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We have been alternately amused and amazed at your paranormal experiences --and it's not even Halloween.

STRANGE SENSATION: J.P. of Beaverton: "While visiting relatives in Junction City, Kan., my husband and I went out to the Santa Fe Trail wheel ruts. As I stood in the ruts, I had a powerful sensation of something coming down the trail and passing through me. I said to my husband, 'Did you feel something odd?' and he reported exactly the same feeling, without hearing my account. I was so excited when we moved to Oregon to have the experience again, but alas, it didn't happen."

UFOs: D.M. of North Portland: "I've had five sightings of UFOs and one flew directly over me, then headed over the West Hills."

PRECOGNITION: BGB: "I worked a long way from home and always took my lunch to work. One day I felt I HAD to go home at lunchtime. The baby sitter had had a heart attack and was lying at the bottom of the stairs."

SEEING THINGS: C.L. of Northeast Portland: "My grandparents lived in a house that was built in the 1880s in rural Ohio. Both my cousin and I had the experience of 'seeing' someone go into a room only to discover the room was empty."

IMAGE IN THE SKY: A.P. of Beaverton: "During the early 1930s we lived on a farm in Carlton. One very hot summer evening our family witnessed a very white image of something appear in the sky, almost like an angel, but we knew it wasn't. It appeared and disappeared in a matter of two or three minutes. We talk about it to this very day and wonder what it was."

CAT WITH ESP? P.K. of Vancouver: "On April 12 my brother, son and I were about to drive away together from my house, when both my brother and I noticed my cat, Boomerang, intently sniffing the left front tire of my son's car. He had walked clear across my yard to do this. Less than 12 hours later, my son called, as his left front tire had blown out. If I ever see Boomerang sniffing a tire again, I'm going to be wary!"

ANGRY CORPSE: P.B. in Southwest: "Years ago I was a night caretaker in a funeral home. I had a furnished apartment above. I had many paranormal experiences in the three years that I did this. The most bizarre: After accepting a body at 2 a.m., victim of a car crash, I was alone in my living room when a large beveled-glass mirror (bolted to the wall) flew across the room and smashed into the opposite wall. I was shaken and called the owner. He said the person whose body was delivered was angry at the sudden death."

WHAT'S AT THE WHEEL? B.P.J. of Newport: "One night in 1982 or 1983, I picked my daughter up from a high school play rehearsal around 10:30 p.m. We turned off Highway 101 onto the street to our subdivision, and about a block in the car suddenly started pulling to the left. I tried my best to keep the car in its lane, but the pull to the wrong lane was stronger than I was. A few seconds later, we saw that most of the right lane had caved in."

NEXT WEEK: More paranormal experiences.

THE RIPPLE EFFECT: By popular demand, we will run one good-karma episode a week:

From the Bowling family: "My family and I would like to thank the many folks who helped us with a broken axle on our

boat trailer March 28 as we were traveling on I-5. A special thanks to Mr. Hollinsworth from Buckmaster Heating and A/C, and Armond at Home Depot in Albany.

MORE ABOUT SLABTOWN: For those interested in learning more about that Portland neighborhood's past or just having a fun outing, the second annual Slabtown Community Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 13, at Northwest 23rd Avenue and Savier Street.

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