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#### Objects Visible Near Pt. Austin

## AF Confirms 'Radar Returns' On Night Of UFO Sightings

Official confirmation of "radar returns" on the scopes at the 754th Radar Squadron in Port Austin, at the same time private citizens and police officers claimed they saw unidentified flying objects (UFOs) southwest of the village, has come from the U.S. Air Force NORAD Combat Operation Center in Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado.

As many as seven or eight bright glowing objects that changed color, shape, and moved horizontally and vertically at incredible speeds were sighted early Tuesday by the manager of a campground located eight miles southwest of Port Austin.

The initial sightings were made in the nearby Oak Beach area and reportedly confirmed by several summer residents of that vicinity.

Two Huron Sheriff deputies also reported watching the objects for several

minutes at altitudes ranging (based on estimates) from as high as 40,000 feet and as low as 1,000 feet.

One of the deputies, 24-year-old Greg Gordon of Port Austin, attempted to photograph the objects with an instamatic camera carried as standard equipment in the patrol car. The objects vanished at daybreak, but the officers said their sudden disappearance from the radar scopes at Port Austin coincided exactly with the sounding of the electronic burglar alarm at the Air Force station store (PX).

Although the Air Force has a reputation for reluctance in making comments relative to UFO sightings, the following official statement was released Tuesday afternoon through the local installation by information officer Lt. Robert W. Newman:

"Radar Operators at the 754th Radar Squadron at Port Austin AFS, MI, re-

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BAD AXE, MI  
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ported seeing radar returns at approximately 0145 hours E.D.T.

"The returns were kept under observation for approximately 30 minutes. Some personnel on duty also visually sighted lights in the sky in the same approximate area.

"The NORAD Combat Operation Center located in Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado, was informed. The radar returns posed no apparent threat and no actions were taken to dispatch aircraft to the scene. (Radar returns were defined as 'anything that shows up on the radar screen.')

On Tuesday night, a predictable number of new sightings were reported mainly in the Bad Axe area, but these were believed either to be stars and possibly a lighted weather satellite visible as it passes through the sky on clear nights.

No plausible explanation has been given for the objects observed early Tuesday.

## UFO Over Colusa? Bill Pecha's Story

COLUSA SUN HERALD  
COLUSA, CA  
SEP 13, 1976

"It was a nightmarish experience I'll never forget. I didn't believe in UFOs before, but I do now. You'd have to see it to believe it, but so help me what I saw — and felt — about 1 A.M. Friday outside our house is the truth."

That's what Bill Pecha, Jr., who does machine and bankout wagon work in his shop at 1650 Wilson Avenue, Colusa, told the Sun-Herald in describing what happened after the power went off (the power outage lasted for about nine minutes) while he was watching a Channel 12 television program. His wife and two children were asleep at the time. Said Pecha:

"When the power went off I started outside and saw this huge glowing thing hovering over our house. It looked to me like it was 150 feet across and from 10 to 18 feet in height shooting out beams of bluish light. It looked like a huge inverted cup and saucer with the outer brim spinning clockwise and an inner disc spinning counter clockwise. When I got outside I felt funny. Seemed like all the hair on my body was being pulled up.

"There were three of these things, the big one and two smaller ones on the high power line in back of the 'Slim' Davis house. There was no noise, no sounds of any kind — just a huge blue halo of light with the big UFO maneuvering about at amazing speed. I awakened my wife and she and my son and daughter saw the whole thing, too. So did Les and Gayle Arant (they reside at 846 Thirteenth Street) because I awakened them as I drove into town to

report the UFO sighting to the sheriff's office. At that time this 'thing' was heading toward the fairgrounds and disappeared in a southeasterly direction, like toward Sacramento.

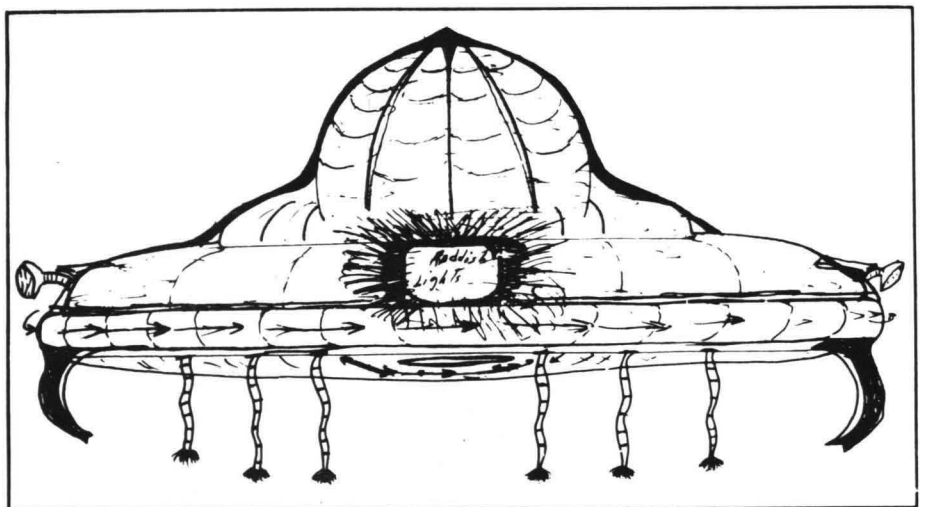
Pecha said the Arants drove into town, too, as a report was made to the sheriff's office which apparently had received other reports from Colusa area residents who had seen the strange glowing object.

Pecha said he was so frightened that

he drove into town as fast as he could in his pickup with the lights out. But, he said, the bluish light from this thing, about 50 feet off the ground, seemingly followed him, then disappeared. He further described the events which transpired thusly:

"Slim Davis and his wife were asleep. There was a bluish light all over their place, and coming down these shafts of light turned to an all-white

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### A Flying Saucer

Unidentified Flying Objects have been pictured in the past as rather oval-shape, or saucer-shaped, but Bill Pecha, Jr., in his drawing of the UFO he saw Thursday night has added what appears to be landing gear, as well as spider like trailers. A number of Colusans saw the same object in the sky at the same time the power failed.

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color. This thing darted about, clear out to the foothills and back. On each side it had two things about eight feet long which hung down and curled around underneath it. They looked like wire bristles. The power line poles were glowing and the two smaller UFOs each had lights.

"All of this happened, I guess, in a matter of 15 or 20 minutes. A call was placed to Phenomena Research, the UFO reporting center in Seattle, Washington, and the man in charge asked if this thing I saw had three lights, or windows, and I said it did. My report was that it seemed to have long flexible cables by which it looked like it was being maneuvered."

Pecha, who said he and his family didn't get much sleep after the early Friday morning incident, told his story

to a number of Colusans and has received numerous telephone calls. "I guess some believe me and some don't," he said. "But I know what I and others saw. It made a UFO believer out of me, that's for sure."

Pechas said two officers from the sheriff's department came out to talk with him further about what he saw. It is also understood that a man from the UFO reporting center in Seattle is coming here to talk with Pecha about the incident and also to have him make a drawing of the object.

Pacific Gas & Electric Company officials who were contacted about the incident said there may have been some relation between it and the fact that about the time the power outage occurred shortly before 1 A.M. Friday, the PG&E substation at Victorville

went out, causing a high voltage power line overload.

The nine-minute power outage affected thousands of Northern California homes.

It was suggested that the power overload caused static electricity being conducted into the ground and this might have accounted for the weird, glowing UFO witnessed and experienced by Pecha and others.

But Pecha doesn't buy this theory. "It was big, it was real, it was terrifying — shafts of light seemingly come at you, hovering over barns and houses, darting away, coming back, moving upward, then shooting back down close to the ground. I wasn't a believer in UFOs before, but I certainly am now. I don't ever want to go through anything like this again."

# UFO Sighting Ruled Bonafide

WINSTED — A field investigator for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) has determined a July 28 UFO sighting by 14 persons here is bonafide — and may have been a robot-controlled disc.

Mrs. Paula Holmes, president of the Northwest Connecticut Chapter of APRO, studied the sighting scene on Blueberry Hill and recorded statements of the eyewitnesses.

Fourteen young hikers of Camp Delaware, including a 24-year-old counselor, said they encountered a whining, saucer-shaped object during an afternoon hike on the 1,460-foot hill about 3:45 p.m.

Mrs. Holmes' investigation indicated there were no imprints in the ground, scorched vegetation or residues, no electromagnetic interference evident, broken branches or other traces to signify the unusual presence. She said the hikers did not suffer from radiation or any other physiological effects.

All 14 statements match, however, with one discrepancy. Counselor Ira Leifer said the "silvery, metallic" object was rotating as evidenced by changing reflections on its surface. The other campers, aged 14 and 15, said only a red, dome-shaped top was moving.

The investigator, who resides in Cornwall, said reports are consistent that the object was noticed following a high pitched screech, then hovered silently at tree-top level on an angle above the witnesses' heads. The noise

returned after about 15 to 25 seconds then the object ascended vertically and disappeared within two seconds: "faster than anything they had ever seen."

Copies of the report are being sent to APRO headquarters in Tucson, Ariz.; The Center for UFO studies in Evanston, Ill., and the Midwest UFO Network, for scrutiny.

Scientific chemical analysis and radiation detection devices were not used in the area of the sighting because the object was not spotted close enough to the earth's surface, Mrs. Holmes said.

Mrs. Holmes said she can only speculate about what was seen. She deemed Leifer a "credible witness." (He graduated during the spring as a Political Science Major of Windham College, Vermont.)

"If they said they saw something I would be fairly apt to say that what they saw was what they saw. I have a feeling, an actual hunch it was a close-up sighting of a disc, accidentally seen," she said.

She said her conclusion "from just the visual sighting is it might have been a robot-controlled disc."

A geological study of the area done several years ago by her son (now a Junior at the Colorado School of Mines) indicates the composition of the hill includes the metal, magnesium.

Magnesium is a lightweight element used in space technology. Some believers of alien, interplanetary travel are con-

vinced magnesium is used to construct the discs. Mrs. Holmes said a UFO found crashed in South America some years ago was composed of the material.

There is no factual data to back her supposition, but Mrs. Holmes said the object might have been a "prospecting instrument looking for magnesium."

She speculated a mother-ship might have been controlling the disc from an earth-orbital position and that it was summoned back to the ship when contact with the humans was determined potentially dangerous. She did not discount the idea the object was self-controlled. She guessed the whining noise might have been "some type of security thing."

She said several sightings have been reported locally since July 20, adding "I think we're in a flap right now." (A flap is synonymous with a large number of sightings). One theory of UFO investigators is that flaps occur during time of natural earthly disaster. There have been several earthquakes and a volcano eruption recently; and a hurricane and a tornado locally since late June. She would not speculate on the theory, however.

WINSTED, CONN.  
CITIZEN  
AUG 23, 1976

WATERTOWN, S.D.  
PUBLIC OPINION  
AUG 28, 1976

## UFO reports attributed to frontal system

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The National Weather Service attributes numerous unidentified flying object (UFO) reports Thursday night to the passage of a frontal system.

But many people who saw the clusters of white, red and blue lights aren't convinced. For more than an hour, beginning about 11 p.m., at least two clusters of lights moved, disappeared and reappeared in two portions of the city skyline.

The police radio crackled as officers reported, "There goes one, over there," and cruisers were sent to western sections of the city to investigate. Nothing was found.

Forecasters at the weather bureau said the lights could have been reflections of dust and moisture particles in the air. The weather radar detected the passage of the front because the radar beams were reflected by the particles. One forecaster said even the stars appeared to twinkle excessively and move because of the dirt in the air.

The sightings stopped about 2:30 a.m. when the front passed through. The passage broke the month-long heat wave but the rangeland fire danger was expected to reach extreme today. Scattered showers were reported from Aberdeen to Winner and eastern counties early today. Much cooler temperatures were forecast today, tonight and Saturday.

There have been several UFO reports east of the city near the Iowa border in recent weeks. One woman was frightened by a glowing saucer like object which followed her car. Two boys saw a tall figure with a shiny-blue uniform, and other people reported seeing moving lights.

The reports, investigated by city police and by Minnehaha County sheriffs deputies, described the object as shaped like a Christmas tree with revolving lights at the base and tip.

Three deputies said they saw the object land in a field three miles north of Hartford and fly away. They were unable to take photographs before it departed.

City Police Capt. E.A. Callahan said he saw lights which looked like blinking stars but he couldn't see anything out of the ordinary.



# CBers Observe UFO's

What are CBers doing out and about these starry nights? Four of them last week were watching UFO's.

Hesitant to give their names and looking over their shoulders for men in white jackets, they allowed the press to use their CB handles only. "Blue Boy", "Green Hornet", "Harbor City Kid", and "Low Rider" watched the activity of the unidentified flying objects from various vantage points around the valley Monday through Thursday, August 23-26.

They spotted similar objects streaking and hovering over Cooks Peak, Keyesville, Greenhorn, and three at once just above Kernville.

KERNEVILLE, CA.  
KERN VALLEY SUN  
SEP 2, 1976

According to "Blue Boy," they got the best look at the one over Keyesville. It was described as a bright, almost phosphorescent, white oval with red and blue lights. Although the lights seemed constant, they changed from red to blue, leading viewers to believe the object was spinning.

He said the object hung in midair for a few seconds, then began moving slowly. Unlike a falling star, the object went straight up, then disappeared, leaving a trail of light behind it.

No report was filed with Kern County Sheriff's Department or with any other government agency.

UFO's are just that.....objects in the sky, the purpose and function of which remain undefined. Until they are identified and their actions are determined, our imaginations will run wild and the mysterious objects will remain UFO's.

TURLOCK, CALIF. (JOURNAL)  
SEP 28, 1976

## UFO Reported Here Early This Morning

An unidentified flying object, described as being "lighted and round," was observed hovering over the southeast area of Turlock early today by an unidentified citizen who reported it to the police. The officers on patrol also reported sighting the object.

The call was received at 4:33 a.m. and the "word-of-mouth" report indicated that the object was traveling in a southeasterly direction from Turlock before it disappeared from sight.

An information officer at Castle Air Force Base said there were no official records which indicate that they had been contacted or that a "radar-fix" was made on any flying object. The information officer also pointed out that the Air Force no longer investigates reports of UFOs, but rather "discourages" them. "The Air Force closed its 'Operation Blue Book' which had to do with UFO investigation, in 1969," he said.

SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA  
SENTINEL - SEP 1, 1976

## Did A UFO Land In SC?

Did a UFO land in downtown Santa Cruz Sunday morning?

Richard Golding of 231 Walnut Ave. said he saw a silvery-grey, saucer-shaped object 10 feet across land at the intersection of Center Street and Walnut Avenue about 3 a.m. Sunday.

"It was about 10 feet across and maybe eight feet high, thick in the middle," he said. "It didn't have any lights, or legs."

Then, Golding said, there was a clicking sound, and green gas began to flow from the object. It began to glow. He called his housemates, who also said they witnessed the smoke, but the UFO was gone.

"The smoke or cloud hung about four feet in the air, then began to descend and disappeared," said Terry Galey of the same address.

Curious, they approached the intersection, but retreated when they heard a humming, and a sudden pop.

They returned, and found ceramic bits scattered around the street. They said they took pieces to the police, who told them there was nothing they could do.

A Sentinel reporter checked the intersection and found more ceramic bits, apparently scattered from a central spot as though something had exploded.

Local Pacific Telephone and PG&E men said they do not have insulators similar to the ones found.

The ceramic had a film of dark green glassy substance on one side, and bits of dull yellow on the other. The ceramic was a chalky substance.

## UFO?

### Viewers' calls deluge police units

No, it wasn't a bird, a plane or an unidentified flying object.

It was a research balloon that residents of northern Genesee County and Tuscola County saw between 7 and 8 Friday night.

Police agencies got numerous calls about the object. The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department counted about 300 calls.

FLINT, MICHIGAN  
JOURNAL  
SEP 25, 1976

The National Weather Service Station at Bishop Airport said the 400-foot balloon was released early Thursday at Sioux Falls, S. D., and carried 2,300 pounds of scientific instruments from Raven Industries, Inc.

It was at 119,000 feet and was in the area all day. It is no longer visible because it has moved to the east.

WAUSAU, WISC.  
RECORD-HERALD  
SEP 15, 1976

MARION, WISCONSIN  
ADVERTISER  
SEP 2, 1976

## Report UFO sighting

A pair of men on their way to work at Drott Manufacturing in Wausau saw what they believed to be an unidentified flying object between Ringle and Callon this morning.

Fred Wanta, Eland Route 1, and Charles J. Kurzsewski, Wittenberg Route 1, were traveling on Highway 29 at 6:30 a.m. today when they saw an object with blue lights hovering above a wooded area.

Wanta, told The Daily Herald that the object, "Took off like a shot over the woods."

Wanta couldn't describe the object but said, "It was something like I've never seen before."

The Marathon County Sheriff's Department received no reports of UFO sightings in the area.

### Millers Spot UFO Saturday Night

DeLyle Miller reported to The Advertiser office that they had seen a UFO Saturday evening at midnight. The object was sighted just east of the Miller home flying not very high and moving slowly. Bright rays were coming off the object. The Millers looked through a telescope and said that the object was shaped like a triangle. About 3/4 of the front tip was bright red and the back part was white and with blue lines in back. They reported that at one point the object was pointed up and at another time pointed down.

The Millers watched the object Sun. and Mon. nights but haven't seen it since. Debbie Miller called it the Bicentennial UFO. They said they couldn't tell the colors unless they used a telescope.

## Corn field mystery unsolved

HAMILTON, ONT.  
CANADA  
SPECTATOR  
OCT 1, 1976  
CR: STARECKY

GRAND BEND (CP) — Provincial police say the mystery of the 40-foot circle in Rami Van Prate's corn field remains just that — a mystery.

They said they have ended their investigation and have filed it as unexplained.

Mr. Van Prate found the circular depression in the corn field Saturday. Police

couldn't find tracks or footprints leading to or from the circle.

One policeman speculated that the blast from the rotors of a hovering helicopter might have bent the corn stalks in such a pattern.

NASHVILLE, TN  
TENNESSEAN  
SEP 7, 1976  
CR: S C STAMPS

## UFO's It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's?

By GLEN PROSSER  
Tennessee State Correspondent

MT. PLEASANT, Tenn.—Three Mt. Pleasant policemen and a Maury County sheriff's deputy said they spotted a "strange looking" lighted object yesterday hovering in the predawn sky east of here.

The sightings came three years to the week from similar sightings in 1973.

"It had all kinds of different lights—blue, green, red, white and orange lights," said city police dispatcher Albert Spears. "Those lights kept flashing and it just seemed to be hovering, not moving very much at all."

SPEARS said the first sighting came about 4:30 a.m. by patrolman Gary Jones, who radioed he had seen the airborne object southeast of Mt. Pleasant.

The dispatcher said he walked outside the police station to scan the sky and also located the multi-colored UFO at a height that appeared to be a mile or more.

"At one time, the red light would be in the center of the object, and the next time it would be on the bottom and the orange light would be in the center," Spears said.

HE SAID the object was seen later in the morning by patrolman James Johnston, but "disappeared from view about five after six."

After hearing an early morning newscast of the sighting on a Columbia radio station, Maury County Deputy Wendell Harris telephoned the station to report that he, too, had seen the object.

"I saw this strange looking object up in the sky and stopped my patrol car to get a better look at it," Harris said. "I sat there and watched it several minutes."

"I started to pick up my radio mike and call the dispatcher to advise him of it, but figured he would think I was just sleepy or seeing things," he added. "When I realized that someone in Mt. Pleasant had seen the object also, I knew I had seen something."

HARRIS said his sighting came about 5:30 a.m. while patrolling an area of Maury County about 16 miles east of Mt. Pleasant.

The sightings came three years to the week from a rash of UFO reports in Tennessee and other parts of the South beginning in September 1973, and continuing the following month.

STOCKTON, CA  
RECORD  
AUG 28, 1976

## Women Say Car Followed by UFO

An unidentified flying object that they say followed their car for several minutes near Oroville Friday has been reported by two Stockton women.

Laura White of 2929 Fisher said she was driving on Highway 70 about 11 miles south of Oroville with a friend, Gloria Mir, of 2917 Prentiss, when the object appeared behind the car at about 4:15 a.m.

It followed the car for 10 or 15 minutes at a distance of about a mile back, Mrs. White said.

She said the object, which had blue and red flashing lights and one headlight, appeared to be flying just over the top of telephone poles along the highway.

After following the car for some distance, it changed direction and disappeared to the north, Mrs. White said.

Robert Gribble, acting director of Phenomena Research in Seattle said the report by Mrs. White was the only one of a UFO sighting in the Oroville area Friday morning.

Gribble said his telephone center in Seattle currently is receiving an average of four UFO sightings a day from throughout the country.

Most of the reports recently have been from California, but have been from areas scattered across the state, Gribble said.

He said Phenomena Research is a private organization that collects information unidentified flying objects. The UFO reporting center was started about two years ago, he said.

KALISPELL, MONTANA  
DAILY INTER LAKE  
AUG 19, 1976

## Police Report Unidentified Flying Object

A Kalispell police car crew said they and two Detroit officers saw an unidentified flying object in the pre-dawn sky about 6 a.m. Monday. The reported sighting was made at Stecker and Southern.

The policemen said the flying saucer "was green and red in color and the lights were flashing." They added they observed the large object for about 20 minutes "and it never moved, and then disappeared with the rising sun."

Their report was received with some skepticism at the police station.

ALPENA, MICHIGAN  
NEWS  
AUG 7, 1976

## Flying object sighted in area

Is Mars repaying our visit?

A 23-year old Detroit man reported sighting an unidentified flying object near the intersection of M-65 and M-32 Friday night at approximately 9:30.

The man, Thomas Rad, said he and a companion driving to visit friends in Hillman spotted the object hovering over the trees in the distance. "It was blue and yellow, cigar-shaped, and had red lights around it," Rad said. "It came up over the trees a couple of miles away from where we were, then turned into sort of a mist, then disappeared."

Rad said he reported it to "the Air Force," then called The News.

Maybe that's why Viking I hasn't discovered life on Mars—the Martians are all visiting earth.

DEARBORN, MICHIGAN  
GUIDE  
SEP 2, 1976

## UFO reported

An Anaconda aluminum plant patrol member reported sighting an unidentified flying object near the plant early this morning.

Dena DeWolf of Columbia Falls said she was making a regular patrol at about 5:30 when she noticed a flashing red light out of the corner of her eye.

Thinking it might be a brake light, DeWolf said she stopped the truck she was in and noticed the UFO.

"It was a red shaped disc, flying low, not like a plane at all," DeWolf said. "It was going up and down. There's no way it could be an airplane."

DeWolf said the object had flashing red lights "like a strobe light would." After watching it for a few minutes, DeWolf said the object flew east away from the plant and behind a nearby mountain.

"I couldn't believe it," DeWolf said. "I thought during all this that I should try to call the other guy on duty."

"I reached down for my radio and tried to call him," she added. "But I was so nervous that I couldn't get it out of its cover."

A Columbia Falls police department spokesman said the DeWolf sighting was the second of the night. He said another person sighted a UFO at the same area about 12:33 a.m.

Asked for a possible explanation of the sightings, the spokesman said it might have been the result of lights or welding playing on clouds in the area.

"They make quite an unusual sight," he said.

DeWolf said the sky was clear at the time of her sighting.

"It might also have been one of our flying patrol cars," the spokesman added jokingly.

The Kalispell Police department also received a report of a UFO sighting Thursday morning.



# UFOs cavort above Helena

Unidentified flying objects dominated the skies of Helena over the weekend, resulting in several calls to local law enforcement agencies.

Celestial phenomena ranged from what appeared to be a meteor to a wedge-shaped UFO complete with colored lights.

A Canyon Ferry resident, one of numerous callers, told Lewis and Clark County sheriff's deputies late Monday evening there was a flaming object in the sky.

A man called The Independent Record early this morning to report seeing the object at about 11:30 p.m. He said it sported a tail like a comet before breaking up and dropping into the hills south of Helena.

Federal Aviation Administration controllers reported no aircraft in the area.

Although sheriff's reports did not indicate exactly where the object appeared in the sky, law enforcement

agencies in Choteau, Great Falls, Avon, Townsend and White Sulphur Springs received similar reports.

Deputies theorize the object was a meteor.

Another UFO was reported late Sunday night hovering over the Broadwater Hotel, situated just west of Helena on U.S. Highway 12.

A man told Helena police shortly before 11 p.m. that he saw a "wedge-shaped object" hovering above the abandoned hotel. Then, he said, it zoomed off toward MacDonald Pass.

The man said the object had two red lights on one side, two blue lights on the other side and a white light on the front and back.

HELENA, MONT  
INDEPENDENT RECORD  
SEP 7, 1976

## Regional sightings cheer UFO watcher

BELLAIRE — Sightings of unidentified flying objects by a Manton family and two others near here have raised the hopes of the operator of a northern Michigan UFO tracking station that a breakthrough in contacting travelers from outer space may be near.

A large round object with pulsating lights was reportedly seen silently hovering and darting over the landscape near Manton in Wexford County late Tuesday and about an hour later near Bellaire about 40 miles north in Antrim County.

John Shepherd, 24, founder of "Operation STRAT", a UFO tracking and communication station near Bellaire, said if the sightings were authentic, it might have been a space vehicle "homing in" on the radio signal he emits from his station to attract UFO's.

"Maybe it's working," Shepherd said. "That's the idea of sending out the low frequency signal — to try to get their attention and get them to home in."

The Bellaire sightings and Shepherd's observations were reported today by United Press International.

The Wexford County sighting was reported by a Manton family who told police they watched the object "three and a half or four minutes" as it traveled in a generally northeasterly direction at treetop level at about 10:50 p.m. Tuesday.

As reported in Wednesday's Evening News, the Robert Truesdale family of Liberty Township near Manton observed the object about a quarter-mile away flying about 40 feet off the ground.

The object, with flashing lights rotating around the outside, moved, hovered and dipped before continuing on its course, Mrs. Truesdale said, finally going out of sight when it was five or six miles away.

Shepherd said he received two separate reports from residents near Intermediate Lake near his tracking station who said they saw a glowing object with strange, pulsating lights hovering over the east side of the Lake before disappearing behind a hill.

Those sightings occurred about 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, Snepherd said.

"All three reports are very similar," he said. "It could easily have been the same vehicle."

Shepherd, who spends most of his time at the control panel of the tracking station, said he picked up no signal during the time of the sightings. But he said his equipment would only register a reading if a UFO were transmitting a response to the electronic message he emits from his station or if the object were radioactive.

"It's not like radar which would pick up any object traveling within range," Shepherd said. "It is specifically designed to receive signals on a very low frequency that would only be likely to come in response to my signal."

A spokesman in the Wexford County sheriff's office said no police were dispatched to check out the sighting near Manton. He said the Truesdales were the only ones to report the sighting.

"We seem to get a rash of these every so often," a deputy, who refused to identify himself, said. "We might get three or four in a week, maybe a dozen, and then nothing for two or three months. I know I've never seen one."

CADILLAC, MI  
EVENING NEWS  
SEP 3, 1976

GREENWICH, CONN.  
GREENWICH TIME  
AUG 23, 1976

## Policemen Claim UFO Spotted Here

Three persons, including two Greenwich policemen, reported seeing what they maintained was an unidentified flying object over Glenville on Friday night.

According to police, Christopher Knight of 10 East Lyon Farm, Glenville, called at about 10 p.m. and reported the UFO. Patrolmen Hubert Salamon and Edward McGinty responded to the Knight residence, and the object was pointed out to them.

Police described the object as a light which changed from red to green to white. Police reported the alleged sighting to the UFO Sighting Hotline in Washington.

HOUSTON, TX  
HOUSTON CHRONICLE  
AUG 25, 1976

## 'Martian' practical joke gets pair day in court

Owensboro, Ky. (AP) — Bernard Wink and Bonnye Bell Bacon thought their "Martian" practical joke would trigger laughter, but the two ended up being sentenced for overlooking a city ordinance.

Wink and Bacon — costumed as Martians in aluminum masks, gloves and antennas — made an early-morning visit to a grocery store where their friend and victim, Larry Mofield, worked as a clerk. Mofield called police, because "at 2 a.m., you never know if you're going to be robbed or not."

Wink, 18, and Bacon, 20, were charged with violating a city ordinance that forbids persons aged 12 and over from wearing masks inside the city and were sentenced to 20 hours of volunteer work.

YAKIMA, WA  
HERALD-REPUBLIC  
SEP 7, 1976

## Ball of fire: Was it UFO?

It was either a meteorite or an Unidentified Flying Object, joked one fireman in the Lower Yakima Valley.

He and many other Central Washington people saw the flaming object streak across the sky last night. Ellensburg state patrol said they had received numerous inquiries about the flying object. A trooper said it had a bright-orange "head" with a tail of flames.

The mass, which one man said was flying below last night's cloud cover, was at least 2,500 feet above the ground.

The strange ball of fire was seen by Spokane residents and as far south as Utah, Ellensburg troopers said.

# Weather no bar to UFOs

**MANTON** — Sighting of an unidentified flying object (UFO) with rotating lights and the ability to hover was reported to Wexford County sheriff's deputies Tuesday night by a Liberty Township family.

The Robert Truesdale family, who live on North 43½ Road, reports watching the UFO for "three and a half or four minutes" as it traveled in a generally northeasterly direction at treetop level about 10:50 p.m. Though it had been storming before the sighting, Mrs. Truesdale said the sky was clear when the UFO was observed, with only a light sprinkle of rain.

Mrs. Truesdale said this morning that her son Tom, 19, had just come into the house from outside and was looking out a window when he suddenly said, "Look at that, look at that."

Mrs. Truesdale, her husband and other son then went to windows and observed a flying object of indeterminate size

traveling about 40 feet off the ground at a distance of a quarter mile. She said at first the object, which made no noise of any kind and was very smooth in its movement, had two flashing white lights on. As it traveled away from them, more lights came on, some of them red. The lights, according to Mrs. Truesdale, rotated around the outside of the object.

At one point the UFO stopped moving, she said, and appeared to drop lower in the air before proceeding on its course. She said it was about five to six miles away when they lost sight of it.

A while after the sighting, an airplane passed over their house, according to Mrs. Truesdale, and the engine noise and type of lights were easily distinguished. She said the family is familiar with the sight of passing planes in the area.

The sheriff's department declined to make an official report on the sighting and did not send deputies to the area following the report.

CADILLAC, MI  
EVENING NEWS  
SEP 1, 1976

LARAMIE, WYOMING  
BOOMERANG  
SEP 1, 1976

## Flurry of U.F.O.'s Turns Eyes to Sky In Rockland County

Some strange things have been reported in the skies over Rockland County lately.

Few people are getting excited, but reports of unidentified flying objects have cropped up in newspaper items and on police blotters and have become the subject of considerable talk.

More than a score of U.F.O. reports have been made in the last two weeks to the police in Stony Point, Orangetown, Haverstraw and Ramapo, and occasionally policemen have joined the callers to watch what appeared to be mysterious phenomena.

Sometimes they looked like cigar shape objects, silvery or dark in silhouette, hovering singly or in pairs above the horizon against the orange twilight of dusk or the pastels of dawn.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
NEW YORK TIMES  
SEP 6, 1976

More often they seemed to be bright lights in the night sky, blinking and changing colors from red to blue to white to green, usually hovering in one spot for awhile before soaring away.

"Everybody's become sensitized to this thing, everybody seems to be looking skyward," said Warren Berbit, a 33-year-old Suffern, N.Y., lawyer who said he saw two of the cigar-shaped things over the western horizon at 7:40 P.M. last Monday.

Other sightings have been reported over the Tappan Zee Bridge near Nyack, in Tomkins Cove, Haverstraw Township and at various points in Orangetown, Ramapo and Stony Point.

Stars, planets, aircraft and atmospheric quirks all have been suggested as explanations, but none seems quite satisfactory. "These people saw something that has not been explained," said Mr. Berbit. "You can't just dismiss it."

GASTONIA, NC  
GASTONIA GAZETTE  
AUG 31, 1976

## Woman reports sighting UFO

**LINCOLNTON** — Lincoln County residents, throughout the spring and summer, have reported the sightings of strange animals lurking in wooded areas near their homes. Now they are seeing UFO's.

A woman, who refused to reveal her identity, telephoned announcers at a Lincolnton radio station Monday night to report an unidentified flying object in the sky over her home in the vicinity of N.C. 27 west.

The object, she said, was equipped with flashing lights and appeared around 9:15 p.m.

Deputies with the Lincoln County sheriff's department said this morning they received no UFO reports. Dispatchers at the communications center in Lincolnton had no reports on their log of incoming calls.

## What's That In the Sky?

UFO's over Laramie?

Two Laramie boys, Cody Aspinwall and Paul Pilch spotted what they believe was a UFO in the sky over the University of Wyoming campus Tuesday night.

Cody, who lives at 2601 Land, said they first noticed the bright, white light at about 8 p.m. The boys watched it zip around in the air for a half an hour. At one point, Cody said, the light was stationary for about five minutes.

Cody's mother, Carol Aspinwall, said the light was traveling faster than commercial airplanes. "It wasn't blinking like airplane lights do—at least for the first 15 minutes. Then it blinked off and on, but a longer intervals than airplane lights."

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration Flight Service at Brees Field said the FAA had received no report of a UFO in the area.

The spokesman said sometimes stars produce such an effect, changing from white to green and red and moving across the sky. Satellites have also been observed, the spokesman said.

UW campus police said they had not received a report of a UFO sighting Tuesday night.

PRINEVILLE, OREGON  
CENTRAL OREGONIAN  
SEP 9, 1976

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON  
SEATTLE TIMES  
SEP 7, 1976

## Meteor 'like 727 going down in flames'

What apparently was a meteor streaked from north to south across Eastern Washington or Northwest Idaho last night, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman reported.

Sightings were reported by air-traffic-control towers at Spokane and Pasco, the spokesman told United Press International.

One of those who saw the object was Tom C. Smith, a wheat farmer who was returning in his pickup

truck after night seeding. Smith lives 20 miles southwest of Kennewick.

"It looked like a 727 going down in flames," said Smith, who is a pilot. "The streak was from north to south and lasted 20 to 30 seconds. It wasn't a fast streak, it was more like an airplane on final approach.

"This was quite something, quite dramatic. I've never seen anything like it before."

## Police Site UFO Near Prineville

An unidentified Flying Object (UFO) was reported southeast of Ochoco Reservoir Monday evening, but an immediate search turned up nothing.

Two officers of the Oregon State Police cited what they thought was a burning plane in the Gerow Butte area, and felt that it was on a downward path.

On the assumption that a plane had caught fire and crashed, Alex Koleda, of Rimrock Aviation, was asked to fly a search mission to determine the location of the plane. Two different flights turned up nothing.

The Oregon State Forestry Department was asked to alert their lookouts in the area and attempt to spot the flame. Their efforts also proved fruitless!

Corporal Don Bussey of the Oregon State Police, described the sighting as a meteor, or satellite or other phenomenon.

Sighting of the fiery object was made in Madras, at Smith Rock State Park, east of Ochoco Reservoir and as far east as Prairie City.

State police checked with the Federal Aviation Administration, which also received many calls, and the FAA stated that there were no planes unaccounted for.



# Are you sure you saw one?

SIMI VALLEY, CA  
ENTERPRISE SUN & NEWS  
AUG 25, 1976

An increase in the number of UFO sightings in California during the past two weeks is lending credence to two local women's reported spotting of an unidentified flying object five days ago.

In addition to a UFO report by Morra Sonseca and Joani Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Mal Kavanaugh have reported seeing something they couldn't readily identify in the skies above Simi Valley on the same night.

Ms. Sonseca and Ms. Taylor spotted their mysterious object at about 9:20 p.m. The Kavanaugh couple spotted something at about the same time.

The two young women described seeing a "bright, white oval-shaped UFO" from Ms. Sonseca's backyard on Rhoda Avenue. They said it hovered about 600 feet over the city for approximately 10 minutes before disappearing to the west.

"I'm not saying it was a UFO," Mrs. Kavanaugh commented, "but I just don't know what the heck it was."

She said she and her husband,

"definitely UFO believers," were driving on Los Angeles Avenue toward their Greek tract home when they spotted whatever-it-was.

"Oh, there's a big chopper. Look at the bright lights, maybe they're trying to find someone," she recalled saying to her spouse.

The bright lights were at an altitude of 2,000 feet or more, and they were stationary.

"As we drove on, I kept looking, looking, looking. Maybe it was a plane, but the lights were standing still. We couldn't really figure it out," the observer said.

"So, I laughingly told Mal, 'maybe it's a flying saucer.' We watched it all the way home, and for several minutes after we got there," Mrs. Kavanaugh said.

No sound came from the "thing," she noted.

"Finally it moved on. It appeared to be in the same landing pattern that the big planes take to LAX, but we don't think it was a plane. Although it had two big headlights there were no red or green wingtip lights.

"We're just not sure what it was," she said.

'73-74 can't hold a candle to what was going on then," he said.

Special-interest data is being collected and studied, too, he noted, on the mental and physical effects on UFO sighters.

"There is some interesting evidence that those who seen an unidentifiable flying object at fairly close range and at a low altitude have a traumatic experience because of it," Gribble revealed.

The traumatic experiences caused by a "very close" encounter include personality changes, IQ changes and certain types of cures.

"We've found that some people have a remarkable change of personality. Their families are the first to notice it; they just don't act normally any more.

"We have data about instantaneous increases in IQ as a result of close encounters. We've been told of unbelievable, almost miraculous they say, cures of various types of physical injuries.

Extensive work is being done, Gribble said, to investigate and record these occurrences.

"There seems to be a connection between the bio-magnetic field within the human body and the electro-magnetic field around the vehicles they observe," he explained.

"We keep in touch on a regular basis with people who have had traumatic experiences such as these," Gribble added.

He encouraged Simi Valley residents who spot unidentifiable objects to contact the center in Washington by calling 1-206-722-3000.

OXNARD, CALIFORNIA  
PRESS COURIER  
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## Woman Reports 2 UFOs

A Moorpark woman Tuesday reported she saw two unidentified flying objects hovering in the sky over the Camarillo area, sheriff's deputies said.

Jean Wood told deputies she was driving from her home to Camarillo at about 4:30 p.m., when she spotted the first object moving parallel with the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks off Somis Road, then the same type object hovering over the mountains at the top of the Conejo Grade of the Ventura Freeway.

The woman described the objects as being flat on both sides, with no wings, gray in color and red designs underneath, according to deputies.

Deputies said Mrs. Wood apparently was the only person who spotted the objects, noting they had received no other reports.

Deputies said they reported the sighting to the UFO Reporting Center in Washington.

## UFO Sightings Reported In Venice

Two Venice residents reported seeing unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings late Saturday and early Sunday.

Lori Nyland, 233 Warfield St., Venice, told the Herald-Tribune she saw lights in the sky on three occasions late Saturday night between 9:30 and 11:30 p.m.

Kathy Shane, 232 S. Grove St., Venice, reported seeing fast moving lights in a V-formation in the pre-dawn darkness at 6 a.m. She described the sightings as, "A flock of geese all lit up."

The sightings both occurred in the industrial section of Venice near U.S. 41 and Venice Farms Road.

Nyland told the Herald-Tribune she did not believe in UFOs before she saw a single oval shaped white light moving up and down a few

inches above the trees on U.S. 41.

"I was taking a walk with my girlfriend around 9:30 at night when I looked up and saw the light," she said. "It was a single light and I thought at first it was a light from a car, but I knew it couldn't be after a while. Then it just disappeared."

She said she again saw the light when she was approaching her apartment. The second sighting was similar to the first, but a third sighting consisted of five lights in a V-formation moving across the sky and then zig-zagging just above the nearby tree tops.

Mrs. Shane's husband, Michael, who first informed the Herald-Tribune of the sightings, said Miss Nyland told him her story late Saturday while he was walking his

dog. He said he forgot all about it until he was driving his wife to work early Sunday and she said she saw a "flock of geese all lit up."

"My wife is not the type of person to imagine these things," Shane said. "They were gone by the time I looked, and then I told my wife what I had heard the night before."

Shane said that when Miss Nyland told him of the sightings he too thought it might just have been lights shining in the "screwy perspective of night", but Kathy Shane was explicit in what she saw.

Before this weekend's sightings the most recent area UFO sighting was in June when DeSoto County residents reported seeing an orange, yellow and red UFO in the farmlands near Arcadia.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA  
HERALD-TRIBUNE  
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### FLYING SAUCER

A Lacey Drive-In viewer last night told police he and a friend saw a flying saucer zoom over the theater about 9:51. The thing, the police report said, headed east. An investigation report was not filed.

OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON  
OLYMPIAN  
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# Merced man puts 'nugget' from space to the real test

Tom McCully of Merced does not claim to believe in unidentified flying objects (UFOs), but he has what he thinks could be a fragment of something from outer space.

The object, about the size of a golf ball, was sent by McCully to the International UFO Registry in Hammond, Ind. which in turn turned it over to the University of Chicago's Argonne Laboratory for tests.

McCully said it previously was examined by a gemologist in Merced, who tested it and said it is not metal.

McCully also has a letter dated July 7 from Robert Lemmon, Merced Community College geology instructor, who mentioned further tests.

In the letter, Lemmon said the sample was checked with a spectograph but the melting temperature "is so high that the carbon arc wouldn't melt it." Lemmon suggested the use of more sophisticated equipment than found at the college.

He, however, noted that the sample does have the appearance and density of pure dilicon, one of the few elements "whose melting temperature is too high to run through the spectograph. So I'll guess at that.

"However, I wouldn't hazard a guess as to where it came from and there are many compounds that contain silicon," Lemmon stated.

McCully says he knows where, to some extent, the object came from and therein lies his story.

According to McCully, who owns an appliance store at 1777 Crows Landing Road, Modesto, he found the object four years ago while fishing in the high Sierra near the Stanislaus River.

He said he had gone camping alone and was up before dawn fishing when he first noticed a bright pulsating light reflecting off the water.

He said the light seemed to grow bright and then dim and at first he thought it was a forest fire although he neither heard any crackling of flames nor smelled smoke. Then he said there was a sudden brilliant flash and something like hailstones pelted the area around him.

Frightened, he bent down, he said, to pick up his fishing pole, which had dropped, and noticed what appeared to be a gold nugget. He picked it up, put it in his shirt pocket and then went to his sleeping bag and rolled it up in preparation to leaving the area.

He said that as he did so he noticed that bark of the trees in the area had what looked like fresh scar marks, similar, he said, to what would have happened if they had been grazed with bullets.

Once back home in Merced, McCully said he told his wife of the incident. But when he searched his

pockets for the nugget, it was gone. "Since I couldn't prove what had happened I kept my mouth shut," he said. And as time went by he forgot the incident.

That is, he said, until early in July when, while preparing for another camping trip, he got out the sleeping bag. As he rolled the bag out on the driveway, out rolled the mysterious nuggett.



McCully displays portion of mysterious nugget.

McCully subsequently showed the object to other people, including a friend who informed him that a Dr. A. Allen Hynek had offered, through several magazines, a reward of \$50,000 to anyone able to prove through physical evidence the existence of UFOs. That led him to have the object tested by the gemologist and the geologist and eventually to chiseling off a smaller piece of the nugget and sending the larger piece to the UFO Registry.

Now it is a matter of waiting for the results of the tests. Meanwhile, McCully is willing to show the fragment he kept to anyone interested in seeing it. And he says he is negotiating to sell his story to the National Enquirer.

# Tests show space nugget 'can't exist'

The mystery of Tom McCully's space nugget has deepened with word that laboratory tests show the nugget, which is non-magnetic and can't be detected by a metal detector, is 99.4 per cent iron.

McCully, who found the nugget four years ago in the high Sierra, said he received word of the lab tests in a telephone call yesterday from Dennis Hauck of the UFO Registry, Munster, Ind.

He said Hauck told him the nugget had been tested by scientists with the University of Chicago's Argonne Laboratory and that the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory is the next step in the testing process.

NASA also is interested in examining the object, according to McCully.

McCully, operator of a Modesto appliance business, said Hauck's reaction over the telephone to the Argonne tests was one of amazement. "He told me its silly, it (the nugget) can't even exist."

McCully said there is a theory that the nugget seems to have been manufactured but no one appears to know who made it. He said Hauck told him NASA is dealing with stuff so secret the space agency won't even discuss it.

McCully, then a Merced resident, found the object four years ago while fishing alone along a stretch of the Stanislaus River. He said it was about dawn and he had just walked down to the river when he noticed what appeared to be a pulsating light reflecting off the water. Then he said the light grew brighter and there was a sudden flash and something like hailstones pelted the area around him.

He said he became frightened, bent down to pick up his fishing pole, which he had dropped, and it was then he noticed the nugget. He picked it up, stuffed it in his shirt pocket and after repacking his gear left the area and returned home.

McCully said he did not rediscover the nugget until last July when, while preparing for a camping trip, he found it in a sleeping bag. He said it apparently had fallen out of his pocket while he was rolling up the sleeping bag four years ago.

He said he showed it to various people and was urged to send it to the UFO Registry.

Although he started out with only one chunk, McCully said the material, while extremely hard, also is brittle and he managed to break it into three nuggets, one of which was sent to the registry.

He said the other two pieces are in a safe deposit box. He also said he has been advised by Jauck to safeguard the two nuggets and not to return at this time to the Sierra site where the original nugget was found.

A UFO was spotted in Southfield last Tuesday evening by 12-year-old Arnold Ambrois.

Arnold called the Observer & Eccentric and told a reporter that he wasn't attempting any kind of hoax.

"I saw a light over the trees," he said. "It was flashing all different colors, red, green, blue, but not in any particular pattern."

The sighting coincided with other reported sightings in Pontiac and northern Oakland County. Although there has been no official word on the alleged UFOs, some skeptics suggest that at least some of the sightings may have been of shooting stars.

MODESTO, CA  
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SOUTHFIELD, MI  
OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC  
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MODESTO, CA  
MODESTO BEE  
SEP 30, 1976



NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
NASHVILLE BANNER  
SEP 7, 1976

CARSON, NEVEDA  
CARSON PRESS  
SEP 2, 1976

#### Leintz Farm And Where Object Was Viewed for An Hour

An UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) was sighted at the John Leintz farm east of Brisbane on Sunday morning between 9:00 and 10 a.m. Members of the Leintz family and neighbors watched the transparent object while it bounced around the yard and change in size from 12 inches to six or seven feet. The object never touched the ground although it jumped over the heads of the people present with colors of orange, red and green. A bird flew up to the object and immediately turned and flew away.

## Lawmen Sticking To UFO Reports

Mt. Pleasant — Four local law enforcement officers are convinced they saw a strange object in the sky early Monday, despite ribbing from fellow officers.

Three city policemen and a Maury County Deputy Sheriff said they spotted a round object with flashing colored lights hovering in the sky.

Patrolman James Johnston said he and his partner, Gary Jones, radioed to the dispatcher they had seen an unidentified flying object.

"He told Albert Spears (the dispatcher) to look outside if he wanted to see something funny," Johnston said. "We thought it was a big joke."

The policemen said he met the other two men outside city hall about 4 a.m. and saw a bright light overhead.

"There was a steady change of colors the whole time we watched it," said Johnston, noting that the object was visible until 6 a.m.

Meanwhile, 12 miles away, Deputy Sheriff Wendell Harris was patrolling near Columbia when he spotted the UFO.

"It was a round shape with flashing lights in several different colors — red, green, blue. It didn't appear to be moving, but if it was it was going real slow," Harris said.

The deputy said he had talked to the three Mt. Pleasant policemen and was convinced they had seen the same object.

# Keep Your Eyes On The Skies; Residents Report Seeing UFO's

Journal Staff Writer

The skies were clear of alien vessels Sunday night, according to McDill Air Force base tower control. But two Venice residents believe the same may not be true for Saturday night.

Two South County residents spotted lights which appeared "Like a flock of geese all lit up" between Saturday night and dawn Sunday.

Lori Nyland, 233 Warfield St. first spotted the lights Saturday night. Ms. Nyland said she saw first a single light and then the V-shaped formations on three occasions between 9:30 and 11:30 p.m.

"I was taking a walk with my girlfriend around 9:30 at night when I looked up and saw the light," she said. "It was a single light and I thought at first it was a light from a car, but I knew it couldn't be after a while. Then it just disappeared."

As she approached her apartment, Miss Nyland saw the light again. During both the first and second sightings, the light was a single oval shaped white light moving up and down a few inches above the trees of U.S. 41. But the third sighting consisted of five lights in a V-formation moving across the sky and then zig-zagging just above nearby tree tops, Miss Nyland said.

Kathy Shane, 232 S. Grove St., also reported seeing V-

shaped formation just before dawn. Both sightings occurred in the industrial section of Venice near U.S. 41 and Venice Farms Road.

Mrs. Shane saw the formations as her husband was driving her to work early Sunday.

Miss Nyland had told Mrs. Shane's husband, Michael, about her sightings late Saturday night. Shane said Miss Nyland told him of the object while he was walking his dog. Shane said he forgot about Miss Nyland's experience until his wife also made a sighting early Sunday.

Shane said that when Miss Nyland told him of the sightings, he thought it might just have been lights shining in "the screwy perspective of night."

"My wife is not the type of person to imagine these things," Shane said. "They were gone by the time I looked, and then I told my wife what I had heard the night before."

Sgt. Thomas Van Nortwick, supervisor of this morning's tower crew at McDill, said his workers made no sightings during their daytime watches this weekend.

"As far as I know, there have been no sightings reported. We didn't see any. If there had been any, we probably would have heard, just from talking among ourselves," Van Nortwick said.

If the public makes a sighting, he said, they may report it at McDill's Base Control headquarters.

## UFO Reappears, Week After It First Sighted

MT. PLEASANT, Tenn.—A mysterious lighted object was again spotted hovering in the sky near here early yesterday, one week to the hour from a sighting by deputies and city police the previous Monday.

But Maury County Deputy Wendell Harris, who saw the UFO last week, was not enraptured by the recurrent phenomenon.

"I TURNED my head and said, 'Oh, man. Not that again.' Then I walked back to the car and drove on," Harris said.

The deputy, who observed the

unidentified object along with three Mt. Pleasant policemen and truckdrivers, said it was tiny and hard to describe.

"You could just barely see a flashing light from it," he said.

Mt. Pleasant officer James Johnston described it as the same round object with a variety of multicolored lights reported at 4 a.m. last Monday.

Witnesses said the UFO yesterday appeared at 4 a.m., but remained visible only one hour—as opposed to two last week.

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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE  
TENNESSEAN  
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**UFOs** here in Green County? That U.S. Viking exploration to Mars may have disturbed things enough on the red planet so that they're paying us back. Strange, though, that they seem to have picked Green County for their return visit. Or is it a bit of imagination that propted recent reports here?

One woman reported a "bicentennial UFO", claiming a red, white and blue object with flashing lights followed her car from Monroe to Albany about 1 a.m. Saturday.

A Route 1, Monticello woman called authorities to report seeing a UFO Sunday.

Earlier, there was an unconfirmed report of a UFO over New Glarus.

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NEW GLARUS  
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REGISTER  
SEP 17, 1976

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JOURNAL-TIMES  
RACINE, WI  
JOURNAL-TIMES  
SEP 10, 1976

## 2 report sighting UFO

Two city residents reported the sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) at about 9:30 p.m. yesterday.

Mitchel A. Haas, 18, of 9923 Spring St., and Joann Sawicki, 18, of 10156 Caddy Lane, told sheriff's deputies they saw a cigar-shaped object, hovering about 200 yards above the ground, near the Civil Air Patrol building near Highway 20 and West Road.

The brightly colored object had two pillars extending upward to a platform, on which were three blinking lights, they told deputies.

The object came from the general southwest area, hovered for about three minutes, then left the area, they said.

## Flying Saucers Land at Archives

By a Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — The National Archives, the country's records keeper, has transferred AF reports of unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings to microfilm for public viewing.

The material consists of 42 cubic feet of paper records (8400 pages), photographs, sound records, film strips and artifacts which have been turned over to the Archives by the AF. The material had been stored at Maxwell AFB, Ala., where access was restricted.

AF's investigation of UFOs, Project Blue Book, was terminated on Dec. 17, 1969, after more than 12,600 sightings were studied. Only 701 were unresolved.

Before turning the records and other material over to the Archives, AF gathered a team of Reservists who were directed to delete from the original records, the identity of persons who reported alleged UFO sightings. The

written or oral promises of confidentiality given by AF investigators and to protect the privacy of individuals.

The Archives said that additional photographs and motion pictures and sound recordings associated with Blue Book will be available for study shortly.

Public inquiries on Blue Book material should be directed to the Modern Military Branch, Archives, 8th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20408.

Already in the wake of these document releases, Air Force is coming under more criticism from UFOlogists, some who complain that data is incomplete on some sightings. Singled out is the major sighting of May 1, 1952.

## Deputies spot UFO-like lights over D.M. area

Some strange lights in the ~~my north-~~ east of Des Moines late Thursday night had the Saydel High School football coach and some Polk County sheriff's deputies wondering if they were watching an unidentified flying object (UFO).

They still don't know.

The deputies were interested enough that they called an organization called UFO Central in Chicago, Ill. Deputy Tom Kennedy said UFO Central is a place where law-enforcement agencies are to report unusual sightings considered "important."

Norma Hayes of 460 N.W. Forty-sixth Place first reported seeing the lights while she was star-gazing about 10:15 p.m. She told her husband, Michael, the Saydel coach, and he called the sheriff's office about 20 minutes later.

Deputy John Mazzei arrived at the Hayes home and he too was puzzled by the lights.

"I've never seen anything like it," Mazzei said. "It looks like green and red sparkles around a white strobe light — and it's been sitting there for at least 20 minutes."

Mazzei reported back to the sheriff's office and Sgt. James Jorgenson also went to the Hayes home to see the lights.

Meanwhile, Kennedy was trying to determine if authorities at the Des Moines Municipal Airport could provide a clue about the lights. None could, he said.

A spokesman at the National Weather Service said it might have been a commercial airplane, but Hayes said the lights were still there early this morning — about two hours later — and apparently hadn't moved.

Mazzei said the lights were in the northeast sky about 45 degrees above the ground. He said he couldn't determine how far away they were, but they appeared to be over the Saylorville area.

"When I first called in (to report them), the dispatcher said it might be something the Shriners were shooting up," Mazzei said, referring to the Central States Shrine Association convention that opened here Thursday. "I told them it was too high, even for them."

JACKSON/TOPEKA, KANSAS  
SABETHA HERALD  
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A young Seneca farmer was given sedation after he reported seeing an unidentified flying object. The young man was on his tractor working in a field when he said the UFO swooped down with a deafening noise. The lights and engine on the tractor went out at the same time. The man was extremely upset over the incident. Investigation by the sheriff's office revealed that others in the area thought they had seen a low-flying airplane about the same time.









# Flights of fact or fiction?

OVER the last year there have been over one hundred sightings of objects that appear to be flying saucers in Spain. The latest sighting by a distinguished and long serving officer, General Carlos Cavero, has caused argument and confusion among Spain's experts.

For the General, much-respected chief of the Spanish Air Force, is not the sort of man likely to 'mistake' — as others have done occasionally in the past — a normal flying object, like a plane or comet, for what he has himself described as a flying saucer.

His report, now in the Air Ministry files, describes the object as "giving off a brilliant light. And it travelled at an extraordinary speed."

## Inexplicable

But is it possible? It seems incredible, and yet for centuries inexplicable objects in the sky have been seen by quite sensible men and women.

As far back as 1646 a book was published called 'Strange Signs From Heaven,' and this gave descriptions of objects sighted in the sky very similar to accounts of 'modern' flying saucers.

The first reference in more recent times came in 1871. Then, a 'large round body' was seen for about fifteen minutes moving slowly across the sky at a great height about Marseilles.

Over the next few years strange objects were sighted many times, and the term flying saucer was used for the first time to describe one of them. Twenty years later there came a crop of reports of 'luminous discs,' 'oval shaped discs,' 'large aerial bodies,' 'triangular objects' and 'mysterious lights.'

In 1957 a pilot with 7,000 aircrew hours to his credit, saw no less than ten flying saucers in formation over

The latest sighting of what appeared to be a flying saucer in Spain, has led to much speculation among experts. But is invasion from another planet possible? DAVID ELLIS tries to find the answer.

Bakersfield, California. Most people scoffed but even sceptics were shaken the following year with the strangest flying saucer story ever.

Captain Thomas Mantell, of the United States Air Force, met his death while chasing what he believed to be a flying saucer. The incident took place over Goodman Field control tower. Over the radio came the voice of Captain Mantell:

## Disintegrated

"I've sighted the thing... it looks tremendous... it's started to climb... it's at 12 o'clock high making half my speed... I'll try to close in."

Then, ten minutes later: "It's still above me making my speed or better... I'm going to climb up to 20,000ft. If I'm no closer I'll abandon the chase."

Soon afterwards there was an explosion and Mantell's plane disintegrated with terrific force.

Caused by the "thing." he was chasing? No one knows.

Landing crafts from other planets have also been blamed for many mysterious disappearances, like the famous Oliver Lerch mystery, when a 20-year-old boy disappeared on Christmas Eve in Indiana.

His footsteps, clear in the thick snow, simply stopped. A



Photographs of 'saucers' in Britain: Above at Coniston, Lancashire, in 1954; below at Conisborough, Yorkshire, in 1966.



score of witnesses claimed they could hear his voice coming from the murky sky calling for help, that a "thing" had got him. He was never found.

What do scientists say about it? On the whole they say that their giant telescopes, peering into space, have for years been photographing the night skies but they have not recorded anything remotely suggesting the approach of space ships or flying saucers.

## Hovering

And yet... what do normally sane and sensible people "see" and why? The Spanish General's account of his sighting was followed up the next day with a description

by a well-known Spanish doctor, Francisco Padron.

His description of a flying saucer has a chillingly authentic ring. Or is it just imagination? Here's what he describes:

"It was nearly dark. And I was driving along a lonely road. Then I saw a round sphere about 40ft. in diameter hovering above the road ahead of me.

"It was emitting a blueish light and about 20ft. above the ground. As I approached my radio cut out but my headlights kept working. I passed right underneath and saw, silhouetted inside through a type of porthole two very tall figures dressed in bright red. Then it took off and vanished in the direction of Tenerife."

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## Strangers in the night

The Hong Kong Royal Observatory said it was flooded with more than 30 reports of a night sighting of a mysterious flying object over the colony.

A spokesman said the unidentified flying object was described as "a bright object — as bright as the moon with a glowing tail fanning behind." The object may be a Chinese lantern balloon sent aloft in preparation of the mid-autumn festival.

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# A UFO WITH SIX YELLOW WINDOWS

I WAS interested to read of the young girl who was frightened by an UFO in Tonbridge, because I had a sighting in October last year at the junction of Ilgham Lane and the A26.

I was driving towards Tonbridge when I saw over the fields on the left of the road a flashing light moving slowly from left to right.

As it got closer I could make out a greyish object shaped like a cigar with six yellow windows in the side and three flashing lights on the top, of yellow, blue and green.

It almost stopped, then hovered for a

moment and I kept it in view until I got to Borden. Over Tonbridge it vanished abruptly.

I then drove to Tonbridge Wells and I saw the object again about half an hour later over Calverley Park Road. I kept it in view for about 10 minutes, then it vanished.

I think it to be about the same size as the Goodyear airship.

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● As the American space-probe searches for signs of life on Mars, reporter SIMON BRIAN tackles the skies above Highfields and discovers...

# TRACKING DOWN UFOs HAS STRINGS ATTACHED

UNIDENTIFIED Flying Objects over Leicester? Impossible I thought, But seeing is believing and a white glow in the sky which was sighted by people living in Highfields last night started a bizarre hunt that lasted three hours.

A call was received at the Leicester Mercury office a little before 10.30 p.m.. A resident in Medway Street reported seeing a UFO.

Hunting for UFOs may seem a little peculiar but this particular object, it transpired, could be caught.

The story, it seems, started early in the evening, when there were reports of a dark object high in the sky over the city.

Mr. Melvin Dyson of Medway Street, who called our office, told me that it was about 8.15 when he spotted the object from his back yard. In fact, he said, there were two objects, one smaller than the other. The smaller one moved in "a funny sort of rotation".

## GAZE IN WONDER

Other residents confirmed the story, and noticed that as the evening sky grew darker the objects had become lighter.

Mr. Dyson was convinced that it was not a cloud formation. So too were the rest of the crowd that gathered in Medway Street to gaze in wonder at the thing from another world.

Curiosity compelled me to go along with three police constables to see if the sighting could be made elsewhere. By this time my colleague had

arrived at Medway Street to see the UFO and he too came along.

Sure enough the object could be seen from other places, apparently remaining stationary in the sky. Eventually we came up with a theory. Our UFO was something that the weathermen had put into the sky for some reason or another.

But the weathermen knew nothing of the object, so time to think again. We tried another theory, but this time a little more difficult to prove. Our UFO was nothing more than a kite.

It is all very well seeing a kite flying high in the night, but another thing finding the string — if there is any string and, come to that, any kite.

I went with Constables M. Ward, K. Hubbard and C. Cox to the top of a block of flats near St. Matthews Community Centre to see if we could find the piece of string. Could it be, we thought, that someone was playing a practical joke on the city?

## AVENUES TO EXPLORE

Our attempts were fruitless and I decided to return to the office to join my colleague, who was busy checking to see if there were any other avenues to explore.

It was purely by chance that I found our first real clue. A

piece of string stretching from a telephone wire far into the sky and sure enough attached to the end two kites — a large one and a small one.

Bang went all the excitement of two spaceships refuelling above Leicester, setting themselves ready for a landing on Victoria Park and the invasion.

Back on the scene though came Messrs. Ward, Hubbard and Cox — to the corner of Oxendon Street and Evington Street where the string had been found.

Soon — but only after fruitless attempts to retrieve the guilty party — came the fire brigade. Using the hydraulic lift Firemen N. McLeod and A. Nottingham soon untangled the string from the wire at about 1.15 a.m.

This, though, was not the end. While pulling the kite from the sky, it dipped viciously and was lost from view over the roof tops.

PCs Ward and Hubbard were left holding a limp piece of string, probably their only ever contact with a UFO. The kite could not be found.

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## Did Torquay have a visit from U.F.O.?

DID Torbay have some visitors from outer space in the early hours of yesterday morning?

A Torquay couple think we possibly did and they are wondering if anyone else saw the strange rotating light which hovered above Torquay harbour at about 2.15 a.m.

The couple, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Tipton, of Higher Erith-road, were looking out of their bedroom window at that time and saw what they first

thought was a shooting star.

But unlike a shooting star, said Mrs. Tipton, it did not go in a matter of seconds, but descended at an unbelievable speed.

The object seemed to be rotating at one stage because the large flash of light would come and go very quickly. It was some distance up in the sky and travelled very fast.

"We could say it was a

meteorite, but it didn't come right down to earth, not as far as we could see," said Mrs. Tipton.

"After a while our view was blocked by trees in the garden, but the last we saw, was it still rotating and dreadfully large. We think perhaps it was a UFO because it hovered for at least 10 minutes over Torquay harbour."

Berry Head coastguards said today as far as they knew there was no aircraft in the area.

## Mystery object in sky

AN unidentified object sighted over Falmouth at the weekend is causing an elderly couple some concern.

Mr. Michael Rich and his wife Helena spotted the object from their house in Florence Terrace, Falmouth, and the best description they could apply to it was "a great glittering exclamation mark in the sky."

Mr. Rich, a former captain in the Royal Artillery and now retired, was the first to see it about 9.50 p.m. on Sunday night.

"I went upstairs to open a window in a flat we have at the back of the house and there it was. It didn't appear to move so I called my wife upstairs."

"We went back a number of times over the next hour-and-a-

half and then suddenly it was gone."

Mr. Rich described the object as being about 18in. long with around 1/4in. between the bottom of the stroke and the dot underneath. "It really was just like an exclamation mark but very brilliant," he said. "I've no idea what it was."

Neither, too, have the Royal Naval base at Culdrose nor the local coastguards. No sightings were reported to them and neither has any possible explanation.

## UFO Over Tokyo

Successive reports reaching The Yomiuri Shimbun Sunday night from various parts of the Tokyo metropolitan area claimed that an unidentified flying object (UFO) had appeared in the northern sky.

The reports put together pointed to the fact that at 6.55 pm Sunday, a considerably bright "UFO," varying in color from green, whitish blue to reddish color according to witnesses, flew against a clear sky for about three seconds. All witnesses agreed on the time, unusual for reports on UFOs.

Kinichi Arai, president of the Japan Society to Study Flying Saucers, was delighted to hear the news and said that the reports would provide valuable data.

The society had planned to hold the first "UFO Festival" from September 15.

But Sadao Murayama, an authority on stars of the National Science Museum, asserted that it was a large meteor of a kind that appears only once or twice a year.

Toshio Shimizu, 23, a student of Nakano-ku and one of the witnesses, said: "When I was having a meal with two of my family, I casually looked out and spotted an ominous light. I never had believed in UFOs, but it was unmistakably a UFO."

Katsutoshi Higashimura, 36, a driver of Katsushika-ku who calls himself an astronomy fan, said: "The object moved from east-southeast to west-northwest and disappeared. The angle was about 45 degrees."

Similar reports came also from Kashiwa and Funabashi, both in Chiba-ken, Fujisawa in Kanagawa-ken and other places.

Astronomer Murayama said: "I'm sorry to have missed the object. But anyway, an unexpectedly large number of people observe the sky carefully, don't they? I hope this will provide a chance to increase the number of star fans."

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## France Opens UFOport; Flying Saucers Invited

BORDEAUX, France (UPI) — France has opened its first "UFOport" — landing strip for "flying saucers" or unidentified flying objects — at Ares in the Bordeaux region.

The UFOport was the brainchild of local airport technician Robert Cotten, who said: "If UFOs have been landing so rarely, it's because there's nowhere for them to land."

Cotten decided to make up for what he called the "failings of the public authorities" in this field, and with the support of the local mayor, set up his UFOport, complete with wind socks and runway marker lights.

The UFOport was opened with great pomp in a weekend ceremony presided over by the mayor, who pledged that the first users of the facility would be exempted from landing fees.

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## No news from Nessie reports Michael Enright

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During the first two weeks of August, Michael Enright, a senior writer for Maclean's Magazine, went to Scotland to seek the Loch Ness monster. Despite spending six hours in the rain with a pair of binoculars, Mr. Enright never saw Nessie, as she is called, but he did come back a believer.

"I didn't believe in the Loch Ness monster when I went over, but I do now," he reports. "I talked to too many people who had seen something. They had no reason to embellish it, or to lie."

"So many different people saw it, not screwballs, just ordinary people. If it is not the monster, then what is it?"

Mr. Enright arrived in Scotland just after an expedition of Americans, amateur scientists co-sponsored by the New York Times, completed an intense study, using highly sophisticated underwater photographic equipment. They too failed to get any conclusive evidence.

However, one scientist, Christopher McGowan, an assistant curator at the Royal Ontario Museum accompanying the expedition, also came back convinced of its existence. He is hoping that financial support for a scientific expedition will be forthcoming in the near future.

Since 1933, more than 4,000 sightings of the monster have been reported. Mr. Enright travelled through the area around the loch, particularly Drumnadrochit, interviewing residents who have seen the monster. He found it difficult in the beginning to find people who would talk to him.

"At first people were suspicious. Here was one more journalist coming in to make fun. But, after I talked to one person, I found the others were more willing to talk."

Mr. Enright found that descriptions of the monster were remarkably similar, even among people who had never met each other. It is generally described as long, approximately 30 feet, with a small head. The color is slate grey, and it has a distinctive dive.

Scientists speculate that there must be approximately 15 to 25 monsters in the loch for them to have survived this long, even assuming they have the 100-year life-span of most reptiles.

The unique characteristics of Loch Ness make it difficult to obtain scientific evidence, particularly bones, which would prove the existence of the monster. The loch is approximately one mile wide by 23 miles long. It is 960 feet deep, with mountain ranges

along the bottom. The average temperature is 42°F. The cold water would make it difficult for bones to float to the surface, and they could easily be lost on the bottom of the loch.

In addition, the loch is thick with peat, making it difficult to see more than a couple of feet ahead. The lack of scientific evidence, however, does not dissuade those who have seen it from believing that there is a Loch Ness monster.



A photograph from the September 6 issue of Maclean's Magazine of the Loch Ness monster.

## No Nessie, says scientist

### Facts may finish fish tale

LONDON — The Loch Ness monster has been dealt what could be a fatal blow by Adrian J. Desmond, the British paleontologist.

Working with data supplied by Nessie's scientist supporters, Desmond concludes that the creature is either a fantasy, or an over-stuffed worm.

His calculations depend on the estimated supply of salmon and other monster-supporting fish in the lake. From this he concludes there is not enough food to maintain creatures big enough to qualify as monsters in a family large enough to survive the 12,000 years that Loch Ness has been closed from the sea.

Desmond has laid out his argument in unpublished correspondence with Sir Peter Scott, the artist, explorer and bird fancier who is Nessie's most eminent backer in Britain. Sir Peter has said he has no quarrel with Desmond's theory, but the "fact" of repeated sightings weighs more.

"Short of draining the loch," Desmond concludes in exasperation, "one cannot possibly demonstrate that it emphatically does not exist."

His argument for Nessie's nonexistence goes like this:

At least a family of 30 creatures is needed to breed and survive for 12 millenia, and a group this small is always on the verge of extinction. In the magazine, Nature, Scott has written that species of fewer than 30 have survived "for considerable periods."

An article in the journal, Limnology and Oceanography, in 1972 estimates that the volume of fish in the loch could support from 3.5 tons to 17 tons of monster.

Taking the higher figure, the average size of each of the 30 monsters is 1,100 pounds. But the reputed length of Nessie is 15 to 20 meters, about 50 feet.

Marine biologists agree that a creature with a 50-foot body could not weigh so little. Dr. P. Humphrey Greenwood, senior scientific officer at Britain's Natural History Museum, says: "A 50-foot, 1,000 pounder would be a will of the wisp, not a monster. It would be an attenuated, emaciated version. It is out of the question."

The bone structure alone required to keep an animal that size under water would probably weigh more than this, Greenwood said.

The faithful will be reassured, however, by a new book, "The Monsters of Loch Ness," by Roy P. Mackal. The author is described by his publishers as a biology teacher at the University of Chicago.

Mackal concludes the loch contains 150 to 200 creatures—enough for a viable family—eel-like in appearance, 20 feet long and weighing about 2,500 pounds each.

Mackal has "solved" the weight-length and family-size problems. But how can they all be kept alive?

Simple, he says. Loch Ness contains 13 million adult salmon and 19 billion juveniles, 133,000 tons in all. The trouble is that this volume of fish would so choke the lake even heretics could walk on the water. The price of smoked salmon would drop to the level of a slice of bologna and the loch would be overrun with greedy tourists.

If Mackal and his fast-spawning salmon can't save the monster, there appears to be one last hope.

Paleontologist Desmond destroys the beast with that figure of 17 tons for the loch's monster-supporting food sup-

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ply. He gets the number from monster supporters who cite Limnology and Oceanology.

This is a highly regarded journal and so are the two men who contributed the calculation, R.W. Sheldon of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, Marine Ecology Laboratory, and S.R. Kerr of the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Their two-page paper is a model of citations and mathematical rigor, complete with an elegant piece of geometry. But their last paragraph suggests that Sheldon and Kerr may be pulling the legs of the Nessie faithful. It reads:

"We would like to thank Kate Kranck for drawing our attention to this problem, because until she mentioned it we were unaware that monsters were a problem."

# "Bigfoot"

## Sighted Near Ocheyedon

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Figment of the imagination, hoax or the real thing -- but according to thirteen-year-old Dan Radunz of Ocheyedon, it was the real thing when he spotted a hairy-like creature similar to the well-known "Big-foot" Sunday morning three and a half miles south of Ocheyedon.

The young Radunz was a passenger in the family car that was enroute to the family farm when Dan spotted the "Big-foot" creature around 9:30 a.m. alongside the banks of the Ocheyedon River.

"I was surprised and I thought it was my imagination when I saw it," said Dan. The eighth grader apparently was shocked at the sighting and did not tell any of his family members in the car about it.

"I was scared to say anything," stated Dan.

Dan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Radunz, as well as other family members, noticed a big change in Dan Sunday. Finally they questioned him as to what was wrong. Dan finally revealed and described what he had seen earlier that morning.

Dan described the creature to be about six feet tall with black hair covering its

body and an oval shaped head. He went on to say that the creature was standing alongside the river bed with his back towards the road and had its arms and hands raise near his head in such a manner that he could have been sipping water from his hands.

Dan's story to his parents resulted in some detective work Monday morning when Mrs. Radunz, Dwight Glade, a neighborhood friend, and Dan went out to the sighting and found footprints along the river banks. Their investigation also showed that the footprints were about 6 feet apart.

The most defined print

was about 14-inches in length. The heel part of the print was quite narrow with the toe area, measuring close to seven inches wide. The impression in the soil along the river bed is from three-fourths to one inch deep.

Osceola County Sheriff Bob Roelfs, along with deputy Bill Koopman, have examined the area but refuse to comment to the Gazette - Tribune until more data is obtained.

## Reader: sighting of 'Big Foot' was not a joke

To the Editor:

I am writing in regards to the article which you printed in your Friday's paper, reporting the story of my son's sighting of the creature "Big Foot."

First of all, when you report on a story, it seems you would have the decency to go to the person whom you are reporting on. There was no one from your paper who interviewed Danny. So it seems to me what you were reporting was hearsay. I believe if you or any of your reporters would have met and talked to Danny, your story would have been written a little more complimentarily.

Our son did see what he said he did. You wrote, he claimed he was too frightened to say anything. How would you react under the same circumstances? We do not all react the same, but I know Danny was very quiet and worried prior to his telling us.

It is really strange that when I took Danny out to the place the following day, before he left the car I asked him where the creature had been and exactly the same place a few minutes later we found the footprints. If, as you suggested, someone was playing a hoax, that someone had to go to a lot of trouble to dress up in a costume in 100-degree temperature. They would have to weigh 400 to 500 lbs. because of the footprint indenture. A lot of trouble for only one person to see him.

It is always easier to laugh off something which we don't have an explanation for. I believe my son saw what he said he did, and I only wish you would have given him the consideration of telling you his story himself.

Mrs. Howard Radunz  
Ocheyedon, Iowa

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## 'Big Foot' reported in area

OCHEYEDAN — No one is quite sure whether it was a hoax dreamed up by bored students to enliven the dog days of summer or whether it was some sort of strange invader but authorities are looking into it in hopes of finding an explanation.

Dan Radunz, 13, Ocheyedon, claims to have spotted a six-foot-tall creature covered with dark hair walking along the Ocheyedon river three and one-half miles south of Ocheyedon Sunday. His description matches those given of creatures said to have been spotted in the California wilds as well as in the remote Himalaya

Mountains of Asia.

Radunz was riding in a car with his parents when he was supposed to have seen the creature but he did not say anything to them claiming later that he was too frightened. Later he related the incident promoting a search of the area. It turned up a series of large imprints resembling footprints and measuring about 14 inches in length and up to seven inches in width. The impressions were about six feet apart in the creekbank.

Sheriff Robert Rolfes' office said officers are looking into the matter but no statement will be made at this time

pending more definite information.

Skeptics in the community have noted a movie was shown in theatres of the area earlier this year in which it was claimed creatures of this description called "Big Foot" have been seen and photographed. It was also noted there have been cases in the past in which persons have costumed themselves to stir up excitement of this sort.

Others point out the possibility such creatures do exist and one could possibly have found its way into northwest Iowa without prior detection.

## Pair of hairy creatures spotted in San Antonio

San Antonio (UPI) — Two southside families have asked state wildlife officials to do something about two awkward, hairy creatures they say are running loose in their neighborhood.

Ed Olivarri said he saw the first creature — a brown, hairy 7-footer — about two weeks ago.

"It looked like it was some kind of bigfoot monster," Olivarri said. "It was about 7 feet tall with short brown hair over its body. It was running on two legs like a man, but a little more awkwardly."

Mrs. Rosa Medina, a neighbor of Olivarri's, said she spotted a similar creature sitting on her back step, and it sprinted away when she tapped on her window.

## Marietta resident says Sasquatch was sighted

He described it as a 7½-foot, husky, black creature and thinks it was a sasquatch.

That's what Whatcom sheriff's deputies report was told them by a Marietta resident.

The man who reported the sighting asked officers not to release his name. He said he was entering his car at his residence about 11:30 Tuesday night, to take a friend's

child home, when he turned around and saw the creature standing next to his garage and chicken coop. He honked his horn several times and the creature "shuffled" toward the woods about 25 feet away, he told officers.

The ground at the site was too hard and there was no dew, so deputies were not able to confirm or disprove the man's report.

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# Bigfoot tracks 'hoax'

By JERRY BARON  
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In British Columbia, the legendary Bigfoot goes by another name: Sasquatch.

In Coos County, he might go by one of four names: Mark Landon, Larry Walton, Mark Villers or Bob Ross.

These four Marshfield High School seniors admitted over the weekend that they are responsible for the Bigfoot tracks found last week by a pigeon hunter on Stock Slough.

"I just set them down in the dirt and jumped on them good and hard with my logging boots," said Landon, who with Walton and Villers made the tracks exactly one week before they were discovered by Phil Thompson, a Weyerhaeuser employee who was hunting in the remote area.

Landon, along with his two school buddies, Walton and Villers, were interviewed by The World on Sunday at the home of Gordon Ross, a Stock Slough dairy farmer and father of the Ross boy, who was away at the time of the interview.

The other boys told the story with a certain relish — and lots of good natured grinning.

"I just pulled the feet out of the pickup and decided to make some tracks," Landon recalled. "We didn't think anyone would ever find them!"

## Class project

And where did the big feet used by the boys come from? Villers and Ross made them for Landon as part of a school class project at Marshfield. That was several months ago.

The now-notorious feet were made from alder, built up at the heel and ball of each foot. Then several coats of glue were applied to the bottom for a realistic effect, according to the "Bigfoot carpenter," Villers. Because they cracked when Landon stomped on them, the feet now have metal braces to prevent further cracking.

"I had forgotten all about making the tracks," said Villers, "until the newspaper came out. When I saw the paper I could hardly believe it."

The World reported the discovery of the Bigfoot tracks and ran a full picture page on the discovery. It later sent two reporters and a search and rescue leader into the area to find further clues. Several persons interviewed about Bigfoot said they believed in him and thought he would probably be a friendly sort.

Dairyman Ross thinks the boys are all "mightily friendly," but he added, "nobody told me about the hoax." Ross said he learned that his son and other boys were responsible for the footprints while on his milk route. When he found out he called home and asked his wife if she knew "Bigfoot was eating at their kitchen table."

## Called mom

After the newspaper came out, Villers also called home and asked his mother if she had seen him in the paper, on Page 13 (the page carrying The World's picture coverage on the Bigfoot tracks.).

"The fun," said Walton, "was reading about it all in the paper." The Greenacres youth said he and his Coos Bay buddies went back up to the area and found both Thompson and Ronnie Higgins there. Higgins was with Thompson when the latter found the prints. "They showed us where they found the tracks and speculated how Bigfoot jumped a big ditch. We had all we could do to keep from laughing."

The youths decided against reporting what really happened to the newspaper because, at first, "We thought it was funny and we wanted to see what would happen next."

Later, it became more difficult to let their secret out as "a lot of people began spending more time and money" on the episode.

Asked about his reaction to the publicity in the paper, Villers began to answer when Walton cut in, saying, "I can tell you how he reacted. He let out a goldminer's yell you could hear from here to Greenacres."

The boys said their parents thought the Bigfoot hoax was "really funny."

One of the footprints made by the boys followed the contour of the small ridge, leading one eyewitness to observe that the print must have been real since it bent as it did. Landon explained he made that particular print by balancing the big wood foot on the ridge's edge and then, with one of his own feet on the front of the foot, and his other foot on the back, simply rocked back and forth, like a teetertotter, leaving the impression.

Observed Walton jokingly, "The other Bigfoot hoaxers never took time to do that."

Asked if they themselves believed there really might be a Bigfoot, Villers answered for all three when he replied: "Just us, right here."

# IF HE'S REAL 'Bigfoot' Eludes Expedition In Canada

By B.J. McFarland  
United Press International

If Bigfoot is real, he is plenty fleet of foot.

An expedition roaming the wilds of Northern British Columbia to film or trap one of the huge-footed, hairy creatures with great black eyes hasn't found a trace of the legendary Sasquatch.

"But we're not discouraged," said Ron Olson, director of the North American Wildlife Research Organization, a private group in Eugene, Ore., sponsoring the expedition. It has been searching for Bigfoot for more than a month.

"We know it will take time to locate and track Bigfoot," he said. "That's why we're prepared to spend a year or two in the effort."

Bigfoot's most distinguishing characteristic is the tracks it leaves behind. Most measure 16 to more than 20 inches, according to those who say they have seen the ape-like creature who moves in an upright position like a man.

Those are large tracks, but not super-human. At least one player in the National Basketball Association is known to wear size 22 shoes.

Sightings of Bigfoot have been commonplace from Northern California to British Columbia in the past three or four years. But no one has caught one, or even taken a credible picture of one, leaving authenticity of Bigfoot as much in doubt as flying saucers.

"Rain has made the terrain difficult to track or backtrack," Olson said of efforts by an expedition headed by Roy Lack of Astoria, Ore., to find Bigfoot.

The search is going on near Bellocoola, Canada, close to a 15,000-acre wilderness.

"Lack is checking out the sightings of Bigfoot by the Indians," Olson said. "And if he finds some presentable tracks, he will begin to set up tracking operations."

He said Lack "still believes the Bellocoola surroundings are the best to work during fall and early winter."

"The weather is relatively mild, although it is rainy. Studies show that the creature does not hibernate and travels from higher elevations to lower terrain in winter. We have reports that tracks by the creature have been seen coming down from snow country rather than going into it."

"Our group will stay at the lower elevations during the winter because there is no sense messing around in the snow."

"We also believe we have a better chance of finding one or more in Canada because of evidence that the area is a regular habitat of the creature, and the group also will not be bothered by news media exploitation," he said.

"We're making a movie of the search and what it may find, and revenue from that can help keep the expedition going."

"Our group has succeeded in accomplishing what it set out to do to this time. Phase one was setting up the search effort, and phase two consists of working high concentration areas where the creature has been seen. Our group is setting up sensing devices to not only find but keep track of Bigfoot."

The expedition hopes to capture a Sasquatch, plant a radio transmitter in the animal and further trace its movements.

# Eagle Lake Possesses 'Monster'

**THE ROUNDUP:** Now Eagle Lake, in the shadow of Mount Lassen, has its own Loch Ness monster, a 15 to 20 foot creature which eyewitnesses describe as "like a big eel." The sighting occurred on Aug. 10 and was substantiated by 15 persons. Says Gene Moore, Hemet, visiting in Susanville: "I thought it was a school of fish surfacing but then I saw it was the continuous motion of a single body." The sighting was 300 feet from Eagle Lake Marina . . .

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# Mutilation probed in Meagher

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS (AP) — The Meagher County sheriff's office disclosed Tuesday it was investigating a possible cattle mutilation involving a young bull whose sexual organs and upper lip were removed.

Officials said the bull, about three years old, was found Sunday on a portion of the sprawling Castle Mountain Cattle Co. ranch some 8-10 miles northeast of White Sulphur Springs.

Officials said there were no obvious knife wounds on the carcass and no sign of a struggle or unusual tracks in the immediate area. The bull was last seen alive on Aug. 26.

# IN FOCUS *'I'd Heard About Bigfoot. There He Was Watching Me'*

By Thomas Love

Washington Star Staff Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — The summer sun was just slipping behind the wooded Oregon hills on a calm June evening last year as Al sat before his campfire, frying potatoes for a simple supper.

Emotionally drained by his high-pressure job here, Al treasured the few relaxed weekends he was able to spend quietly camping in the green Mt. Jefferson wilderness, accompanied only by his German Shepherd, Witch.

As dusk approached the silence was broken by a low growl from Witch who was lying by his side, tail and hackles raised.

"She barks when there's something she understands but growls when it's something she doesn't," he said. "So I figured there must be a deer, raccoon or something like that nearby."

"But when I looked up, I saw something quite different straight in front of me. It was about 150 yards away from where I sat. I was scared and almost ran because at first I thought it might be a bear. But then I could see that it wasn't any bear," he recalls.

"I had heard about Bigfoot, but I never dreamed he really existed," Al said. "Now there he was, squatting down with his arms across his knees, quietly watching me."

WHAT HAPPENED in the Oregon timber that evening is typical of the experiences of those who have reported sighting Bigfoot — the mysterious, hairy, man-like creature said to be roaming the sparsely populated mountains along the Pacific Coast from Northern California to central British Columbia.

"He seemed to be terribly curious," Al recalls. "He squatted there for about 45 minutes, watching me, as if he was wondering what I was. I just sat there and watched, continuing with what I was doing — slowly stirring the potatoes."

"Finally I picked up the cheap little camera with a small electronic flash unit that I had then. When I tried to take a picture, the flash of light seemed to scare it. It just stood up and slowly walked off."

"I was sitting back in the pines while it was out in the sunlight and all I got on the film was a picture of the pine trees," he sadly remembers.

Al spent two nights at his campsite but never again spotted the creature.

Is there any doubt in his mind about what he saw?

"None at all," he insists. "I was sure that day it was Bigfoot. Now I'm more sure than ever. For the next five weekends I took a box of apples and left it where I'd seen him. For the first two weeks, the apples were gone but the box was there. It could have been anything that took them — deer, bear or whatever."

"But on the last three weekends, the box was gone, too. I couldn't find any trace of it, even though I searched. Now tell me, what other animal in the area would pick up a whole box of apples and carry it off?"

"I BELIEVE it's there. I think it lives in that area. I don't think it's nomadic. When he left, it was like he had someplace specific to go, not as if he were looking for a place," Al said.

If Al's experience with Bigfoot — a quiet, non-aggressive period of watching followed by a calm, unhurried retreat — is typical of those who have sighted the creature, so is his personal reaction.

"Please don't use my full name," he asked. "I don't want any more people to know who I am than do now. I didn't tell anybody about my experience for a long time. I was kind of worried about what people would say. Then, I was listening to a radio talk show where they were discussing Bigfoot and I called in."

Somebody from Washington (State) got my name shortly thereafter and nearly drove me crazy trying to find out where I'd seen the animal so he could shoot it.

"That's my main concern — that someone will shoot it."

A HUNDRED miles to the west of Portland along the Columbia River Gorge lies the small town of The Dalles — the center for the growing scientific hunt for Bigfoot. The town was selected because of the concentration of sightings nearby.

The search is being directed by Peter Byrne, a former professional hunter in Nepal who has dropped a years-long effort to find the Abominable Snowman, or Yeti, to devote his time to trying to find Bigfoot.

In The Dalles he operates out of the Bigfoot Information Center, a trailer over which flies the search's official flag — featuring a large footprint, of course.

At the moment he is definitely operating on a shoe-string, and a short shoe-string at that. The entire operation is financed by admission fees to the Bigfoot display in the trailer and a modest contribution from the Academy of Applied Science in Boston, which is also helping to finance the major search now under way for the Loch Ness Monster in Scotland.

Although the academy's contribution now covers only payments and liability insurance on the trailer, the Bigfoot search will be promoted to the organization's main activity once the Loch Ness operation is completed, at which time a great deal more money should be available.

THE TALE of Bigfoot goes back more than 100 years as far as the white man is concerned, and a great deal further in Indian legend.

According to the Indians, the Bigfoot population was once much greater than it now is. Legends handed down from father to son tell of the Giant Men of Mt. Shasta, the Stwanitie and the Sasquatch.

Among local legends — and one of the few involving any aggressiveness at all on the part of Bigfoot — is a story of the Nootka Tribe that one of its members, a trapper named Muchalat Harry, was kidnaped by a large tribe of Bigfeet on Vancouver Island in 1928.

He was asleep in a lean-to at his base camp one night, the tale goes, when he was scooped up by a Bigfoot and taken to the animal's camp, where there were about 20 of the creatures. They examined him, feeling his skin, and then seemed to become bored and ignored him. Seizing the opportunity, Harry escaped. He never went into the woods again.

There are a number of stories about Bigfoot in the early days of white exploration along the Pacific Coast, including reports that:

- In 1810, a Northwest Fur and Trading Co. agent named David Thompson told of finding footprints 14 inches long and 8 inches wide which did not appear to be those of a bear. The Indians told him they belonged to the "mamouth."

- In 1840, Elkanah Walker, a missionary to the Spokane Indians, reported on the Indians' belief "in a race of giants which inhabit a certain mountain off to the west of us."

- In 1884, The Daily Colonist of Victoria, British Columbia, reported the capture by a group of railwaymen of a "half-man and half-beast" which could have been a young Bigfoot. The creature, kept in a cage, was described as "something of the gorilla type, standing about four feet seven inches in height and weighing 127 pounds. He has long, black strong hair and resembles a human being with one exception — his entire body, excluding his hands (or paws) and feet are covered with glossy hair about one inch long." It's unknown what eventually happened to the animal.

- In 1886, Jack Dover, "one of our most trustworthy citizens," told of spotting an animal picking berries and shoots. He said it was about 7 feet tall with "a bull dog head, short ears and long hair."

- In 1924, a number of miners near Mt. St. Helens in southern Washington told of spotting and shooting a "huge creature at least seven feet tall and covered with long black hair" which then fell out of sight into a canyon. For the next several nights the miners' cabin was pelted with rocks and the men finally retreated from "Ape Canyon."

THERE is only one known Bigfoot photo — 28 feet of 16 mm color movie film taken by two men at Bluff Creek in northern California on Oct. 20, 1967. Of poor technical quality, it shows a large, hairy, upright-walking figure which turns once to look at the camera and then disappears into the trees.

There has been a great deal of controversy over the authenticity of the film, but Byrne believes it is legitimate. Although most "experts" have been unwilling to examine it — apparently out of fear that a positive conclusion could damage their scientific reputation — what little technical examination has been conducted indicates that the film is genuine.

How is Byrne going about searching for the elusive Bigfoot? With his present finances, there isn't really too much he can do other than collect reports of sightings.

So far this year, there have been two sightings reported to Byrne, one south of The Dalles and the other in Northern California. Last year there were three — an average year, Byrne said.

Actually, publicity is Byrne's best weapon, which is one reason for the information center just off Interstate 80N.

"It brings people in," he explained. "And when they come in, they talk. They tell of sightings and things they've never told anyone else — even their families."

In addition he publishes Bigfoot News, a newsletter distributed to interested persons throughout the country. This year he has selected three volunteers from a number of applicants responding to a notice in the News to come help search.

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Does he have much trouble with hoaxes?

"No, not too much trouble," he said. "In these small Northwestern communities, the people don't like hoaxes. You have to lie and cheat to hoax, and they just don't like that around here. In fact, one man was forced to leave his community when it was discovered that he had tried to pull a hoax."

IF HE EVER gets enough money to have a well-financed search, there are a number of steps Byrne plans to take, including:

- An increase in historical research. He is convinced there must be a number of unknown records of Bigfoot sightings in old newspapers, diaries and books. For instance, there is an intriguing brief mention in the London Times during 1785 about a "great hairy wild man" captured by the Indians and being sent to a French zoo.

- A computer program to look for patterns in Bigfoot sightings and try to determine just what sort of environment Bigfoot like.

- Aerial teams to search open places in the mountainous region such as ridge lines and streams since planes "can cover so much ground."

- A widening of his public relations program "to reach out and ask for information."

JUST WHAT is it that Byrne is searching for? No one, including Byrne, knows for sure. There is one thing he is certain of, however. Bigfoot isn't an ape or some other primate we know about.

"From what we know, the animal has both breasts and buttocks. An ape has neither. It may be a fossil man of some kind since it has many characteristics of primitive man. It has human features — a small nose and big eyes. It has the unique human foot and has never been reported seen on all fours. It's also interesting that no one has ever seen one running.

"It could be related to the extinct giant ape Gigantopithecus, whose fossils have been found in China. Or it could have some sort of relationship with the Yeti, although it's much larger. Or it may be something entirely new to science."

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## 'Bigfoot' hotfoots it out of Hills

By LORE FIEDLER

BERNARDSVILLE — The mysterious "bigfoot" which youngsters claim to have heard as it "thumped" through the woods here is gone, according to those who said they found its 17-inch footprints.

But claims of the creature's existence weren't figments of the summertime imagination, one girl insists.

"Some people think we're seeing things," says 13-year-old Lisa Farrell of 38 Maple St., who reported two weeks ago that she and two other children spotted the three-toed footprints while playing in woods near Ferrante's quarry off Route 202.

The youngsters are certain there was something in the woods. The footprints were clear, even though the creature itself wasn't, according to Lisa.

While they didn't see the "bigfoot," she says, "We saw the shadow and a little bit of hair."

The children took a tape recorder into the woods to try to record the "thumping" noise they heard, but it didn't come out clearly, Lisa says.

When asked whether the whole thing could be a hoax dreamed up by the children to while away the summer, Lisa contends that it isn't. She also has an explanation for the doubters who said only children have seen the "bigfoot" footprints. "Adults don't play in the woods," she says.

Lisa believes the "bigfoot" has "thumped" off to less populated areas because the children returned frequently to the woods where they saw the prints, trying to get a glimpse of the creature itself.

"Maybe we scared it away and it won't come back," she said.

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# Bigfoot prints 'faked'

The Bigfoot prints, found near Johnson Creek last week, have been termed a "hoax" and "fake" by one of the world's leading authorities.

Peter Byrne, a 50-year-old former professional hunter in Nepal, who switched from tiger shooting and yeti hunting to tiger conservation and Bigfoot hunting, assessed the prints last Friday.

After surveying the prints, looking at photographs and talking to many people, Byrne, and two assistants also looking, Lynn McKinney and John Cordell, found the prints to be "faked."

"The tracks are faked", Byrne told the Gazette-Times from his Bigfoot Information Center in The Dalles Monday. "they are not at all what a Bigfoot print should look like."

Byrne operates the modest Bigfoot Information Center in The Dalles and describes himself as the "only man alive who has made a profession out of this extraordinary search."

He has been doing it for five years, supported by admission to a small exhibit and by small donations from various sources, including the Academy of Applied Sciences, also the chief sponsor of the current Loch Ness Monster expedition.

Byrne said that right and left footprints were "quite different", causing him to note that if the tracks were real, the animal had "two entirely different feet."

Byrne said he deduced that the tracks were fake by the outline of the feet and the shape of the toes in the prints.

Byrne said the original story said that "hundreds of prints were found." Byrne said he saw maybe a dozen prints.

"Guy (Patterson) showed us the prints and most were not prints at all but figments of his imagination," Byrne said.

Byrne arrived in the area with Cordell on Friday, nine days after the first findings and four days after Patterson's alleged tracking. Two good rains had fallen before Byrne arrived in the mountainous area.

Byrne said he wanted it to be clear that he thought "Patterson is honest and one of the finders . . . not involved in a hoax." Byrne said Patterson's findings and "interpretations were amateurish and 100 per cent wrong."

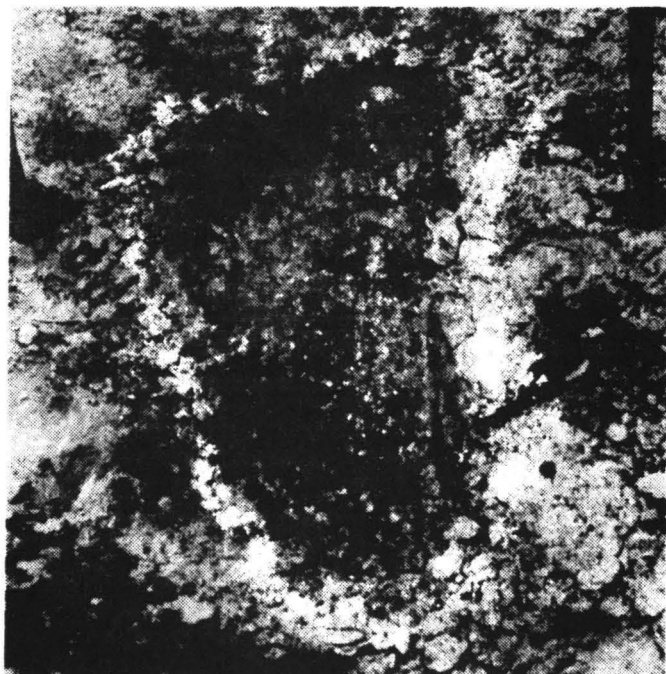
Byrne said many "tufts of grass" and "natural depressions" were construed as Bigfoot prints.

"I have seen these for 20 years," Byrne said, "and there was really nothing there."

Byrne said he "seriously doubts" that Patterson tracked the animal for three miles as he stated. "There is not a person in the world that can track in pine needles. You could go all the way to Borneo and not find anyone."

Byrne, who said he saw "maybe a dozen" prints, said he would have "loved for them to be real. But, our opinion is that they were faked."

"If there were the least chance that they were real, we'd be over there," Byrne said.



**This print was found Thursday morning, before the big rain.**

# Yowie! has Aussies stumped

CANBERRA (Reuter) — From the land that produced the duck-billed platypus — the egg-laying mammal — to say nothing of the Tasmanian devil or the numbat, comes the Yowie — the antipodean cousin of the legendary Canadian Sasquatch.

The Yowie — an Australian aboriginal word meaning "great hairy man" — has been hitting the headlines here by apparently leaving huge footprints in the snow in a remote mountain area.

And one of Australia's most respected naturalists insists the Yowie is not a myth. It is alive and well and merely living in seclusion, says Rex Gilroy, director of the Mount York Natural History Museum.

There have been 3,000 reported sightings of the beast dating as far back as 1795, but speculation has again risen with the recent discovery of strange footprints near the town of Kiandra, in the Snowy Mountains.

The prints indicated a three-toed creature of giant proportions.

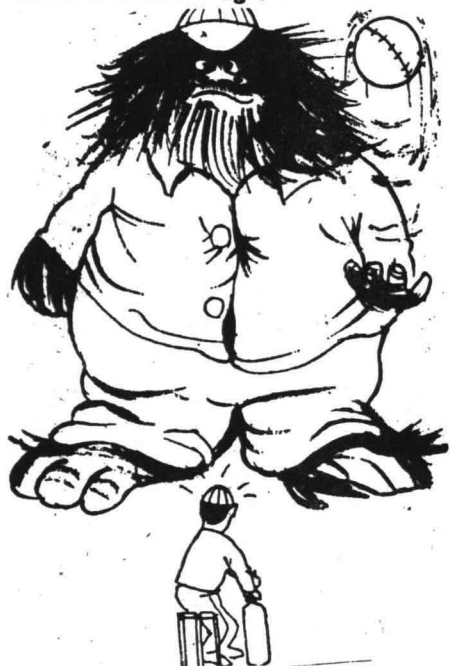
Now dozen of skiers have claimed to have seen the Yowie loping up the side of Mount Kosciuszko, which at 7,314 feet is Australia's tallest mountain.

He says the Yowie grows to about eight feet in height, and is covered from head to foot in dark hair. It is stooped and walks on two legs with a long, loping gait.

"They sleep in trees, rock overhangs and caves, but always in the most accessible regions, and always close to fresh water."

The creature is a sort of gentle great ape and very frightened of humans, says Gilroy.

Gilroy's theory is that the Yowie — just like the Himalayan Yeti and the North American Sasquatch — is a survivor of the ice age.



Artist's view of a Yowie — Australia's elusive beast

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## Therapist hunts 'Thing' in N.C. that makes vicious dogs cower

GOLDSBORO, N.C. (UPI) — They call him "that thing" in the tobacco lands of Eastern North Carolina.

Folks say he stalks the Cape Fear River area in a slumping gait and emits a deathly scream that causes even the most vicious of dogs to cower in terror.

Those who claim to have seen him describe him as a seven-foot-tall, ape-like creature with black hair.

Jim Hollingsworth hasn't seen "that thing," but he'd like to.

Hollingsworth, a mental therapist at a state hospital, has made a hobby of tracing down reports of the monster, concentrating his efforts in rural Chatham County, where there have been several reported sightings and where 18-inch, three-toed footprints have been found.

"I'm not saying, 'There's a monster out there and let's prove it,'" Hollingsworth says. "My purpose is to research and investigate these reports to determine what these people say they are seeing and hearing."

For Hollingsworth, who spent time in Washington searching for the "original" five-toed Big Foot, the reports lead only to puzzlement and a strong desire to find out whether, in fact, something exists.

"The idea that some sort of relic biped could still be alive today is fascinating to me," says the former college wildlife major. "The whole thing is unknown in North Carolina, even compared to the Big Foot case, which is also virtually unknown."

Most of the reported sightings — almost all from around the Cape Fear River area — have led to fruitless searches by Hollingsworth, who nonetheless pieces together every bit of information he can find to complete the puzzle.

"If these creatures do exist around here, they are very shrewd and very cunning," he said.

If Hollingsworth could only understand the barking and whimpering of dogs, he could have an important link in his chain of investigation. On one excursion, his trained police dog was reduced to nervous quivering.

Hollingsworth has set up some traps in the area where screams have been reported, but he won't say where because "Some fools are going to shoot each other hoping to kill themselves a monster."

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## Vigilantes roam in Logan, Ohio Mutilation alarms town

Associated Press

LOGAN, Ohio — A gun dealer reports his sales have jumped 400 to 500 percent, as the rumors and fears proliferate here and in surrounding Hocking County following a series of animal mutilations.

The gun dealer, who asked not to be identified, said that normally he sells about one gun a day, but since last week gun sales are four or five a day with eight sold last Saturday.

Vigilante activities have cropped up in reaction to a rumor that the 11 confirmed cases of animal mutilation are the work of a bizarre religious sect that operates in the area at night.

Local police and sheriff's departments have said little more than to confirm the mutilations, though they are concerned about the vigilantes and have warned local people against such activity.

The many rumors are creating a panic and many people have now ceased to go out late at night.

A young man, who lives outside Logan and refused to be identified, says he has heard his name mentioned as a suspected mutilator. He said his house was shot at by a passing car last week but that things have quieted down since the police chief, sheriff and county prosecutor warned the vigilantes.

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## Horse mutilated in Martin County

Martin County Sheriff officials reported, what is believed to be, the first weird mutilation of an animal in the county in recent time.

Luane Johnson, who lives in Watonwan County, reported to the sheriff Monday that he had discovered a Shetland horse, owned by him and confined in Martin County's Cedar Township, mutilated.

Johnson told officials the horse had numerous knife wounds, one ear had been removed, as well as the sex organs. The horse was female.

The action of mutilation was thought to have occurred Friday or Saturday, Johnson told authorities. He said the horse was valued at \$250.

The weekend mutilation was the first in several months reported in the Sentinel area. The last incidents of a similar nature occurred in Jackson County.