast that leveled hundreds of square miles of Siberian forest, without leaving a crater.

Labvin said that the intention of the expedition was to find remnants of an alien spaceship. And whadda ya know? A week later, they found one. An "extraterrestrial technical device" and a large block of metal were recovered and taken to a laboratory for study. The complicity of laboratories in such pseudoscientific hoaxes also is becoming a concern.

To his likely detriment, Richardson has also picked up on Los Alamos National Laboratory director Pete Nanos' characterization of scientists who don't follow security laws as being "cowboys." That's what he called them on Don Imus' morning talk show recently. It is surprising that Imus didn't call him on it, since Imus grew up on a ranch and fancies himself still as a cowboy.

It may not have bothered Imus, but in Cowboy Country, which includes much of New Mexico, those will be fighting words come next election.

Richardson isn't running this time, but that won't keep Republicans from running against him if it can help them. GOP legislative candidates from throughout the state ran against "Manny and Ray" even though they represented districts a hundred miles away. Back in the '80s, Republican legislative candidates still were running against former Gov. Toney Anaya even after he had left office.

With Manny and Ray no longer on the political scene and Bill Clinton long gone, Republicans have to find an unworthy opponent somewhere. And it might as well be old Bill.

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Deardorff

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 16:37:35 -0700  
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>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
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>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 13:12:33 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
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>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>>>Date: Thu, 26 Aug 2004 12:08:38 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>>Those who are interested must use their judgement to assess how  
>>accurate they think Arnold's report might have been.

>The fact is John, there would have been no one else that Arnold  
>could have had as a passenger in his Callair that day, who could  
>have been better qualified to say what Arnold encountered.  
>Arnold was in his element and was the expert witness. Who else  
>would you suggest?

It shouldn't be forgotten that there was a second witness to the  
"Arnold" sighting, namely the prospector, Fred Johnson of  
Portland. He viewed one of the UFOs through his prospector's  
telescope for quite a few seconds, and got a closer view than  
Arnold. After he wrote his letter to the Air Force about it, he  
was interviewed by the FBI, who in their letter described him as  
"a very reliable individual."

Jim Deardorff

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### Humanoid Sighting Leaves Chilean Witnesses

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Date: Monday, August 30, 2004

Incredible Humanoid Sighting Leaves Witnesses Speechless

<http://www.infobae.com/notas/nota.php?Idx=3D136324&IdxSeccion=3D100>

Mysterious creatures were seen by numerous witnesses in an area near the city of Coquimbo, Chile. According to their reports, they resemble small humans that float through the air without making a sound.

Francisco Vega, a laborer at the "El Pelambre" mine, was in the company of his brother and two other laborers of the Argando=Fla ceramics company in the Planicie de Panul sector, a location adjacent to La Herradura de Coquimbo, where he owns a plot of property whose borders required demarcation.

At a distance of some 20 meters, Francisco witnessed what appeared to be a small "monkey" that was approaching them, walking along the plain. Upon looking at it closely, he saw that it was a human-like creature, but red in color.

"It had a very bulky head, was no taller than 80 centimeters and looked like a gas bag, because it was so fat. My initial impression was that it resembled a rugby player," said the witness, according to the Chilean press.

"Only a few seconds went by and I shouted very loud son that my brother and the workers would realize what I was looking at," he added.

The surprise among experienced by the four men was even more complex when they noticed the strange being levitate over the plain, remaining in the air for several minutes.

Later, they said the creature began heading toward the sea at low speed, finally vanishing. The event occurred in July of this year.

A similar event befell a group of five youths who were spending the night at that lookout point. They saw strange entities emerge from the sea, gradually coming closer.

They were unable to make out any details at first, but later added that they were diminutive humanoids surrounded by something like an aura of light. After remaining motionless in mid-air, the beings began to disappear.

The entire group was able to see these strange entities, and all members coincided in their descriptions and the details of the visitors that emerged from the sea.

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## HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings -

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Subject: HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings -

HBCC UFO Research Recently Reported Sightings

Date: Newsletter released August 30, 2004

Jacksonville Florida One Big Bright Light

Date: 1947 or 1948

Message: In your report about 1940s you missed a big one, In the summer of 1947 or 1948 in Jacksonville Florida I was about 10 years old when my whole family saw one big bright light in the sky about 20 mile out at about 10,000 feet, and out of this real bright light three smaller bright lights came out and sat there for about a minute. Then they would shoot across the sky in different directions, I would say 20 miles from the starting point and they would come to a complete stop, and some times they would sit there for a little bit and shoot off into a different direction. All three of the smaller lights would move in this matter. The real bright light stayed in the same location, about a hour of this they returned to the big bright light and it just disappeared.

This happen about 3 or 4 days in a row, in the same location in the sky. Approx: half the city called in to report this action they saw in the sky and the newspaper put a story in the paper about these lights because so many people saw them across the city. Alot of people thought that is was going to be the end of the world.

The reason I can tell the different in altitude and distance is because I am a pilot, with lots of hours of flight time in my own aircraft, this was one time in my life that scared me and my whole family.

If I knew how to get the record from the newspaper, I sure I could download it for you because after three days they didn't say another word about it. The military said they had no aircraft in the air at that time. These lights were traveling at over approx: 10,000 mile a hour or more and they didn't make a sound. At the time they were training pilots in PBVs at a Navy Base and you could hear them 30 miles away, that's how much noise they made. So it was not any air plane, the jet aircraft was not in production at that time and they could not fly at that speed even if there were. This is the only UFO experience that I have had in my life time.. and I can assure you that they are out there.

Thank you to the witness for the interesting report.

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Annapolis, Maryland Triangular Stationary Lights

Date: Summer of 1971  
Time: 8:30 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 2  
Number of objects: 1

Shape of objects: Triangular

Full Description of event/sighting: My friend and I were walking down the street of our neighborhood. We both saw these lights up in the sky which were just stationary in the shape of a triangle. Three lights. We kept walking...not paying much attention to it, but as we started talking about what it was we saw, there seemed to be a discrepancy in what she saw and I saw. So we turned around to check it out again. We had to walk back to almost the exact spot where we were, to really see it, and as we stood there looking up at it, it began to spin. It just hovered, which really freaked us out because there was absolutely No sound coming from it. And as we stood there it just started moving off at a pretty rapid rate of speed.

Never a sound was made from it. It seemed so close when we first saw it, but I don't ever remember seeing anything but the 3 lights in the triangular shape. I always knew it was not of our world, but of course nobody else would believe that. I don't know what kind of craft, even today, is able to just hover without any engine noise. Do you? I was only 14 years old at the time, but I'll never forget it.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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North East Lincs, England Sphere

Date: October 1994  
Time: Approx: 6:00 p.m.

Location of Sighting: Over fords farm reading England.  
Number of witnesses: 1  
Number of objects: 1  
Shape of objects: Sphere

Full Description of event/sighting: round sphere bright luminous orange with vein like marks throughout about the size of a house traveling in a straight line across the sky i was only a short distance away waiting for a bus . I watched the object for about 20 seconds it wasn't moving very fast but then it began to ascend at an angle of about 60 degrees and continued to ascend till it disappeared from view. I didn't report the event because there was only myself as a witness but from that time I have been a firm believer in these objects. The object I saw was impossible for it to have been made by humans at the present time I could tell this from the way it was glowing and by its shape and size and the way it ascended into the sky. This is a true account.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Rural Roy, Washington, (Puget Sound area sighting)

Date: 1998 (maybe 1997)  
Time: Between 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 2  
Number of objects: 1  
Shape of objects: Triangle, very large.

Full Description of event/sighting: In the year 1998 (maybe 1997) I lived in a rural farming area (5 miles east of the city of Roy) about 20 miles south of Tacoma, Washington. Our ranch was directly under the McChord AFB flight line landing zone and a few miles south of the Ft. Lewis training area. Very common was all sorts of aircraft flying over the house between 500 and 1500 feet. This particular evening was cool and clear. I was in the house with my kids when my now ex-wife was outside feeding the horses when she began pounding the living room window so hard I thought she would break it. She yelled at me to come out side. When I did, I observed overhead and slightly to the north and northbound an almost silent craft. As I recall now, I remember hearing a hum.

What I distinctly recall is the back side had at least two lighted cylindrical ports. They appeared to be exhaust ports. Both were glowing yellowish and "dripping" some sort of burning



flame, not unlike plastic drips as it burns. The drips fell from the craft only a few feet and extinguished. What my ex told me was that the craft was a very large triangle, several football fields large, much larger than the common large McChord aircraft. The craft had numerous windows on it that emitted light as if interior lights were on. The craft came from the west, just above treetop level, floated to directly above our house and then made a right angle LEFT turn, over our house and then proceeded north. The craft was moving slower than the slowest aircraft we have ever seen and we had seen probably thousands over the past approximate 10 years that we lived there. This craft was NOTHING like we have ever seen or heard and moved like NOTHING we have ever seen or heard. We were not the only ones to see it but we were the only ones who reported being within 500 feet of it. The craft proceeded north over Tacoma where many of our friends reported seeing it from several miles away. It continued north thru the Puget Sound area to north of Seattle.

The local news showed the footage of the crafts lights obtained from the Space Needle. Official response was that it was falling space debris. The military had no reasonable response although many reported the military helicopters firing up and taking chase. As I recall we heard the copters firing up from our house, others saw them flying after it. Later reports came out saying that it had been earlier seen in Oregon and as I recall California and then as far north as Canada. I did report it to one of the internet UFO reporting sites. At the time I was a Tacoma police officer, my ex wife ran our horse breeding ranch. Its suspicious that it purposely flew in the flight line for McChord AFB which makes me think its some top secret government project. But then why would it fly over heavily populated areas and allow itself to be recorded by the Space Cam on top of the Space Needle?

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Edmonton, Alberta "Classic" Flying Saucer

Date: Approx: March 2004  
Time: 4:00 p.m.

I just found your email address on unknowncountry.com saying to submit UFO reports to you. I didn't really know who exactly to report this to, so you're my best bet so far. As I was driving in south Edmonton earlier this year (probably around March), I saw an absolutely huge UFO in the sky during broad daylight hours. It was obviously some type of metallic structure, and matched most other UFO descriptions. It was probably about 500 feet in the air and 300 feet in front of me, moving very slowly and changing it's direction a lot as if it were lost or scanning the ground looking for something. I tried to follow it but it disappeared into thin air after about 10 or 15 seconds after I spotted it. This is the first time I've ever seen something like this, I'm not crazy, I know what I saw.

Additional Information:

Okay, it was a while ago, and I never wrote it down, but I'll give you all of the info I am sure about.

Date: Approx March 2004

Weather: Sunny day with scattered clouds (at about 4:00 p.m. because I was driving a friend home)

Sky Location: I was driving East and it was probably about 60 or 70 degrees upwards, just enough that I had to make an effort to bend my neck to see it.

Description: It looked like the "classic" flying saucer (two plates pressed together), it was silver/grey, obviously metallic, probably about 100-150 feet in diameter (I'm not too sure), & no sound.

Airports: There is the Edmonton International Airport probably about 45 km away from where I was, but this was not a plane. No nearby military bases.

Extra (about lost/scanning): Like I said, it was moving back and forth across the sky, stopping, and moving up and down, all very slowly. I was actually very surprised to see it being absent on the 6:00 news. I don't know why, but as I watched it, it reminded me of a person looking for a contact lens on the ground (slowly looking around and scanning areas one at a time). I'm sorry I can't elaborate on that more, but that's the closest thing I could compare the way in which it was acting.

I hope any of this can be useful to you. Thank you for taking these reports by the way, I'm glad someone takes me seriously.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Peterborough, Ontario Triangular Craft

Date: July 5, 2004  
Time: 4:00 a.m.

In the early morning of July 5 2004 at approximately 4:00 a.m at Peterborough Ontario Canada my cousin and myself observed a fast moving object overhead and then it disappear over an area called Little lake. A few moments later we observed a triangle of three lights (bright). We thought it was just the stars at first but then the lights we thought were stars began to move, it then disappeared back towards Little Lake (easterly direction) Now fast forward 2 days at approximately 3.30 a.m. on Lafayette Ave in Peterborough.

Earlier in the evening I had observed a bright streak in the sky toward the east so I was watching the eastern sky close.

All of a sudden I observed 2 small bright fast moving objects moving to the east. Very fast I might add so here I'm watching towards the east not paying attention directly overhead. All of a sudden everything just seemed to get real quiet. Eerie quiet.

I'm looking east then I just get these creepy feeling that something was watching me, you know what I mean. I turned and looked down the street towards the General Electric plant (900 feet approximately ) I swear I couldn't hear the background noises you usually hear traffic dogs etc.

So now I notice the glow from the street light seemed to be changing color on the cars on the street. Then I look up. My god there it is coming right over the house. This thing is massive !

I swear I could have hit it with a sling shot. So its kind of slowly idling east, at like I don't know 5 kmish maybe. The craft stops, then starts going sideways now towards the GE plant, it seemed as wide as the distance between GE and our house. Now I don't know much about this stuff but I swear this is one evil looking outfit with 3 lights (brownish orange very dim ) One at each point of the triangle not that it is pointed but at the ends. The ends are rounded off, I will send a little drawing I made. It seems to be a blue black color but flat no shine, almost a rough finish, a circular dome dead center of the bottom in a hexagon type enclosure. No light or glowing color on this dome. This is set in an indented area that almost had the look of the surface of a pool. I could now see the one side that appeared to have some kind of indentations probably doors or some kind of hatch. It sat there for probably 3 minutes, but seemed like a lifetime.

Then it just moved so fast you couldn't even tell the direction it went. Anyway I have seen it twice since then but it was a lot higher up. Probably 1500 feet.

Maybe its just me or maybe something else but I know they know I saw them. I don't think these guys are real friendly. I could just feel it. Anyway couple observations. Next day my neighbors Dodge Intrepids battery was completely zapped. He had to replace the alternator and battery the next day. His Olds wouldn't start either, the alternator and battery fried. His Name is (removed) and I'm sure he would verify that. My Camry's two month old Kenwood stereo fried. Rear light wiring fried. Battery was completely dead by 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, so I recharged it and it came back to life. Still had problems with the wiring so I had it repaired at Russell Toyota in Peterborough 489

dollars...

One other thing I would like to add, there was the weak aroma of like a burnt transformer in the air for a few minutes after the craft left. I might add as well I went into the back yard and alley behind the house to get a good view of this thing because I couldn't see all three lights from the street because of its size.

Sighting Dates and times:

July 5, 2004...4:00 a.m

July 7, 2004 - Close sighting as per sketches 3:30 a.m

July 17, 2004 - 1500 feet approximately details hard to see just shape and 3 light. Moved east then drifted towards G.E

August 26, 2004 - Triangle lights looked like brighter than usual stars moving east.

Additional Information:

Well the first object was moving very fast but slowing to some extent.

It was moving from the west towards the east and dropping till we lost site of it behind the buildings. It was an orangish object. Very bright !!

We would have been looking in a North to Northeast direction. I get mixed up with the directions. The altitude I would say when first in view was probably 5000 feet descending to 1000 feet, It came on what seemed to be an exact path of the triangle lights. The first triangular lights seemed to be a bit bigger and clearer but I had no idea until I saw the one over the house how big it was.

What I found out today is that General Electric here supposedly stopped making reactor parts years ago. But I found a site while searching that sheds some light on this <http://www.cnwc-cctn.ca/gefuel.html> I asked people what they do there at the plant and nobody seems to know. I have only lived here a while so I thought they might have been making fridges or something. At the gate to GE on Monaghan drive it seems really secure. This is a huge plant

I can see the plant right from my (removed) but that street it is on called Albert and is a half mile long and the plant runs the distance of the street. I guess there are only 700 workers in the plant now but it did employ upwards of 7000 at one time.

They make fuel pellets for the Candu Reactors but you can't find it on one single GE site anywhere..

About the time: It seemed like it was 3 minutes but when I came back in the house it was 5:17 by my computer. So one and a half hours passed roughly.

This thing was directly overhead but it sort of stopped then drifted towards the plant. What I mean by directly overhead (the front) I assume it was the front seemed directly over and inline with the driveway.

I had to go into the backyard, into the alley to see it all and that's when I got the feeling they knew I was there. Then I went running back out to the street and saw a girl running like heck towards the other street (Chamberlaine) It rotated slightly to its left as it drifted over the plant. I still get Goosebumps just thinking about it. The front moved till it was almost out past Jackson Ave. I'll see if I can do a picture over a map if I can find one.

Unusual sensations: Well other than being freaked out I seemed to have my hearing kind of muffled. Like I had a head cold sort of effect. A couple times I had the momentary feeling like I was lost or didn't know where I was

Weather: Its always been overcast, partly cloudy. But the sky seems to clear up just at the right time.

See what really scared the ba jesus out of me was that I was watching to the east looking for those lights to reappear and the thing kind of creeped up behind me. So I was really startled when I looked up so it was just moving dead slow at this point from the west.

Street lights: The reflections on the cars changed from the usual glow, to a more I guess orangish glow. I saw the shadows on the street change a bit so I knew there was something above me and I looked up and just thought, Oh my god, what the heck is that. I don't think anyone would have heard me scream if I did scream any way. Its like noise was being suppressed somehow. Like some kind of silence field around the thing and maybe I was in that field? Not sure.

Would be 3 cars I know of that had electrical screw ups the next day. I don't talk to a lot of people around here and the flood happened the next day, so 24 hours after the sighting everything was so crazy.

I sure had some weird dreams and stuff since this happened. I seem to really notice the shape in architecture and stuff. My wife says its like I've had some little psychic twinge switched on. Like I'll know the phone is going to ring before it does things like that.

Anyway here are some maps so you can get a feel for the layout of the area .The area in Grey is the GE Plant I tried to show where the Triangle stopped then moved sideways until it was over G.E. 2 of the maps are just for reference kind of.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

To view images, please visit: <http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1777>

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Williamson, New York Disk Shaped Craft

Date: August 17, 2004  
Time: Approx: 9:00 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 1  
Number of objects: 1  
Shape of objects: Disk shaped.

Full Description of event/sighting: My son just ran inside to tell me he saw a disk shaped object with a green light on top and some kind of blue illumination under. The sky was dark but not black yet. I asked him how he could see both top and bottom. He says it was stationary in the sky, in a tilted position. It was thin. He compared it to a CD. It seemed metallic.

Then it flew at great speed (he called it superextraterrestrial speed) towards east. There's a ridge over there so he lost it behind the trees.

I asked him to extend his arm and tell me if it was bigger than his thumb and he said it was as big as his 2 thumbs together.

Additional Information:

Hi Brian!

My son just saw a UFO! I had him draw it because I thought he could have seen a meteor or something. Saucer shaped, green light on top, blue light on bottom. I'll go fill a report on the site. He said the bluish light under made it look rusty colour.

I missed it because hubby wouldn't come with me outside to look at the stars!

I'll try to see if someone else saw it around here. Pilots approaching. Rochester airport must have seen it!

1 - Clear sky, no clouds, no haze, no rain. Crescent moon. It wasn't quite night yet. Dark sky but not totally night. I went outside right after he came in, to get a visual description of the trajectory and the sky was clear.

2 - South of our house. It means south of Lake Ontario. Our

house is about 4 to 5 miles south of the lake. We are roughly 35 miles east of Rochester.

3 - It shot straight towards East. No wobbling, no zig-zag, straight path. It was stationary in the sky, tilted, then sort of leveled up and traveled towards east at great speed. He didn't see any spinning or other movement.

4 - There was no sound at all.

5 - It looked rusty red, reddish brown to him. Green light on top always on, not blinking. He says it's hard to describe. It didn't look like a green light you'd find on an airplane, like an electric light. It looked like a green marble of light, glowing. That's the best description he can give me. At first was tilted in a way that he saw the green dot of light on top and the blue illumination coming from under was seen as a corona of blue light around and it seemed to be all over under the craft when he saw it speed away.

6 - No physical sensation or other.

7 - We have a tree that's about 20-22 feet high and the craft seemed to be between 3 and 5 inches over it from his point of view, you know when you measure with your thumb and index finger. He was working on his bicycle and I measured he was roughly 85 feet from the tree. We have a big yard, 2 1/2 acres of land. But the craft was further down south, as he saw it. As wide as his two thumbs put together when extending his arms up. His thumbs are almost as big as an adult but a bit slender. He's short, 5'3". I wish I had gone out in the yard like I wanted to!!!! It was a hammock night!

8 - From the moment he noticed it, it stayed stationary for about 4 to 5 seconds. The whole sighting may have lasted 7 seconds. The ridge is only a few miles away and he lost sight of it when it flew past the ridge. And the ridge is not that high.

9 - Hard to tell. We can see airplanes approaching Rochester airport every night in this part of the sky. I asked him if it was longer than the airplanes we see in the sky doing their approach. He says about twice the length. He says it looked to be about same height as the airplanes we see approaching Rochester. There is also a very small airport in Williamson and it's near the ridge. I doubt it's manned at all times though. It's for people with small planes, people who fly for the fun of it.

Thank you to the witness for the great report.

Drawing can be found at:

<http://www.hbccufo.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1778>

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Vernon, B.C. Strange Effect

Date: August 19 2004

Time: After midnight

Hi Brian

I have been reporting the globes that have been around Vernon since April. I became familiar with their behavior, and where they would be. There was usually four. Then there was only one after a three week lapse. I am out every night at the time I have seen their activity, but only the one has appeared once a week since July. Two weeks ago the one stopped over the airport in the clouds and flared three short times. This was different as I have seen them pulse and flare but not short sharp blasts of light. The globe is all light and my binoculars can't make out anything that could be called a vehicle. When it flares it only increases in size equal to the light it emits. It does not morph into anything or display many lights. It is something covered in light and remains the size of a seed pearl.

Thursday night something really different happened. The sky over the airport had low clouds and heat haze from the ground. I looked to the spot where I have seen them appear over the airport. The globe flared and then really flared to blinding

white. The different part is this. If I hadn't been sitting down I would have had to sit down. As it was I was set back in my chair.

I felt this light press through me. I did not lose time, or lapse in consciousness or feel fear.

A friend in Salmon Arm witnessed the same thing only she said she nearly fell over and the horses in the field all jumped. She was out at midnight looking for her cat. She said no noise, no explosion just pure white light that went to the back of her head. This is the first time I have felt a light force. A light force. Sounds kind of cool and it was.

Take care.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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Terrace, B.C. Lights Traveling Across The Sky

Date: August 19, 2004  
Time: Approx: 12:20 a.m.

Short sighting, I witnessed 5 lights, and each light separated into 3 more lights, each all in a horizontal fashion. There are 2 witnesses on the 19th of August 2004. The shortest UFO sighting I have ever seen. They were too far away to see any detail. The lights were traveling due west, I was standing on the Southside of Terrace when they flew almost overhead.

Additional Information:

The lights were seen at about 12:20... maybe within 10 minutes of that either way. The sighting only lasted a few seconds on account of them moving so fast. There color was almost a florescent white, with a blue tinge to it. They were big enough to see that they weren't stars, but an aircraft can't maneuver side to side like that. The number is actually unknown...it started with 5 , but then they split off into many other lights flying all parallel to one other. As for the weather, it was a perfectly clear night.

Thank you to the witness for this report.

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Manville, Alberta Giant Orange Ball Of Light

Date: August 29, 2004  
Time: Approx: 2:30 a.m.

A phone call came in from a witness who was traveling on Highway 16 (Yellowhead Highway). On August 29, 2004 at approx: 2:25 a.m. the fellow had pulled his vehicle off to the side of the road to stretch his legs as he had been on the road for sometime, he had been heading westbound. That part of the highway had four lanes and he had pulled over into a pull off area.

As he walked around and eventfully was getting back into the car to start his journey again, he noticed traveling from west to east a large, round/circular glowing orange object, which he first thought was a beautiful Autumn Moon. (this was the first thing that came to mind). He described it as being roughly one and a half time the size of a full moon. The sighting lasted for approx: 5 seconds and was seen low on the horizon. He also stated that is was heavily clouded over at that time and it had rained earlier. So the object was traveling below the cloud cover. There was no trail or tail following behind the object, also no sound was heard at all.

A Freightliner which was coming down the highway in his direction seemed to be slowing at a good rate and the witness figured that the driver had to have been observing the same object as he was because as soon as the object disappeared from sight the truck sped up again.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

Parksville, B.C. Strange Cloud

Date: August 29, 2004

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 5

Number of objects: 1

Shape of objects: Cloud

Full Description of event/sighting: I, and others, saw a dark cloud like form move from south to north at a height of +- 700 feet over the ocean between two points of land. My comment to others to attract their attention was "look at the moving cloud!" It was the size of 1/2 a cruise ship and moved rapidly across the horizon. It did not reappear from the island that it disappeared behind. The distance away could not be determined but is estimated to be around 6 miles as the points of land were +- 3 miles.

Thank you to the witness for the report.

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## Re: Moon Questions - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 10:02:39 -0400  
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 10:09:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - Kaeser

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 11:10:32 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 13:56:35 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 10:43:20 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

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>>A shameful waste of money and resources is what it it was/is,  
>>Kyle. But it wasn't my buck so I can't complain.

<snip>

>In agreement with your initial comment however, I honestly think  
>NASA "jumped the shark" when they sent a car (rover). To me,  
>that was just a poke in the eye to the Russians. There was  
>certainly no compelling reason to send a car. But it was a  
>uniquely American symbolology to have astronauts "golf-carting"  
>across the lunar landscape. Even as a youngster, I thought that  
>was a waste. If the LEM was capable of holding a golf cart, it  
>would seem they could have sent some lasting equipment or  
>monitoring sensors, or any number of more important things. I  
>lost interest in Apollo after the rover flight. It appeared to  
>me that NASA had begun to look at the moon as a joke, and began  
>to parody its importance. The golf shot added to this comic  
>metaphor. I think about whomever was tasked with sterilizing and  
>packing the driver and ball. He must have felt at least a little  
>sheepish about his "contribution" to the space program.

>We here in America often seem to feel it necessary to over-do  
>when the doing is impressive enough. That seems as true now as  
>it ever did then.

Kyle, Don, et al

I think it is somewhat of a disservice to those who worked hard  
to accomplish what they did with the limited resources and  
political infighting that dogged the race for space for decades.  
The LEM was created to provide a broader look at the moon and  
allow them the ability to go a bit further in their exploration.  
I'm not sure the grass was any greener when they got further  
from the lander, but how would we know if we didn't try?

There's also a lot of current medical and manufacturing  
technology that was a direct result of NASA's research (and that  
of contractors), and whose to say how those developments might  
have come about without our race into space. We can complain  
about the resources that might have gone to feed the poor, but  
how many people would be sicker today without the medical



advances, and advances in exotic materials, that derived from  
Space research.

Just my 2-cents.

Steve

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## Re: Moon Questions - Lehmberg

From: Alfred Lehmberg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 09:08:42 -0500  
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 10:10:45 -0400  
Subject: Re: Moon Questions - Lehmberg

>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2004 12:43:45 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>From: Alfred Lehmberg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 09:14:04 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

>>>From: Kyle King <[kyleking.nul](mailto:kyleking.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 11:20:06 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: Moon Questions

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>>>As I don't think I'd choose Messrs. Barrett, Waters, et.al. to  
>>>back me up in a discussion about the value of the Moon's far  
>>>side, I naively assumed that the reference was more light-  
>>>hearted than accusatory... or revelatory.

>>Naive is spot on accurate, I suspect, and "assume" makes an ass  
>>of you and me, Mr. King, but have no fear, Sir, I intend to be  
>>a source of ongoing disappointment for you. Be sure to keep us  
>>all posted on your "revelations", won't you? I'm sure I'll find  
>>them "revelatory" myself.

>At least you have now made your intent clear. And I expect that  
>my disappointment, if not expressed, will (like so much of your  
>rhetoric applied to me) be invented.

One man's clarity is another man's pond water, Mr. King, and  
inventions must first be invented. It is not enough to just be,  
merely, inventive.

>Oh, and The Rubaiyat was written by Omar Khayyam.

That was delightfully abstruse!

"The moving finger writes and having writ moves on," Mr. King.  
"All your piety nor wit cannot call back a single line to  
alter, nor all your tears wash a word of it."

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## Re: Microbiologist Death Question - Redfern

From: **Nicholas Redfern** <[nick.redfern.nul](mailto:nick.redfern.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 07:09:11 -0700 (PDT)  
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 10:16:34 -0400  
Subject: Re: Microbiologist Death Question - Redfern

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2004 14:44:05 EDT  
>Subject: Who's Bumping Off The Microbiologists?

>This story about the ongoing accident prone microbiologists  
>is getting scarier by the day.

>Does it have anything at all to do with Ufology? Were any of  
>them connected?

In answer to the question about further research on those  
microbiologist deaths of a couple of years ago, there is a book  
coming out on that, later this year or early next by a guy  
named Dan Tanner.

I met Tanner earlier this year and his book was at proof page  
then and I got to read some of it.

No UFO material, but it's a huge book and there are 2 chapters  
on the Marconi "Star Wars" scientist deaths in the UK in the  
1980s as well.

Tanner told me the provisional title is "Bio-Death: State  
Sanctioned Murder?"

Nick Redfern

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## Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 11:38:53 -0300  
Fwd Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2004 10:58:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind - Friedman

>From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 29 Aug 2004 21:58:00 +0100  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2004 10:04:03 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

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>I haven't found any cases  
>which seem inexplicable, except those for which the information  
>is insufficient or unreliable. There have also been some very >  
>intriguing hoaxes and I find it amusing that so many ufologists  
>are in denial about these stories being false, even when the  
>evidence is compelling.

>John Harney

John,

The above is truly an extraordinary claim and frankly nonsense. The professionals at Battelle Memorial Institute who prepared "Blue Book Special Report No. 14" (Copy available, but beware, it is loaded with data) found that they had to label 689 of the 3201 cases (21.5%) they examined as UNKNOWN completely separate and distinct from the 298 (9.3%) which they listed as INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION.

Furthermore they did a quality evaluation of all the cases and found that the better the quality of the case the MORE likely to be listed as UNKNOWN. They must have had tough criteria because only 9.6% were listed as EXCELLENT, yet 35.1% of them were UNKNOWNs while only 18.3% of the 525 POOR cases and 15.6% of the 1298 Doubtful cases were listed as UNKNOWNs. A further 26.6% of the 1070 Good cases were listed as UNKNOWNs. The better the quality the more likely to be UNKNOWNs.

Frankly it would appear to be straight balderdash that there are no cases with sufficient information that were unexplainable, and that the problem was poor quality.

I suppose one solution as to how you could make such an extraordinary claim, backed by no data, is that you have only looked at a few poor cases and have rushed to judgement by extrapolation to a grandiose claim.

Stan Friedman

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