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**NASA's Spirit Mars Rover -- 6 years on Mars and counting!**

## **WHAT COLOR IS THE SKY ON MARS?**

Earthlings are so accustomed to the way things appear on our planet that I doubt they think much about how these same objects would look on other planets. Our colors come from the way the sunlight reflects in our atmosphere. If we lived on a different planet which has an entirely different atmospheric make-up what would their planetary features look like? This is an artist's rendering of the Mars Spirit Rover, which is an unmanned exploratory vehicle we have currently on Mars. Notice the color of the sky.

The same would hold true for plant-life, animals and whatever else we eventually find on other planets. Since the sun would be filtered through their atmosphere and it would be either closer to the planet or further away, it's possible that nothing would be the same color as we are accustomed to seeing it—and it's also possible that colors might be visible there that we have never seen before. Another factor to take into consideration is that the sun in another galaxy might be made up of different components than our sun, and that would have an affect, as well.

In some of the Star-Trek episodes that depict the terrain of other planets, the writers and set designers don't seem to take these things into consideration, and they create their scenes of another planet as they would look on Earth. Most of these scenarios are of desert or bare mountain-like terrain with little to no plant life. (The picture of the Mars Spirit Rover above is another example of this.)

Here's another thought... Since the human, plant and animal life on our planet are carbon based life forms that breathe air, the same people, plant and animal life on a planet that would breathe some other element might look vastly different than our same life forms do. We have seen this in some Sci-Fi episodes and with humans reporting personal encounters with "The Grays". If all of these planetary features look different, than it would be safe to assume they might act differently, as well.

The time to start thinking about these things is now. Every day we come a bit closer to contact with life forms on other planets. The more we ponder our differences, the less surprised and shocked we will be when the eventual contact with other alien life forms occurs on a world-wide basis.

***See pages 11 and 12 for photos taken of the Red Planet and possible life forms roaming on it.***

# Reader's Comments

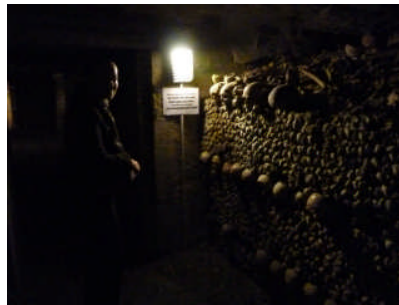
Hey Christine,

Funny you should write about the Catacombs in this newsletter (*Volume 40-January, 2011*). I visited them this October when my Mom and I were in Paris. I have always wanted to see them and am really glad we did. They're amazing and not at all creepy. My Mom and I were a little sketchy it would be very spooky down there, but it wasn't. We had no discomfort and instead oohed and awed over the massive quantity of human remains. I felt very peaceful down there and my Mom did as well (and you know how sensitive she is). I HIGHLY recommend visiting them, they were the best site seeing attraction we visited this go around in Paris.

I included a few pictures, it was very dark down there so only a few pictures were worth keeping (if you go, bring a flashlight and be prepared for the 80 something stone spiral steps that lead into and out of the catacombs).



The first shot is the entrance to the ossuary and it translates to say: "Stop! It's here the empire of the dead" (that Fluenz French sure paid off),



The well was dug when the catacombs were originally a limestone quarry (there are even little carvings of castles carved out of the walls in a few places as dedications to the quarry workers who died down there), the shot of me shows just how dark it is and how many skeletons there are on both sides of the path for about a mile, and the last is my Mom on those spiral steps I mentioned.

There are some 6 million remains in the catacombs making the Paris site the largest necropolis in the world. When the dead were initially moved from the cemeteries at the end of the 18th century (due to a disease outbreak in the city overwhelming the cemeteries), the remains were moved at night in covered carts with priests blessing the exhumed remains. The remains were thrown in the abandoned quarry at first, pell-mell, but a gentleman whose name I have forgotten went down in the late 19th century (I believe) and arranged them as they are seen today. I respect him for that, giving the dead a little dignity. They need it too, some of the skulls/bones have been stolen or tagged then a mass desecration of the remains resulted in the catacombs being closed to the public for a while. Shame on those vandals. Also, it's officially 130 steps down and 83 steps up on those spiral staircases (from official site: <http://www.catacombes-de-paris.fr/english.htm>).

Jesse H- Placerville, CA

## ORBS

I read your Paranormal Musings Newsletter with great pleasure each time it arrives in my mail box, however I believe that I have to comment about the amount of "orb" pictures that I've seen in the newsletter. Being a paranormal investigator for the past 36 years and having written a book on spirit photography, I've analyzed and seen thousands of alleged spirit photographs over the years, including orbs. There are just too many natural explanations for orbs including digital flaws when taken with digital cameras under low-light conditions causing a lack of pixelation where the pixels don't fill in properly and leave behind a perfectly round semi-transparent circle of light to dust particles, pollen and fibers floating in the air, to moisture droplets, humidity, rain, snow, bugs, insects and even stray lights sources.

We, at the Ghost Research Society, have experimented and duplicated all of these effects and they look just like many of the orbs that people have sent in to your newsletter and to me for analysis. I have yet to see an orb that I can call paranormal in nature. I really wish people when taking pictures would just be very aware of their surroundings to see if the conditions are very dusty, humid, dry or insect strewn as these would be the perfect conditions for orb manifestations.

Orbs are not ghosts for the majority of the time but are naturally explainable phenomena. I just wanted to set the record straight. I do greatly enjoy reading each and every issue of this newsletter.

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Hi Dale~

Thanks so much for writing. I agree that most orbs are naturally occurring, however I also believe, based on my over 40 years of investigation and over 20 years of being a professional photographer, that **some** are not. I am also a sensitive and when I feel or see a spirit presence in a room and take a photograph of where I believe the spirit to be, and there is a moving orb in the photograph, and I can see no other explanation for that orb, that it is a genuine indication of spirit manifestation. No one can say with 100% certainty that any orb is proof of spirit activity or not, but the presence of orbs when three sensitives tell me that there is a spirit presence in a room leads me to believe that any abnormality captured is suspect, especially when there is supporting evidence.

I don't believe that I have ever stated that any orb that I have published is a 100% guaranteed proof of a spirit presence; but I have mentioned on several occasions that it is up to each person to decide for herself/himself. I think orbs are fascinating--especially the blue orbs I have seen with my naked eye and also captured with my camera. I have also published many photographs of orbs that were taken with a 35mm camera. I have no idea what they were for certain, but they impressed the hell out of me!

Thanks again, Christine

*“March 9, 2011 humanity enters the Mayan calendar's Ninth Wave or last 20-fold completion and evolutionary increase period.” Denise Le Fay*



# GREAT UNSOLVED MYSTERIES

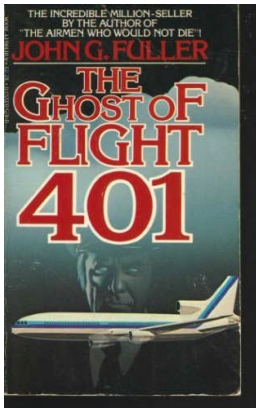
## The Spirits of Flight 401



**Lockheed L-1011 Tristar**

On December 29, 1972 Eastern Airlines Flight 401 lost altitude while attempting to correct a landing gear malfunction and crashed into the Everglades near Miami, Florida. One hundred and one passengers and crew on board perished, including the Pilot, Captain Robert Loft, First Officer Albert Stockstill, 39, and Second Officer (flight engineer) Donald Repo, 51. (Eastern technical officer, Angelo Donadeo, survived the crash.)

After the crash was investigated, Eastern Airlines installed salvaged parts from the doomed L-1011 into other planes. This decision caused a ripple that no one could have predicted. Over the following months, Eastern crew members and many passengers reported experiencing strange sights of the dead crew members from Flight 401 on the planes that used some of the salvaged parts. There were so many reports of these apparitions that Eastern Airlines could not ignore them. The spirits that were most often seen were those of Don Repo and Bob Loft. Eastern Airlines never sanctioned these reports and went so far as to threaten Eastern employees with dismissal if they talked about seeing these visions.

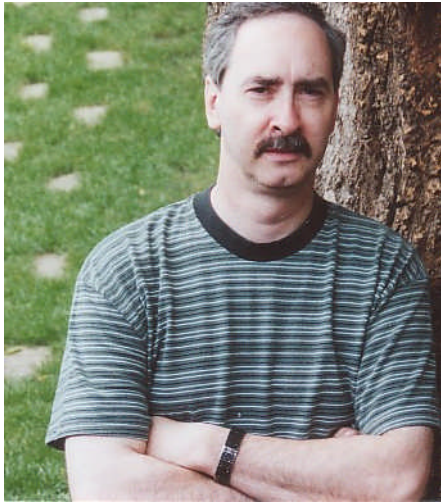


**Robert Loft - Donald Repo**

Several books and movies have been written about these ghostly appearances, but no one has been able to disprove the story. The most convincing evidence is that passengers who would have never met Bob Loft or Don Repo recognized them as the spirits they had seen on these planes from photographs they were shown afterwards.

**Here's a quote from John Fuller's book:** *"At JFK Airport where an L-1011 was being turned around from a flight to Miami it was reported that a vice president of Eastern Airlines who had boarded the plane ahead of the regular passengers spoke to an Eastern Airlines captain in uniform who was sitting in the First Class section. During the conversation the vice president suddenly realized he was talking to Bob Loft, who had died in the earlier crash. At that point Loft simply vanished and disappeared. A search of the plane was made and no sign of the captain was found. The vice president has not revealed his name."*

This is one of hundreds of sightings of the Crew from the ill-fated Flight 401.



# Animal Ghosts

By Dale Kaczmarek

I am often asked the question, "Do animals sometimes come back as ghosts just like some people do?" The evidence points to the answer: yes! Many people have had experiences with family pets coming back whether that be as simple as a ball of twine rolling across the floor by itself with no outside source, the feeling of something rubbing up against your leg and there's nothing there and sometimes the actual visual apparition of the beloved pet.

It seems that the ones that are reported the most in the animal world are dogs, cats and horses in that order respectively. However, there seems to be some confusion. Can ALL animals appear or come back as spirits? Are there certain limitations to which ones are allowed? Why aren't more animal ghosts seen and reported? There aren't, to my knowledge, any reports of phantom mosquitoes or flies, etc. Perhaps only the intelligent species have souls? Those and other questions remain unanswered. Man is the only species that some day realizes that he or she will terminate and leave this world. All other species simply exist from day to day and die without being able to communicate to us that possibility that they in fact are dying.

I have been investigating many reports of phantom animals and have come up with some interesting case scenarios to present here. Remember, as with humans, not all animals will be perceived as ghosts someday only because of the way that animal has died. The scenario for "human" ghosts is usually one of a violent or tragic death and the "not realizing" that he or she has died because of the suddenness of some deaths. However, great love of an animal or the constant grieving of the loss of your pet will sometimes have the same effect as a sudden, violent or tragic death; it could will your animal to return for a short time.



In the Chicago suburbs at the border of civilization and the Cook County Forest Preserves is a fairly busy intersection, 95th Street and Kean. There are stables nearby and horse-riding trails wind their way through the lush flora. One of the trails must cross the busy and dangerous 95th Street to continue on the other side.

Until recently there was no traffic control device there to allow those on horseback to cross safely and quite a number of people were injured and at least seven were killed including some horses as well. The reason the intersection is so dangerous is twofold. One, the speed limit is 45 mph there but many do 50 mph or better coming out of the forest preserve and going into the city, and, two, there is a rise that obscures the driver's view of the individuals attempting to cross the street. At that speed, sometimes by the time the driver sees the people, it's already too late.

There have been numerous incidents especially at night or near dusk of motorists complaining of seeing what appears to be a horse and his rider in silhouette attempting to cross

from one side to another. But as the driver begins to slow down and watch them more carefully, suddenly there's nothing there. These figures don't simply disappear near one side of the street or the other, but often right in the middle of the road!

They are best described as smoke grey silhouettes without any recognizable features but are often only seen from afar.

There have even been ghostly reenactments of some actual events at that intersection as well. On one occasion, a motorist saw what appeared to be a horse throwing his rider from the saddle right in the middle of the road before disappearing. Some have seen a horse apparently being dragged down the roadway a bit as though a car had impacted with it and would have dragged it a little ways before coming to a complete stop.

In Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia stands the large grave marker of author Ellen Glasgow who was well known in Richmond and lived there for a good portion of her life. When she died, she stipulated in her will that her two pet dogs that had died prior to her death, be exhumed from her backyard and buried with her at Hollywood. Many claim that they have heard these dogs on occasions, scampering around quite near to that grave late at night.



At Hinsdale Animal Cemetery in a suburb just southwest of Chicago another mystery takes place. Passersby have often seen the black forms of dogs and other creatures flicker by in their headlights many times causing them to slam on the brakes, only when they do, often, there's nothing there. Perhaps some real animals are attracted to the massive remains of so many other animals? Perhaps. Perhaps not.

In 1974, Patrolmen Leonard Clagi and Michael Byrne came into contact with a most unusual animal in downtown Chicago. Reports of a phantom kangaroo surfaced and the two police officers found themselves face to face with the rowdy beast in a dark Chicago alley. When they rushed to capture it, the animal landed a few solid kicks with its powerful hind legs and then jumped over a fence and hopped away. The curious battle in the Chicago alley is the best documented brush with the phantom kangaroos but scores of sightings have been reported by other credible witnesses in seven states. Amazingly, none of the animals have been captured or killed and no one can explain how the Australian kangaroos can survive harsh North American winters. Perhaps they are ghostly animals after all.

So, you decide for yourself if you believe in ghostly animals. A good book to pick up and read, (if you can find it because it's no longer in print) is, "Ghostly Animals Of America" by Patricia Edwards Clyne. (Dodd, Mead & Company, New York, 1977, \$5.95)

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# FAMOUS HAUNTED PLACES

## The Olde Angel Inn ~ Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

Located south of Toronto, the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake is located near the natural wonder of Niagara Falls on the border of Canada and the United States. The Olde Angel Inn is at 224 Regent Street on the Canadian side of the Lake. It was built in 1789 and was originally the Harmonious Coach House. The inn was a refuge to a British soldier named Captain Swayze during the war of 1812.



When the Americans got word that the Captain was hiding at the Inn they did an extensive search and Swayze was killed while hiding in a wine barrel in the basement. Afterward, the Harmonious was burnt to the ground and in 1815 The Olde Angle Inn was constructed on the site.

Reports of unexplained events at the new Inn began as early as 1820. A local newspaper detailed witness accounts of table settings being rearranged, phantom footsteps being heard by guests, glasses and dishes clinking together while they were still in cupboards, and mysterious conversations and laughter when no one was seen in the area.

Recent reports by the owner of the Inn include loud banging noises heard outside his bedroom, and a horseshoe that had been nailed to a post being thrown 20 feet onto the floor by unseen hands. The laughter and footsteps of unseen former guests still abound, as well; along with heavy drumming and the sound of a fife being played.

Mysterious sounds are often accompanied by apparitions of eloquently dressed men and women wondering around the inside of the Inn. A man dressed in a red coat is often seen reflected in the mirror inside the lady's room. This room is located in the basement very near where Captain Swayze was murdered.

With all this activity it's difficult to believe anyone would get a good night's sleep at the Inn... but one can sleep anywhere—register at the Inn and bring along your camera and digital recorder and enjoy the haunted show!

*Interesting side note: The Union Jack flag flies over the doorways to the Inn, not the Canadian flag, as one might expect. The Union Jack is in honor of Captain Swayze. It is thought that as long the British flag is waving over the doorway that Captain Swayze will stay in the basement and leave the living alone. It doesn't seem to be working, however.*

# PARANORMAL IN THE NEWS

## NEW ZODIAC SIGN AND CHART HAS KICKED UP STARDUST!

Due to a shift in the Earth's axis, as of 2011 the Minnesota Planetarium Society decided that our 3,000 year old Astrology information and charts are no longer correct. Astrologer, Parke Kunkle made the announcement to the Star Tribune in January.

### 2011 Astrology Chart

**Capricorn:** Jan. 20-Feb. 16.

**Aquarius:** Feb. 16-March 11.

**Pisces:** March 11-April 18.

**Aries:** April 18-May 13.

**Taurus:** May 13-June 21.

**Gemini:** June 21-July 20.

**Cancer:** July 20-Aug. 10.

**Leo:** Aug. 10-Sept. 16.

**Virgo:** Sept. 16-Oct. 30.

**Libra:** Oct. 30-Nov. 23.

**Scorpio:** Nov. 23-29.

**Ophiuchus:** Nov. 29-Dec. 17.

**Sagittarius:** Dec. 17-Jan. 20.

**Ophiuchus** (Nov 29 - Dec 17).

Ophiuchus is Greek for 'serpent-bearer.'

The sign represents the healer, Asclepius. The

story is that Asclepius studied

snakes and in the process discovered

they actually helped each other heal after injuries by the healthy snake bringing healing herbs to the ailing snake.



The chart was recalculated due to the discovery that the moon's gravitational pull on the Earth was not as science had previously believed. Not only have all the dates of the individual signs changed, but the scientists added a new sign, Ophiuchus.

As you might imagine, many people and Astrologists are not happy with this change. People are happy with their old birth sign and have gotten accustomed to it, even if they don't believe astrology is a serious science. (I, for one, consider myself a Libra and will be until I die!) And Astrologers are upset because all of their charts have to be completely recalculated. It will most likely take a while for the new dates to become the norm, and generally accepted. But if you have a child born in 2011 and after, the new information will be used in determining their personality traits.

**Traits of Ophiuchus:** This will be known as the sign for medicine and healing, (emotional and physical). Those of this sign have the ability to elicit jealousy in others because of their awesomeness. They are drawn to bright colors; they love to study and learn new things and are quick-learners. They will be the up-and-comer at work that easily attains promotions. Ophiuchusian's lucky number is 12.

Ophiuchusians are over-achievers that would be workaholics, so they might not be great family members. That's one not-so-good trait that should be watched—success doesn't always bring happiness.

This seems to be just the beginning of changes that have been predicted for a new awakening that is to come to pass in the next couple of years.

## WHAT DO SPIRITS SEE?



When one of the living sees a spirit they most often see them as a white mist. In most cases there is not a great deal of detail, but when you see one, you know what it is. The air becomes thick and close, the hairs on your arms stand straight up and you feel a prickly sensation. (This is what happens when I see a spirit, anyway.) At times, you see the spirit only in your mind and there's no mist at all. And on very rare occasions, a highly sensitive individual will see a spirit in full form, with recognizable features and in full dress. (I have been able to witness a full apparition a few times, but this is rare.)

There have been enough photographs and first-hand accounts throughout the centuries of these encounters for me to deduce for a fact that our soul/spirit survives after death. All these thousands of sightings cannot be mass hallucinations. And there are thousands of sightings that go unreported all the time. When you see movement out of the corner of your eye, and you look full on and don't see anything out of the ordinary, guess what, you just saw a spirit. Most people blow these experiences off as their imagination, but it is not your imagination. What it is is catching a glimpse into another dimension. I have already discussed String Theory and Quantum Physics in previous newsletters and the fact that spirits exist in another dimension. I have had responses from enough spirits in my lifetime to know that not only can I see them on occasion, but they can see me as well. But, how do they see me?

I am still encumbered by a body, with an active brain, and with physical eyes and senses. A spirit, on the other hand, is pure energy and does not have the same apparatus to see with as I do. We know from photos and from many first hand witness reports that spirits seem to go right through all physical matter in our dimension... such as closed doors, furniture and walls. Since they were once members of the living, wouldn't you think that if they saw an open door they would use it to get from one room to another, just from pure habit? They don't do that, however; which makes me hypothesize that they don't see the walls, furniture and doors in the same way we do.

I'm thinking since they are pure energy, that's how they view things, as energy patterns. Since the living are also made up of energy, I believe this is how spirits see us—as the same type of energy that we see them. I can see the energy of a spirit and recognize what it looked like when I knew it while it was still alive, even though it no longer looks like it did while in living form. It's likely that when we use a thermal imaging device to view spirits, the image on the screen is how they see us from their dimension. Everything is made up of molecules and energy in different degrees of intensity. They can't see, but they can sense these energy patterns and can react to it accordingly. It makes sense to me. Of course, there's no way of proving this theory until after I pass over to the other dimension...I'll let you know for sure after that happens.



# MORE PARANORMAL IN THE NEWS

## What's Going On In Stanislaus County, California?

The following Article was written by Roger Marsh and published in the UFO Examiner on 12/29/2010



“Two witnesses in Stanislaus County, CA report watching an orb that hovered at times between 50 and 20 feet in the air after midnight on August 16, 2010, according to testimony from the Mutual UFO Network ([MUFON](#)) witness reporting database.

The two (witnesses) were smoking at an open window on the second floor of a home in a new

development that faces the Stanislaus River when they originally noticed the orb moving into the air and then stopping at a distance of (approximately) 50 feet off the ground.

“We watched it hover for about a minute. The only way to describe its movements is perfect, precise, (and) elegant as it started to 'float' or 'hover' towards my neighborhood,” the reporting witness stated. The object was lost to sight behind a neighbor's home and they thought the event was over - but the object appeared again. ‘Only this time hovering symmetrically, parallel to the road and towards my house. It was only about 20 feet in the air and slow.’

They observed three colors on the orb as it moved. ‘As the object approached my house, let me tell you, the color was amber, yellow, and red. The orb did not glare or hurt our eyes to look at. I shut my window yet my blinds were still open and we stopped screaming. It hovered directly in front of my house for about 30 seconds; it seemed to be on the streetlight, but not physically harming anything. The orb then shot off, so fast, to left of my neighbor’s house into the field behind our houses. The streetlight was out for a moment and then flickered gradually back to on. I opened my window and we were leaning out onto the roof for just one more glimpse of this unknown object. The field was alight, a glow coming from it and turning everything sepia colored around us. We felt so calm, and like we wanted to see "them" communicate with "them". It was a tranquil feeling, like everything would be alright.’

The witness also describes other odd events in the same area, commenting that the area should be investigated as it is "infested."

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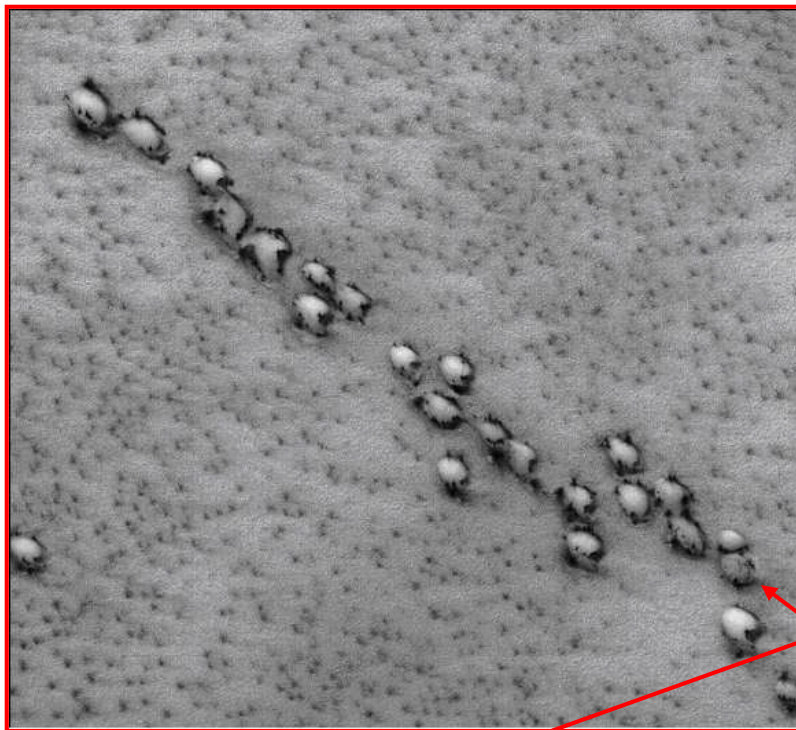
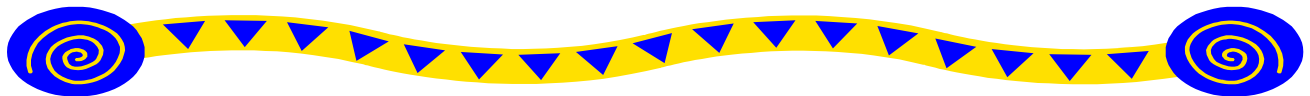
The area is located in California’s Central Valley and has a population of 447,000. I have visited this location and took many photographs of the great covered bridge over the Stanislaus River at the State Park. There are many deserted spaces in this region, and there are not a lot of home developments.

This is not the only article submitted to MUFON regarding the strange events taking place in Stanislaus County. Two other individuals made a similar report of events they witnessed on the

same evening, December 12, 2010. (MUFON Case #27138) The other witnesses also reported that they have personally witnessed other strange occurrences taking place in the area. **This might be a school yard hoax**, since all three of the stories are so similar... and teenagers are prone to pranks. All I know is, I'm going to take a better look at all the photos I took in February, 2009 while my family and I were visiting the park!

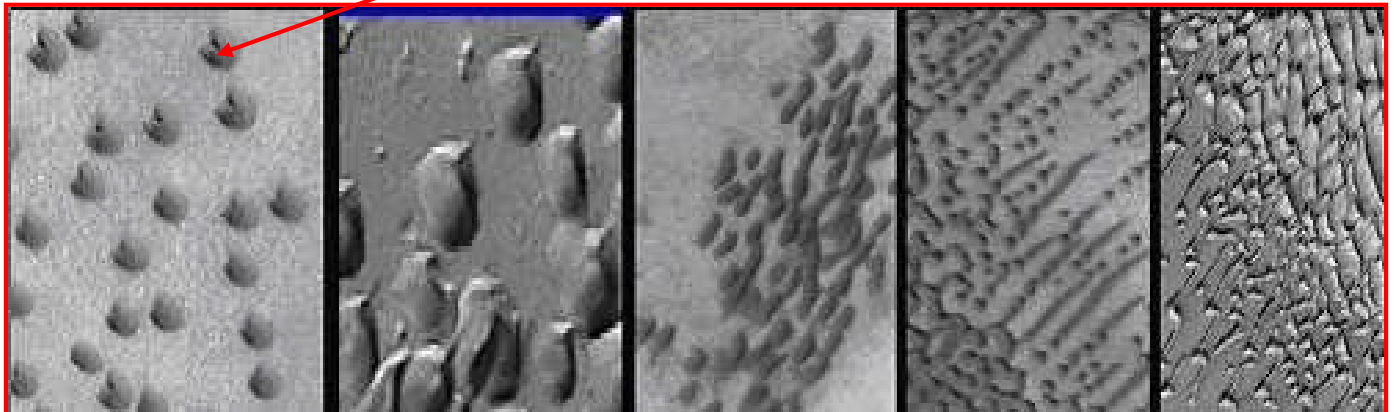
California is a current **UFO ALERT 3** rating, with the highest number of UFO sightings nationally. California had 65 UFO sighting reports in November 2010 and 40 in October.

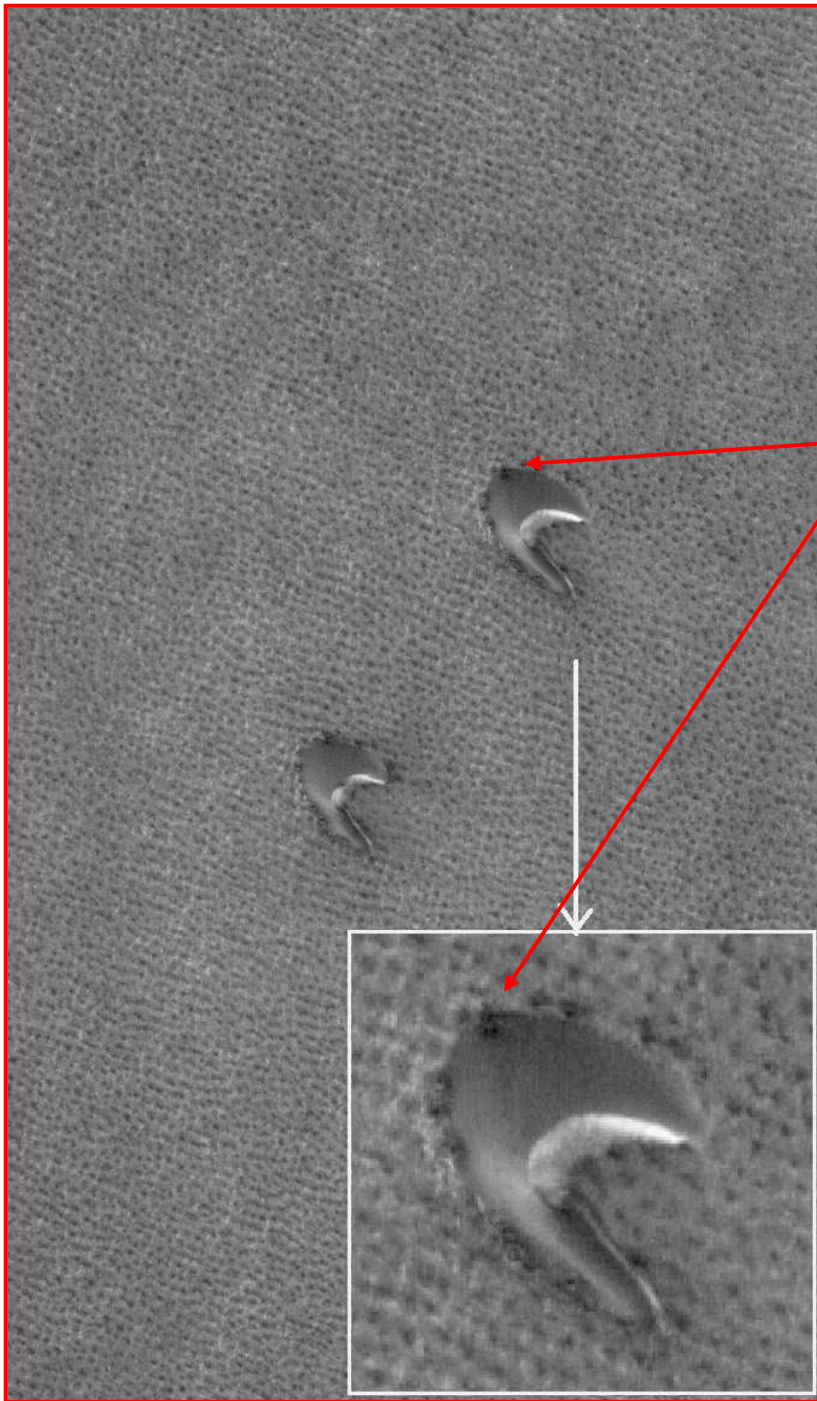
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## Animal Herds on Mars?

These photographs were taken by NASA's Mars orbital cameras. At first these images were thought to be some sort of dunes, but successive images indicated movement, and dunes don't move unless they are blown by a strong wind. Also, they seem to be moving on appendages /legs that keep the body away from the surface of the ground, indicated by slight shadowing under the life forms





Here are two more life forms found in the NASA photographs. These forms are dark and look smooth compared to the surrounding terrain. They seem to have appendages at their left back, presumably to assist with locomotion. There are definite dark spots at the front of these forms that could be taken for eyes.



The image above suggests life forms gathering to form a massive colony. The dark areas at the top of many of the life forms suggest a membranous gelatinous body.

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