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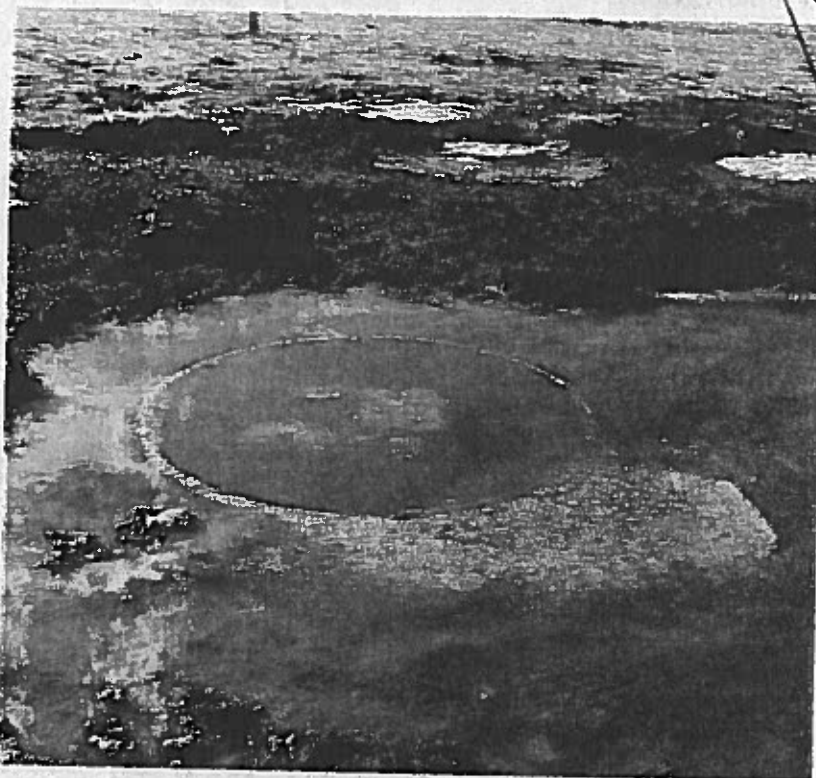
In 1996 a Las Vegas billionaire bought a ranch in Fort Duchesne from a family who had for all intents and purposes, been run off of their property by forces they could not explain. All they knew was that a series of bizarre events on their property had left them financially ailing, mentally anguished, and in the end horrified and afraid.

Vanishing and mutilated cattle.
Unidentified Flying Objects.
Huge, otherworldly creatures.
Invisible objects emitting mag-
netic fields capable of causing de-
struction.

A book has now been published in narrative form about what went on in the late 1990s and early 2000s at what was dubbed the "UFO ranch," an area in west Uintah County known for its 50 year history of perplexing and even frightening events said to have taken place there.

Colm Kelleher, the author of the recently released "Hunt for the Skinwalker," was a research immunologist at National Jewish Center in Denver when he came across "a very strange job placement advertisement" in a respected scientific magazine. It was the wording that caught his eye, he said. The ad's author was looking for scientists interested in "exploring the origin and evolution of consciousness in the universe."

Kelleher said he found the ad



ICE CIRCLES — In February 2002, as most paranormal activity at the Gorman ranch had slowed to a trickle, this perfect circle appeared overnight in a shallow, ice-covered pond not far from the main house. The circle, which was just under six feet in diameter, was carved about one-quarter inch deep. The ice was so thin that any sort of weight on top would have broken it. There were no footprints nearby.

"so completely unusual" that he was compelled to respond. "I have had a long standing interest in scientific anomalies," he said in an interview with the *Uintah Basin Standard* from his home in northern California. Kelleher is currently working as a senior scientist in biotechnology in the private sector.

The native of Ireland, with reams of scientific degrees behind his name, answered the ad and joined a team of respected mainstream research scientists with backgrounds in physics, biochemistry and veterinary studies, work-

ing for the National Institute of Discovery Science (NIDS).

Founded by real estate and aerospace tycoon Robert Bigelow, NIDS was intent on removing the crackpot element from the study of the paranormal. His goal was to study related events purely from an unbiased and authentic scientific angle using the brightest minds and the latest technology.

"NIDS had a uniquely deep range of analytical capabilities that most organizations involved in the study of anomalies would never

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have had these advantages," Kelleher explained.

That's how Kelleher and other NIDS scientists and researchers ended up living part-time on the mysterious ranch in west Uintah County that borders the Ute Indian Reservation. The reservation itself, as they discovered through interviews with its residents, is not exempt from unexplained events similar to those that occurred on the neighboring ranch.

Kelleher worked with award-winning Las Vegas investigative reporter **George Knapp**, the only journalist ever allowed on the ranch. Knapp teamed with Kelleher to publish his first-person account of what happened on the remote property when NIDS set out to scientifically study the ranch that had been besieged by forces, which they found out, never played by the rules.

"The book is a narrative of many of the incidences that happened to the Gorman family (*names of the family have been changed at their request*), prior to NIDS taking over the ranch," Kelleher said. he Gorman family's experiences are recounted in detail in the book, however they have moved out of state and want absolutely nothing to do with the notoriety their former property has attracted, he said.

In section two of the book, Kelleher and Knapp detail the hundreds of days and nights spent on what was a working cattle ranch at the time, and the observations of many of its haunting mysteries that happened to NIDS researchers beginning in March 1997.

One of those still unexplained events involved the mutilation of

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they had witnessed or had recounted to them. The pair also spoke to a number of Uintah Basin residents who shared their own encounters with the paranormal in areas not too far from the ranch.

Kelleher and Knapp scouted out the gamut of possible explanations for what they had seen. Hoaxes, hallucinations, conspiracy theories, military experiments were all investigated and essentially eliminated. Despite plotting close to 100 incidents or anomalies (something that doesn't have a ready natural explanation) the authors did not lay out the full array of scientific data and charts in the book, preferring to gear their narrative to the lay person.

Did Kelleher feel his involvement with NIDS — which has since disbanded after paranormal phenomenon at the ranch and indeed throughout the nation seemed to dramatically decrease in early 2000 — was worth it?

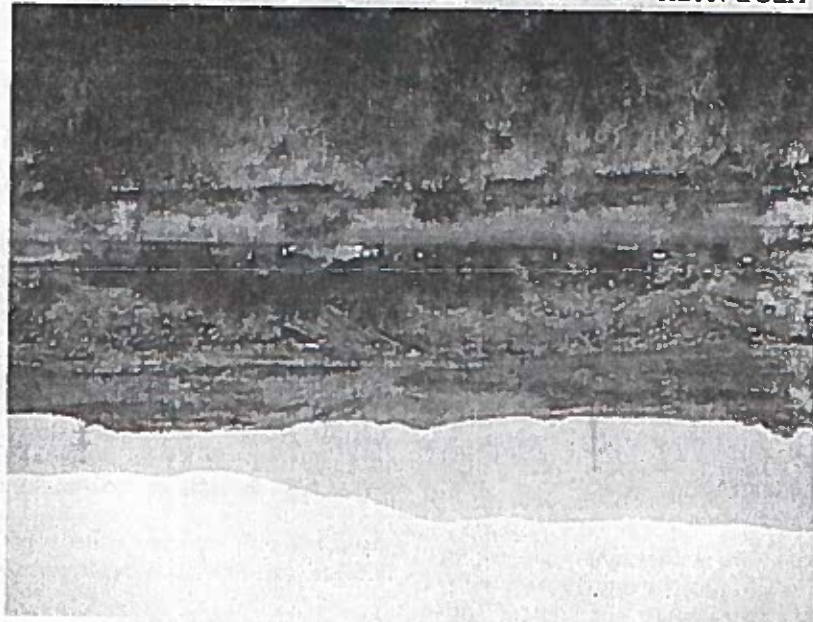
While acknowledging that the field of the paranormal (poltergeist, ghost hunters, UFOs) has a bad reputation, "I firmly believe the study of anomalies can open doors into other fields," For Kelleher, research into anomalies that occurred on the ranch are basic to the discovery process involved in science because they ultimately open doors to advance mainstream knowledge. "One-hundred years ago meteors were not considered real in science. They were figments of imagination, hallucinations ... that's the way science progresses. NIDS in Utah was pretty unique."

very large animal in a tree and also another large animal at the base of the tree," he said. The animal was shot but was never found. "We had videotape equipment, night vision equipment. We started hunting around the tree for the carcass and there was no evidence whatsoever."

The same problem was encountered when flying orbs were seen by several people. Expensive audio and video recording devices meticulously placed, produced nothing and one time the NIDS teams found their equipment vandalized, with taped wires ripped apart and no evidence at all as to the culprit or culprits that wreaked the havoc.

"It was very difficult to gather the kind of evidence consistent with scientific publication," said Kelleher.

Kelleher and Knapp not only allow the reader inside the ranch, which remains off limits to the public, they also provide the detailed historical background on UFO sightings, and flying orbs. They delved into Native American legends and curses that had some connection to the events



UFO RANCH — Surveillance and full-time caretakers remain on the ranch in Fort Duchesne that has become known for the paranormal activity that has occurred there. The property is still owned by the National Institute for Discovery Science, however active research has been downgraded although the ranch is still under 24 hour surveillance. "People have never been encouraged to trespass on that property," said author and research scientist Colm Kelleher. "It is not a place people should visit."



INBROAD DAYLIGHT THE UNEXPLAINED — This calf was healthy just 45 minutes before it was found in this condition. There was a drop of blood anywhere on the carcass or on the ground. "The animal looked like its ribs had been cut open ... one of the ears with the bright yellow ear tag was also gone," said Colm Kelleher, the author of "Hunt for the Skinwalker." The ranch foreman and his wife were obviously freaked out about this. They were on the field in daylight."

June 1, 1999

ANSWERS SOUGHT

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NIDS purchased the 480-acre Sherman Ranch between Fort Duchesne and Randlett, in Uintah County, they have investigated less than half a dozen unexplained animal deaths in scattered locations, said Kalleher. The ranch is the site of documented, but unexplained, cattle deaths. NIDS, based in Las Vegas, Nev., is headed by millionaire Robert M. Bigelow, who reportedly spends several million dollars a year on research and scientific study of anything related to extraterrestrial phenomenon.

In this case, the rancher requested anonymity. He had not contacted NIDS before the unexplained death, nor after he reported the mutilation, said Kalleher.

Similarities and Abnormalities Several of the findings in the cow's unexplained death in an unincorporated area northwest of Roosevelt matched or are similar to other instances of unexplained cattle mutilations in the Uintah Basin and elsewhere, said Kalleher.

For starters, the cow was found lying in a north-south pattern with its front legs tucked under and rear legs splayed behind -- the same way 16 other cows in the Uintah Basin, dead from unexplained mutilation, were found over the past several years. Other than the fact that the placement is not random, its meaning is unknown, Kalleher reported.

The cow, estimated to have been about 90 days pregnant, did not have a fetus. Blood tests confirmed the presence of a placenta, leading researchers to believe the animal was indeed pregnant very close to the time of death, said Kalleher. Although the fetus was missing, there were no signs of an aborted calf, another similarity in other mutilation cases.

Tests conducted by two separate veterinary laboratories at university research facilities confirmed the left ear were removed with a sharp instrument and not by scavengers. The eye and ear are typically removed in such animal mutilation cases.

The full necropsy yielded a heart which appeared "to have been blown apart." The heart disintegrated when touched, although the pericardium (outer sac surrounding the heart) was intact. The decimated condition of the heart is a recurring factor in animal mutilation deaths that continues to puzzle researchers because the heart is normally the last organ to decay when an animal dies.

One exceptionally unusual occurrence was the presence of a "blue gel-like substance," which continues to be analyzed with results dug out soggy. Kalleher said although he is aware of one report in the 1970s of a "blueish-greenish" substance found on a mutilated cow, there has been no precedence found in the Uintah Basin.

Cause of Death Undetermined Blood tests revealed a copper deficiency, which further analysis found did not appear to be the cause with the herd, and a possibly toxic level of potassium chloride -- a chemical stim-

things about this case were interesting." So far research efforts have turned up even more bizarre findings and posed unanswered questions which are attracting a great deal of interest. Several weeks ago NIDS posted their preliminary research findings in the unexplained death on their website, (www.accessny.com/NIDS). The public report marked the first time NIDS had made such specific details about their research available for public consumption.

Over the past three years, since SEE ANSWERS on page 3

beginning of an extensive investigation into the cause of the cow's death. "What was intriguing about this particular case is it was relatively fresh and a good amount of tissue and blood were able to be taken and that's rare," explained Colm Kalleher, deputy director for NIDS. "Several

Timely Reporting The rancher's discovery and his quick decision to contact local representatives of the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS), an organization dedicated to the scientific study of extraterrestrial phenomenon, launched the

Animal mutilations have been reported worldwide since the 1960s. Reports became even more common in the 1970s, and occurred in clusters in specific geographic regions especially northeastern Utah.

Last fall, when a Duchesne County cattle rancher made a routine check of his herd, he found one of his prized registered polled Herefords dead. The day before he had seen the cow in perfect health. But on Oct. 17, 1998, he discovered the animal lying in an unusual position and missing an eye and part of an ear. There was no sign of a struggle, and there were no tracks around the animal, which was found in a water-logged pasture about 20 feet from a paved road with frequent traffic. There were no other sick cows in the herd.

By Leslee E. Whiting

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH TEAM STUDYING CASE Answers sought in cattle mutilation

lar to "like salt" -- in the blood. Potassium itself has the potential to be toxic, and the cow had eleven times higher than normal, although NIDS investigators and the veterinarian who performed the necropsy agreed the animal appeared to be in excellent nutritional condition.

Investigators have questioned whether an injection of potassium chloride may have killed the animal. Potassium Chloride is easy to obtain, hard to trace in a post-mortem and kills rapidly, the NIDS report explains, while stating the animal did not die a natural death.

Dr. Blaine L. Whiting, the Roosevelt veterinarian who conducted the necropsy for NIDS, said he could not determine a "distinct cause of death," although he reported that some of the findings -- including hemorrhaging around the neck -- were similar to Black's Disease, an infection caused by organisms in the soil. Although cows are usually vaccinated for the disease, the inoculation isn't a guarantee.

He does admit that many of the findings are puzzling and unexplainable.

The weather wasn't a factor, since there were no storms or associated lightning strikes in the area before the cow was found dead.

Strange Harvest

Animal mutilations have been reported worldwide since the 1960s. Reports became even more common in the 1970s and occurred in clusters. From 1975 - 1977 in two Colorado counties alone there were nearly 200 reports. Most of the reports from Utah have occurred in eastern and north-

eastern Utah.

Ryan Layton, who has immersed himself in the study of extra-terrestrial phenomenon, and is very familiar with the Utah Basin's history of UFO sightings and reported extra-terrestrial activity, calls the unexplained animal deaths "one of the most incredible mysteries of the day ... and it's happening right in your vicinity," he notes.

Popular theory and mere conjecture, leads one to believe that extra-terrestrials descend on helpless cattle and other livestock to conduct biological experiments which may benefit their own species. Whether this belief will ever be a proven fact, cattle mutilation researchers estimate the actual cases far outweigh those that are reported.

In spite of investigations by law enforcement officers, including the FBI and others attempting to gather legitimate evidence, no one has ever been arrested or charged with the crime of animal mutilations, said Linda Moulton Howe, author and awarded-winning TV documentary producer.

Howe has spent the past 20 years researching unusual animal deaths and mutilations. In 1993 she won an Emmy for her documentary, "Strange Harvest."

She was contacted by the Standard for comment on the NIDS website report and said she was immediately struck with the fact that the animal mutilations she had researched had a common chord with NIDS investigations in Duchesne County.

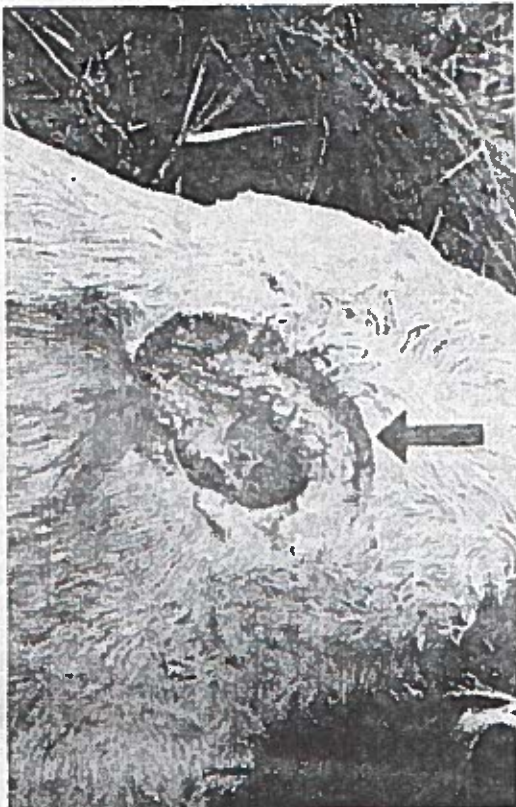
"In reading the NIDS report on the Utah animal my mind was flooded on with the many reports I had done with sheriff's deputies and vets ... dealing with the intact pericardium and no (heart) tissue."

From her extensive years of study Howe has concluded that the govern-

ment knows far more about extra-terrestrial phenomenon than they will reveal. Howe has produced seven works specifically related to what appears to be physical evidence, governmental knowledge and cover-up about the interaction of non-human intelligence with our planet.

She alleges the massive cover-up by U.S. government intelligence and even the media, is designed "to keep the public ignorant" of the reality and pervasiveness of such phenomenon.

Howe said she didn't deliberately embark on the study of animal mutilations and UFOs. Her knowledge is the result of a single story on animal mutilations she worked on in Colorado. The cases gripped her curiosity as a reporter. Now, two decades later, she says, "Once you understand how real the facts and the evidence are, the story never lets go of you nor you of it."



DISSECTION- Scientific analysis shows the eye removed from a cow found mutilated in a Duchesne County pasture, was done with some type of surgical instrument.

ANIMAL MUTILATIONS, UNEXPLAINED SIGHTINGS

Basin no longer a UFO "hot spot," but agency says information is still needed

By Lezlee E. Whiting

It's been about four years since a Las Vegas millionaire purchased a ranch in Uintah County and established a scientific outpost to research reports of documented, but unexplained UFO sightings and cattle disappearances on the property. Robert

T. Bigelow's National Institute of Discovery Science, still maintains a presence in the area these days. The ranch, located south of Fort Duchesne, is regularly staffed by NIDS researchers and the organization remains vitally interested in what goes on in Duchesne and Uintah counties when it comes to suspected animal mutila-

tions and possible sightings of unidentified aircraft.

In fact, it is very serious business for the privately-funded Las Vegas-based research organization which is staffed with 15 scientists and consultants holding PhDs and equipped to investigate such anomalies. NIDS focuses on scientific exploration that

emphasizes emerging, novel and sometimes unconventional observations and theories, explained Colm Kelleher, deputy administrator for NIDS.

Before any scientific research can begin, however, cases of animal mutilation and UFO sightings must be quickly reported, and that's where

NIDS is asking for help from Uintah Basin residents.

In the 1960s and 1970s, the Uintah Basin was a recognized "hot spot" when it came to sightings of extraterrestrial objects in the night sky. While

Time is of the essence
When it comes to reporting
unusual animal deaths or
sightings of unusual
aircraft.

reports continue to be active, they are no where near the amount experienced 30 and 40 years ago.

In the past year NIDS has received calls regarding six mutilation cases involving cattle and horses in the Uintah Basin and Utah. The problem is that the calls have come too late to conduct any real scientific analysis, Kelleher related.

"Once it goes behind 72 to 96 hours after death it becomes very difficult to do any meaningful sampling," he said. "We would really prefer a system where ranchers and farmers would be more aware of us and able to inform us sooner than a week after the event."

Pete Pickup lives in Randlett and works as a full-time field investigator for NIDS in the Uintah Basin. Whenever a suspected mutilation or unusual aircraft sighting in the Uintah Basin is reported to NIDS, Pickup is immediately dispatched to investigate. A 26-year law enforcement veteran with years of experience when it comes to probing possible animal mutilations and reports of UFOs, Pickup goes to the scene and begins taking blood samples, photographs, collecting tissue samples taking compass readings, and interviewing the

and there was a light going on and off
and on and off at the same time. We
were able to estimate altitude and
distance from the observer based on
the speed of sound," Kelleher ex-
plained.
Again, the timeliness in which a
call is made to NIDS is critical because
eye-witness memory is best when it is
still new.
"The fresher the case is the faster
we can get on to investigating it. We
beat the bushes to find out if any one
else has seen something like this. We
regard the timely report of a UFO as
equally important as a timely report
as an animal mutilation," said
Kelleher.
Calls and reports to NIDS are care-
fully screened to weed out possible
hoaxes, said Kelleher.
"Last year we checked out reports
from 630 people around the world ...
we corroborate all reports with addi-
tional eye witnesses if possible, so we
can fairly well distinguish between
hoaxes, perceptions or delusions," he
related, adding that several psycholo-
gists employed by NIDS also aid in
determining authenticity.
Long-distance calls placed to NIDS
24-hour hotline are returned imme-
diately so the caller does not have to
foot the bill for more than a few min-
utes. NIDS has found that serious
callers do not mind paying for a minute
or two of long-distance calling.
Kelleher said Ulinah Basin resi-
dents calling to report an animal
mutilation or unusual aircraft sight-

ings should first contact Pete Pickup at
(435) 545-2466 or on his pager at
(435) 646-1538. To contact the NIDS 24-hour
hotline call (702) 798-1700.
For further information on NIDS
go to their website at
www.accessnv.com/nids, or at
www.nidsci.org. They can be reached
by e-mail at nids@anv.net.

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animal's owner.
"Cattle mutilations need to be re-
ported as soon as possible, because
after they have decayed it's almost
impossible to do an accurate analysis
on tissues and samples," stated Pickup.
All information is kept confiden-
tial and names of callers and wit-
nesses are never released. All testing
and necropsy costs are paid in full by
NIDS. And in the right cases, money is
no object, said Kelleher.

"There are a lot of organizations
that you can report to, but we will go
to the limits of the scientific technol-
ogy available," he detailed. "There is
a very big difference between making
a report and having a case fully inves-
tigated. If we feel a case is strong
enough, we will go to the wall."

In the fall of 1998, NIDS just did
that on a reported cattle mutilation in
Duchesne County, spending upwards
of a \$10,000 to investigate a case
involving a cow which was missing an
eye, ear and fetus, after it was re-
ported within hours of being killed.

The case remains one of the more
intriguing investigated by NIDS be-
cause it was relatively fresh and a good
amount of tissue and blood samples
were able to be taken, something of a
rarity. Tests, which NIDS had con-
ducted at two separate veterinary labo-
ratories at university research facili-
ties, confirmed the animals' left eye
and the portion of its left ear were
removed with a sharp instrument and
not by scavengers. In addition, there
was no sign of an aborted fetus.
Currently NIDS is actively investi-

gating the June 25 sighting of an enor-
mous, spherical-
shaped object spotted between Fort
Duchesne and Handlett. The witness
called NIDS to report the sighting and
was able to provide very concrete de-
tails enabling scientists to estimate
the glowing object was close to the size
of four football fields.

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or from the Secretary of
Agriculture.

Loans are made to
farmers lacking other
sources of credit.



Deseret News photo by Andrea Granum

Telintha Rasmussen and her grandson, David, point in direction of UFO sighting.

Film makers

challenged

to build faith

PROVO — A challenge to use modern motion picture techniques to stir the soul to a sense of the eternal nature of man as a son of God was issued by Elder Gordon B. Hinckley

State collects

16.2 pct. more

State tax collections in the first two months of the current fiscal year were back to the level anticipated several months ago when the budget was prepared, State Budget Director Jed Kee said.

Kee said taxes collected from all sources increased 16.2 percent in the two-month period, making a much brighter financial picture than the

Basin residents look skyward

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The most recent sighting came last Monday about 23 miles southeast of Roosevelt. Jimmy Justice, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Justice, prominent local dairy operators, burst into the family's home to report that he had seen a large glowing object near where he was working. His parents proceeded to the area and observed an intensely lighted dome-shaped object circling the area.

After a few minutes, the craft headed south over the hills. It was reported as traveling very fast. The Justices had the impression the craft may have landed nearby. The following day, Eva Justice, Lawrence Justice's mother, drove to the area. However, she could find no evidence of a landing.

Later, Lawrence Justice told his mother he had observed a very shiny object in a field below where he was working. He did not take out time, however, to find out what the object was.

He said it was shining too intensely and was much too large to be a bottle or can that might be reflecting sunlight. The light was so intense, he said, that he could barely look at the object.

Could these sightings during the past few weeks be of the same UFO? Junior Hicks and many other Basin residents think that is a distinct possibility. If it is a spacecraft, as the witnesses believe, why is it here? Perhaps no one will ever know, the answer.

For now, however, all eyes in the Uintah Basin are turned toward the sky.

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Cooke battle

voter apathy

By Dexter C. Ellis

Deseret News political editor

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INTERESTING STORIES AROUND

Basin's history as UFO hot spot has turned many into believers

By Cheryl Mecham

Once called a UFO hot spot, the Uintah Basin continues to be the home of on-going scientific investigation on a ranch south of Fort Duchesne, where past residents reported strange balls of light appearing in the fields, unex-

plained sounds and smells. The paranormal events eventually drove the family off and the 400-acre ranch was sold to Las Vegas millionaire Robert Bigelow, founder of the UFO investigative organization, National Institute of Discovery Science or NIDS. During the past four and a half

"Why can't there be? We live on this planet, why can't there be life on other planets? We're going off visiting other planets, why can't they do the same?"

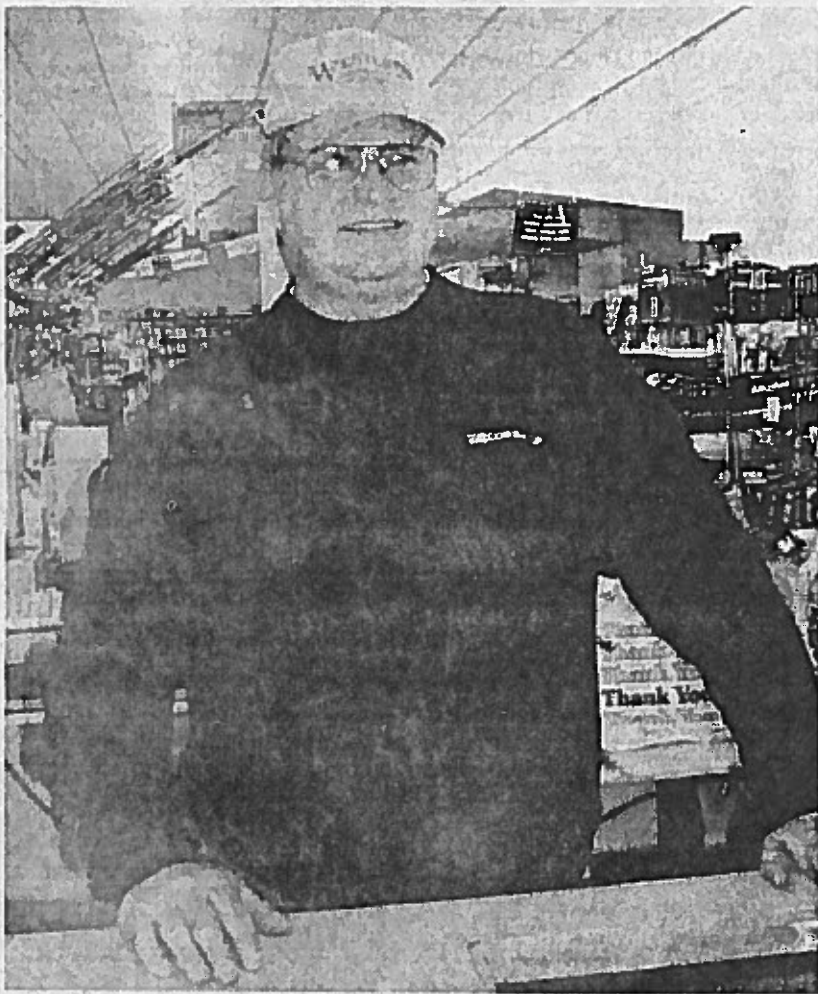
years a team of scientists have set up shop at the ranch and have been searching the night sky and placid fields for evidence linking it to extraterrestrial activity. They measure and monitor radiation, magnetic fields and wavelengths of light 24 hours a day, reported Ed Yates, KSL's Science Specialist and reporter who visited the site recently.

While NIDS findings have not been released to the scientific community at large, a history of UFO sightings and livestock mutilations over the last 40 years witnessed by average folks have formed opinions concerning the possibility of extraterrestrial life.

Lapoint resident Fred Asay is one such believer. "Why can't there be? We live on this planet, why can't there be life on other planets? We're going off visiting other planets, why can't they do the same? I've haven't actually seen one myself, but I believe in them."

Dave Martin, now living in Phoenix, Arizona, but raised in the Uintah Basin said he believes in UFOs because, during the years of 1967-1970, he was an eyewitness to these phenomena. He described "big orange balls of light hovering over fields, then all of a sudden they're gone."

"I've never had a sighting," said Katherine Richens, of South Myton Bench, "but, I've just been listening to everybody. There's too many stories



CALLED THE NEIGHBORS — When Ray Maxon saw lights in the sky he couldn't explain he called his wife out, then the neighbors.



UNEXPLAINABLE THINGS — T. Rice drove truck for over 20 years and during that time has seen many unexplainable things in the night sky.

Basin Life



JUST DON'T KNOW — Terrie Young, cosmologist at Prime Cut, with Peggy Kissling. Terrie isn't sure if UFOs exist or not, but she believes something is going on. Peggy said her daughter saw a UFO, but Peggy hasn't so she "just doesn't know" if they exist or not.

"If you haven't just don't know, but my daughter and the neighbor boy were coming home. They came up on top of the first bench in Neola and saw what ever it was ... was hovering there. They said it was a round light. When they got home I had to drive him back home. He was afraid to go home by himself." Long before Ray Maxon moved to Bluebell he was a resident of Coalville and it was there that he witnessed two sets of three lights hovering high in the night sky, glowing red, green and white lights high above the earth. He called his wife out to see them. Then they decided to call the neighbors. The lights stayed motionless high above them as the neighbors gathered in their front yard.

"We called the Hansen Plan- elarium and asked them if anything weird was going on, any anomalies, they said there wasn't." Ray also called the sheriff's department, but no one turned up to investigate the phenom- enon that the Coalville residents were witnesses to. Ray brought out his spotting scope to better see the lights, but couldn't make out any shape beyond the bril- liant steady beams that remained over Coalville for two hours, when they left it was just like someone "turning out the lights." Hansen Plan- elarium called back, telling Ray that they could see the lights, but didn't have any explana- tion for him. "The sighting was over eight years ago now, and Ray has never forgotten it."



THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS — Nicole Richens has witnessed un- explainable phenomena in the night sky which leads her to believe that extraterrestrial life may possibly ex- ist.

WHY NOT — Fred Asay said that earth people go to other planets so why shouldn't people of other plan- ets come to earth?



from too many walks of life who have seen them." Over the years Katherine has formed the opinion that extraterres- trials do exist, however, she doesn't believe in little green men, "I think they are people just like us." Nicole Richens, Katherine's daugh- ter was an eyewitness to a strange night sky phenomenon. While she and her cousin stretched out on their tram- poline on South Mykon bench she saw a light. "I don't know if that's what it was a [UFO]. It looked like a comet, it was huge, it had a blue and green tail. Then it [the light] got really small and it started to move slowly. It moved in circles, then it abruptly stopped. We got scared. We ran into the house

screaming." Nicole said that she believes that the possibility of life from other plan- ets visiting Earth, "definitely exists," echoing her mother's sentiments that too many people have had sightings. After "20 years of truck driving," T. Rice of Vernal said he's "seen too much," evidence of unexplained fly- ing objects not to believe in extrater- restials. "I was going down Highway 70 to Denver, it was about one o'clock in the morning and I saw a bright white lights that made square, three times in three different areas. I brought it to my wife's attention. She had no expla- nation for it," Rice said, noting that he wasn't frightened, just curious at the anomaly over the night sky. "I've seen too many things that are unexplained. There's got to be some- thing out there," Rice concluded. Some folks believe that UFOs are just that unexplained flying objects, and remain skeptical of their origin, whether earth or Martian made, such as Terrie Young, and Peggy Kissling, who work at Prime Cut in Roosevelt. "Obviously there's something go- ing on, whether it's man made or the real thing. I don't know if there is or isn't, but there's got to be something going on or we wouldn't have scen- ises locked up ... but I don't know what," said Terrie, who lives in Mykon. "I've never seen anything here myself," commented Peggy, a Bennett resident.

Oct 2, 1975



MUTILATED REMAINS of this cow were found in the Willow Creek area approximately 70 miles south of Vernal. This cow's reproductive system was completely removed, as have been the reproductive systems of many cows in the past in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and other sections of the country.

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Cattle mutilations hits Willow Creek area

The cattle mutilations which have been so widely publicized of late in the news media are hitting closer to home with the reported mutilation of an animal in Willow Creek area.

The cow was found by Joe Swasey approximately 70 miles south of Vernal. It was owned by the Flying Diamond Cattle Company.

ACCORDING TO Sheriff Arden W. Stewart, the mutilation was reported Tuesday morning, with investigation being conducted by the sheriff and Deputy Ted Freestone.

According to Sheriff Stewart, the complete reproductive system of the cow had been removed and a large portion of it left lying at the back of her. There was no visible indication of how the cow died and no sign of struggle. He also stated that there were no tracks in the area and that the dry weeds where the cow was laying had not been disturbed in any way.

In a news release by the Utah Cattlemen's Association in Salt Lake City, a check list is given for ranchers regarding the mutilation slayings of cattle in the State of Utah.

1. Check pastures and cattle

regularly — daily if at all possible.

2. If livestock mutilations or deaths are found: a. Do not go near or move the animal. b. Do not touch anything that would appear to be some physical evidence towards what may have caused the animal's death or mutilation. This includes objects that might have been left at the scene. c. Immediately call the Utah Cattlemen's Association office, collect at 355-5748. We will take it from there. d. Immediately call the local sheriff's office. e. Do not discuss this death with neighbors, or others until it has been checked by officials.

3. Report any suspicious vehicle movement of any type: a. If an automobile, try to obtain a description to include: color, year, make, model, tag number, time of day, date and direction traveling. b. If an aircraft, try to obtain: description, color, numbers, helicopter or fixed wing, single or multi-engine, time of day, date and direction traveling.

4. Time is of the essence. During business hours, 8:30 - 4:30 p.m., call the UCA office, 355-5748. After business hours call Sherman D. Harmer, 266-6749.

DOCUMENTARY ON "MYSTERIOUS UTAH"

Film producer & UFO Hunters head to Basin

Utah UFO hunters will lead film producer to "hot" locations for seeing the unnatural.

By Phil Johnson

UFO hunters are heading to the Uintah Basin next month to guide a Utah filmmaker to areas where oral and written history shows there has been some rather strange occurrences in the past. As for extras needed in the production, humans need not apply.

"We'll plan on the extraterrestrials to fill those rolls," said Dave Rosenfeld who heads Utah UFO Hunters, a group of about 40 paranormal enthusiasts.

Film producer Ryan Emerson believes that what he will find in Duchesne and Uintah counties during a month of taping will help provide enough substantial footage to

produce a two-hour documentary he has titled, "Mysterious Utah."

"Utah is one of the hottest states in the nation for reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs), signs of Big Foot and unexplained patterns created in grain fields," said Emerson, president of Fine Arts Film Studios in Nephi.

"The Uintah Basin is said to be the best part of the state for observing paranormal (unnatural) phenomena. We'll cover the array of phenomena recorded in Utah. We will spend about a month in the Uintah Basin, focusing on the NIDS (National Institute of Discovery Science) research station. We'll also spend some time getting acquainted with the area and other filming possibilities," Emerson said.

The documentary production team will arrive in the Basin about Sept. 15.

Emerson and Rosenfeld first became acquainted over the Internet. While surfing the net after moving to Nephi a few years ago from Illinois, Emerson and his wife Zelda discov-



HOPING FOR A CLOSE ENCOUNTER — Film makers are fascinated by documentation collected on paranormal incidents in Utah which included sightings of UFOs in the Uintah Basin (top) and Wolf Creek (bottom).

ered www.aliendave.com a website operated by Rosenfeld. They were fascinated by the documentation Rosenfeld and his group collected on paranormal incidents in Utah which

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included sightings of UFOs, Big Foot, unexplainable lights of various shapes, animal depredations, unusual figures created in grainfields and strange animals.

In the mid-1960s and early 1970s, UFO sightings, cattle mutilations and Big Foot sightings were the talk of the town in places like Roosevelt, Fort Duchesne, Myton, Duchesne and Vernal.

By the 1980s sightings and reports of the unexplained had dwindled but Rosenfeld believes there is still a lot going on in the Basin — particularly on a former cattle ranch located between Fort Duchesne and Randlett. The 480 acres, known as the Sherman Ranch, was the site of reported cattle mutilations, strange depressions in the ground and unexplained circles of matted grass.

In 1996 Terry and Gwen Sherman sold their ranch to the Las Vegas-based National Institute of Discovery Science (NIDS). Scientists and researchers employed by NIDS established a field research station at the old Sherman Ranch in an attempt to observe and if possible, scientifically substantiate claims involving the reported unexplained phenomenon. NIDS is privately funded by Las Vegas real estate tycoon Robert M. Bigelow.

Exactly what kind of research has gone on at the Uintah County site is a mystery in itself. In the late 1990s NIDS sent letters out more than once to area cattlemen requesting they report any unusual or unexplained cattle deaths or mutilations to them so NIDS scientists could conduct research — all at NIDS expense. However, today NIDS Fort Duchesne observation location is silent and NIDS Las Vegas headquarters did not return a phone call by press time.

According to Rosenfeld, in 2002 and 2003 members of his group were able to observe interesting phenomena near the NIDS site in Fort Duchesne.

"On one occasion we spotted a lot of small blue lights moving about. They were not confined to the private property. I was able to get within a foot of one, then it disappeared," Rosenfeld stated.

For several years, Pete Pickup of Randlett worked for NIDS tracking down reports of unusual sightings and occurrences. However when contacted recently by the *Standard*, Pickup said he "has no association with the organization nor interest in what it is doing."

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Rosenfeld said he has been denied access to the old Sherman Ranch, but has discovered a vantage point where he and fellow observers have a good view of the property.

"Bigelow and his local caretakers will not let us on the ranch so we have found a spot on public land where we can observe some of the goings on," he said. "I think the possibility of getting some good video tape in the Basin is excellent."

The Emersons give video versions of their products to libraries and schools, or sell them at cost. The videos are not available commercially.

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10 OIL WELLS SPUD IN AND GIN DRILLING FOR PAY SANDS

arter Oil and Vernal
1 Finish Rigging Up

activity again took the
light this week as two Uin-
ounty wells spudded in.

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well located on the north
of Highway 40 in the Twists
miles west of Vernal.

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hole might be extended
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Flying Discs Seen in Vernal And Artesia

What may have been one of
the famed flying saucers was
seen last week by several Ver-
nal residents.

Charles Riddling and Mrs.
Charles L. Winkle were flying
in an airplane when the circular
object passed about a mile in
front of their plane. It was
traveling in a southerly direc-
tion and appeared to be wrapped
in a light blue flame with a
tail. Traveling at a high rate of
speed it continued for a mile in
a gradual horizontal descent af-
ter crossing the path of the plane
and then disintegrated with
black objects flying in all direc-
tions.

It was observed from the air-
port by Jack Turner, James
Lube, and Charles L. Winkle.
Wayne Goodrich, who was walk-
ing in his pasture in west Ver-
nal, also saw the phenomena.

Several persons in Artesia
have reported seeing disc-like
objects traveling through the
skies in that area.

Mel Sperber states that he saw
a rainbow-colored saucer as
"big as a dinosaur" Saturday,
which after circling Artesia
flew off in a straight southerly
direction at high speed.

and Hugh Caldwell won first
and second places in the small
bore competition.

The Artesia pioneers won a
hard-fought softball game from
the local Ashton nine, 2-1.

Because of their apparently
greater influence with their
mounts, the Lions Club over-
whelmed the Kiwanis team in
the burro polo match, 5-1.

Earl Hetts, president of the
Artesia chamber of commerce,
was the lucky winner of the
boat motor.

Russell Montgomery, general
chairman of the event which



Mrs. Neal Caldwell, rodeo
queen candidate.

Calder Creamery Safe Cracked \$7268 Stolen

Believed to be the work of
big-time "yeggs," who had ap-
parently "cased" the robbery in
advance and timed their foray
for the three-day holiday per-
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creamery was broken into Sat-
urday night and \$2200 in cur-
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The burglars left an additional
\$1350 in checks in the strong-
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Entry was gained by jimmy-
ing open an office window. The
robbery is believed to have oc-
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dents in the neighborhood heard
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Group wants scientific study of extraterrestrial phenomenon

The announcement strikes a local chord because in 1996 the National Institute for Discovery Science purchased a ranch in Uintah County to study extra-terrestrial activity.

By Lezlee E. Whiting

An organization devoted to the scientific study of extra-terrestrial intelligence is asking the mainstream scientific community to give serious study to phenomena such as UFO sightings. The Las Vegas, NV.-based National Institute for Discovery Science recently took out full-page ads in major newspapers inviting scientists from all disciplines to submit essays on an array of topics

surrounding the search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

The announcement strikes a local chord because in 1996 the National Institute for Discovery Science purchased the 480-acre Sherman Ranch between Fort Duchesne and Randlett and has quietly operated a field station in Uintah County since that time, investigating whether evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence exists.

According to its former owners, Terry and Gwen Sherman, there's no

doubt the anomalous activity on their property was the work of extraterrestrials. The Shermans reported seeing several types of UFOs, had three cows mutilated and others disappear, and found unusual soil impressions and circles of flattened grass in a pasture.

Before NIDS founder, Las Vegas millionaire Robert M. Bigelow, purchased the ranch, UFO researcher, Chris O'Brien of Crestone, Colo. made a trek to the property and declared it "one of the most impressive cases ever investigated."

Colm Keller, deputy administrator and research scientist for the Institute, said the NIDS isn't necessarily secretive about their work at the ranch, but doesn't believe in "doing

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science by press conference." The field of research the NIDS scientists at the Uintah County field station are involved in is "ongoing and difficult to talk about," he stated, adding that right now there really isn't any news to release.

Shortly after Bigelow purchased the ranch, NIDS sent letters to area farmers and ranchers asking for their participation in a scientific research effort investigating animal mutilations, particularly those of cattle and other livestock. For about three months after the letter was sent, local veterinarians said they performed a handful of necropsies on cattle that initially appeared to have died mysteriously. In each case a scientific explanation was uncovered for the animal's demise. Veterinarian Dr. Blaine Whiting said his clinic hasn't had a call about anymore suspected livestock mutilations since early 1997.

In the mid-1960s and early 1970s UFO sightings in the Uintah Basin were about as common as coffee-shop

talk. Even today if a locals haven't seen an unexplained glowing light in the sky personally, then they know someone who has. Sightings have been reported by bankers, bishops, farmers, teachers and many well-known and respected citizens. In the no-nonsense, take-it-or-leave-it attitude of the rural Uintah Basin, you have to give those sightings some credibility.

In 1983 the Standard printed a story entitled "The Basin: America's UFO Hot Spot," in Nuance magazine, a special section of the newspaper printed monthly. The information contained in the story was recently requested by Keller for use in research being conducted by NIDS.

The story included drawings of UFOs seen by several area residents and then described to local UFO researcher and scientist Junior Hicks. When the article was printed 15 years ago, Hicks had investigated between 400 to 600 UFO sightings where the witnesses were able to provide physical descriptions of the object. The majority of the UFO sightings occurred during 1966 and 1967, when the Uintah Basin was reportedly one of the most active areas in the world for unexplained extra-terrestrial occurrences.

At that time Utah State Univer-

sity researcher Dr. Frank B. Salisbury came to the area to conduct studies. Together Hicks and Salisbury published a book, "The Utah UFO Display: A Biologists Report." The book is now out of print but still sought after.

Sightings have decreased greatly over the past 35 years, but there are still reports that filter in. Hicks still lives in Roosevelt but could not be reached for comment prior to our deadline.

The NIDS essay contest offers a platform for scientists to begin thinking creatively when it comes to writing calculated papers on the possibility that evidence exists to substantiate the claim that life exists in outer space, Keller explained.

Topics will be assigned in three different categories. The essays will be judged by a panel of seven scientifically qualified experts with multidisciplinary experience. The top three essays will each be awarded \$5,000.

"Continuing radio telescope searches, the announcement of the creation of NASA Astrobiology Institute and recent research of Martian meteorites suggest that scientific interest in the possibility of the existence of extraterrestrial life is increasing," said Keller.

Lightning plays tricks on Vernal rocks

VERNAL — Rocks melted by lightning are a rare sight. Jim Robbins and Frances Pierce, Bureau of Land Management minerals specialists, have found what they believe is the work of lightning in the Red Wash Oil Field, 15 miles south of Vernal.

They found a bright green glassy area about five by 10 feet coating a small depression. The soil beneath the thin coating and around the glassy area appears to have been baked to a dark hard and crumbly consistency, "like a burned cookie," they said.

Little oil field activity is conducted near the site. According to Chevron personnel, samples from the site do not resemble any substance used in the field.

Deposits of this type are usually found on ridge tops or other exposed locations where lightning usually strikes and the host rock is usually sandstone. Although this area does not fit the textbook description, its appearance suggests that it is the result of a lightning strike.

Pierce and Robbins plan to investigate their find further. They will be assisted by specialists from the University of Utah and the Field House of Natural History in Vernal.

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Gentlemen:

I visited a man in Mt. View, Mo. several years ago and he claimed that this is what happened when a UFO landed on his ranch.

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Lights spark otherworldly speculation

Meanwhile, power company says explanation very down-to-earth

By **RANAE BANGERTER**
Vernal Express

Reports of people seeing multi-colored lights filling the snow-covered skies over Fort Duchesne early Sunday morning has become a topic of debate in the Basin.

Some think it was a Unidentified Flying Object in the area, others say it was a spectacular light show from a power outage.

"The outside was green, you could see the trees, you could see the basketball hoop just like a light was on, a floodlight, it was so cool," said Corey Serawop, who was the first to post a video interview on Facebook of what he described as a UFO sighting. "I still get chills thinking about that, like it's just so unreal," he said.

He and his wife Lauren Serawop created a Facebook group "Ft. Duchesne UFO," and by Monday night they had more than 90 followers. Of those followers and friends of the Serawops, 15-20 have reported seeing something similar to what Corey described from Randlett to Whiterocks.

What Corey saw was bright flashes of blue and red lights, then a bright

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RANAE BANGERTER, VERNAL EXPRESS

Corey Serawop draws what he believes he saw over his Fort Duchesne work building on the morning of Feb. 12. Serawop believes he saw a UFO up close, and has since created a Facebook group page, which now has more than 100 followers. Moon Lake Electric manager of operations Paul Betts said a transformer blew at its Fort Duchesne sub station around the same time of the sighting Sunday morning.

It's just so
unreal.
—Corey
Serawop

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flash of green followed by darkness.

He was working the overnight shift at the Red Pine Residential Treatment Center in Fort Duchesne when the power went out just after 6:15 a.m., and he and his co-workers saw bright flashes of light outside.

At first, Corey thought it was police cars, but then when he and his co-workers stepped outside they discovered the flashing lights were coming

from above the building.

He said once he saw the lights he was captivated by them.

"It captures you, you're like motionless and you don't know what to say or what to think," Corey said.

He said the lights weren't like normal lights, not round. He also said he saw an outline of what he thought was the "ship." The self-proclaimed sci-fi geek said he's always been a believer in UFOs to some extent, having seen other paranormal activities in the past.

"It's just like so unreal," Corey said of the experience, "like

were seen.

Power was knocked out for about 2.5 hours in Randlett, Fort Duchesne, Gusher and Hilltop, Betts said. Moon Lake Electric restored power by 9 a.m.

But even with that as an "explanation" for the sighting, people who witnessed the bright lights were posting their stories online and sharing them with friends.

In one other video interview on the Ft. Duchesne UFO webpage Corey's uncle and his cousin reported seeing "rainbow-colored lights" outside their home in the early morning and heard a humming noise; they even said they think a "ship" landed in Fort Duchesne.

No one has posted any videos or pictures of the Sunday UFO sighting or any photos of

a possible landing area on the Facebook page, but with all of the comments, this recent "sighting" is attracting UFO specialists from across the nation.

Owner of Skinwalkerranch.org Ryan Skinner, who lives in Wisconsin, called the newspaper to find out what we had heard. Although he owns the website skinwalkerranch.org, Skinner said he has no contact with the owner of the actual Skinwalker Ranch in Fort Duchesne Robert Bigelow.

Skinner said the consistency of the individual reports are "pretty rare."

"This is a big deal there's so many witnesses," Skinner said. "This one is really off the scale."

Corey said he posted his story online not to get famous or create controversy but because it was such a rare sight.

"It's just something that I saw, I wanted to put up there because how many times in your lifetime can you say that you saw a UFO," he said.

To hear Corey's account you can visit YouTube and search for "Corey UFO Interview."

Also the Hyper-Anomalous Expedition Research Organization, H.E.R.O. Paranormal is posting updates on this sighting on its site <http://site.skinwalkerranch.info>.

Betts said the power outage was isolated and restored quickly. For future outages, Betts encourages customers to call 435-722-5400 to report them so crews can act quickly.

This one is
really off the
scale.

—Ryan Skinner

UFO FOLKLORE PREVALENT IN BASIN SINCE 1950's

Millionaire buys Randlett ranch, begins quest to obtain UFO data

By Zack Van Eyck
Deseret News staff writer

The search for answers to life's greatest mysteries has led millionaire Robert M. Bigelow to an isolated cattle ranch in the heart of the Uintah Basin.

Here, far from the bright lights of his native Las Vegas, the real estate magnate hopes his team of scientists can unearth the roots of UFO folklore prevalent in this region since the 1950s. Bigelow, easily the most prominent American financier in the paranormal research field, is convinced there is more to the observations of Terry Sherman's family than the simple misidentification of mundane events.

The Shermans made national news in July - the same time as the blockbuster "Independence Day" hit the theaters - by going public with bizarre tales of anomalous activity on their 480-acre ranch, nestled beneath a red-rock ridge between Fort Duchesne and Randlett.

Sherman told the Deseret News and journalist Linda Moulton Howe on a national radio broadcast that his family saw several types of UFOs, witnessed lights emerging from circular "door-ways" that seemed to appear in midair, had three cows mutilated and several others disappear and found unusual soil impressions and circles of flat-

tened grass in a pasture.

Weeks later, Bigelow hopped a jet to Vernal and met with the Shermans, offering to buy the ranch for about \$200,000. The deal closed in September. The Shermans have purchased a smaller ranch 15 miles away near Whiterocks - far removed, they hope, from the disturbing occurrences they endured for 18

the missions of the institute is to make information widely available."

But for now, the lid is on tight. Bigelow won't talk to the media and Alexander would give no details of how or why the research is being conducted. Sherman, now employed by Bigelow to maintain the ranch, said he can no longer

discuss the activity because of a nondisclosure agreement Bigelow had him sign.

The secretive behavior concerns several regional UFO researchers, including Ryan Layton of Davis County and Chris O'Brien of

Crestone, Colo. Both visited the ranch in July before Bigelow became involved.

"It's the most impressive case I've ever personally investigated," said O'Brien, author of "The Mysterious Valley" about UFOs in Colorado's San Luis Valley. "It should be public knowledge, and the public should be allowed some sort of involvement in any investigation."

Moulton Howe, who has written books on cattle mutilations and other phenomena, received a research grant from Bigelow in 1994 to study plant and animal tissue associated with mutilation cases. She was not surprised at Bigelow's interest in the Sherman ranch.

"It's the most impressive case I've ever personally investigated,"

—Chris O'Brien of Crestone, Colo

months.

Bigelow has erected an observation building and moved in a pair of scientists and a veterinarian. He has someone on the property 24 hours a day, recording anything out of the ordinary.

Officially, the research is being conducted by the National Institute for Discovery Science, which Bigelow formed last October. Among the big names in the institute's stable of scientists is John B. Alexander, former director of non-lethal weapons testing at Los Alamos National Laboratories in New Mexico.

"Our approach is to do good, high-quality research using a standard scientific approach and do what we can to get hard data," Alexander said in a telephone interview from the institute's Las Vegas offices. "One of

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Movie depicts Utah phenomena

The Fine Arts Film Studios and the Utah UFO Hunters organization (UUFHO) have joined together to produce a two-hour documentary on sightings of unexplained phenomena throughout the state of Utah.

Dave Rosenfeld, long-time executive director of the UUFHO, will act as technical director of the production. His plan is to include features such as crop circles, UFOs, lake monsters and secret bases. Bigfoot will comprise a major role in the film since there are more reported Bigfoot sightings in Utah than in Washington, California or Oregon.

Rosenfeld stated that one hour of the film will be dedicated to the Sherman/Bigelow Ranch near Roosevelt. The ranch is considered by some investigators to possibly be the most mysterious place in the world.

Filming will begin Sept. 15 in Duchesne and Uintah counties.

For more information, contact Rosenfeld at 1-801-583-0471 or Tom Black with Fine Arts Film

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Print castings made at UFO sighting area

By RYAN BURNS
Vernal Express

Less than a week after the Unidentified Flying Object sighting over Fort Duchesne, members of the Uintah Basin's UFO and paranormal research organization said they found what they believe are footprints from the area of the sighting.

On Feb. 12 several people reported seeing blue and red lights flashing in the snowy skies over the Ute Tribe Indian Reservation. Corey Serawop said after he saw the flashing lights there was a bright flash of green light and then darkness. During that same time a transformer in Fort Duchesne blew causing "a big flash of light," according to Moon Lake Electric spokesman Paul Betts.

Since that sighting, Ryan Burns with H.E.R.O. Paranormal (Hyper-Anomalous Expedition Research Organization) has been looking for material, debris, and or footprints which were rumored to be in the vicinity after the sighting.

"There have been a lot of people offering info and it has been a lot of work documenting it all," Burns wrote in an email.

The group found "some interesting prints" that they cast. One looks like a print from a large bird, with three claws in a triangular shape. The other casting looks is a much larger impression without much of a real shape.

"They seem so out of this world that I have called in other experts to analyze them," Burns said. "They are either an elaborate hoax or remarkable example of the paranormal crypto-diversity which has been documented in that region for years."

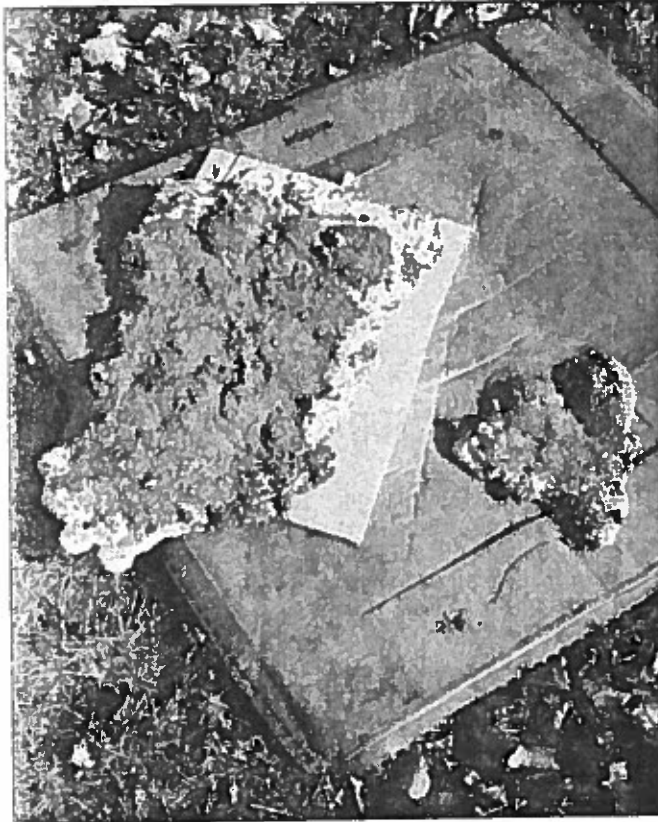


PHOTO: RYAN BURNS

Castings of prints from an area of a UFO sighting Feb. 12 on the Ute Indian Tribe Reservation in Fort Duchesne. The castings were made by members of H.E.R.O. Paranormal, a research organization out of the Uintah Basin.

After the Sunday sighting, Serawop created a Facebook page titled "Ft. Duchesne UFO." Within just a couple days the group had more than 100 followers. In just the past week the Facebook group has grown to 139 members.

In the past week, members of the group have been posting videos and photos of colored lights over the Basin and many people have been commenting about the sightings.

Burns said he is a resident of the Basin and the main reason why he moved here is because of the UFO sightings. He recently published the book about the area and the phenomena titled "Skinwalker and Beyond."

If anyone has any information about UFO sightings in general email H.E.R.O. Paranormal at HEROparanormal@yahoo.com. The group also has a website, HEROparanormal.com.

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Researchers want to hear from Uintah Basin residents & ranchers

It's been about two years since the National Institute of Discovery Science (NIDS) mailed out questionnaires to Uintah Basin farmers and ranchers in an effort to obtain information to assist them in local studies of animal mutilations which could be connected to purported extra-terrestrial activity. In the 1970s, eastern Utah was considered a "hot spot" for such activity, and, although sightings of UFOs don't make the news as much these days, NIDS researchers and others who study the unexplained happenings say that doesn't mean it's not occurring.

Colm Kelleher, deputy director for

NIDS, urges farmers and ranchers to contact his organization when they have experienced an unexplained livestock death. NIDS foots the bill for thorough clinical, morphopathological and laboratory examinations which need to be conducted. In each case, time is of the essence, he stresses.

"Only by carefully analyzing the results of such scientific information can pertinent conclusions be drawn," explains Dr. George E. Onet, PhD, DVM, employed by NIDS to handle cases in the Uintah Basin and elsewhere.

It's estimated that nationwide there are at least 2,000 unexplained

livestock mutilations a year. Many go unreported because of the direct financial costs induced by necropsies and laboratory examinations, financial repercussions from bankers who have outstanding loans against the herd, the ranchers' fear about being ridiculed by the community, and the ranchers' basic nature of being self-reliant and independent. Many others simply want to avoid the attention and publicity, said Dr. Onet.

NIDS has a toll-free number and urges ranchers and others who want to report unexplained occurrences they feel could be related to extra-terrestrial phenomenon to contact their sci-

entists and investigators at 1-888-433-6500, or they may call 702-798-1700. NIDS is careful to keep the name of the rancher confidential if requested, said Kelleher.

Linda Moulton Howe, an Emmy-winning TV documentary producer who has extensively researched livestock mutilations over a 20-year period and regularly interfaces with scientists and veterinarians, also seeks input from area residents who may have an experience to share related to new animal mutilation cases. Howe can be reached at PO Box 300, Jamison, PA 18929, or by fax 215-491-9842.

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Stalking the Shapeshifter

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY HELEN MALLAS

Strawberry River Bed and Breakfast, located in Duchesne, Utah, is a perfect destination for travelers looking for relaxation. But what you don't know is this 13-acre, 4000 square foot property sits directly in front of Devils Soup Bowl, according to Ryan Burns what is considered Duchesne Shapeshifter Ridge.

Burns, the owner of the property, has memories of growing up and running outside his home. He also remembers seeing things and hearing things he cannot explain.

"Many UFO sightings have happened here in Duchesne specifically right here," he said.

Pointing to the mountain that stands directly behind his property, Burns said the location is awesome and has been featured on the television show Haunted Highway. In addition, Burns has had several paranormal investigators travel to Duchesne to investigate the sightings—such as Ben Han-

sen a former FBI agent who now investigates the paranormal. Burns also explained that he has even had scientist investigate who could not explain what they had witnessed.

Burns shared examples of "chasing a Shape-



shifter across the river at the base of the bowl and found human prints on one side and dog prints on the other just behind the corral." Many orbs and inexplicable lights often being seen in the pasture. Shadow figures and much more.

This is why Burns chose to host an event Saturday. Tickets were limited but all sold. Several came from outside

the Basin, including participants from Salt Lake City, West Jordan City and Spanish Fork City. For those who weren't afraid to spend the night, Burns allowed campers to pitch a tent for free in the back pasture.

Once past the armed

capable to enter and exit into the Basin. Layton believes the phenomena occurring in Duchesne are related to "The Skin Walker Ranch" located in Fort Duchesne.

Ron Johnson of Price, Utah, also known as "The Pilot" spoke of his

abduction and experiences with aliens and space crafts. Johnson went into detail of his interactions with several humanoids beginning in 1968 at the age of 15. He also shared his experience from when he was 16. While tending sheep on his family's farm Johnson said he

spotted a six to eight-foot diameter mushroom-shaped UFO in the night sky. It was described as having multi-colored lights, and hovering approximately three feet above ground. He said the UFO then ascended with a blinding light. Johnson went on to say that he has had several out of body experiences as well as was taught to fly a spaceship by hu-

manoids hence the nickname, "Pilot" and many more experiences.

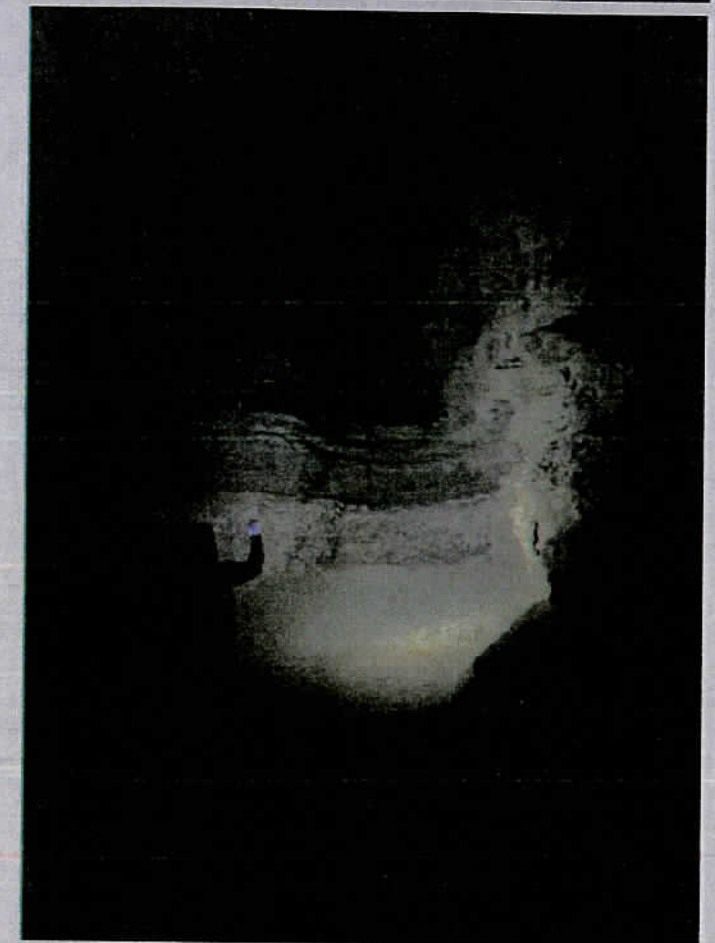
"T.H." a surprise guest speaker originally from Echo, Utah, did not want to reveal his full real name nor be photographed, but at one time was a government official and had secret clearance to multiple bases. Although "T.H." was very hesitant to provide any information, he did speak about Project Blue Beam which he said was a government project. According to him, Project Blue Beam involves two things: A technologically simulated "second coming" and the reemergence of new monarch type project that have the ability to take several people or items and whisk the whole bunch

wherever chosen. In addition, laser projection of multiple holographic images to different parts of the world, each receiving a different message.

Videos and photographs were presented by Burns with numerous stories of the paranormal.

"It's much more than what any of us think. It's the unknown, something we cannot explain. This isn't it, it's actually very spiritual. There is so much more we don't know about," Burns said.

Burns said he is expecting his first child next month. He hopes he can continue to host future events to help those understand and appreciate the "unknown."



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TV Show To Feature UFO Phenomena

Strange happenings and landings, land Randlett ranch on "Strange Universe"

By Lezlee E. Whiting

A Los Angeles-based TV news magazine that delves into unexplained, extraordinary and bizarre occurrences throughout the UNIVERSE will feature rather odd activity being reported in west Uintah County.

"Strange Universe," is syndicated daily throughout 147 markets, it airs locally on channel 4 at midnight. Reporters from the show were in the area two weeks ago to interview people in connection with the sightings of UFO's and incidents of cattle disappearances and cattle mutilations on the former Sherman ranch in Randlett.

The 480-acre ranch was purchased three months ago by Las Vegas millionaire Robert T. Bigelow, perhaps the most prominent American financier in the paranormal research field. Bigelow has established the National Institute for Discovery Science and has erected an observation building at the ranch and moved in a pair of scientists and a veterinarian. Someone is on the property 24 hours a day to record anything out of the ordinary.

Terry and Gwen Sherman gained national notoriety last June when their experiences - including sightings of several types of UFOs, cattle mutilations and unusual soil impressions and circles of flattened grass in a pasture - were featured in a Deseret News story and on a national radio broadcast.

Producers from Strange Universe picked up the story and sent a four-member crew to the Roosevelt area in late November to conduct interviews and tape what

will air as a five-minute segment this Friday, Dec. 13, said production assistant Renee Barnett.

"We talked to believers, skeptics, a paranormal investigator, a veterinarian, a friend of the former owner, it was our intent to turn the camera on what seems to be quite an unexplained mystery in your part of the area," detailed Margaret Roberts, one of the shows executive producers.

"This is very much the heart of our show to go out in areas where sightings have been reported and apply classic journalism to the story ... our position is that we go out to cover the story neither as believers or debunkers."

Reporters from Strange Universe also talked with Deseret News reporter Zach Van Eyck, who broke the story. Those working for Bigelow declined to be interviewed.

One of those interviewed was Roosevelt veterinarian Dr. Dan Dennis, who is assisting the veterinarian working at the Institute for Discovery Science in conducting necropsies on livestock which farmers and ranchers report as being the victims of strange deaths.

So far only one case has been investigated, the death of the cow in that incident was not attributed to mutilation.

Dr. Dennis says he told interviewers that in his 40 years as a veterinarian in the Uintah Basin he had only seen one case which he felt "fit the category" of an actual mutilation. That case involved a horse which had been sliced open and cut in pieces and occurred about 25 to 30 years ago north of the sales barn in Ballard.

No pictures or records were made, said Dr. Dennis, so it's impossible to go back and review the incident. It occurred in the 1950s or 1960s when "alien sightings were quite actively present around here," he related.

When it comes to numerous claims of cattle mutilations, Dr. Dennis feels they are actually "ten percent scavenger activity and 90 percent imagination. I've been called out to strange deaths, but most were quite explainable," he stated.

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THE BASIN— America's UFO hot spot

A skeptic could have a hey-day if he were to listen to Junior Hicks relate stories of UFO sightings within the Uintah Basin, but after the years of 1966 and 1967 few skeptics exist.

According to Mr. Hicks, who is widely known as the local authority on UFOs, he investigated between 400 and 600 UFO sightings during that two year period. He explained that during that time the Uintah Basin was the most active site in the United States for UFO sightings. Hicks emphasized, however, that his investigations were only of those instances where descriptions of the object could be given. The West Junior high school science teacher said he had more than 1,000 reports of strange lights during that two year period, none of which were investigated.

During that time two UFOs were described more than any others. The first was related in approximately 300 sightings. Descriptions estimated the craft to be about 40 feet in diameter with pulsating lights around the outside edge. Descriptions also placed a light at the top of the craft. Hicks said there was another item which was most common in all the descriptions.

Hicks said in almost all of the reports there was a description of a red-colored "ray" which came from the bottom of the craft. Witnesses explained that the ray was different than a light in that it came slowly from the ship, not all at once like a light. Witnesses often claimed that it appeared to be gathering information.

The second most sighted UFO, with over 100 sightings, was seen from as close as 30 feet. Hicks said this UFO was described as possessing a double-convex shape with a red and green light, one on top and one on the bottom. The UFO was reported to look silver in the daylight and orange-red at night.

Sightings in the area were reported by a number of local people. They were bankers, teachers, Bishops, and many other well known individuals. One of the sightings, describing a UFO with the red ray, was reported by Lee Mecham.

According to Mr. Mecham, the sighting in question took place late one evening. He and his boy were on horseback looking for other horses. He said they were on their way home because it was too dark to see anything.

"It was as dark a night as I've seen," said Mecham. He said as they were riding along they saw an oval shaped object off in the distance which was sending down a red-colored ray. "It looked like when the sun comes through the clouds," said Mecham. He said when the ray reached the ground it began throwing dust nearly 100 feet into the air, and lit up an area which they estimated to be two square miles. He said they watched it for some time and it was as bright as day.

Mecham said the ray then began to gather back into the ship but the light on the ground remained for some time before completely fading.

Mr. Hicks said from the descriptions given by Mecham and other witnesses, he estimated the UFO to be about 400 feet across. Mecham said the UFO began to rise slowly and then it was gone with a "big red flash." Mr. Mecham said he and his family have seen other sightings, one within 20 yards. He said the UFO was moving slowly, and they could hear a hum.

"It was like when you pump up a toy top," said Mecham. He said when he first saw a UFO he was very skeptical. However, he said after the experience he and his family have had, he is convinced.

"I believe the Church teaching," said Mecham. "As far as I'm concerned we were one of the last intelligences put on a planet." Mecham stressed that he doesn't doubt that we are being watched, but he said he doesn't believe any of the UFOs are here to do harm.

"If someone had wanted to harm us, they would have done it long ago," said Mecham. He said he realizes that many people are skeptical, and added

that he doesn't blame them. He added, however, that most of the people just don't go out there make up such stories.

"There ain't enough money on earth to make me have my son lie about something like that," concluded Mecham.

Junior Hicks recounted a number of other sightings, and pointed out that one of the most active areas in the Basin was that known as "Halfway Hollow" between Roosevelt and Vernal.

Hicks said there have been several instances of people shooting at UFOs and numerous instances of UFOs following people. One of those followed was David Martin, son of Walter and Ruth Martin.

According to Ruth Martin, her son was coming home late one evening near the old airport. She said he had seen a strange light earlier in the evening so he went back out to see if it was still there. When he again spotted the light he stopped his truck and turned off the lights. She said the lights got closer and closer and David decided to "get out of there."

As he headed for his parent's home the UFO began to follow him. She said her son lost sight of the UFO only once, but only because it was directly overhead.

"He came screaming and yelling, 'come see what followed me home,'" said Mrs. Martin. She said she didn't know what to expect. "It scared him half to death. I don't believe in little green men or monkey faced people," but Mrs. Martin said she knows she saw some type of craft which had a power source.

"We did see it, and it wasn't the moon. I firmly believe there are outer-space craft."

Mr. Hicks said he has documented his interviews with various individuals in the area and has had witnesses draw pictures whenever possible. The science teacher said he began his interest in 1951 but it wasn't until 1966 and 1967 that he became very involved. Because of his extensive records, Utah State University's Dr. Frank B. Salisbury came to the area to do research. Working with Mr. Hicks, Salisbury published a book titled "The Utah UFO Display: A Biologist's Report." The book deals exclusively with the Uintah Basin and was one of the first such works to address the subject.

Hicks said the Uintah Basin was one of the most active areas for UFO sightings in the world during that period. He explained that during that time he

received a phone call from a doctor in France. Hicks explained that at the same time there was an area in France, and one in Australia, where a number of sightings were reported. Mr. Hicks said there were a number of geological and biological similarities between the three areas.

As far as a theory as to why there were so many sightings during that period, but so few since then, Hicks said many believe it may have been a large fleet of various craft sent out to gather information.

"I think it's a very real possibility," said Hicks. "A great deal of this belief is founded in scientific data. The mere chance of having life 'out there' is very great." Hicks explained that they know for a fact that there are more stars in the sky than there are grains of sand on all the beaches on earth.

The issue of UFOs has caused great panic and interest, and skepticism remains. The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization [APRO], Inc., Tucson, is the oldest organization of its kind in the world.

APRO was founded in 1952 and presently has representatives in over 50 countries. APRO acts as the collection center for reports of UFOs worldwide. According to a spokesperson for APRO, 1983 has been a "very slow year."

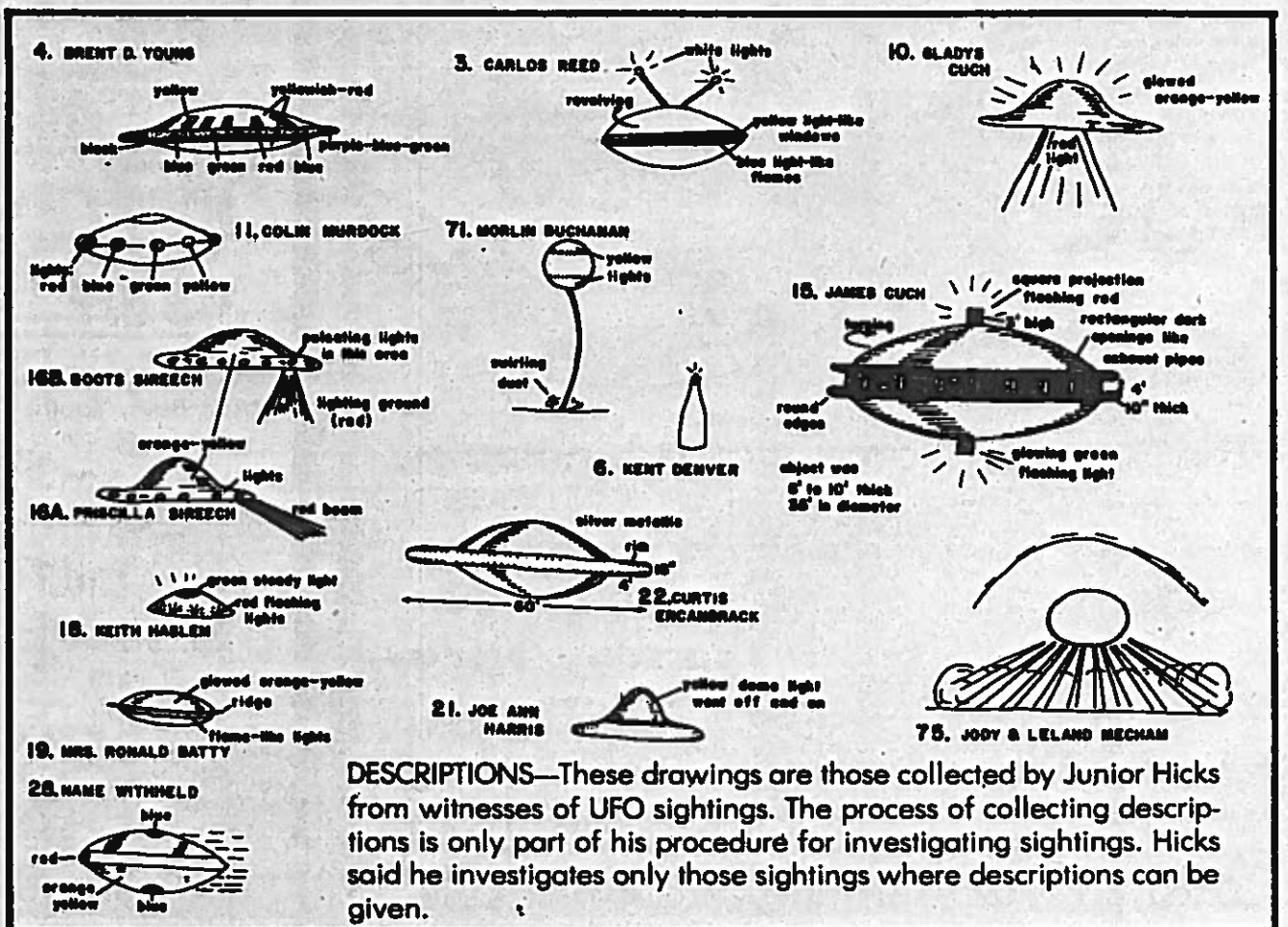
The spokesperson said they are averaging only three or four sightings per week, a far cry from several years ago. The spokesperson reported that earlier this year a number of sightings were reported in the southeast United States, but after the flooding in that area the sightings dropped off.

The spokesperson discussed the sightings of the Uintah Basin and added that this was one of the most active areas in the country, an area which provided a great deal of information.

The sightings have decreased greatly since 1967, but Hicks said there are still reports.

The most recent report, one of the few Hicks has himself witnessed, took place in May, 1983. He said a family in the Whiterocks area had the lights in their home begin to dim. He said when they stepped from their home the lights went out. At this time a large craft, a UFO, came and landed behind their home.

Hicks said the family called him, and when when he arrived the family was in the front yard looking to the northeast. He said he and the family watched the UFO settle into a grove of trees about one



mile away. Hicks said he attempted to drive to the area, but no roads went to the trees. Hicks said they later watched the UFO lift off and leave the area.

He said by comparing the UFO to the trees in which it landed, they estimated its size to be about 40 feet high and 200 feet across. Hicks said this was one of only three or four sightings has witnessed.

Hicks said there are not many explanations for the UFOs, except that they are possibly craft from other planets. He said the majority of the information gathering being done is by people such as him.

H added that as long as sightings continue, he will continue to gather information.

Common Questions

UFO sightings have long intrigued man. The uncertainty of that which is witnessed contributes greatly to the interest in UFOs.

The general population, however, often has a great number of questions regarding UFOs. The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) has published a list of the 15 most asked questions. These questions are accompanied by answers provided by APRO.

Q: What is a UFO?

A: A UFO is any airborne object which cannot be identified by the witness.

Q: Are many UFOs eventually explained?

A: Yes. Various researchers present varying percentages of explained sightings. APRO has no firm figures on this because identified objects are weeded out at member or Field Investigator level and thus are not forwarded to headquarters.

Q: What objects are most often reported as UFOs but are later identified?

A: The most frequently reported are:

1. Bright planets or stars which are unfamiliar to the witness or are seen under unusual conditions.
2. Weather balloons.
3. Unusual cloud formations.
4. Ordinary aircraft seen under unusual conditions.
5. Kites.
6. Hoaxes—these are fre-

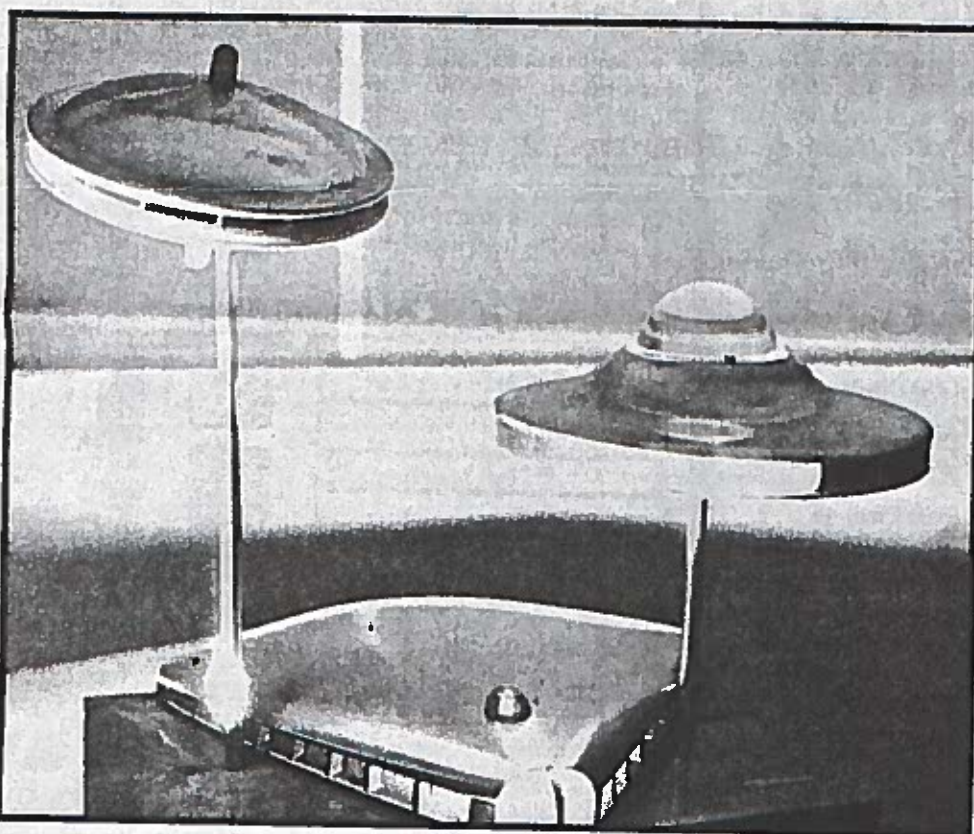
quently pranks involving home-made balloons illuminated with candles and released into the atmosphere.

Q: Who sees UFOs?

A: UFOs have been seen by men and women, adults and children, and people of all colors and creeds and in every walk of life.

Q: Is it true that no astronomer has ever seen a UFO?

UFOs—The above photo was taken at a weather station in Colorado. The photo below shows models of UFOs often sighted within the Uintah Basin in 1966 and 67. The models were made by Junior Hicks.



A: Absolutely not. One of the better known cases is that of Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, the discoverer of the planet Pluto who, with his wife, saw a UFO in 1948 over Las Cruces, New Mexico. It is generally assumed that astronomers should be the people most likely to see UFOs—however, if they are using a telescope, their field of view of the sky is extremely limited. Also, many astronomers are mainly theorists and seldom spend any time actually viewing celestial objects or using a telescope.

Q: Where are UFOs seen?

A: They have been seen in almost every (and possibly every) country in the world. There are some countries such as China, North Korea and newly emerging African countries which have not reported UFOs.

UFOs have been reported over large cities, small towns and rural areas.

Q: What time of the day are UFOs most frequently reported?

A: Most UFO reports are generated between dusk and dawn and daylight sightings are comparatively small in number compared with the number of reports generated during the night and early morning hours.

Q: What do UFOs look like?

A: The most frequently reported objects fall into four categories:

1. Disc-shaped
2. Egg-shaped
3. Cigar-shaped
4. Spheres

However, triangular-shaped as well as rectangles, cones, football-shapes and square shapes have been reported.

Q: How do UFO night reports differ from those seen during the daytime hours?

A: Objects seen at night either have steady or blinking lights or glow all over.

Q: Have UFOs been photographed?

A: There are allegedly many photos of UFOs in existence, but unfortunately most cannot be authenticated. One of the few sets of sequential photos which is well documented and authenticated is the Trindade Island set.

Q: Have UFOs landed and have they been photographed on the ground?

A: Yes, there have been hundreds of reports of UFOs on the ground. They sometimes leave burned areas and/or depressions in the earth. However, there are no authenticated photos of a landed UFO.

Q: Have there been any reports of occupants?

A: Yes. We have on file over a thousand reported cases involving occupants.

Q: What do the occupants look like?

A: They appear to be humanoid in shape but in most cases are much smaller than humans—between three and five feet in height.

Q: Do they appear adaptable to earth conditions—can they breathe our air?

A: In some occupant reports they are wearing what appears to be the equivalent of a space suit but there are hundreds of cases where they do not appear to be utilizing any breathing equipment.

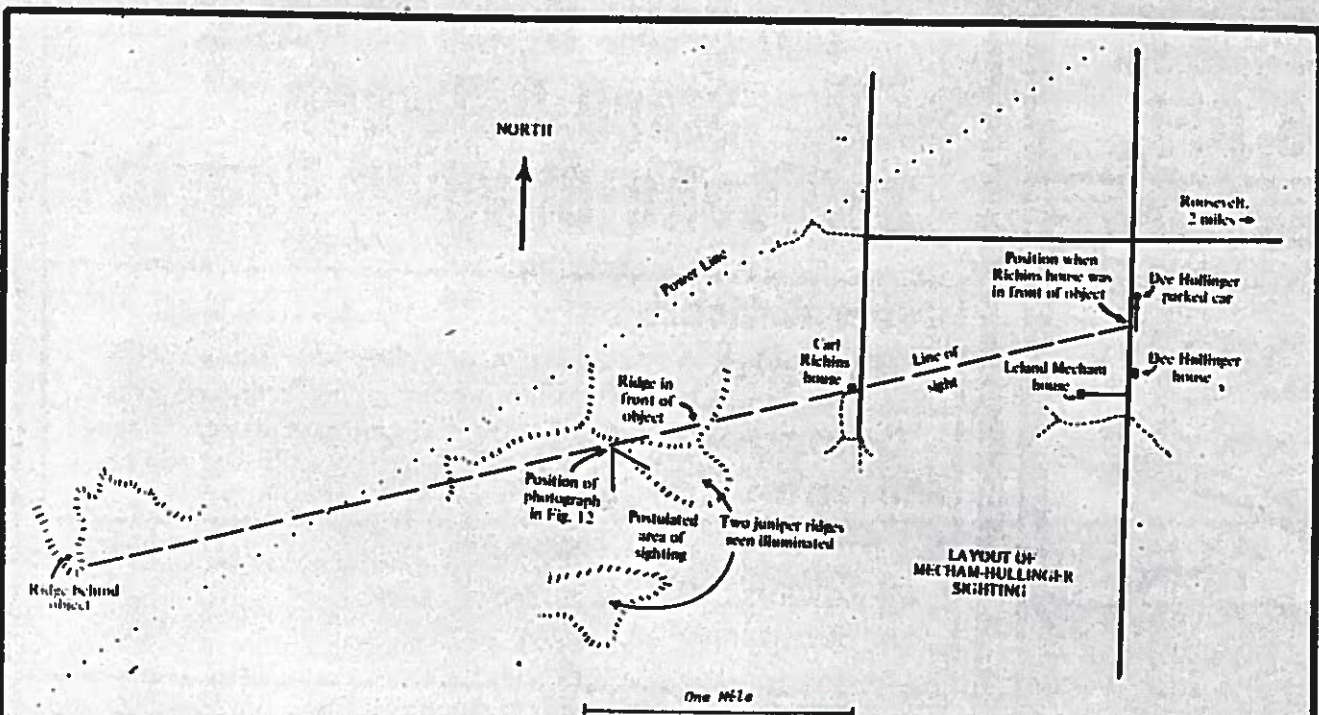
Q: Have there ever been any incidents involving "hardware"—i.e. material evidence remaining after a landing?

A: Yes, they are few in number but they do indicate that UFOs are material objects.

Now that you have the answers to the questions, you may ask 'Why APRO?' The answer lies in the fact that the UFO issue has not been solved, and APRO being the oldest, largest, and most experienced UFO research organization in the world is most likely to find the solutions to many pressing questions.

APRO was originally founded because the Air Force was doing little about the UFO problem. Now that the U.S. Government has officially bowed out, APRO is needed. APRO now remains the only UFO research organization conducting serious scientific research into the UFO problem.

If you would like to obtain more information about APRO, write APRO, 8910 East Kleindale Road, Tucson, Arizona 85712.



SIGHTING—This map depicts the sighting by Lee Mecham in Hancock Cove. The sighting was one of nearly 400 that described a similar UFO.

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UFO sightings from years past still remembered today

By RANNE RANSEN
Utah County News Service

The 1960s and '70s are largely remembered as a time when hippies were using drugs to "explore other worlds" in their minds. During that same time though, a group of Uintah Basin residents claim they had numerous encounters with objects that may have come from elsewhere in the universe.

"You don't hear about it anymore. It was just a phase. It just went," said Nila Batty of Vernal, who reported several sightings of unidentified flying objects the '60s.

Batty is one of more than 75 area residents known to have seen a flying object at least once or twice during the 1960s and '70s, as documented in the book "The Utah UFO Display." The book's author, Frank Salisbury, came to Roosevelt in search of "close encounters."

Salisbury was a professor of plant physiology at Utah State University in the 1970s, which is far from the study of UFOs. He became interested in the unique study while in graduate school when he wrote a term paper about life on Mars. The paper, "Martian Biology" was later published as an article in the magazine Science.

Salisbury took a one year leave of absence from USU in 1973 to study plants and write, when he became intrigued by UFO sightings in northeastern Utah. He traveled to the Uintah Basin and talked to Joseph Junior Hicks, who had kept a record of individuals who had seen UFOs. Hicks then helped Salisbury contact citizens, and "The Utah UFO Display" was published in 1974.

"At that time we saw lots of lights and we saw lots of things that we thought were UFOs and I was just interested," Batty said. She said she heard rumors that oil field workers saw UFOs frequently during the daylight hours as well as at night. She believes whatever the flying objects were, they were not here to hurt anyone.

"I do know they weren't here to do any harm," Batty said. "It would have been done, because there were a lot [of sightings] here."

One sighting in particular that Batty recalls occurred late at night on her property in Vernal.

"There were lots of sightings around that time, but that was the only one that I thought was anything that definite," Batty said.

One night in September of 1966 the cows were getting restless and bellowing and the dogs were barking on Batty's property. In her 30s at the time, Batty thought that maybe the UFOs made a sound that only animals could hear.

"The cows had been so restless that I had worried that they were out or that something was bothering them," she recalled. Batty had been up several times that night to check on them. Her husband worked the night shift and she was alone in her room that night at around midnight.

"I could just sit and look out the window and it faced the field where the cows were," she said. "As I was looking out the window, all of a sudden there was just a light that came, just zoomed up into the sky."

The light was to in the east and Batty couldn't tell how far away it was. She said she just laid there and watched the "bright star" because it was so fascinating to her. She thought it might have been a plane or a helicopter, but she couldn't tell.

"I kept watching it, and then there were two more that came up, but they seemed farther away and they weren't quite as bright," Batty said. "They just hovered there, hovered and hovered; and then it just began getting closer, and closer, and closer, and closer; and finally it looked like a kind of like a saucer with a sugar bowl turned upside down on it."

She didn't dare call anyone in fear that once she called them and told them, the objects would fly away and they would think she was crazy.

"I tried to wake my children up. I wanted them to see it but they were young and they were too sleepy to wake up," she said. The objects continued to hover in her yard for almost an hour and then they left.

Batty said the objects never came close enough for her to see any shape to them.

"Some people said they were cigar shaped some of them said they were more disk shaped," she said.

Batty had another encounter, which involved her young son. She said her son was playing in the sand pile just west of her house when the cows became restless and the dogs started barking a lot, a sign that something was amiss.

She said her son came into the house with wide eyes and said, "Mom the moon just went over my head."

Batty went outside. She didn't see anything.

"I have no idea what it was, but I do know that they weren't here to do any harm and I wasn't afraid of them," she said. "After a little while the cows just settled down, the dogs quit barking and everything was just fine again."

Another resident, who chose to remain anonymous, remembers when he was about 30 years old and had a few encounters with crafts that originally looked like shooting stars.

"It was real. I've never seen anything like it before; I've seen something other than that also, but nothing like this," said the man, who remembers his experience of over 20 years ago when he saw what he thought was a UFO.

In November 1966, the man was going to run errands with his 10-year-old brother down the road from their house. They drove and then stopped when they saw something that looked like a star coming toward them.

It came out of the sky like a falling star, the now 53-year-old said. Right when he thought the falling star was going to burn out it came closer and appeared to be a bright light; something that might explode if it hit the ground.

The object traveled across two 40-acre fields and hovered, about 30 to 40 feet off of the ground, until it moved across the road.

"When it crossed the highway it was about a half-mile away from us, and we could hear

it," the man said, "We could hear a sound that it was giving off. It was a really, really loud sound."

The man said the object got closer and kept getting louder and louder until it stopped right on top of him and his brother.

"The ground was all lit up," he said, "We were pretty well scared at that point."

They were both lying face down on the ground and shouting back and forth, because the noise was so loud.

"My little brother kept asking me what are we going to do, and I said, 'Well whatever it is it sure knows we're here, and it's not gonna hurt us or they would have done something by now,'" he related, with a little chuckle.

It seemed like the craft sat there forever but he guessed it was only five minutes. He described the craft as round and a bit thick in the middle. He said there was also a large floodlight on the bottom, center of the craft.

When it was about to take off the floodlight went out and the noise also stopped and "then it just shot straight across the ground up toward the Neola turnout," he said.

After the encounter, the man said that he and his brother couldn't remember about an hour and a half of the time while they were gone running errands. He said the errands they ran would normally only take about a half hour but he said when they left at 6:30 p.m. they didn't get back until about 9 p.m.

"What we had to go do was going to only take us a little while," he said. "I can't explain what took us so long."

The man said he's considered hypnosis to find out what went on during that time lapse.

"It's always bothered me even until today. I still think about it from time to time," he said. "I've always wondered what went on in that hour and a half, and I don't dare go under hypnosis. I'd like to, but maybe it's better to leave things alone."

Another man and his wife said they saw something in the sky, while driving around the Basin in 1966.

"My wife and I saw what we thought were UFOs a couple of times," said 76-year-old Arnold Clerico.

The couple saw one in the southwest sky while driving on U.S. 40 after visiting Vernal and one in the southern sky when they were driving down from Paradise.

To begin with, it looked like a star and then we saw it moving," he said. "There were other reports along about that time but that's the only two that we remember."

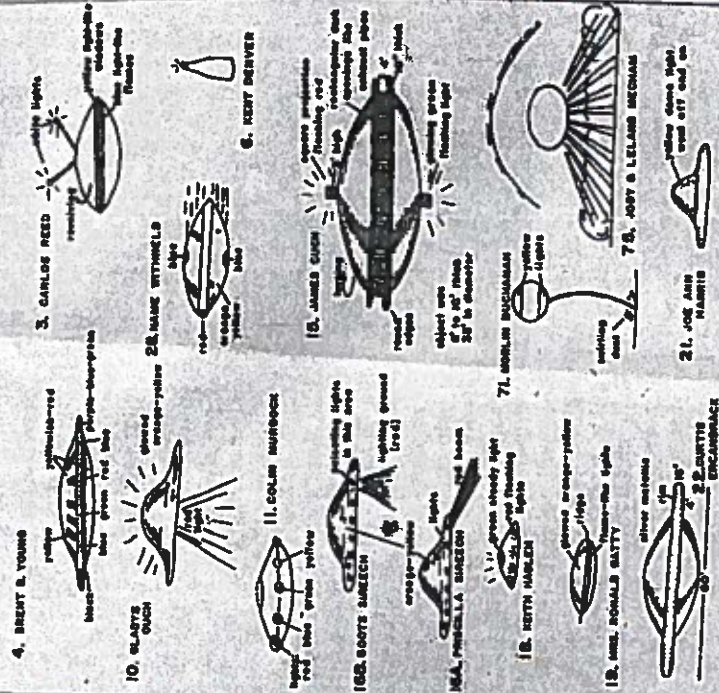
Batty thought the prevalence of the UFOs in the area was something that came to the basin and then traveled to other regions of the earth. She wasn't sure if what she saw was really a UFO or if it was "something experimental for the military or for the weather people."

However Batty did say, "If we can go to the moon, somebody from somewhere else can come here."

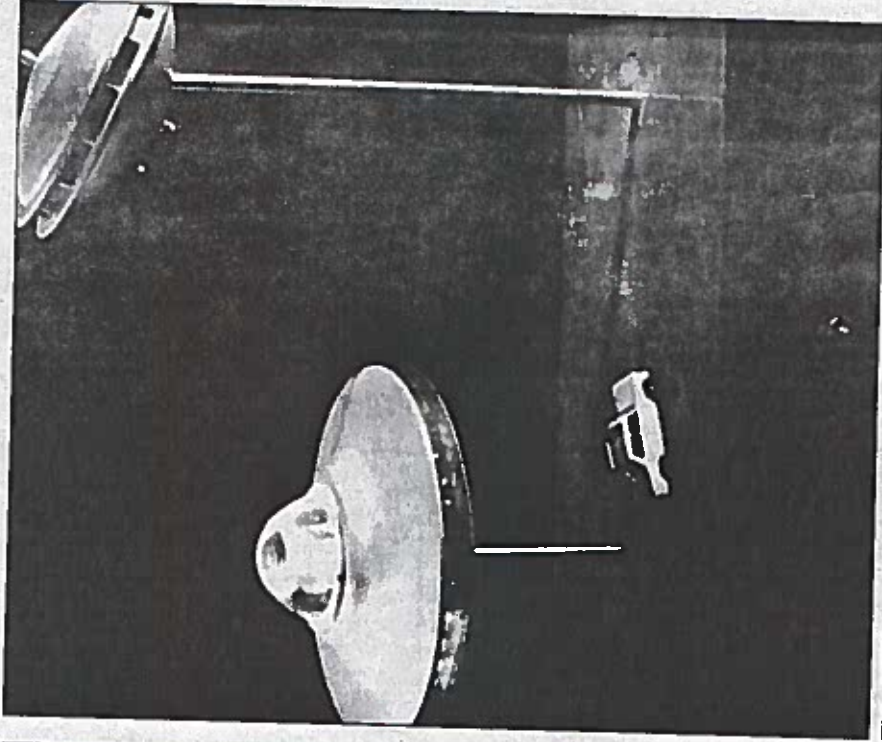


Author of the book, "The Utah UFO Display," Frank Salisbury sits next to Joseph Junior Hicks of Roosevelt. The photo was taken in 1972, and published in the book. Hicks helped Salisbury with his book by providing helpful information about residents of the Uintah Basin who had seen UFOs.

THE WAY THEY LOOKED



These fifteen UFO sketches were drawn by residents of the Uintah Basin who saw these saucers soaring over their head. Nila Batty's drawing, pictured near the lower left, shows what she described as a "saucer with a sugar bowl turned upside down on it."



This UFO model, made by Joseph Junior Hicks, shows an approximate scale model—based on accounts of witnesses — of a convex planar craft (left) and a double convex craft.



Teacher suit hits top court

By Roger Pusey

Deseret News staff writer

The suit to determine if public school administrators and teachers can serve in the Legislature has reached the Utah Supreme Court.

An appeal was filed by Michael L. Deamer, deputy Utah attorney general, after 3rd District Judge G. Hal Taylor signed an order affirming his decision Wednesday.

He ruled that public school administrators and teachers hold a public office of profit or trust, and thus their serving in the Legislature would violate the Utah Constitution.

No date has been set for the high court to

hear arguments in the appeal, but a quick settling presumably will be requested to complete the case because three educators are on the Sept. 12 primary election ballot.

Taylor's order said all laws passed by the 1978 Legislature were valid and denied a request by Lynn A. Jenkins, 7386 Banbury Circle, to give back all the money collected under the laws passed.

Deamer's notice of appeal said he wanted the high court to bear the issue of Jenkins' standing to file the suit, as well as whether the educators could serve in the Legislature.

Jenkins said he will file a notice of appeal on the issue of the bills being valid.

Meanwhile, a related suit has Salt Lake

County officials confused over what to do about the names of educators being on the 350,000 ballots already printed.

That suit was filed by Charles Howard Starr against Salt Lake County Clerk W. Sterling Evans to prevent him from placing on the ballot the names of anyone who holds an office of public trust under authority of the United States or the state and want to run for the Legislature.

Evans said he doesn't know what to do because the ballots already have been printed and should be distributed soon in time for the Sept. 12 primary.

Starr is asking the court to void all election results in the event Evans certifies and places the names of the educators on the ballot.

UFO sightings keep Uintah Basin buzzing

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By Andrea Gramm

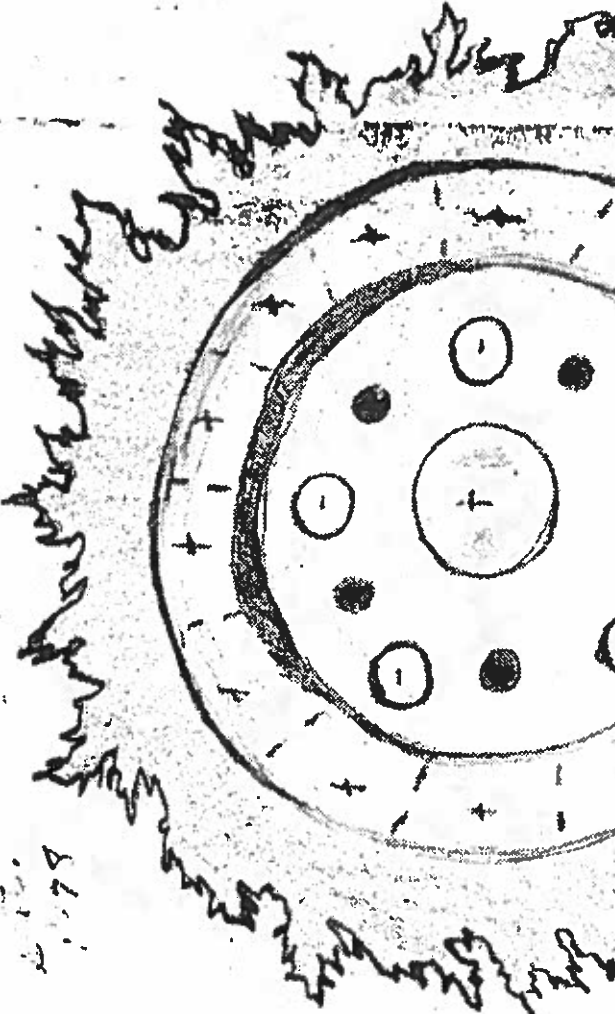
Deseret News correspondent

ROOSEVELT — The Uintah Basin, already famous for numerous UFO sightings in the past 10 years, has been the stage for a great deal of excitement in recent weeks.

Area residents say that at various locations and at times they have witnessed the flight of an awesome dome-shaped unidentified flying object with intense lights.

Dale Wood, 13, a student at Vernal Junior High School, was the first to see the large silver object, near his grandmother's home about seven miles northeast of Roosevelt. About 10:30 p.m. Aug. 11, while walking to his grandmother's trailer home, he could hear the sound of a finely tuned purring engine, Dale said.

He looked up to the horizon and was surprised to see a silver dome-shaped object. It was surrounded by a very



Wood called the Ute Indian Tribe Police Department in Fort Duchesne. Officer David Murray was dispatched to investigate the sightings. He later said he, too, saw the object near U.S. 40.

The following day, in a conversation with Telantha Rasmussen, a reporter for the Roosevelt Standard, Mrs. Wood learned that Mrs. Rasmussen and her 10-year-old grandson, David, had also seen a craft near their Ballard home.

While driving home from Roosevelt, Mrs. Rasmussen spotted something out of the corner of her eye. She looked up through the windshield and asked David if the shining object she saw was a plane or something of that nature.

David calmly replied that it was a flying saucer.

At that point, Mrs. Rasmussen, fearing an accident, pulled her car to the roadside and got out to have a better look.

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Dale Wood, 13, a student at Vernal Junior High School, was the first to see the large silver object, near his grandmother's home about seven miles northeast of Roosevelt. About 10:30 p.m. Aug. 11, while walking to his grandmother's trailer home, he could hear the sound of a finely tuned purring engine, Dale said.

He looked up to the horizon and was surprised to see a silver dome-shaped object. It was surrounded by a very intense green light that was jagged like the flames of a fire, he said.

The object then hovered directly above him and he was able to see the underneath section of the craft. He could see lights there, with the middle light of greatest intensity.

While the craft was overhead, the engine sound was not noticeable, he said. The object remained overhead for a few minutes and, Dale said, he had the impression he was being watched.

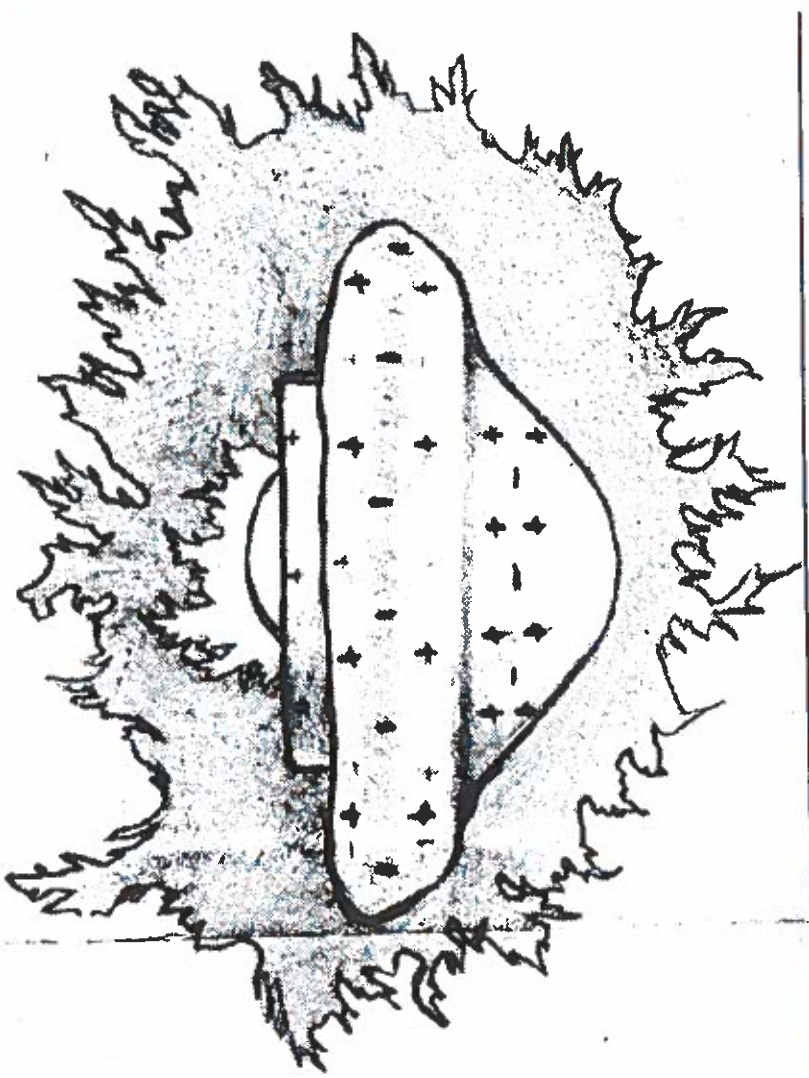
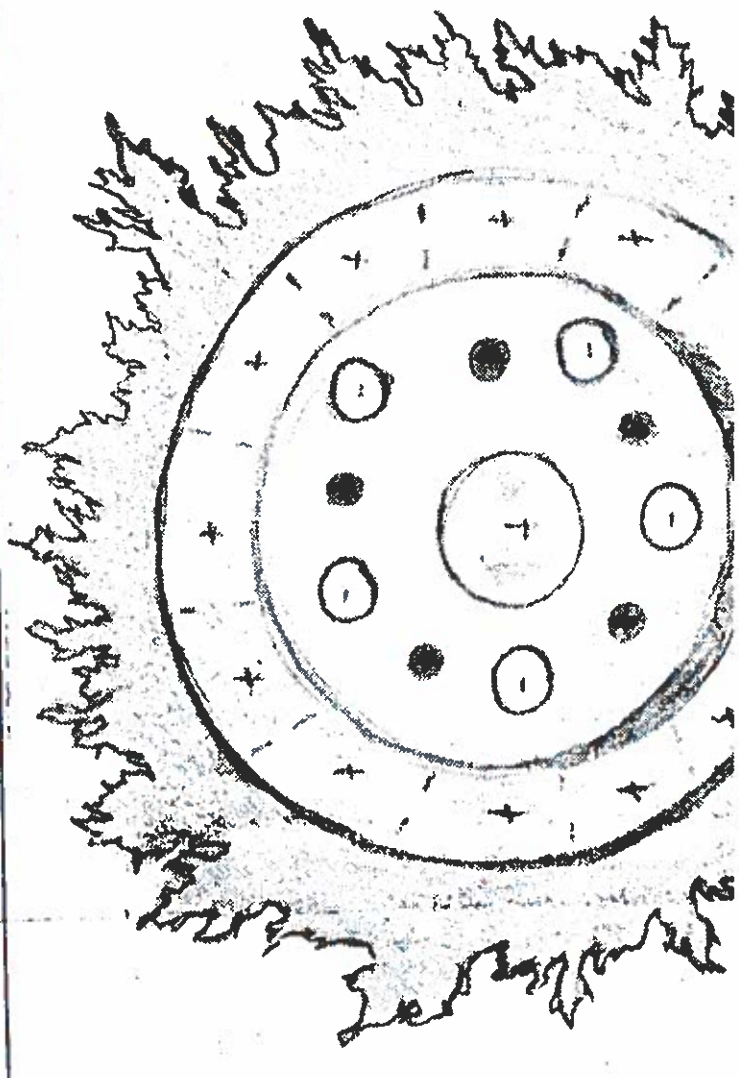
Dale said he was very scared, but at the same time he wanted to see what the UFO was going to do. It began to circle, and Dale immediately ran to tell his brother, David, who was nearby in his aunt's house.

David called his mother, who was in his grandmother's home doing some canning, shouting that Dale had seen a flying saucer. His mother, Larrain Wood of Vernal, told her son Dale was just trying to scare the younger children.

Suddenly, the air conditioning units and television sets quit operating. Mrs. Wood tried the switch on the air conditioning, but to no avail. She also noticed that the dogs were whining and crying — not barking, she said, but whining! as though they could hear a sound beyond the human hearing range.

Mrs. Wood went outside along with some of her children in time to see the craft circle over the area twice. It then took off rapidly toward the northeast. Mrs. Wood said she was very frightened, yet so fascinated she couldn't take her eyes off the object.

Dale had the impression the saucer-like craft may have landed in a field near them. He could hear a herd of horses located there running rapidly. He surveyed the area the following morning, but could find no evidence of a landing.



While driving home from Roosevelt, Mrs. Rasmussen spotted something out of the corner of her eye. She looked up through the windshield and asked David if the shining object she saw was a plane or something of that nature.

David calmly replied that it was a flying saucer.

At that point, Mrs. Rasmussen, fearing an accident, pulled her car to the roadside and got out to have a better look.

She described the object as being dome-shaped and very shiny. It was moving at a high rate of speed, she said. It headed north to the mountains.

Mrs. Rasmussen and David said they were not afraid of the UFO. She said she had seen a saucer-like object about 20 years ago in the Neola area, so she knew a little about what to expect.

The Woods and Mrs. Rasmussen contacted Junior Hicks, a science teacher at Roosevelt's West Junior High School who has gained some fame in the field of UFO investigation. Since 1968 he has personally investigated more than 400 sightings in the Uintah Basin.

Through Hicks' extensive files, a book, "Utah UFO Display," was compiled by Dr. Frank Salisbury of Utah State University.

Hicks investigated the sightings by the Wood family. Mrs. Rasmussen and her grandson. Also present at the investigation were reporters from a national weekly magazine. The magazine has offered rewards for proof of the existence of extraterrestrial spacecraft.

Hicks was also informed by two women from Roosevelt that they had seen an object while riding their horses near the Cedars, west of Roosevelt.

Paula Bell, former National Chamber of Commerce president, and Diane Buxton, wife of a prominent local doctor, reported seeing a craft shortly after Mrs. Rasmussen's reported sighting. Their description was similar to that of Dale Wood and Mrs. Rasmussen.

The following Monday, Aug. 14, Hicks learned that a group of boys in the area had also sighted what appeared to be the same craft. It came within close range of where they were camping out. Although it was dark, the object was clearly visible because of the intense light it was emitting.

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Weird Sight In Vernal

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VERNAL — An object, "about the size of a small house" that nocturnally hovers, lands and takes off amid pulsating colored lights, has Vernal in a tizzy.

"Something strange is going on here and everybody knows it," said one Vernal resident. "There's been too many people who have seen the object for it to be just hearsay."

The unidentified object was first seen in the Glines area (where it continues to appear)

about two weeks ago by Mrs. Valda Massey.

Mrs. Massey said she saw the strange object on the hillside and that it had a red light that pulsed when it began to move. There was no noise, but when it began moving, there were also flashing yellow and bluish-green lights.

FLASHING LIGHTS

Mrs. Massey summoned a friend, Garth Batty, who described the object as having two rows of windows in which there were shadows of some kind. The lights in the dome were "the strangest color" he'd ever seen.

On Sept. 11, a bus load of 25 workers being driven from Vernal to Bonanza by Clyde Williams, Vernal, also saw the object which "started to pulsate red light and take off."

The object has never been seen in bright day light, but it has become an attraction for which cars line roads in the Glines area to see.

A REAL ATTRACTION

"It comes so suddenly and noiselessly," another person reported.

This correspondent saw the object Tuesday night. I was listening to my son who is interested in science describe the object and I just smiled. But last night I saw it and I'm beginning to be a believer too.

Sheriff Norman Fletcher is one of the few persons registering little excitement over the attraction. He said he had heard reports of the object, "but had never talked with anybody who had seen it." He has made no investigation into the matter.