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Apparent UFO reported

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An object which "flickered, turned orange and blue, and moved back and forth" was seen in the night skies over western Garland County Monday by three area residents.

Don Joyce, an advertising salesman for the Sentinel-Record, said the object was seen by himself, his wife, Norma Joyce, and a friend, Earl Harris, at about 7:30 p.m. while they stood in the front yard of his residence at 117 Cash Lane.

The object, which evidently hovered below a layer of clouds, was at first mistaken for the planet Venus by the group.

"But then it began to move, and we realized it was below clouds," Joyce said.

Joyce reported the glowing, twinkling object began to behave erratically, moving back and forth and changing colors in the proximity of Brady Mountain.

"I ran inside and got my camera and 200 millimeter lens," Joyce, a professional photographer, said.

Joyce took several pictures, some of them with the object moving and others while it remained stationary.

It wasn't until he got into his car to give chase, about 20 minutes after the first sighting, that the star-like object began to disappear, sinking rapidly to the west behind Brady Mountain.

"At that point I drove west to see, all the way to Lake Ouachita...past Bear Mountain and Bear, Ark, but didn't see anything."

The negatives of the pictures Joyce took came out strangely reversed, with the cigar-shaped appearing dark and backdropped by a bright white background.

Joyce was unable to explain the negative reversal, and was baffled at why a cloudy night sky would appear as a glistening white plain.

"It is weird, to say the least," Joyce said.

Joyce's statements were confirmed by both his wife and Earl Harris, with the only conflicting testimony involving the color of the object.

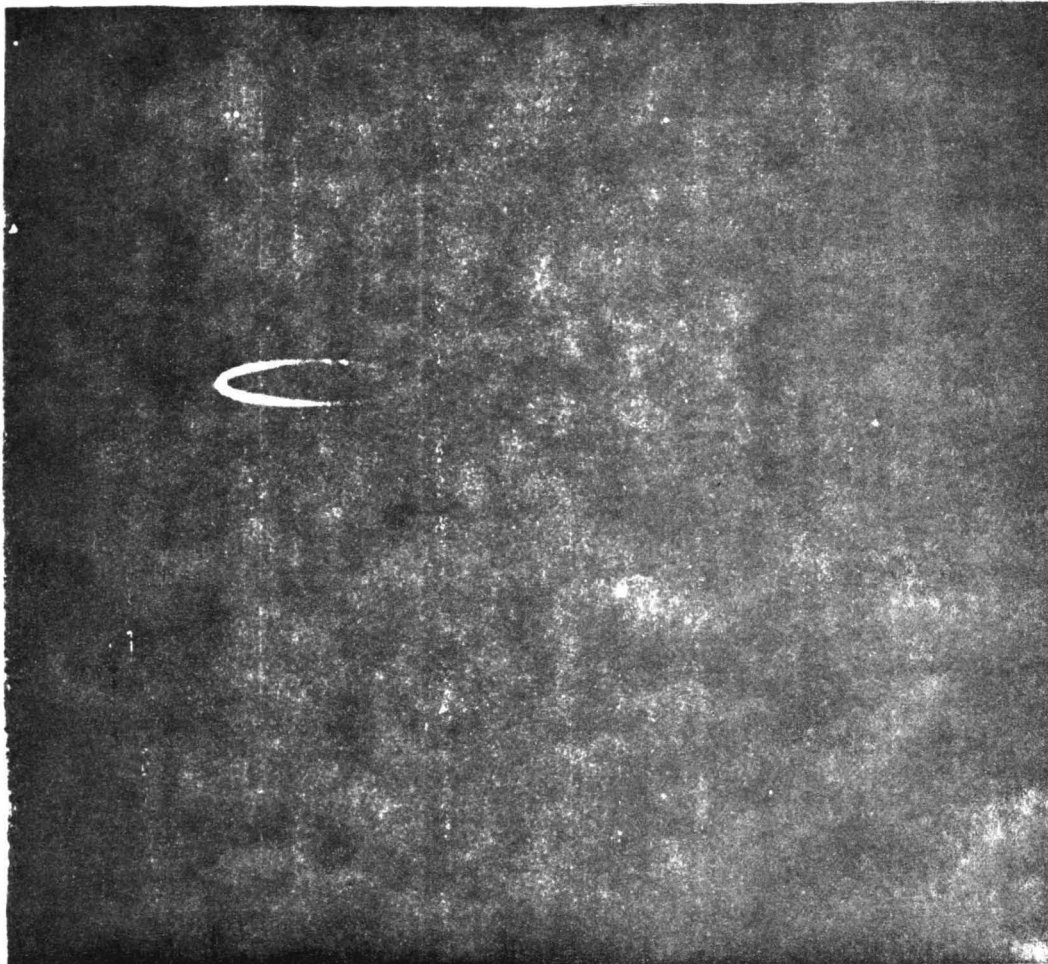
Norma Joyce reported the colors as bright yellow-orange, with an occasional blue hue lasting a few seconds.

Earl Harris, who lives on Wildcat Road, said he saw a blue glow with intermittent flashes of goldish-red light.

"You could describe it as a hue rather than a color," Harris said.

Don Joyce described the glow as a "goldish-amber in nature."

Joyce said he called the Hot Springs airport about 8:30 p.m. and asked if they had detected the object on radar, but was told by a spokesman no aircraft had been detected.



SENTINEL RECORD, Hot Springs, AR Joyce's photograph of apparent UFO
April 19, 1978

TIMES, Monroe, WI - April 25, 1978

Juda man reports observing a UFO

CR: R. Heiden

A second unidentified flying object (UFO) has been reported in the area. The first was sighted April 11 west of Monroe.

Jake Kaderly, Rt. 1, Juda, told the sheriff's office Monday night that he saw "a flying oval, dark

red with a light red center" while driving on Wis. 11-81, a mile west of Juda at about 9:15 p.m.

Kaderly said he viewed the UFO for about two minutes before it disappeared.

The object reportedly moved alternately north and south from a point above Brady Mountain, close to the one-time mining town of Bear, Arkansas, and Lake Ouachita.

It was in this same area that a Royal, Arkansas couple Trudy and Vernon Vauter, described seeing an unidentified flying object April 10.

The object, reported being crescent-shaped and orange-silver in color, hovered over Brady Mountain approximately 30 minutes before disappearing.

The Vauter couple said the object disappeared behind Big Bear Mountain, where it continued to emit a glow until three stars, "one unusually bright", ascended and disappeared.

"We had seen an orange light once or twice out here," Vernon Vauter said, "but never saw the source where it was coming from."

GAZETTE, Janesville, WI
April 17, 1978 CR: R. Heiden

UFO Sighting Reported

An unidentified Footville woman reported an unidentified flying object traveling on County B at 7 p.m. Sunday, according to the Rock County Sheriff's Department.

The object was described as being round and having a clear dome on the top and bottom of object.

UFO sightings reported

A 15-year-old White Lake boy has reported spotting an unidentified flying object, which he said passed above the township on the evening of February 5.

In an official statement to the township police department, prepared by John Kelly of 5393 LaBelle Drive and his parents, the youngster said he saw a circular-shaped object move overhead while he walked his dog behind the Chateau Estates mobile home park on M-59 near Bogie Lake Road.

"I can usually take or leave these UFO reports," said White Lake police chief Justin Watt. "But this is a pretty stable kid. He is not inclined to imagine things and there has been a lot of these reports lately."

He noted that the UFO described by Kelly is similar to those reported seen lately by Macomb County sheriff's deputies.

The sighting was first reported verbally by the boy's mother, who was asked by Watt to prepare a written report. The statement was submitted Monday, February 27.

According to the report, Kelly was walking in a field at about 9 p.m. on what he described as a clear, bright night.

The boy said he saw 2 bright white lights coming toward him from the southeast. For several minutes he watched the object pass above him and finally disappear to the northwest.

Kelly said the lights appeared to dim as the machine slowly crossed above him. While it was located directly overhead, he said he saw red lights and the outline of a slightly oval-shaped object that made a distinct humming noise.

"He said it was certainly not like an airplane or any other noise he had heard," said Watt.

While the object was heading off to the northwest, Watt said the boy reported 2 large white lights on the rear of the craft.

"He said it seemed to be just above tree-top level," said Watt. "His mother asked him to draw a picture of it, but he said he simply could not describe it. He was just not capable of drawing it."

Mrs. Kelly said she didn't pay attention to her son's claim at first, but took notice when a series of observations were reported recently in the Brighton area.

"She was kind of shy about it when she told us," said the White Lake police chief. "She asked if it was the kind of thing we were interested in and I told her it definitely was."

Watt said he will consult with the Michigan state police for information on where to forward the report.

Mary Ratelle said she has seen them before, so when the 23-year-old Milford woman spotted 2 UFO's (unidentified flying objects) hovering in the sky over Kensington Park recently, she didn't think much of it.

Although Ratelle, who works as a dispatcher for the Novi police, isn't sure of the exact date, she said it was about 10 o'clock at night when she spotted "2 big blobs of light, which started coming from a southern direction." At the same time Ratelle said she saw the bright lights, there were 2 passenger planes flying in the same direction.

"So I knew they weren't planes (the UFO's) because the lights were really huge compared to the planes," Ratelle said.

Ratelle said the 2 objects came to a stop over the park for about a minute and then one took off towards the east, while the other one took off to the northwest. Following the one to the northwest, she watched it come to a halt in the north end of the park, where it was once again joined by the other object.

The 2 objects then hovered there for awhile, Ratelle said, and suddenly one took off very fast and she lost track of the second light. She estimates the objects were in the area about 15 minutes.

Not thinking too much of the sighting, Ratelle said she never bothered to report it to the police, but only mentioned it to her co-workers last week, when a rash of sightings in the area were publicized by the media.

UFOs Sighted Again

ROCKAWAY TWP. — Could it be a promotional build-up for the second release of "Star Wars" or is it another visit from the UFOs that seem to buzz Morris County at night?

Mike Mahoney, 12, 26 Navaho Way, said he believes the bright objects he saw over the White Meadow Lake-Rockaway area around 7:30 p.m. Friday night had to be UFOs.

Rockaway Township police said they received calls reporting similar sightings from five area residents at approximately the same time Friday. Police said an area woman also reported a sighting of two bright objects near Rockaway Townsquare Mall between 7-7:30 p.m.

Mahoney said the oval-shaped objects he saw were "red and white, like Christmas lights," and moved slowly towards White Meadow Lake. They then moved toward Marcella and then back toward Netcong, he said.

Though at first they traveled in a group, Mahoney said he later saw a red one shot straight up while a white one moved slowly eastward. The rest of the group remained stationary, Mahoney said. Then the group moved toward the west, he said.

Mahoney said his sister, baby-sitting at a nearby home, called him to tell of lights in the sky over Rockaway Townsquare Mall. Mahoney immediately ran into his front yard and saw "halos of lights."

"It gave me a weird feeling. I could feel my heart beat faster," Mahoney said. He said he had never seen a UFO before but felt that was what he saw Friday night.

Township police said four other callers, "apparently adults," saw the objects in the same area.

UFO Sited In Lincoln County Wednesday

Another UFO sighting was reported to state police here about 8 p.m. Wednesday by Curt Folger, 310 Danville Ave., Stanford.

According to police, Folger spotted the craft one mile from Lincoln County community of McKinney on Turnersville Road, near where three Casey County women were allegedly abducted by a UFO in January 1976.

Folger told police that the object hovered about 200 feet above the ground, and that after he watched it for a few minutes, it took off.

The UFO was grey-colored, round with a square top and had red, white and green lights.

Police said Folger told them that the object also had a window.

Efforts were made to contact Folger by phone, but he was not at home. Maj. James Wagner, of the Strategic Air Command based

at Blue Grass Army Depot here, said the color of lights matched those used by most helicopters. He also noted that helicopters are now being used often by many pipeline and coal companies.

After being notified of the sighting, Maj. Wagner said he instructed his crew chief to direct the radar toward the Stanford area, but they "saw nothing unusual."

However, the SAC radar equipment is probably not conducive to airborne surveillance since it does not scan the sky, the major said. "But once we know where it (a craft) is, we can track its progress," he added.

The radar is used for tracking and scoring planes during simulated bomb runs.

UFO In Marathon

MARATHON — An unidentified flying object was reported to have gone into the water one mile west of Moser Channel along the Seven Mile Bridge at 4:30 a.m. today.

Deputies Jennie Walteson and Charlie Sprinkle of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department said two cars stopped them at Knight's Key to report a "big, bright, white light" slammed into the water just off the side of the bridge on the Gulf side.

Walteson sped to the scene to investigate but found no evidence of anything amiss in the shallow water which parallels the bridge at that point. She said the persons who reported the incident did not appear excited or agitated over the sighting. One of the cars contained an unidentified family from Key West and the other a tourist, both heading to Miami. Both claim the object was not an airplane.

UFOs reported in Macomb area

MOUNT CLEMENS — Maybe it was a preview of the 1979 model Unidentified Flying Objects.

Five UFO sightings were reported Monday night in the Macomb County area. Dozens of other sightings were reported in the Greater Detroit area and across Ontario. Each report differed.

"I saw something in the sky, traveling very fast, and it disappeared as it went overhead," said an Avon Township woman who did not want to be identified. "It was triangular and all green." The woman saw the object at 7:55 p.m. Monday as she was traveling on Crooks Road near Auburn Road.

Edward Oakie, Fraser, told the Macomb County Sheriff Department he saw an object at 7:45 p.m. traveling west to east as he drove on 14 Mile Road east of Van Dyke Road.

Oakie said the object was traveling about 60 miles an hour and resembled a doughnut elongated to a point. A cockpit was located where the doughnut hole would be, he said. The object was yellow, with a bluish top, Oakie said.

He said it left a zig-zag vapor trail.

A resident traveling eastbound on I-94 at Hall Road told New Baltimore State Police that a turquoise light was seen traveling vertically from the ground at 8:12 p.m. The light lasted seven seconds, State Police said.

Maria Merino, Mount Clemens, reported an object over Gratiot Road and 13 Mile Road at 7:57 p.m. Merino said the object was traveling west to east and was visible for three seconds. It was green and yellow and had a vapor trail behind it as it headed for Lake St. Clair, she said.

Holly Schuman, Harrison Township, reported an object similar to the one seen by Oakie. Schuman said she saw the object over Metropolitan Beach.

Two park rangers at Metropolitan Beach said they saw a cone-shaped green and yellow object fly past the park administration building at 8 p.m. One ranger said the object was about 50 feet off the ground and was traveling east over Lake St. Clair at 40 to 50 mph.

Troy Police and officials at Selfridge Air National Guard Base said they received similar reports of an object traveling east toward Lake St. Clair at about 8 p.m.

Sightings of similar objects were reported about 8 p.m. in Canadian cities from Windsor to Barrie. Descriptions of the object ranged from red and yellow to blue and green. Most reports said the objects were large, oval-shaped, had bright lights and were flying at a low altitude.

Scientists said the objects may have been meteors.

Seeing Is Believing— Malibu Man Describes Triangular Shaped UFO

Seeing is believing — and there is one man in Malibu you would have a hard time convincing that UFO's do not exist. His name is Bruce Buffer of West Malibu. He's certain he saw one morning last week.

"I was leaving West Malibu for my job as general manager of U.S. Toner Corp. in Venice," he told *The Malibu Times*. "I am required to be on the job at an early hour and I leave my house at about 4 a.m. every workday morning."

Buffer, a 6-year resident, explained that it was at this time he noticed a bright circle of light above him. "It seemed to be moving upward he said. The sight astounded him, but it disappeared rapidly."

"You see things like that," he said, "but you're not exactly sure what it is — so you ignore it. It just looked like a sudden burst of light."

Then, he said, as he got into his car, he heard a low rumbling muffled sound.

"I can only describe it as a low muffled power sound, and with it there seemed to be vibrations of some kind," he explained. "Then, right above me, I could clearly make out a triangular-shaped vehicle about the size of two 747's. It seemed very low, not more than perhaps three or four thousand feet — maybe about the height of what the cloud layer was at that time."

"The vehicle traveled very slowly, like a helicopter hovering above,

and as I watched, it ascended toward a layer of clouds, then veered out over the ocean toward Pt. Dume.

"I started my car and tried to follow it, but before I could get out on PCH, it had disappeared."

Buffer said the strange craft was like nothing he had ever seen. He said it had an aura of light all around it, but there were two green lights and one red light on the points of the triangle.

Asked how long a period of time elapsed from the first time he saw the craft until it disappeared, he estimated the time as from 5 to 7 minutes.

"I immediately reported the sighting to Deputy Driscoll of the Sheriff's Malibu office," Buffer said. "You can check if you wish. I asked Deputy Driscoll if she had had any other reports of a similar sighting and she had not. She did say, however, that she didn't question the authenticity of my story."

Buffer said he heard later that a similar sighting at about the same time on the same morning had been made by someone in the Palos Verdes area.

Asked if he had ever before seen a UFO, Buffer said "No," this was his first sighting.

"If I was skeptical before about seeing such things, I certainly am not now. It was very eerie; but I know what I saw."

Youths Report Seeing UFO

Five Hickory youths, all girls ranging in age from 9 to 15, reported sighting an unidentified flying object near Lenoir-Rhyne College on Friday about 9:30 p.m.

A spokesman for the girls, Flo Ripley, 15, said the group sighted the circular UFO object "about 10 feet long with two tails on the back" from Hunting Park Apartment.

One of the youths, Connie Miller, 15, reported she had seen the object once before last Wednesday.

The girls said the object, when first seen, "had two bright, white lights. It went straight up and then the white

lights turned to red; it circled with no sound, no noise at any time; then one tail light turned to green and it disappeared."

The group, which also included Toni Keyley, 15, Kelly Gwynn, 12, and Heather Livengood, 9, said they saw the object for about five minutes. A telephone call to report it to Hickory police was not received very enthusiastically, they said.

April 23, 1978

"Aliens On Earth" Grosset & Dunlap, \$4.95, is a shoddy little book carelessly thrown together by Joshua Strickland and aimed at youngsters intrigued by such recent movies as "Star Wars" and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." What Strickland provides is an uncritical look at a variety of UFO sighting reports and allegations by some people of interaction with ufonauts. There are a number of illustrations, including some patently hokey photos, and a flyweight bibliography that seems unaware of events of the past several years. In all, an eminently forgettable book.

George W. Earley

Woman Reports Pulsing Light

March 16, 1978

A Waialua resident reported a strange and "weirdly pulsing" light that lit up the whole North Shore area at 6:30 this morning.

Daisy Nakatsu said the light was larger than the moon and blinked at least twice against the dark background of Mt. Kaala.

Waialua firemen said they had received no calls about the incident. Capt. Kenneth Perry said his crew was out on a cardiac arrest case at about the time the light was seen.

"I think if there had been something like that we would have seen it," Perry said.

Copter pilot denies UFO sightings link to flight

By JIM BROEDE
Staff Writer

Pilot Wayne Resemius has denied that five Army Reserve helicopters impersonated an unidentified flying object (UFO) the night of March 22.

"I was the pilot of the lead helicopter in a V-formation of five helicopters that passed over the area where a UFO was supposed to have been sighted," said Resemius, of Elk River.

"BUT IT COULDN'T have been us," he added. "We were flying at 2,500 feet, heading southwest at 90 miles an hour. We didn't do any hovering in the sky. And we landed at Holman Field (in St. Paul) at 9:35 p.m."

The UFO was seen northwest of the Twin Cities in New Scandia, Forest Lake and Mahtomedi, and on St. Paul's East Side, between 9:15 and 9:30 p.m.

Witnesses described the object as a hovering "shadowy mass," 100 to 300 feet off the ground, as big as a "battleship or a 747 aircraft."

Witnesses also said it was silent.

"Our helicopters didn't dip below 2,500 feet until we were about to land," Resemius said.

"WE WERE TRACKED by radar all the way," he continued. "I'm sure that radar records will show that we were up there all the time."

Resemius said the helicopters stay at 2,500 feet "mostly for noise abatement reasons."

Dan Meyers, supervisor of the Army Reserve Aviation Support Facility at Holman Field, added:

"Just one of those helicopters at 1,500 feet would sound like a humming chain-saw from the ground. With five helicopters up there, you would have tremendous amplification."

Brad Ayers, an investigator for the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., speculated that the pilots could have deviated from their flight plan and "jacked around."

BUT MEYERS took vehement exception to Ayers' comment.

"I resent the inference," he said. "Those pilots would never try to hover 100 to 300 feet off the ground for the length of time that people say they saw the UFO. It's too dangerous, especially when as many as five helicopters are flying together."

"The hovering creates a tornado-like effect that causes the helicopters to eventually lose power and settle down."

At 100 to 300 feet, the risks are high. Some of those helicopters would crash.

"Most pilots that I know wouldn't try anything like that at less than 5,000 feet. Then, if something goes wrong, there's still time to pull out."

MEYERS SAID "jacking around" possibly could occur in a situation involving one helicopter.

"But in these five helicopters we had 10 pilots, two in each, and two crew chiefs along to pull maintenance. That makes for 12 guys. You don't 'jack around' with that many aboard. Somebody would object. Somebody would shoot off their mouth and everybody would get into trouble."

"There's just too much to lose, including lives. So I'm sure that our helicopters weren't anywhere near as low as the UFO."

Did any of the helicopter pilots see the UFO on March 22?

"No," Resemius said. "We saw nothing unusual. But maybe something came in behind us. You never know. But if something was up there with us, we should have seen it. We had 24 eyes in those five helicopters."

Apparently over the past few summers her family, who live in Chisago City on Chisago Lake, have observed three lights, both red and green, appearing over the lake. The family even marked their arrival on the calendar.

Kari said her family and neighbors who also saw the lights, never reported the incidents because of possible ridicule.

When the teenagers piled back into the car Wednesday after their fruitless chase, Cynthia says they turned the radio to hear the theme from *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* appropriately welcoming them back to earthly reality.

HERALD, Sylva, NC
March 16, 1978

UFO Sighting

Reported Here

Sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) in the vicinity of the Jackson County Community Service Center was reported to the Jackson County Sheriff's Department Friday night, March 10.

The Sheriff's Department received calls from two residents around 10:18 p.m. reporting a UFO.

"They reported seeing a large, round object, about the size, they said, of the top of the Community Service Center. They stated it was blue and red-glowing colors," reported a deputy who answered a call to the scene.

The officer said that he himself did not see the object, but he and another officer went to the scene after the calls were received.

One man was quoted as saying that the object came pretty close to his house and he could see it real good.

"He said it stopped for just a couple of minutes, and said that when it left it just beeped a few times, went up and circled around and took off very fast," the deputy reported.

The officer quoted the man as stating that the object made "sort of a humming noise."

CHISAGO COUNTY PRESS, Lindstrom, MN - March 29, 1978

"It looked like flock of ducks with tail lights"

By DIANE KORTUS

"It looked like a flock of ducks with tail lights," 16-year-old Greg Darr said describing what his family observed last Wednesday night around 9:15 p.m.

His sister Cynthia, 15, and her friend Kari Driver, 15, were talking out on the patio of their Shafer mobilehome when the girls noticed seven or eight bright red lights about 500 yards away hovering at tree level.

Not believing what they were seeing, they called for the rest of the family - Jeff, 13, Greg, and their mother Rita. The father, Ralph Darr, wasn't home.

What the family then observed were these lights slowly moving from north to south toward the Scandia area.

Mrs. Darr related "We knew it wasn't an airplane - it was something like I'd never seen before."

Jeff continued, "It was moving really slow with no sound at all, when the back lights started bunching up. The lights were moving within the systems, and they glowed."

Cynthia interrupted, "It was really weird - the back ones started moving up and over and in-between, and then back to the original line up."

Kari Driver thought the lights were traveling at ten miles per hour, and said, "It was hard to judge the height - about as high as a big tree or about 500 feet."

Greg added, "It was at a 30 degree angle from the horizon," and Cynthia agreed saying "We didn't have to look up at it - we looked across."

Mrs. Darr, who is employed at Harold's Depot in Lindstrom, commented "We couldn't make out any shape, but it had to be circular by the way the lights were arranged." She continued, "I certainly have never gone around looking for U.F.O.'s" and said whatever they saw was something she couldn't explain.

Jeff was especially excited about the size of the object, and explained, "It was as big as our trailer court!"

To that his mother added that there are only nine trailers in the Shafer court.

As the lights moved across Hwy. 8, the kids jumped in the car and pursued the object for about three miles, going west on Hwy. 8 and turning on the first dirt road heading south. They followed it for 15 minutes, and then lost it.

All told, the Darr's observed the U.F.O. for almost 30 minutes.

No account of flashing, tilting or other odd movements were given, except for the changing positions of the lights. They only saw bright, red lights, and generally felt they were receiving a side view.

As of Monday no other Chisago Lakes area residents had reported seeing anything unusual March 22. It is possible that the Darrs spotted the U.F.O. further north than any of the other area-wide sightings.

Ralph Darr believes his family saw something, even though Mrs. Darr said he was a bit hesitant to buy their story when he returned home that night. He commented, "There must be a logical explanation."

Kari Driver reports this is the fifth U.F.O. she has seen in her life - and she's only 15.

Eastbay close encounter



Tribune illustration by FRANK PENNOCK

Contra Costa UFO rates 'credible third kind' label

By FRED GARRETSON
Staff Writer

On the night of May 20, 1977, three Contra Costa County boys say, they saw an object resembling a flying saucer land in West Pittsburg.

They fled in terror when strange creatures came toward them, walking like stiff robots surrounded by smoke or steam vapor.

Police officers and scientists who interviewed the boys said all three told the same story, in detail, in separate interviews, and said the three boys were genuinely and deeply frightened by whatever they experienced that night.

This incident has now gone down in the record books as one of only three apparently credible cases of a "Close Encounter of the Third Kind" reported in the United States last year, according to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

The center, directed by J. Allen Hynek, has a number of distinguished scientists as investigators and consultants.

The center was established recently as "a place where people can report UFO incidents without fear of ridicule and with the assurance that there will be a credible follow-up investigation," according to Richard Haines, a psychologist for a government agency, who as a hobby helped investigate the West Pittsburg UFO sighting.

Haines was impressed by the depth of similar detail in the separate stories told by the three 14-year-old boys. However, he noted, there is no independent corroborating evidence by other eyewitnesses.

The boys are not expert observers (such as pilots or ship navigators). There were no UFO radar sightings that night. There were no obvious marks on the ground or magnetic changes in the earth at the supposed landing site when Haines visited the location a month later.

There is a chance this could be a hoax or some kind of illusion, he said, noting that there are many possible psychological interpretations of such a story told by boys from broken or incomplete homes who were out late at night, in a strange, dark place.

He noted that the boys reported getting only brief, ill-defined views of whatever it was they encountered. Further interviews under hypnosis probably would not produce more details.

For these reasons, Haines concluded, "I do not believe that the evidence which now exists, as of this time, warrants further investigation."

Yet this incident in Contra Costa County has gone into the international record books. People interested in the question of unidentified flying objects will be talking about it and writing about it for years.

For that reason, it is worth examining in some detail.

As a historic event, the incident at West Pittsburg is one of the last reported sightings of allegedly alien creatures to have occurred in the United States before the advent of the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." The movie made UFO-watching a popular backyard sport in the United States.

The three boys, then 14-years-old, who reported the sighting are:

- Lennie Young, who then lived with his mother, Mary Clark, at 10 Roberts St., West Pittsburg. He now lives with grandparents in Walnut Creek.

Lennie said he is familiar with the area and has spent "many nights" in the meadow where the sighting happened and "knows" that what he saw was not human beings walking in the darkness.

- George Ferrera, son of Muriel Wilder, of 320 First Avenue South, Pacheco. He had never before been to West Pittsburg and came to town to spend the night with his friend Patrick, who used to live in Pacheco. Police said George was the calmest of the frightened trio on the night of the sightings. His mother said he still has nightmares about the event. "I think he saw a UFO," Mrs. Wilder said.

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TRIBUNE, Oakland, CA,
April 2, 1978)

• Patrick Morrison, who then lived at 90 Bay View Avenue (around the corner from Lennie Young) in West Pittsburg. The boys fled in terror to Morrison's home after the sighting. His mother, Wanda Morrison, recently remarried and they now live on Clear Land Circle.

Sometime before 11 p.m. the three were at a grassy field north of Willow Pass Road near Mallard Slough Road, in an area between the Santa Fe Railroad tracks and the marsh at the edge of Suisun Bay.

They were considering hitchhiking to the nearby community of Shore Acres or going to "The Pump House," a nearby unauthorized gathering place for local young people.

The pump house, which is near the reported UFO landing site, is a castle-like structure of concrete and steel, complete with a moat and a bridge, housing the pumps which during some seasons lift fresh water out of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for the Treated Water Division of the Contra Costa County Water District.

According to the story the boys later told to Haines and to Contra Costa County Deputy Sheriff Douglas Pendleton, they saw a group of bright red lights, apparently joined together, with a blue light flitting like a firefly around the other lights. They said the object flew away rapidly (covering what on the map would be more than three miles in about five seconds) and then came back and landed nearby.

The descriptions vary somewhat, but all remember it having a row of square lights, like windows, with one "window" larger than the others. None of the boys call it a "flying saucer." Young said it was "round but flat." Ferrera compared it to a flying building. Morrison recalls lights blinking on and off and reflecting from the sides of the flying object.

Then, the boys said, emerging from darkness between themselves and the UFO they saw three creatures 50 to 150 feet away, barely visible in the light from two street lamps and a nearby liquor store.

Lennie Young remembers, "They were like smoke. They were black. They had no faces. I don't know if they had arms or heads. It was like they had no clothes on. They were walking towards us. They were about 5 feet 6 inches to 6 feet tall.

"I've stayed out all night in that field several times and I know what people look like walking in the dark. They were not people. They were something else."

Pat Morrison said, "They were weird looking, walking slow. They looked like they were wearing long skirts over their heads. They were black. They walked as if they were linked together," (like figures in a chain gang).

George Ferrera remembers

them as "gray objects, with a kind of human shape, but no eyes. They walked like robots." George's mother said since that night the youth has had nightmares and refuses to go back to West Pittsburg. "His friends had a hard time convincing him to go see the movie 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind,'" Mrs. Wilder said.

Haines said that as the boys fled in terror to Pat Morrison's house, they said they looked back, and for a while the figures seemed to be following close behind.

Mrs. Morrison called the sheriff's office.

Pendleton said all three gave the same story and offered to take a lie detector test. The boys did not appear to have been drinking or using drugs, Pendleton said. The deputy said the boys appeared to be genuinely terrified and one boy was shaking badly.

Haines, who works for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and makes UFO investigation his avocation, said he has conducted 3,000 UFO inquiries, concentrating on sightings by pilots. He is writing a book on the subject.

"I found that the three boys had a consistent story with a level of detail present that does not appear to have been manufactured. If they had made up the story, they would have had to remember it very well. Their fright was very real," Haines said.

He determined that the weather was clear and it was unlikely that the boys were seeing their own shadows reflected on ground fog. He said no American airplanes carry the colors described by the boys. He made a magnetometer survey of the grassy field and found no evidence of magnetic changes or scorched grass or holes at the supposed UFO landing site.

While the psychologist was making engineering surveys, a well-known engineer was trying to probe into young Ferrera's unconscious memories, but found the boy was not a good subject for hypnosis.

James A. Harder, a professor of hydraulic engineering at the University of California at Berkeley, investigated the West Pittsburg sighting in his capacity as director of research for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization in Tucson, Ariz.

Harder said there was no physical evidence at the scene and his talks with the boys indicated, "There was nothing more we could recover other than what they had already talked about."

Allan Hendry, editor of the International UFO Reporter, said, "This is a 50-50 case if there ever was one."

Hendry said he talked to the airport tower supervisors who were on duty at the time at Oakland, San Francisco and Travis Air Force Base and said there were no reports of UFOs by pilots or on radar that night. He said two aerial advertising firms in Oakland were not flying at the time.



LENNIE YOUNG
'They were like smoke'



GEORGE FERRERA
'They walked like robots'

TELEGRAM, Bridgeport, CT - April 10, 1978 CR: B. Greenwood

Youth says he saw UFO's over city

By PETE MASTRONARDI
Telegram staff writer

Were there UFO's over this area Sunday night?

Fourteen year-old Michael Jacobacci, of 324 Thorne Street, says there were.

The Central High School student who is also studying electronic at the Bullard-Havens Technical School in Bridgeport, said he saw what appeared to be four of the flying objects at 8 o'clock Sunday night above Thorne Street, near Blackham School.

"I and my friend Michael (Ribosco,) were walking near the school athletic field when we saw this big object full of lights coming from the sky and head towards us."

"It was round shape and made no noise as it

traveled," said the youth.

"The boys ran home and completely out of breath shouted to me as to what they had seen," the boy's mother told a reporter later.

Jacobacci said many dogs in the neighborhood also started to bark "when this thing started to get closer."

The youth said that minutes after he arrived home and told his mother the story, he and his 18-year-old brother stepped out of the house and sighted what appeared to be four UFO's and "they seemed like they were going to collide."

"They then disappeared high in the sky so we couldn't see them anymore," added the youth.

Police authorities said they had received no calls of UFO sightings.

FILLSPACE FIDDLINGS

CORRECTION: In issue #100, the item from the Stevens Point, WI DAILY JOURNAL (on page 5) should be dated Oct. 20, 1977.....The postage increase of May 29 will not affect the UFONS subscription rate; however, when the next increase occurs (and it will), we make no promises!.....



UNIDENTIFIED SIGHTING — Members of the Carol Sanford family were surprised Monday night when sighting a UFO. They are, from left, Suzy, Carol, Harris and Trisha.

UFO sighted by local family

A Morgan Hill family of four had an unexpected encounter Monday night on the way to church, they sighted a UFO while traveling along Highway 280 in the San Jose area.

Encountering the craft which they described as a flying saucer and definitely not an airplane or helicopter was Carol Sanford and her three children, Trisha, Harris and Suzy.

Although believers in such sightings due to the numerous accounts of persons in the United States and elsewhere, it was the first such occurrence for Sanford family members.

The Unidentified Flying Object was first seen by Trisha, a student at Live Oak High School, who initially believed it to be a helicopter but a closer examination proved otherwise.

The Sanfords were traveling on Highway 280 between Story Road and Race Street shortly after 7 p.m. when the UFO was seen some distance away hovering over a section of San Jose. The craft slowly turned enabling the Sanfords to clearly see window-like openings similar to what is observed when a passenger train passes by in the night.

"There's no way it could have been a plane," declared Mrs. Sanford, a clerk-typist at the Gilroy Police Department.

"We were running late for church so I

didn't pull over on the freeway. Now, I wish I did," she said.

Mrs. Sanford said there had been too many reports worldwide not to believe in UFO sightings.

"I can't believe others didn't see it," she added. The Sanfords did see an airplane that appeared to fly nearly directly over the UFO which continued to spin slowly the entire time they had it in sight.

"I thought it was a helicopter at first. It had square windows with a space between them. On top there was a round hump that gave off a glow similar to a yellowish fluorescent light," Trisha commented.

"We were excited, not scared," Trisha continued, adding that she is now a confirmed believer in UFOs. Reaction from classmates and teachers on Tuesday was more a willingness to listen to the tale rather than skepticism.

"They didn't look at me as if I was kind of crazy," Trisha advised. "One of my friends said her father has seen UFOs three times.

At last sighting when the Sanfords were in the church parking lot, the flying saucer shaped UFO was spinning slowly and heading in a northerly direction toward San Francisco.

UFO sightings reported in North County

Three people had an encounter of the North County kind last week in two separate UFO sightings.

Lydia and Enda Medina of Aromas told sheriff's deputies they saw an object with a white circular object with red lights flashing heading in an eastbound direction towards Aromas on San Juan Road just past Murphy Road.

When their car stopped the UFO stopped and stopped flashing.

It resumed its course when the two resumed their journey down San Juan Road.

Earlier that evening, Wednesday, March 22, the Aromas volunteer fire department had answered a call on Blohm Avenue. Deputies theorize the women saw either the fire or the fire truck.

Then Thursday Mary Alice Zapeda, 8-D Willow Road, Las Lomas saw blue and green lights in the sky from the back door of her residence. The lights reportedly moved back and forth and up and down.

Zapeda saw the lights at 9 p.m. and then again at 9:45 p.m.

Dozens Report Sighting UFO Near City Line

By BOB LAMAGDELEINE
and
ROBERT B. STEPNO

Something was up there Monday, according to dozens of people who called the Hartford police with reports of an unidentified flying object.

The first 16 reports came between 10:58 and 11:20 a.m. Detective James Doyle, who came on duty at 4 p.m., said he took 40 or 50 more calls before 7:30 p.m.

"Out of all the calls, not one crank call yet. . . . These people are very serious, almost apologetic about it," Doyle said.

He hadn't had time to do much but take down descriptions, names and addresses, he said. A woman from Wilimantic said she saw something over Rt. 32 in eastern Connecticut Sunday night, but most callers said they saw it over I-91 near the Windsor-Hartford line Monday morning, Doyle said.

Most callers said the object was white, round, lighted and had a rod going through it, Doyle said. An 8 p.m. caller said a similar object was seen in the sky over New Hampshire Thursday, Doyle said.

Television and radio spread word of the earliest sightings, prompting more people to call Hartford police with reports that they had seen it too.

He said one man came to the station to say he saw the white object land in Keney Park while he drove by on the highway.

Windsor police sent cars to the scene, but they saw nothing but a helicopter leaving the area at about 11:30 a.m. Most people who called the Hartford police said the thing they saw was silent, not a helicopter.

"It's really getting wild . . . I'm going completely bananas," Doyle said, as the telephones started ringing again after 7:30 p.m.

He said he believed the "fishing line theory" for a while, after Arthur Parsont, a Windsor hardware store owner, said he saw what looked like a bright light in the sky around 9:15 a.m., then investigated later in the day and saw a length of plastic fishing line or kite string reflecting sunlight.

But other callers said what they saw couldn't have been a strand of shiny string, Doyle said.

A 21-year-old Ludlow, Mass., truck driver said the thing was a mile up, 300 feet long and 30 to 40 feet wide. A woman said it looked like a large bubble with six-foot arms.

Hartford police reported the sightings to the Air Force and the Psychic Research Phenomenon Center in Seattle, Wash.

B'ville family reports UFO

By KEVIN HICKEY

As far as the the Dennis Kiteveles family of Baldwinsville is concerned, an unidentified flying object with flashing lights appeared near their home on E. Sorrell Hill Road last night, sheriff's deputies said.

Coinciding with the appearance of the UFO, authorities said, was the brief interruption of electrical power in the area and the report by radar controllers at Hancock Field of an unidentified blip on their radar scopes.

Kiteveles, 32, a dispatcher for the Baldwinsville Police Department, related to Deputy Richard Delia that he and his family observed the UFO for about 10 minutes hovering above a wooded area near their home shortly after 10 p.m.

The object was oval shaped and had red, blue, yellow and green lights across the middle of it. The lights were flashing as the UFO seemed to slowly revolve around.

Delia was told that as the UFO hovered above the woods, it appeared to rock back and forth and at times would move in a rectangular shaped pattern.

Mrs. Kiteveles said as they were watching the object, a passenger plane passed under the UFO as it made its approach to Syracuse.

The pilot of the aircraft reportedly told

deputies later that he believed he observed the power blackout but did not see the UFO.

After the plane flew by, Kiteveles' son said he saw two flashes of white light come from the UFO and arc to the ground below. At the same time, the lights in the home went out.

Officials at the U.S. Weather Bureau at Hancock Airport reported no unusual weather activity in the area last night and said there were no official reports of any abnormal astronomical occurrences.

A Niagara Mohawk spokesman said there were two brief, consecutive interruptions in power at 10:15 last night along the company's 115,000 volt line between the Long Branch substation north of Liverpool and Mortimer substation just south of Rochester.

No Niagara Mohawk customers were affected, however, the spokesman said.

Some 3,000 homes in the Jordan-Elbridge area, served by New York State Gas and Electric Power Corp., did lose service briefly, according to a spokesman for that utility.

Duration of the two interruptions in service totalled less than 40 seconds, according to spokesmen for the two power companies. Both companies are tied into the same substation just south of Rochester.

Neither company had determined the cause of the power outages, but both were to investigate today.

Niagara Mohawk will check the span of its power line by helicopter.

Deputies said when the lights came back on, the family looked outside for the object but it had disappeared. Deputies were then summoned.

Also dispatched to the area was the department's helicopter but no signs of the UFO were found. The crew did report though that they observed the two flashes of light earlier and the temporary blackout out to the west as they were flying near Assumption Cemetery.

While in radio contact with Hancock Field, the crew said they were told of the unidentified blip on the radar scope that appeared in the area of the Kiteveles' sighting.

Controllers said that due to the time of year, the image on their scopes could have been a flock of geese.

Last night's UFO sighting follows an incident about a week ago in which three Syracuse police officers and two residents observed a UFO on the city's South Side.

The object reportedly flew away at a high rate of speed when the city's helicopter was sent to the scene to investigate. A probe of both sightings is continuing.

TIDES AND TIMES, Laguna Beach, CA - April 6, 1978

UFO's and TELEPHONES

by David Guindon

In the continuing saga of General Telephone versus Meaningful Communication, a provocative new and somewhat fantastic chapter may now be added.

Laguna Beach artist Tom Adolph, 32, reports that on March 28 at approximately 9:30 p.m. he was on the phone to a business associate when suddenly lines crossed and he became the unwitting auditor to a chilling conversation. Adolph grabbed a pen and pad and was able to record the information overheard. Some excerpts:

"One spotting, Palm Springs, eighth in three months."

"Same footprints as before... leading from the site, but none leading to..."

"They don't know who they are or where they're from."

"They had it on radar less than two seconds to touchdown... they told the media it was a meteor and they believed it..."

but it couldn't have been a meteor because it moved too fast."

"Miramar lost three planes. Everything in the planes went haywire in the same part of the stratosphere."

"General Kelley is on his way out tomorrow and Washington will be notified..."

Adolph speculated that he had been cut into classified information meant only for military ears, both because of the nature of the conversation and the fact that one party addressed the other as "General."

Adolph later phoned Alvin Lawson of the UFO Report Center of Orange County to report what he had heard. Lawson confirmed to TNT that there was indeed unusually heavy UFO activity last month, with daylight sightings recorded March 29 and 30 over Santa Monica and Los Alamitos respectively.

Adolph has consented to undergo a session of hypnosis to be conducted by a physician associated with the UFO Report Center and set tentatively for Tuesday, April 11. TNT has ob-

PRESS-DEMOCRAT, Santa Rosa, CA

April 11, 1978

Authorities can't explain strange Sunday sighting

A white, round object which flashed across the sky about 7:30 p.m. Sunday remained unexplained today.

The Sonoma County sheriff's office received a call asking what it was, and an ex-Air Force serviceman in Atascadero later reported an identical sighting.

The UFO Center in southern California said a similar report was made at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

In each sighting, the object was said to be round with a tail white in color and moving slower than a jet.

CR: A. Lawson

tained permission to be present at that session and will keep you posted on any new developments.

Meanwhile, we urge our readers to keep an eye to the sky and to conduct important business fact to face, unless of course you want to read about it in the news.

They're everywhere!

By KEVIN HICKEY

An unidentified flying object was again seen in the Baldwinsville area last night, while a second UFO was reportedly sighted in Southwood, at the opposite end of the county, sheriff's deputies said.

Two men, William Colton, 27, and Robert Waltz, 21, both of Van Buren, were driving along Route 48 shortly after 7 p.m., deputies reported, when they observed a bright ball of white light in the sky.

The men told Deputy Thomas Grobsmith that the ball of light was traveling west at a high rate of speed when it suddenly stopped in mid-air and remained motionless.

After several minutes, Grobsmith was told, the light went out and a series of red, green and blue flashing lights came

on. Just as suddenly as it appeared, the men said, the multi-colored lights went out and the object disappeared.

Grobsmith said a check with radar controllers at Hancock Airport revealed there were no unusual blips on their scopes at the time.

About an hour later, a group of teenagers related to deputies of their UFO sighting in Southwood, near Jamesville.

The eight youths, six boys and two girls, told Deputy D.J. Murphy that they were riding bicycles near the Southwood water tower hill when three lights appeared in the southern sky.

The reported UFO hovered over the hill, lighting it up "like daytime," the youths said, before it quickly disappeared from view.

Deputies combed the area on foot

while the department's helicopter searched from the air, but no signs of the UFO were found.

A check with neighbors, Murphy said, as well as another check with radar controllers, came up with negative results.

Last night's sightings follow an incident Wednesday in which a member of the Baldwinsville Police Department and his family observed a UFO behind their home on East Sorrell Hill Road.

The UFO, with multi-colored lights, reportedly hovered over a wooded area near the home for about 10 minutes before it disappeared. A brief electrical power outage in the area coincided with the sighting, authorities said.

Since that sighting, the sheriff's department has received more than 30 calls from persons who said they saw the UFO.

According to Sgt. M.J. Tuohey, most persons who called lived in the Coldbrook or Baldwinsville areas and reported seeing basically the same thing.

Tuohey said there was no way to tell how many of the sightings were legitimate, although he felt most of the persons were not crackpots.

"You will get a number of crackpot calls," Tuohey said. But he noted that a number of people he talked to offered to take lie detector tests to prove they were telling the truth.

Besides receiving calls from Baldwinsville Wednesday, Tuohey reported receiving a call from a man who allegedly sighted a UFO near Bridgeport the same night.

Tuohey did not release the man's name, but said he was reportedly a Vietnam veteran and a helicopter pilot. The man related to Tuohey that he and a friend were driving along Route 31 at about 11 p.m. when they saw a cluster of white lights in a field.

The man said the lights were attached to a "diamond-shaped" object that was hovering about 50 feet above the ground. The object was not a helicopter or any other type of aircraft that he knew of, the man said. He noted there was no sound coming from the object.

The only sound that was made was a "whooshing" noise, when the object suddenly took off at a high rate of speed, the man told Tuohey.

According to Tuohey, all the information he has received will be turned over to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

Tuohey said the center has the right equipment and personnel to handle UFO investigations. The director of the center, Allen Hynek, formerly worked for the U.S. Air Force's Operation Blue Book, which studied UFOs.

The Air Force unit was disbanded in 1969.

'Close encounters' with UFO reported

MONTVILLE — Several residents had what they believe were "close encounters" with a UFO last Thursday night, and town police are sending details of the bizarre account to the Air Force's national center for UFO data in Chicago.

Mrs. Gladys Johnston of Hidden Acres Road said that at about 11 p.m. Thursday she observed that her driver's eye was oddly illuminated, according to Officer Michael Cooney, who is investigating the incident.

She looked out her window and observed what she at first took to be a star. Several of her children saw the same object.

Cooney said that the family's five dogs began to growl in unison, according to Mrs. Johnston, and that the object became brighter and larger, apparently moving closer.

The object was described by Mrs. Johnston — and by a motorist traveling on nearby Route 52 — as being oblong, 10 to 12 feet long with small lights around the circumference and a larger one in the center.

Cooney did not identify the motorist who reported the seeing a similar object in the same area at approximately the same time. Mrs. Johnston said that

after the object seemed to settle above a telephone pole across the street, four fuses in her house blew, and the object quickly disappeared.

"As soon as I'm sure I've got everything together, I'll send it in," said Cooney, "probably by the end of this week."

Cooney said that the unusual circumstances of the alleged sighting made it worth sending a report to the Air Force. He said that a follow-up investigation by the Air Force is a possibility, but he would not make a judgement concerning the authenticity of the UFO. "Who knows, right?" he asked.

DAY, New London, CT April 11, 1978 CR: B. Greenwood

UFO spotted in area, Sacramento

LEDGER, Antioch, CA - April 10, 1978

An unidentified flying object startled Sacramento residents Sunday, and a Contra Costa County Sheriff's deputy was one of the witnesses. James Barreto of Antioch, a part-time deputy at the County Hospital, said he was driving home when he spotted the strange object going East toward Stockton.

It was about 7:30 p.m., he said, when a bright object which seemed to have "two square windows" in it flashed across the sky.

It looked like a falling star, he said, until he was able to see the window-shapes. It was going too fast to be an airplane and there was no sound, he added.

It headed toward the San Joaquin River and the DuPont plant and never disintegrated. It left a trail of light, he said.

The Ledger checked with the Sacramento Police Department, which said it had received many reports of a UFO, but had referred all reports to the

Phenomena Research UFO Reporting Center in Washington State.

Jacob Davidson, an assistant director of the non-profit organization, said the center had reports from 10 witnesses including a Sacramento area pilot.

The sighting occurred about 7:30 p.m., Davidson said, and witnesses described it as a "brilliant ball of light flying in a flat (horizontal) trajectory from west to east. It didn't explode or anything."

Davidson said Sacramento witnesses also reported the object made no sound and that it was visible for about 15 seconds, much too long for a meteorite. He added that meteorites do not travel in a flat trajectory.

According to the pilot, who wished to remain anonymous, Davidson said, the object was about one mile in front of his aircraft and approximately 2,000 feet above the ground.

Lakes Police Report

MOUNTAIN LAKES Road
lockings and cave ins, in-
vestigations of break and entries
and a UFO sighting were among
the action reported by borough
police this week.

Police received a report March
of an unidentified flying ob-
ject (UFO) sighted about 8:35
p.m. over the area of the Dixon
brothers yard in Boonton. The
object was described as a
luminous red ball with rays
shooting out of it, which hovered
for several moments before
taking off at a high rate of speed.

UNION LEADER, Manchester, NH
April 25, 1978

Concord Couple Experiences 'Close Encounter'

By BILL HERMAN
Union Leader Staff

YORK, Maine — Not only were the
Robert Lassones of Concord, N.H.
visitors to a "foreign" state this
weekend, but they also spied what some
might term visitors from
about 7:15 p.m. Sunday night. outer
space

In fact, the Lassones' children, upon
hearing of their parents sighting, repor-
ted they saw a similar object that same
night on NBC's television program
"Project: UFO."

On their way from from a summer
cottage near Long Sands, Maine, the
Lassones sighted "a silver, oblong"
shaped object hanging a couple hundred
feet over the water of the Atlantic O-
cean.

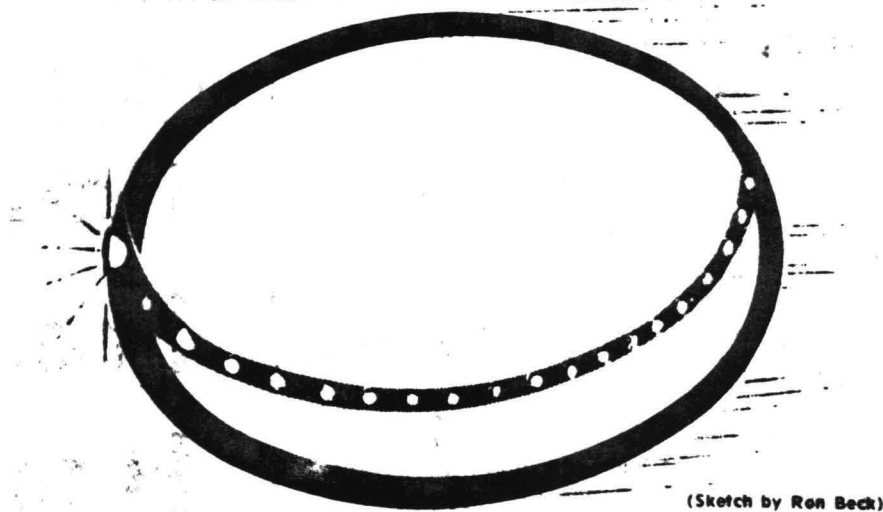
First noticed by Mrs. Lassone, the
UFO was described to be "the size of a
B and M bus" with a "series of lights on
each side of the vehicle."

Parking the car to get a better look at
the object which "illuminated the water
like moonshine," Lassone said the
object rose in a vertical path until,
within a five second period, it disap-
peared from sight.

"At first I thought it might have been
a lobster boat with a lot of lights on it,"
Lassone said. He then realized the
object was "hanging above the water"
in almost a motionless state.

In an attempt to get a better look at
the sighting, he said he pulled his car
over to the side of the road, but as he
and his wife stepped out of the car, the
object "looking as bright as a Harvest
moon" moved in a vertical direction
"going up and getting smaller to nearly
the size of the head of a needle in about
five seconds."

Lassone said while the object was
hanging suspended above the ocean they
could almost count the series of lights,
which he estimated to be a couple of
dozen, and that a silver bar, almost like
a handle, was on one side.



DID THIS UFO VISIT SANFORD?

Some Finally Talk, They Saw A UFO

By NORM OSHRIN
Herald Editor

It's been a week. One week ago tonight.
That's when it happened. That's when several
residents near Sanford Loch Arbor area
saw something strange in the sky. Call it a
UFO, if you want.

You haven't heard about the incident before
today, because no one was talking about it for
the record.

To report it to the police or other
authorities, these Sanfordites were con-
vinced, would only mark them as kooks.
Crazies. Nuts.

One of the observers finally did break the
ice. Vicki Bryant called The Herald. She
wasn't afraid of what she might be called,
what people might think. She just wanted to
share her unique experience.

It was 9:15 p.m. Friday, March 31, on West
25th Street in a car headed west. Beside her

was a friend, Melody Kennedy.

"Is that a spaceship?" she asked Mrs.
Kennedy.

"You know, you might be right," her
companion responded.

The object was noiseless, about the size of a
football field Mrs. Bryant recalls. It was
oblong, "like the goodyear blimp," she says.
What she saw was a group of white lights,
with one big blinking light dominating the
object.

She recalls it hovering right over the
cemetery, the one past Geneva Gardens on
West 25th Street, for three to four minutes.

"I do believe in UFOs," concedes Mrs.
Bryant. "But this time I didn't want to. I was
scared; I was close to it."

At first Mrs. Bryant figured it was a convoy
of small planes. So why wasn't there
movement? After sitting for awhile to think of
some logical explanation, the pair decided to
report the finding to Mrs. Bryant's husband,
George, at their 2013 Washington Ave. home.

With no questions asked, Bryant was
whisked out of the house, into the car, and off
to the sighting site.

The UFO was gone. A call to the Sanford
airport terminal later on indicated no plane
convoy in the area at that time.

So that was that. Until this week. that is
when Vicki Bryant called The Herald. When
told that others also had spotted what she had,
she sighed and began to cry. It was more a
cry of relief—relief that she hadn't lost her
senses.

She had seen what she thought she had
seen.

She had seen what others, too, had seen—
although most of them refused to talk about it
officially. Except for Elaine Chapman of 137
Bunker Lane, Sanford.

She, too, had seen it. But she is inclined to
play it down.

"I'd rather not believe it was a UFO," she
says. "I believe it was a group of helicopters
in formation."

A group of helicopters, it turns out, that
never was.

Comparing the quickness of the
object's disappearance to the launching
of an American Saturn IV rocket and
Apollo spacecraft, Lassone said one
could follow the rocket in its climb into
space while you couldn't follow the
other object.

"It couldn't be anything of ours
because it was so bright," he said.
"There was no way that you couldn't see
it if you were in the area."

Not claiming to be a UFO enthusiast
he said you have to believe to to
"believe there has to be something out
there. The point is if you see it, you have
a different attitude."

CR: B. Greenwood

Astronaut Cooper Believes UFO Sightings No Joke

By THOMAS O'TOOLE

WASHINGTON — Muhammad Ali saw one eight years ago, AID director John Gilligan saw one when he was governor of Ohio. But all these celebrity UFO sightings may be nothing alongside the news that former astronaut Gordon Cooper believes alien spacecraft may be buzzing the earth.

"I keep hearing these stories from credible sources inside the government and they just won't go away," Cooper said the other day from his office in Glendale, Calif., where he's now vice

president for engineering of W.E.D. (Walter E. Disney) Enterprises.

"I can't tell you the names of these sources, but they're credible and frankly I think the government should release the information these sources have, no matter that the White House thinks."

Whatever the White House thinks, Cooper will be on television Monday night to air some of what he thinks on "The Merv Griffin Show." Just a few minutes into their dialogue, Cooper and Griffin get into a discussion of UFOs and their believability.

Griffin lowers his voice as he tells the story of a spaceship landing in the recent past somewhere in North America, a story that sounds suspiciously like an oft-repeated tale of a crash-landing in Mexico with two dead aliens and a third near-death.

"There have been stories there were occupants," Griffin says, "and that our government was able to keep one alive."

"I think it's credible," Cooper replies, "and I would like to see the time when credible people would investigate these stories or refute them."

Griffin goes on and says the question everybody wants answered is: "What did the occupants look like? Reports have it they didn't look any different from us."

Cooper's reply is the clincher. "From everyone abducted or any contact they have with them," Cooper says, "they all agree even under hypnosis that the occupants are no different from what we are."

Does Cooper really believe alien beings have visited the earth? Does the astronaut who flew twice (on Mercury 9 and Gemini 5) in space trust in the UFO?

"I've been struggling to put my fingers on something," Cooper says, "and I must say there is a good possibility that this thing exists, that the incident took place. It makes you wonder."

It makes Cooper's astronaut colleagues wonder, too. Veterans Tom Stafford and Mike Collins said they never heard the stories Cooper says he heard. Chief Astronaut Donald K. Slayton wondered when Cooper started hearing the tales he heard.

"I never heard Gordon mention UFOs the whole time he was an astronaut," Slayton said Thursday from the Johnson Space Center in Houston. "The last time I saw him was last fall and he didn't say boo about it."

One must remember Cooper is the guy who said he could see truck tracks in China and railroad tracks in Texas when he flew the sixth Mercury mission more than 15 years ago. None of the five astronauts before him saw what Cooper saw.

MORNING RECORD, Meriden, CT - April 20, 1978

Police besieged with UFO stories

By JACK KROST

MERIDEN — South Meriden residents are experiencing close encounters with a strange kind of UFO.

Police here received 20 reports of Unidentified Flying Object sightings Saturday, Tuesday, 16 more residents reported seeing strange celestial objects that moved about erratically and didn't look like anything they had ever seen before.

The objects as they have been described are complete with pulsating red and white lights, and they hover, move about in various patterns and sometimes seem to separate or join together.

A few brave souls have even felt duty bound enough to go to Police Headquarters and report what they have seen, despite certain ridicule.

Police were beleaguered with a small crowd of true believers in the headquarters lobby Tuesday night, and they even filled out a case report on who saw what.

The hapless officer assigned to write the report at first titled it "UFO Sighting." But a superior crossed that out and wrote in, "miscellaneous."

Gary Boehringer, 25, of 84 Broad St., was one of those who saw what many has been yearning to see since the arrival of the movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

He was driving along Old Colony Road Tuesday night with his wife Marcella when, almost directly overhead, he saw two red lights with a series of white lights in between, traveling south.

Follows lights

The lights appeared to be about 500 feet above him, Boehringer said. Having nothing better to do, he followed the lights, which turned around, started going north and eventually brought him to the Meriden-Markham Airport.

Boehringer said although he couldn't discern an object in between the lights, they appeared to form a single unit.

But at the airport the white lights flashed brightly, and then the two red points broke apart and moved about erratically.

"It was kind of exciting," Boehringer said, although his wife was "upset." "She was hoping they wouldn't land," he added.

Boehringer, a student at Central Connecticut State College, later went to see some friends on Diamond Hill, and they all peered at the lights still hovering over the airport through binoculars.

Several planes took off, which Boehringer and his friends could hear clearly from Diamond Hill, but the curious lights did not make any noise, he said.

According to police reports, an officer was assigned to contact Bradley International Airport Tuesday to find out whether there were any training flights in this area. The airport reported there weren't any.

A spokesman for the National Weather Service at Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, said the agency had received no reports of UFO sightings Wednesday night.

Why did Boehringer report the incident to police? "I wanted to see if other people saw the same thing," he said.

When Boehringer got to police headquarters his suspicions were confirmed. There was a crowd. Boehringer said Wednesday he intends to get in touch with some of the pilots at the airport Tuesday, who presumably had a closer look at the strange objects.

Does Boehringer have any ideas on what it was he saw? "I really couldn't say," he said.

"I have never seen any craft that moves like that." Boehringer lived near the airport on Hemlock Road for 10 years, and he's seen plenty of small airplanes. He knows what an airplane looks like.

"There's still a possibility it could be explained," Boehringer said. But he's not ruling out "extraterrestrial" craft.

David Pelletier, 17, of 163 Wall St., saw a similar group of lights near the airport at about 9:15 p.m. Tuesday from a vantage point at Sterling Village.

He was driving home with a group of friends from Maloney High School after stopping at a McDonald's Restaurant for something to eat.

But unlike the lights Boehringer saw, these formed two separate "V's" that blinked alternately.

Whenever a plane took off, they "moved away rapidly."

Pelletier said he was "kind of amazed." When he told friends at school about what he saw the next day, they asked him, "What were you smoking?"

But Pelletier did come across one girl who also saw strange lights.

Pelletier's friend Ray Southland, who was with him on that fateful night, at first was "awed." But when one of the pulsating, red "V's" started coming their way and passed over their car, the awe turned to fear.

However, Southland says, "I'm going back there tomorrow night."

"I believe that there are other forms of life out there," he said. "I don't think the universe was made just for us."

CR: B. Greenwood

UFO sighting

Dozens of people in the Seacoast saw a UFO in the night sky Saturday but a spokesman at Pease AFB said no one reported it to base authorities.

One woman who was in a car driving north on I-95 said she first saw the object, that she described as a bright, diamond-shaped light, in Amesbury and that it was visible on the approach to Portsmouth for some time.

The object, that moved easterly and seemed to descend in the Rye Beach area, was watched by numerous travelers on the highway.

The mysterious object was also seen by people in southern York County, one of whom said the object, with lights top and bottom, hovered before "disappearing suddenly."

No one reported the sighting to Pease nor, apparently, to police departments in the area.

CR: B. Greenwood

HERALD, Portsmouth, NH - April 19, 1978

UFO Link?

Mysterious Pit Has Fremont Befuddled

By JULIE FENSTER

Where did the dirt go?

That is what many Fremont residents are wondering this week after the discovery of a mysterious pit, measuring about 1200 square feet, in a field at the Sherlock residence on Tilton Road.

According to Mark Sherlock, the incident occurred March 31 while the family was at a basketball game. His father, Michael Sherlock, was inspecting the fields the following morning to see how much snow was left on the ground when he discovered the 15-foot deep hole.

It was about 10 feet in diameter and there was no sign of anything having been burnt or disrupted around the edges. The walls of the hole were cut cleanly and they were perfectly vertical. They have eroded somewhat since the hole was discovered.

The field was tilled last fall, the younger Sherlock explained, and the soft mud remaining this spring would have shown tire tracks or foot prints, had someone come in a dump-truck and removed the dirt. There were no such tracks when Sherlock found the pit. Furthermore, the field in which the pit was found is entirely surrounded by fences, making the possibility of a simple theft even more unlikely.

The origin of the hole and the destination of the lost dirt is entirely perplexing to the Sherlocks. About 250 people have come to see the pit already, according to Sherlock.

Had it been formed by a cave-in or a meteor, the walls of the hole wouldn't have been as straight. There also probably would have been debris scattered in the vicinity, Sherlock said.

The unexplained nature of the hole and simultaneous sightings of unidentified flying objects in Fayetteville that same Friday night, have led many people to conclude that a UFO of some sort extracted the soil from the field.

Personally, Mark Sherlock said he was still uncertain about the possibility of extraterrestrial beings visiting earth. About

their existence, he said, "I'm not saying there is, and I'm not saying there isn't" such a thing as a UFO. He admits, however,

er, that only something as extraordinary as a UFO could have taken that much dirt so neatly, so quickly, and so mysteriously.



Photo by chief photographer C. W. McKeen

Matt and Pat Sherlock are still looking for a clue to the origin of the hole which their father, Michael, found on the family's property 10 days ago. The Sherlocks have erected a fence to protect the site, in Fremont Hills, from curious visitors.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR

May 17, 1978

Radar Follows Unknown Lights

OCALA, Fla. (AP) — Unexplained lighted objects in the night sky over a remote section of Florida forest were sighted and tracked on radar at a Navy electronic center, naval personnel have confirmed.

They say one object hovered in midair, then sped away after eluding computerized tracking gear.

"The computer wouldn't handle it," a navy spokesman said at the Ocala National Forest. The range there uses sophisticated electronic equipment to train pilots to evade enemy weapons in combat.

In the series of reported sightings that took place over a two-hour period Sunday night, a civilian called at 10:05 p.m. to ask if the base was using any flares.

The civilian was told "there were no flares in the area, and that the range wasn't operating at the time," a navy spokesman said.

Then an unidentified man called and reported that he and seven others traveling near Silver Glen Springs also saw something strange, navy sources said.

The second call was logged, and the Jacksonville Naval Air Station was contacted.

POST-STANDARD, Syracuse, NY - April 11, 1978

It Came from B'ville

Three Town of Salina officials had second thoughts about dismissing out of hand the UFO stories circulating this spring when they watched what they said was a very unidentifiable object in the sky Monday.

Salina Highway Supt. David Schell saw it first when he was arriving for an early meeting. He called it to the attention of Darrell Rzston, town supervisor.

A few minutes later Robert Scallione, a member of the Salina attorney's staff, joined them.

"We were kidding Dave at first," said Weston, "but, sure enough, there was something coming at us from the direction of Baldwinville." Weston described it as top-shaped and very dark with a lighter band in the middle. He said that the best they could come up with to explain it was that it was a large balloon.

"But we couldn't see any gondola," Weston added.

State police later in the day had reports of a manned balloon headed north of the city toward Oswego County.

CR: R. Barrow



Two report UFOs in northern area

WAS there an unidentified flying object in the skies above Wellington last night? Two Citizen Band radio fans think there was — above Horokiwi and Khandallah.

A 36-year-old Naenae company director, who did not want his name used today, was at Horokiwi by himself when, about 8.35 last night, he saw an object "which scared the hell out of me."

Coming from the north-east over the hills were what he described as four rows of "great red balls of glittering light."

Low

It was big and low to the ground and, according to the man, "looked like one of those American battle helmets with the flange at the bottom."

So excited was he that he got onto his CB radio — and about 15 minutes later another CB fan, whom the man had not identified by this morning, saw almost exactly the same thing over Khandallah.

"I'll be out there again tonight, but this time with a

camera — and with somebody else as well," the man said.

The Meteorological Service had had no reports of UFOs this morning, nor had the control tower at Wellington Airport.

A spokesman for the airport control tower said that a Cessna 404 aircraft had arrived at 8.30pm, although an NAC Boeing would have been in the Horokiwi-Newlands vicinity about 8.35pm.

Cloud

However, judging by the sightings, any object would have been travelling in almost an east-west direction and the sightings were off flight paths anyway. He added that last night there had been problems in the area with cloud constantly appearing and dissipating.

A Weather Office spokesman said it was well out of the time when weather balloons,

which often caused strange effects, were launched.

He added that it was not the first report of "something of this nature" in the Horokiwi area. There had been a number of reports in recent years

EVENING POST, Wellington, New Zealand
March 9, 1978 CR: R. Poole

Scientist claims he saw UFO

A CHADDERTON family claimed on Monday that they saw an UFO on Sunday evening.

Driving along Eaves Lane, Chadderton, at 9.15 p.m., civil engineer Mr. Rodney McKay (32), his wife and their two children, aged seven and nine, of The Meadows, Chadderton, saw a bright orb hovering at roof level over Middleton Junction.

"I was amazed and the children were frightened," said Mr. McKay. "I stopped the car and we watched it for a second before it shot off at high speed."

Added Mr. McKay, a science graduate: "Clearly it was not a plane—I can't think of any logical explanation for it."

OLDHAM EVENING CHRONICLE, Lancs., England

March 14, 1978

THE UFO FILE...

IF President Carter won't open his files on UFO sightings, then Pressman will start his own.

Our quest begins with a report from the highly reputable source of city councillor, Mrs. Betty Doig.

She and son John, 15, and daughter Claire, 21, were sitting in the living room of their Westfield Place home when the aliens crossed their path one night recently.

At 11 p.m. the children leapt

to the window where a "bright yellowy-white object with a white tail" was skimming the rooftops along a line from Rufforth to Dringhouses.

"Am I going daft or not?" she asked York police station when she reported the sighting. They replied that there had been no other reports. "I still don't know what it was. It left us all guessing."

Did you see it? Or have you seen something similar?

YORKSHIRE EVENING PRESS,
York, England - March 17, 1978

DAILY STAR, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - March 22, 1978

GALLUP POLL

Unidentified flying objects are real, 46% believe

Perhaps in response to the increase in movie and television shows based on interplanetary travel, there has been a significant increase over the past four years in the number of Canadians who have heard of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) and in the number who believe that they are real and not just imagination. There has been little or no increase, however, in the proportion who claim to have spotted one.

In May, 1974, only 67 percent of Canadians had heard or read anything about UFOs. Today this has risen to 81 per cent. Similarly the proportion who think that they are something real has increased from 36 percent four years ago to 46 percent today.

The number who think they have actually seen a UFO rose slightly, but not significantly from 8 per cent to 10 per cent today.

Today's results are based on 1,050 personal, in-home interviews with adults, 18 years and over during the first week of February. A sample of this size is accurate within a four percentage point margin, 19 in 20 times.

The questions asked were:

"Have you heard or read anything about unidentified flying objects — UFOs?"

If yes, "Have you, yourself, ever seen anything you thought was a UFO?"

"In your opinion, are they something real, or just people's imagination?"

As the table below shows, more of the young adults have heard of, believe in, and spotted unidentified flying objects.

CR: G. Duplantier

	NATIONAL	AGE			
		18-29	30-49	50 & OVER	
SEEN A UFO					
Yes	10%	13%	10%	7%	
No	71	72	72	68	
Never heard of	19	15	17	24	
ARE THEY REAL					
Real	46	58	48	33	
People's imagination	18	12	19	23	
Don't know	16	14	16	19	
Never heard of	19	15	17	24	

OLDHAM EVENING CHRONICLE, Lancs., England UFO sightings

I WONDER how many of your readers, presented with details in your newspaper of UFO sightings, ignore them or quickly read and forget them. I was once such a reader, and looking back I realise I was sub-consciously erecting a barrier between my own secure experiences and the immensity of the possible consequences in there being any truth in the apparent wild conjectures of some seeking to explain their origin and purpose.

It was not that I was so narrow-minded to believe that we were alone in the universe, but the obvious sheer proximity of other higher intelligences, at pains not to reveal themselves and apparently surveying us, did not appeal to my sense of down-to-earth security.

One day last year, just before midnight, I opened my back door to call in the cat when I suddenly became aware of a large bright light in the sky over Springhead, close to my house. The white brightness made it impossible for me to make out any outline apart from white rays spreading out from the centre in all directions and nearly touching the ground. The object was totally motionless and silent. I stared at it for perhaps a minute or two and then turned to call my wife to the door. As she arrived, the object converted into a white ball and shot away at great speed in an arc, and was lost over Hartshead Pike.

Aircraft pass over my home frequently and none could match a small fraction of the

speed of that object. What struck me most was that it was wholly silent and motionless during the time I was staring at it, and it made no noise as it sped away. I telephoned Manchester Airport and was told there were no flights over this area that evening, but my report would be passed on. A few days later I received a letter from the Ministry of Defence thanking me for the report, adding that no explanation could be given. I found out later that three neighbours had experienced similar sightings at different times.

I have asked myself the question why, if there is anything in it, do these people not reveal themselves? I answer the question with a question by putting myself in their shoes (if they wear any) — how long would it take for the curiosity of the human race to turn into fear, and what consequences usually arise from such an emotion?

OPEN MIND.

March 21, 1978

Reports of UFO 'like ball of white smoke'

TWO sightings of an unidentified flying object were reported this week.

A mysterious object seen near Sedlescombe on Sunday has met with scepticism from Battle Police.

"We heard about it," said a police spokesman, "but we don't normally investigate that sort of thing."

The object, described as a "brilliant white football," was spotted by Mr John Stevens, of Old Church Road, St Leonards.

Mr Stevens said he was out with his family in Chapel Lane when he saw the object rise from behind a hill.

"It looked as though it was going to hit an aeroplane nearby, and then it turned in a circle and headed out to sea."

Mr Stevens said he always kept an open mind about UFOs, but he felt he had seen something "rather strange" on Sunday.

Another sighting of the object was made by Newhaven garage owner, Mr David Funnell, of Powell Gardens, Denton.

Mr Funnell was driving

back to Newhaven from Hastings on Sunday afternoon with his wife, Rosemary, when he spotted it.

Said Mr Funnell: "My wife and I watched the thing for about 25 minutes as we drove home. We first saw it as we came through St Leonards and last saw it as the sky became dark as we reached Pevensey. Then it was to our right as we motored along the marsh road."

He continued: "It was like a ball of white smoke with a vapour trail behind it." Mr Funnell said the trail was at first in a horizontal position across the sky and "very low."

"Then it went completely vertical, moving very slowly," he added. Just before it disappeared in the gathering gloom Mr Funnell said he noticed a "tiny white light" at the top of the object.

He said that the sky was clear at the time and the weather fine. "It definitely was not a plane or a weather balloon," he said. He estimated it was at a height used by "a normal jet airliner."

DAILY EXPRESS,
London, England
- April 3, 1978

SILVER MEN AND THE RAY THAT BURNED

By Jack Hill

ETHEL FIELD'S husband laughed when she told him she had seen a flying saucer.

It's not so funny now. Her hands are red and raw and the skin is scaling off her palms.

Mrs Field, a 63-year-old grandmother is convinced her hands were burnt when she shielded her eyes from the blinding white light of an "unidentified flying object."

She swears she saw the oval-shaped object approach from the sea as she was walking up the garden path of her home at Seaview Road, Parkstone, near Bournemouth.

The lower half was enveloped in a bluish glow and two men in close-fitting silver suits with helmets like swimming caps were inside a dome at the top.

"The light from the dome was terribly bright," she said. "I held up my hands to shield my eyes and watched from between my fingers."

"I saw one of the occupants pointing down and I thought for a horrible moment it was going to land."

Bournemouth coastguard believe her. They saw it too.

BRIGHTON GAZETTE,
Sussex, England -
March 24, 1978

Are the UFOs keeping an eye on Hove?

A HOVE woman claims to have had a close encounter with an unidentified flying object.

She says it hovered 40ft above her St. Leonard's Road home as a dome-shaped, spinning, brilliant white light.

"I couldn't take my eyes off it. It hypnotised me," Mrs Marie Crone, an auxiliary nurse, said this week. "I thought it was going to land on the house."

"It made no noise. It just span at a terrific speed. It was about the size of one of those space capsules you see on television."

"It woke me up with its glare about 2.30 in the morning. I looked up at it for about 20 seconds before it disappeared."

In the past 18 months Mrs Crone claims to have seen UFOs four times - including three nights in a row recently.

HINCKLEY TIMES,
Leics., England
- March 31, 1978

UFO Spotted Over Ratby

A student nurse said this week that she almost fell off her motor-cycle when she spotted an unidentified flying object whilst travelling along a lane at Ratby on Monday evening.

Miss Lynn Brown (19), who lives in at Carlton Hayes Hospital, Naborough, was riding along the lane from Kirby Muxloe to Ratby, near to the T.I. Desford Tubes works at about 9 p.m. when she saw the object about two fields away and 200 foot high in the sky.

She described it as a long red object with white hot flames coming from the rear end. She watched it hovering for about four minutes during which time it made a loud droning noise.

As she rode on towards Ratby Miss Brown said the U.F.O. tilted and she saw lights at each point of a triangular shape.

Miss Brown said that she had always been open-minded about the existence of U.F.O.s and said that had she not seen it so clearly herself - like the people at the public house where she went - she said she would not have believed it.

SIGHTING AT SHENTON

Another previous sceptic who had a "close encounter" this week was a middle-aged lady and a friend who were driving along the Upton road near to Shenton Station and the Richard III monument at about 10.40 p.m. on Wednesday evening.

The lady had only remarked what a beautiful starry night it was when she says she saw a bright light above the top of a tree, giving the impression of a star on a Christmas tree.

As they watched the oval object which was not very high in the sky, the lady says she got the impression that the object was looking at them. She says it was an uncanny feeling and one that turned her stomach.

After watching it for about two minutes and thinking of stopping a car to get confirmation of the sighting, the lady says that they decided to drive on and try to get nearer to it.

As they did so they lost sight of the object behind a cottage, over in the direction of Shenton viaduct.

The lady says she had never previously believed in UFOs and holding a responsible position at work had always regarded herself as being rational and sane minded. But she cannot give any explanation for the sighting.

The sighting has been reported to the Hinckley Aerial Phenomena Investigations who are interested in hearing of any similar incidents.

A COMPUTER operator for a firm of electrical engineers in Chadderton has confirmed the UFO sighting on Sunday night.

Mrs Norma Roberts, of Egerlon Street, Oldham, says she watched a brilliant orange-coloured light from the window of her third-

storey flat, at 8.50 p.m., as it travelled from Chadderton towards Greenfield. "It seemed to dim slightly then it came back in a straight line. There was some cloud, and it moved into the cloud and disappeared. It could not have been a light aircraft, because there was no noise at all," she said.

This is the third UFO sighting in seven months for Mrs. Roberts. Last August she was with a group of friends in Broadway, near the Chad-

erton Arms, at midnight, when they saw a flashing green and pink light. The light, which Mrs. Roberts reported to Jodrell Bank, had been sighted by several other people.

In October or November she saw a big brilliant light travelling across the sky from her flat window.

The first report of a UFO sighting on Sunday came from a Chadderton family, who say they saw a bright orb hovering at not level over Middleton Junction.

OLDHAM EVENING CHRONICLE, Lancs., England - March 16, 1978

I SAW UFO TOO, CLAIMS WOMAN

'Cigars' light sky

More UFOs have been sighted in Hampshire - this time, two cigar-shaped objects flying over the Fareham and Titchfield areas.

The two objects were sighted last Wednesday evening at about 7.30 p.m. by 15-year-old school girl Louise Dillon-Shallard and her father.

Louise, of Sandisplatt Road, Fareham, said the objects were both pale white although one had an orange patch underneath, and were both moving steadily northwards across the sky.

The objects reminded her of a Zeppelin she had seen in a film, and they were moving one behind the other.

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Mystery light sparks UFO reports

March 20, 1978

MYSTERY still surrounds a "close encounter of the first kind" in the North.

The UFO — a bright, pulsating object — was spotted hovering over Derwent Reservoir on Saturday night.

Since reports of the sighting were published yesterday, The Journal has been flooded with calls.

The UFO was first reported by Graham Hunter, aged 18, and 17-year-old Robert Cranston, of Consett, who said they saw it at around 7.20 p.m. on Saturday.

Air traffic control at Newcastle Airport said no civil aircraft were in the sky at the time, and the Army and RAF say no helicopters were operating in the area.

The mystery flying machine was also seen by a man and his wife at Whickham.

"It was like a big, red, pulsating light. It was definitely there, coming over from the Consett area. It was stationary and we watched it for about five to six minutes," said Kenneth Norman, of Lavender Road, Fellside.

A similar, simultaneous sighting was made by four men outside the Anchor Inn, Whittonstall.

"I have seen it there for the last few nights. It seems to be just on the horizon," said Phillip Oliver, of Barley Hill Crescent, Bridge Hill, Consett.

"It was pulsating and the four of us watched it from the car park of the inn. It definitely wasn't an aircraft, but it didn't look like a flying saucer either," he added.

"At one time it went green — that's the first time I have seen it go green — but the rest of the time it was just going from red to white.

Brewery supervisor Robert Ringer, aged 36, of Pleasant View, Bridge Hill, was stargazing with his eight-year-old daughter Liza Jane, when he saw the object.

"It was very, very bright, with an orange fringe. At first, I put it down to the clouds, but then the sky cleared and it was pulsating at irregular intervals," he explained.

Estimated

Mr. Ringer estimated it was about twice as high as the Trident jets which fly over the area from Newcastle Airport.

It was also spotted by a couple driving along the A68 Consett to Tow Law road. Freelance television cameraman Aubrey Waller, aged 53, of Delves Lane, Consett, and his wife Doris, stopped to take a better look.

DISCO DUO STARE AT BRIGHT UFO

A BRIGHT orange inverted cone shape, floating inches above the ground — that is how Richard Sealey describes the mysterious object he saw in fields near the Home Way outside Yeovil recently.

Richard, 17, resident disc jockey at Carnaby's in Yeovil, was returning home to Lockey Road, Shepton Mallet, in a car driven by his friend, 19-year-old Graham Ball.

"We were both sober, and as it was about 2.30 in the morning, we were very tired," said Richard. "Graham saw it first, and slammed on the brakes. Everything was absolutely quiet, and we watched this thing for five or 10 minutes, as it hovered above the ground on the moor, until it faded away."

Richard estimates that the glowing cone must have been about two or three miles away from the car.

He said: "There were no other cars about, and we opened the window and just stared at this thing. When it had gone we drove home in complete silence. It was very eerie. Neither of us felt like saying anything to each other."

"The sky was quite clear and there was a bright object, and there was nothing else in the sky. It moved slightly from side to side," he said.

The Ministry of Defence said that no military aircraft were in the sky at the time and there was nothing on radar scanners to indicate that alien craft were in the area.

But a spokesman for the weather centre at Newcastle said people could be seeing the reflections of the setting sun on clouds.

"There was a lot of cumulus cloud that evening which was moving down in the sky. Smoke haze could change the red of the setting sun to different colours and make it seem like it was pulsating," he said.

NO EXPLANATION

Richard can offer no explanation for what he saw and is sure, from its shape and behaviour, that it was not an aircraft of any sort.

Ufologist Graham Coles is appealing to anyone seeing anything peculiar in the night sky to come forward with their account.

Mr. Coles, of Manleaze Caravan Park, Cannards Grave, is the Shepton Mallet contributor to the UFO Info Exchange Library, a quarterly magazine full of accounts of UFO sightings from all over the world.

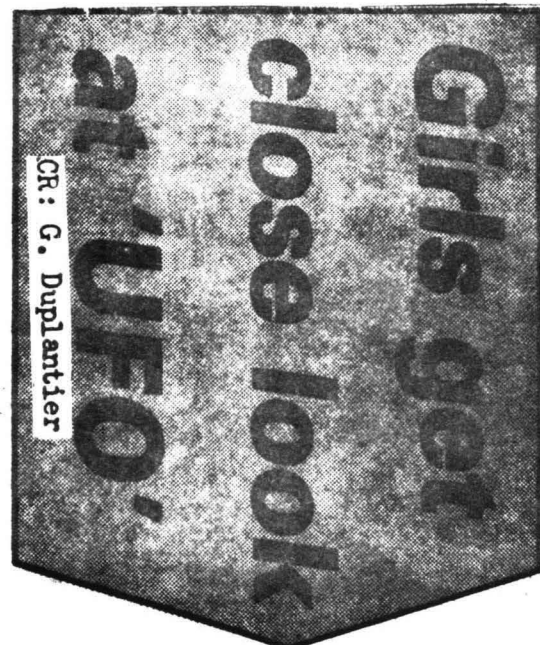
"So many people see things, but are reluctant to come forward for fear of being laughed at," he said. "Often we get several accounts from different people of the same sighting, with details that tally, which gives the evidence more credibility."

Mr. Coles has a full account of the Merehead quarry sightings earlier this year in the March magazine.

His own favourite lookout post is Cradle Hill, near Warminster, which attracts UFO spotters from all over the country.

He regularly stays there until the early hours of the morning, looking for mysterious lights and ghostly glows.

On a recent visit he caught a glimpse of a shadowy figure fitting through the darkness.



By John Conway
Staff Writer
Two 12-year-old girls, friends who say they shared a frightening UFO experience near their Welland homes Sunday night are not story-tellers, says the father of one girl.

The girls, Teetia Blokzy and Lorraine Velkers, say they saw a large blackish-grey cylindrical object with at least two square red lights circling overhead near their home.

Teetia told the Sun they were walking home from the store when they first saw the object "circling really fast" about 200 feet above a nearby field.

The girls were not alone in the sighting. At least three other people called Niagara Regional Police to report similar sightings between 8.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday.

(An elderly woman getting into her car not far from where the girls were reported hearing a piercing noise coming from the craft and saw a bright blue light.)

"It was sort of rounded, with square red lights on the top and it was sparkling all over," Teetia said last night. She didn't see a blue light.

"I heard a strange noise coming from the same field last month, but I didn't pay any attention to it."

The girls kept their eye on the object until they reached Teetia's home. They went in the house to call police and when they came back outside, the UFO was still in the sky. Then it disappeared behind some houses.

"I've seen shooting stars and things like that, but I never saw anything like that before," says Lorraine, a Grade 7 student. "I'm almost positive it was a flying saucer."

"People think we are nuts, but we know we saw it," says Teetia, a Grade 6 student. "We don't know exactly what it was, but it was really strange."

Local police say the people who reported the sighting "all seemed to be reasonable" people. It was the first reported sighting of a UFO in the Welland area in over a year.

"We haven't reached any conclusions about what it was," a police spokesman said.

Teetia is definitely not the type of girl who would make up a story like that, says her father, Hank Blokzy. "They were kids of scared when they came in the house."

Close encounters of the Cleveland kind

CLEVELANDERS are claiming several close encounters with UFOs.

Last week the Evening Gazette reported sightings of strange lights by three East Cleveland people.

Following these tales two other people have come forward with their stories of strange sightings.

Close encounter number one

came from Mrs. Hilda Hallahy, of Cliffport Court, Portrack, Stockton.

She said: "I was walking along the public path from Tilbury Sports Centre to Portrack with my daughter when we saw this round object come out from behind a black cloud."

"It was like a spinning wheel with spokes all around it. It started to come towards us. It

was still circling but moving forward, then it went back into the cloud."

Close encounter number two came from New Marske housewife Mrs. Ann Grange, of Highcliffe Grove.

She said: "I was driving along Grew Grass Lane when I saw a very bright orange light in the sky. It was quite clear but then it seemed to disappear in front of my eyes."

Mrs. Grange, 33, said her sister, who was with her, saw only the tail end and thought it was aircraft lights.

But, said Mrs. Grange: "When I dropped her off and was driving back I saw it again. It must have been hovering but then it disappeared again."

Now she's convinced that UFOs do exist.



OVERSEAS NEWS

Why she can't talk about the horror on the marsh

IT WAS just after daybreak when attractive Claudette Souchon, 31, rode out from her farm deep in the heart of the wild Camargue marshes in southern France.

Riding her favourite horse Lucky and leading a spare horse, Tommy, while her dog Spot trotted alongside, she was off on a two-day tour of her land.

It was the beginning of a bizarre mystery which is baffling police.

For Claudette simply disappeared somewhere in the area of about 400 square miles which is sparsely populated and mainly famous for its wild horses.

Police reckon that somebody lost in the lonely marshes could wander around for days without meeting another person.

When she had not arrived back by the morning of the third day her worried mother asked neighbouring farmers to organise a search.

A party of 30 mounted men rode out to try and pick up her trail. Their first discovery came a day later. Beside a copse, several miles to the north of Claudette's farm, they found her horse Lucky. It was dead and its body had been savagely ripped open.

No sign

The next day the other horse, Tommy, was found a few miles further on. It bore no injuries yet was very frightened and hardly able to walk.

But there was no sign of Claudette. Was she still alive. Or had whoever killed the horse also killed her and buried her body?

The police were called in and patrol cars started combing the lonely trails of the area. But it was not until the fifth day after Claudette had been due back at the ranch that they came across another strange clue.

In a burned out glade they found some of Claudette's clothing... 100 miles away from her farm.

The next day passed without anything being sighted. But on the afternoon of the seventh day a woman telephoned the police to say that

from
DEREK WARD
Paris

she had seen a strange girl near Rodez.

It was Claudette. The police found her just sitting on the ground, covered in mud, not moving, unable to speak and numb with shock. Her dog Spot was lying exhausted beside her. At first the police theory was that she had been attacked and raped.

But after examination at hospital, doctors declared that there were no signs that she had been physically assaulted. What could have happened to turn a beautiful and sensible young woman into a near zombie?

The police chief for the area, Commissioner Jean Dinard, said: "We have no idea what happened to her or her horse Lucky or what frightened the other horse."

But something mysterious went on out there. The wounds on the dead horse were horrific. But it was not attacked by an animal. For there are no claw or bite marks.

"And we do not have an explanation for the burned out glade where we found some of her clothing."

"She has suffered some evil and brutal shock. She was confronted with something outside her experience."

This weekend Claudette is sitting in a private ward at the hospital and has still not uttered one word.

BRANDING IRON (University of Wyoming), Laramie, WY - March 7, 1978 CR: M. Hall

After research, Gill thinks Bigfoot exists

By MARCIA ZIMMER
BI Staff Writer

UW Prof. George Gill said he has no doubt that Bigfoot exists.

The anthropology professor has correlated Bigfoot sightings and will publish the results of his research in his book "The Origin and Nature of Human Species," to be released early in 1979.

Gill shows these Bigfoot sightings correspond to two predictable zoological rules.

According to one rule, the farther north mammal species live, the larger the animals' body size.

Gill researched reported sightings and footprints in the most concentrated areas of the Pacific Northwest and found the average Bigfoot in northern California was 7 feet, 4 inches tall with a 18-inch footprint.

In British Columbia, reported creatures averaged 8 feet, 8 inches tall, with footprints averaging 18 and 1/4 inches.

Through his research, Gill also found that another predictable zoological rule also applies to Bigfoot sightings. According to this rule, mammals' fur become progressively lighter the farther north the animal lives.

California Bigfoot reports say the mammal is brown and black, Gill said. The reports classify the fur as more gray and white as the sightings are closer to British Columbia.

"My own research convinced me this creature exists," Gill said. He added that he believes no genius could make up a scheme incorporating all the zoological laws of nature, and be so exact in creating Bigfoot.

Gill's research also acknowledges John Napier, renowned anatomist and physical anthropologist. Napier's studies further convince Gill of Bigfoot's existence. Napier has studied Bigfoot tracks and reported that some sightings could not have been faked, Gill said.

Napier found that the mammal walks on two feet (slightly turned inward) in a uniform pattern. He also conducted studies on what was believed to be a club-footed Bigfoot and said the evidence disproved fakery.

Gill said some aspects of Bigfoot still remain baffling. No bone remains or fossils have been found. However, bone remains of a 12-foot mammal have been discovered, and researchers believe them to be about 100,000 years old.

Gill said his book will be used in his UW introductory anthropology courses when it is published.

Fishermen Net Weird Monster

From Agence France-Presse

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay—An unknown fantailed sea monster, with a tortoise shell 2 meters in diameter and with huge fins, has been fished out of the Rio de la Plata by surprised Uruguayan fishermen.

The creature, weighing about a ton, was dying when it was brought to the surface in the nets of the fishermen, who towed it ashore.

Prof. Victor Bertullo, director of Uruguay's Institute of Fish Research, said he could not identify the creature, which was not to be found in any book.

TIMES, Los Angeles, CA - May 14, 1978 CR: J. Cratty

EVENING TELEGRAPH, Dundee, Scotland - March 10, 1978

MISS LOCH NESS 1978?

THE Loch Ness monster made her first appearance of the year, according to an Invermoriston man and his son.

Mr John Thomson, Forestry Commission driver, 3 Primrose Bay, was at the front of his house with William (12), when he saw a commotion on the surface.

"It was 6.20 p.m. and

the light was failing. We saw this thing splashing about, sending up high, white waves.

I got the binoculars and could not make out the object, but it was at least 10 ft. long. It crossed the loch at speed, leaving a white wave about 20 ft. long. It reached the other side and disappeared.

"I've lived here for 18 years and that is the first time I have seen anything like that. Now I believe there is something in the loch."

The Rev. Peter Fraser local minister, said: "This is the first sighting I've heard about this year. Mr Thomson is a quiet man and I believe what he says."

'Monster' not hibernating?

By John Cosway
Staff writer

A solid layer of ice on Lake Simcoe has not kept fascinating tales of Igo-pogo — the lake's elusive "monster" — from being told during this long, cold winter.

Ice fishermen are telling strange tales of something in the lake that's been snapping off 100-pound test lines like they were thread.

The "monster" has seldom acted up in the 25 years that it has been haunting Lake Simcoe waters.

Igo-pogo was named by

Wellington Charles, a fishing guide on the lake for many years. He was the first to report a sighting of the mysterious marine animal with "a neck like a stovepipe and a face like a boxer dog."

Neil and Marjory Lathangue recalled their 1963 summer sighting of the sea creature from their 26-foot cabin cruiser for the Sun.

"It's no fairy tale," Mrs. Lathangue says, the frightening five-minute sighting still quite vivid in her mind. "There's definitely a lake monster of some kind there."

The Lathangues, their

children, a clergyman friend and his wife and children, watched in awe as a 50-foot long object moved quickly toward the boat in otherwise calm waters on the lake that July morning.

"We were thunder-struck," Mrs. Lathangue recalled last night. "It had a blunt head, a hump on its back like a camel and two fins. We thought it might capsize the boat."

She says the motor apparently frightened the large creature off before it got too close to the boat.

Her husband, an ambulance driver and funeral

home director, says there is no doubt in his mind that something rare is lurking beneath the waters of Lake Simcoe.

"It was a serpent-like mammal that looked like a pre-historic monster," says Lathangue, 54. "Very few people believe in the story of the Lake Simcoe monster, but there is something there. I'm fortunate for having seen it."

Log Cabin Democrat—Conway, Ark., Tuesday, April 25, 1978—9

25-pound chunk of green ice falls from sky in Tennessee

RIPLEY, Tenn. (AP) — Lauderdale County authorities are asking the state Health Department laboratory to examine a 25-pound chunk of green ice which fell from the sky late Sunday.

Chief Deputy Sheriff B.V. Hutcherson said he is keeping the object wrapped in a plastic bag in a deep freeze at the county jail until he can get the object to the laboratory.

The ice fell on the grounds of the old Ashport School west of Ripley late Sunday with a roar and a cloud of smoke, according to witnesses.

"We had the Civil Defense come up here and check it out

for radioactivity," Hutcherson said. "They said it wasn't radioactive and I guess we'll send it to the state lab and let them test it."

Hutcherson said several nearby residents reported seeing the object fall from the sky.

"They said it was smoking as it came down, and someone said it sounded like a tornado. It broke into three pieces about the size of a softball when it hit, and it made an indentation in the ground," Hutcherson said.

Hutcherson said there were several theories about the object's origin.

"Somebody said it was a

piece of ice from a jet airplane engine, but the sheriff flew a lot in the service and he said he never saw any ice like that," he said.

Joe O'Steen, the Lauderdale County sheriff, had his own theory.

"What I suspect is that someone emptied an airlines toilet and it froze at high altitude," he said. "And the fact it is greenish could be explained by the use of germicidal chemicals in the toilet. There was a disinfectant odor to it when it began to melt."

Hutcherson said the skies were clear at the time, and no airplanes were visible.

PRESS, Pittsburgh, PA

April 30, 1978

Leaky Plane's Green Blob One For Ripley

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Federal Aviation Administration officials are trying to find the plane with the leaky lavatory that is responsible for the 25-pound green blob of frozen waste that landed in Ripley, Tenn.

What some residents thought was an unidentified flying object is evidence the FAA has not completely solved the leaky lavatory problem, despite revising its handbook in 1974 after an engine was ripped off a jetliner because of a similar problem.

"This is more excitement than we've had in this little town in a long time," said Debbie Crowell, a dispatcher in the sheriff's office of Tennessee's Lauderdale County. The blob, she said, "has been taken care of. It had a nice little odor to it. We sent a three-ounce sample over to the University of Tennessee laboratory."

The blob landed outdoors, near an unused school building. It first was placed in a freezer in the sheriff's office until the FAA's regional office in Memphis explained what happened.

"This is not supposed to happen," said the FAA's Fred Farrar. "But it's nothing new. We've had 'em crash into people's kitchens."

If there is a leak to the outside in airplane lavatory plumbing, the flushing liquid will freeze around the crack due to sub-zero temperatures at high altitudes. If the leak continues, the blob grows in size until it either falls off of its own weight, is shaken off by the plane's vibration, or comes unglued as the plane descends into warmer temperatures.

The worst year for falling blobs was 1974, when 14 incidents were reported in the United States. On several occasions blobs penetrated the roofs of residences. No injuries have resulted, Farrar said.

CR: J. Jeffers

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR

May 14, 1978

Sasquatch Is Real, Russians Tell Conference on Bigfoot

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Two Soviet scientists say the Bigfoot monster is for real.

"That there is a Sasquatch is as valid and obligatory to us as the fact that the world is round," Dimitri Bayanov and Igor Bourtsev of Moscow's Darwin Museum wrote. Their paper was delivered Friday at the University of British Columbia's Sasquatch conference.

Sasquatch occupies "an intermediate position between ape and man," they said, and it is "an original figure not to be confused with any other."

But the Russians' emphatic endorsement differed from opinions of other American and Canadian

anthropologists at the conference. The reputed monster, also known as Sasquatch, is said to lurk in Pacific Northwest forests.

The Russians, nevertheless, noted "distinct characteristics" in Bigfoot footprints, toes close together, pointing downward to form a perfect arch and a metatarsal area "much wider than man's."

They blasted "irrational attitudes and narrow mindedness" among Sasquatch detractors in the West.

CHRONICLE, Houston, TX - April 28, 1978

Cow mutilation mystifies rancher

LAREDO (AP) — A Laredo rancher, Eloy Garcia, claims one of his cows was mutilated by something other than predators.

Garcia said the cow's sexual organs were removed by what he described as clean, precise cuts. The Webb County sheriff's office is investigating the report.

Garcia said the animal was healthy the day before. The rancher is convinced varmints are not to blame because there was no sign of a struggle.

CR: M. Hall

BERMUDA TRIANGLE CLUE

On Atlantis' trail

By DEBBIE READ
Staff Writer

In a few weeks, Captain Tom Henry might discover the lost continent of Atlantis in the Bermuda Triangle.

Henry, 43, owner of a marine salvage firm and a professional diver, dismisses any doubts with a wave of his massive, tattooed arm.

"We fully expect to find Atlantis," he says almost offhandedly.

"This is going to be one of the biggest things that ever happened."

It's not just idle boasting — Henry and his colleagues believe they have evidence showing they're on the track of the fabled, and ill-fated, land Plato called Atlantis.

To begin with, Henry points to the Bimini Road, 300 metres of massive flat-topped rocks underwater off the tiny island of Bimini.

Geologists say the road is ordinary beach rock, naturally cemented.

Henry and archaeologist Dr. Manson Valentine, who in his 70s still harbors a life-time belief the lost continent of Atlantis will be found somewhere near Bimini, believe it to be the ruins of a drowned city.

Both men have been quoted in Charles Berlitz' best-selling *The Bermuda Triangle* — Henry because he and his ship reportedly experienced one of the



CAPTAIN TOM HENRY

strange electrical phenomena the area is famous for; and Valentine because of his theory UFOs returning to "energy stations" in ancient sacred sites, now flooded, are the cause of the phenomena.

But the proof that led Henry and West Virginia coal millionaire Ari Marshall to invest hard cash in the search came about a year ago.

Somewhere south of Bimini, about 40 nautical miles off the coast of Florida, Henry's sonar equipment discovered what seemed to be a huge and silent pyramid on the ocean floor — its apex 484 feet below the waterline, and the pyramid itself 308 feet tall.

Henry, red-faced, with brush-cut hair and a commanding girth, was in Toronto this week for TV

appearances to talk about his discovery. He won't divulge the exact location of the pyramid.

"I don't want every amateur diver in the country there tearing it apart," he said. But he will say that only recently his sonar picked up a second pyramid — this time with an opening in one side he intends to have professional divers explore within the next few weeks.

The possibility his "pyramids" may be Caribbean seamounts — underwater mountains abounding on the ocean floor — doesn't hold water, said Henry.

He believes the pyramids are made of granite — which doesn't occur naturally in the Bahamas. He contends the whole area is covered with ruins — buildings, walls, archways and obelisks.

Divers will go into both pyramids, said Henry. The ship he will captain, a 186-foot, one-time American military vessel is now being fitted with the necessary electronic and diving equipment.

Henry says he is spending half a million dollars, money belonging to both him and Marshall, on the expedition.

But he expects to make that back "many times over."

"If I didn't, I wouldn't be doing it, put it that way," he said. "I'm not that thirsty for knowledge."

SUN, Toronto, Ontario, Canada — March 23, 1978 CR: G. Duplantier

ARKANSAS GAZETTE
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Death of Dogs Possible Ritual, Authorities Say

Gazette State News Service

BENTON — The Saline County sheriff's department is investigating the possible ritual slayings of two dogs whose bodies were discovered April 3 near the China Grove Cemetery near Benton, and authorities are concerned that the incident may be a repeat of a similar incident at the same location two years ago.

Chief Deputy Walter Wilson said that the remains of the two dogs were found inside two triangles made of sticks. The intestines and heart had been removed from one of the dogs and the vital organs had been removed from the other.

"We've had it staked out for some time, but we didn't see any sign of anything. We've been working on this thing for about two years. Something like this was supposed to have happened at this same place two years ago and we were trying to stake it out to see if somebody would come back," Wilson said. There were reports of "people there in robes and everything," he said.

"We're still getting numerous calls on it [the recent slayings]," Wilson said. "You never know on these calls, though. People are spooked."

"We're still following up every lead. It just might be the same thing going on in the north part of the state. In fact, we've had a lot of calls that lead us to believe that it is the same thing."

The Benton County sheriff's department has been investigating since April 18 the ritualistic slayings of several animals in the Northwest Arkansas county.

Apparent Altars

Vital organs of a horse have been cut out and several head of cattle have been stolen. What appear to be altars made of stones have been found near the dead animals.

Dr. Jerome Rose, an anthropologist with the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville who has been asked for help on the case by Benton County authorities, said that the practices sounded like a European-type of witchcraft that "involves the worship of nature."

"These people are hard to catch," Wilson said. "It's not a routine thing. They drop in and they're gone."

"The sheriff has asked for any information that might help us to stop this. The churches are working with us. We're hoping to make headway shortly."

Pinhead Dots Mean Lost City Found?

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (UPI) — Ever since Francisco Pizarro subdued and sacked Peru's Inca empire 450 years ago, legends have abounded of dazzling Indian treasures that escaped the Spanish conqueror's grasp, presumably hidden in an isolated "lost city of the Incas."

Fort Lauderdale motel owner Philip Miller said he is sure he has located the "lost city," deep in the jungles of Peru.

And if any of the legendary treasures are buried there he said he expects his planned 25-member expedition will find them — for delivery to the Peruvian government — after it reaches Peru next month.

Miller, president of a group known as Adventurers Unlimited, said a series of eight little white dots on a 1975 NASA Landsat 2 satellite photo of Peru led to what he believes may "become the archeological find of the century."

Two Peruvian members of the South American Explorers' Club called Miller's at-

tention to eight pinhead sized dots on the photo, he said.

The specks appeared in a parallel pattern, four abreast and two deep, along the rugged forested slopes of the Andes, west of the Amazon Basin.

After concluding they were not natural geological formations, Miller arranged for a pilot to fly him over the site.

Passing mountain peaks as high as 18,000 feet, he said he flew 90 miles east from Cuzco, which is 300 miles southeast of Lima, until he reached the jungle area.

Miller said the dots on the photo turned out to be sections of 12 pyramids in an area more than two miles long. The pyramids rise an estimated 500 feet over the roof of the jungle rain forest, he said.

"Nothing has ever been found of this magnitude," Miller said.

"We're speculating that it is a lost city. This is so unusual. The structures are so huge."

JOURNAL, Albuquerque, NM — May 10, 1978 CR: F. Hudson

NEWS, Springdale, AR
April 21, 1978

Mystery Animal Deaths Reported

BENTONVILLE—An investigation is continuing into the mysterious deaths of several head of cattle and horses at unspecified locations in Northeastern Benton County.

A spokesman for the Benton County Sheriff's Department said vital organs were missing from the slain animals. All had been killed within the past two weeks. He refused to say how they were killed, where they were killed and how many were killed.

The official asked that anyone noticing unusual activity in rural areas report such incidents to the sheriff's office immediately.

Bigfoot has lots of room to hide, says CBC professor

By BOB WYNN
Herald Staff Writer

It is only a matter of time before a "Bigfoot" is captured because thousands of the huge ape-like creatures could be roaming unobserved through the Northwest, a Pasco anthropologist said Tuesday.

"There are 275,000 square miles of unexplored territory in the Northwest," Bill Bruer, an anthropology and psychology professor at Columbia Basin College, told the Kennewick Kiwanis Club. "The chances are good that there is some kind of a primate roaming the TRI-CITY HERALD, Pasco, WA - May 3, 1978

backwoods," Bruer said. "Something making those footprints."

Bruer, who has been studying the elusive creature for 10 years, said reported sightings of the man-like animal date back to the 1800s and are strangely similar.

He said the creature is almost always described as around eight feet tall, weighing between 500 and 800 pounds, hairy and capable of walking upright.

"The Sasquatch (an Indian word meaning big foot) is almost certainly a cereal and plant eater," Bruer said.

minations on fur and feces samples taken in the wild near the huge footprints cannot be traced to any known mammal.

A forensic hair expert for the Wyoming Fish and Game Laboratory said the hair samples "could not be identified as coming from any animal found in Wyoming," Bruer said. "The hair is not from a black bear, gorilla, chimpanzee, orangutan, gibbon, simian, langur, monkey or man," the expert added.

Bruer said 1,500 new insects and 16 new mammal species are discovered every year. "There is a clear possibility that Bigfoot exists," Bruer

said. "But scientists are thin-skinned. They don't want to be made fools of, so they don't want to touch the topic."

Bruer said hundreds of giant footprints have been found in areas too isolated for the tracks to have been planted.

"But hoaxes have hurt Sasquatch hunters, probably more than anything else," he said.

Bruer said the "hottest area" for Bigfoot hunters is around Little Eagle, S.D., a small Indian village near the North Dakota border. Lumm Island, near Bellingham, is another "hot

spot" Bruer said. "More than 100 people, including a policeman, have reported seeing a sasquatch-like creature. The policeman even tracked it with a spotlight for one mile before he lost it."

Bruer said the National Guard should be used to "flush out the creature, then we would at least know what we have."

He said the U.S. Wildlife Service has decided to declare the creature an endangered species if one is ever found.

"The Sasquatch is a nocturnal animal," Bruer said. "It probably hibernates and prefers to live alone or in pairs."

"Countless times the creature has been spotted by hunters who say it looked so human they couldn't pull the trigger."

"Someday we are going to have one. Whether it is a man or ape I don't know, but there is something out there roaming the area. Of that I'm certain."

Kangaroo sightings baffle officials

WAUKESHA, Wis. (AP) — Is there really a wild kangaroo hopping around in Wisconsin?

Another sighting Sunday left officials still scratching their heads, wondering whether such an exotic creature might be sharing the suburban landscape 10 miles west of Milwaukee with more common native animals.

Greg Napientek, 31, and his wife said they were driving to their Waukesha area home about 3 a.m. when they spotted an animal alongside a road in the southern part of Waukesha County.

"We got pretty close, within about 30 or 35 yards," Napientek said, explaining that their car's headlights provided enough light to see the animal. "At that point it stood up, and I really couldn't believe what I was seeing."

They said the animal was about three and a half or four feet tall and about the color of a deer.

Mrs. Napientek said she thought the animal might be a deer "until it stood up on its hind legs" and then jumped over a ditch and fled. "I've seen deer before. I know what

a deer looks like," she said. "I know it was a kangaroo."

Napientek said he and his wife had not heard the news reports of two other kangaroo sightings in the past two weeks. They said they learned of the other reports after telling friends of their experience.

Sergeant Joe Albrecht of the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department said the Napientek's sighting was the only new information on the kangaroo situation.

"None of our officers has seen it yet," he said. "We don't have anything on any missing ones and we're at a loss as to where it came from."

The director of the Milwaukee County Zoo, the only zoo in the area that keeps kangaroos, said last week that none of its animals was missing.

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Is This the Waukesha Kangaroo?

Two Say They Took Photo of Kangaroo

WAUKESHA (AP) — Two men produced late Monday what they claimed was a photograph showing one of the kangaroos that have been reported hopping through this suburban area in recent weeks.

But the two 23-year-old camera buffs declined to give their names to The Milwaukee Sentinel or to the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, saying they were worried about public ridicule, especially if their friends learned of the incident.

They claimed to have taken the snapshot, which shows a faint, kangaroo-like figure in a thicket, late Monday afternoon as they hiked through a rural area in the Town of Brookfield looking for ducks to photograph.

The site would be within a few miles of many of the other sightings that have been reported since a woman said she saw two kangaroos at an intersection April 7.

A Town of Brookfield couple, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Nero, had reported seeing a kangaroo in their backyard early Sunday, and Tom Frank of the Town of Merton said he spotted a kangaroo in his yard about 2:30 a.m. Monday.

Frank told sheriff's officers his dog was whimpering and then started barking at something in his yard, and he saw a kangaroo jump into the nearby woods where he thought he also saw other kangaroos.

Nero found tracks in the area where he claimed to have spotted a kangaroo Sunday, but Waukesha County Sheriff Ed O'Connor said later that his office had determined the tracks were made by deer.

Sheriff's officers said they have no reports of missing kangaroos. Officials at the Milwaukee County Zoo, the only

Scientist Links Mystery Booms To Supersonic Concorde Flights

Compiled From News Services

WASHINGTON — Jeremy J. Stone, director of the Federation of American Scientists said Wednesday that new observations supported his thesis that links flights of the supersonic Concorde to many of the mysterious booms heard along the East Coast in recent months.

Stone said "superbooms" had occurred on many occasions when the Concorde changed course. He has received reports on 355 observations of booms made in January.

Stone's findings differed from those reported two weeks ago by the Naval Research Laboratory, which attributed most of the booms to a strange atmospheric effect caused by extremely cold weather in combination with sonic booms of military aircraft off the coast.

Stone said that some of the booms might have been caused that way, but that most of them had been created by the British-French Concorde.

Stone told a news conference that the occurrence of the booms was strikingly in accord with times when Concordes flying between Europe and Kennedy Airport in New York turned toward their descent path south of Cape Sable, Nova Scotia.

Earlier in the day, Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams said that Alan Berman, who directed the earlier inves-

tigation of the phenomena by the Naval Research Laboratory, had been asked to examine Stone's theory. He said Frank Press, the president's science adviser, had agreed to recommend a procedure for independent review of the Navy's findings.

In an "executive summary" of its investigation issued on March 3, the Navy laboratory suggested a possible link of the Nova Scotia booms with Concorde flights. However, it concluded that booms farther down the coast were sonic booms from military aircraft training off shore.

Stone questioned this conclusion. He said that the booms had not been widely observed until after Nov. 22, when Kennedy Airport was opened to regular Concorde flights.

Stone also said he has correlated many of the booms with the times of arrivals or departures of Concordes at Kennedy and Dulles International Airport near Washington. He said there have been reports of similar booms in Europe since 1976, the year that the Concorde began flying there.

Stone also noted that the military aircraft cited in the Naval Research Laboratory report had been flying in the same areas for years without causing unusual sounds or lights.

Richard L. Garwin of the International Business Machines Corp. has suggested a hypothesis based on the fact that sound waves travel faster through warm air than through cold air.

High in the atmosphere, where supersonic transports fly, the air becomes very thin and its temperature decreases radically. A sonic boom occurs when a plane flies faster than the speed at which sound travels through air at that elevation. The boom consists of a shock wave trailing behind the aircraft like the bow wave of a ship. The Concorde reaches speeds twice that of sound at its cruising altitude.

Garwin, a longtime opponent of the SSTs, said that while the shock wave at first trailed the plane, it had to climb into the thermosphere, where the air was so hot that the boom would travel faster than the plane.

As early as 1903, when a dynamite dump blew up in Westphalia, Germany, it was recognized that warm and cold layers of the atmosphere produce surprising effects. In that case, the bang was heard hundreds of miles away as the sound waves were bent back to Earth by a lofty warm layer, yielding the first observational hint of the thermosphere. At closer ranges, no explosion was heard.

Stone believes that when supersonic planes turn a corner, the shock wave generated on one course joins that from the new course to produce a "superboom."

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - May 5, 1978

Cult Suspected in Animal Killings

Gazette Northwest Arkansas Bureau

BENTONVILLE — The ritualistic slaying of several animals in Benton County recently has sent officers searching for a group that might be practicing witchcraft, the Benton County sheriff's department said Thursday.

Lt. Don Rystrom, who has been investigating the slayings since they started April 8, believes they may have been done by members of a Satanic cult.

Vital organs of a horse and several head of cattle have been cut out and stolen and what appear to be altars made of stones have been found near the dead animals, he said.

Skulls Painted

Animal skulls and candles have been found, indicating some type of ritual has been performed, Rystrom said. The skulls and stones were painted dark blue and

some of them were marked with symbols painted in white.

The case has so puzzled investigating officers that they have called for help from Dr. Jerome Rose, an anthropologist at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

"We have told authorities that they either have a group of people who are picking up books on witchcraft and are trying it out or they have a legitimate group practicing witchcraft," Dr. Rose said Thursday.

Horse Killed

The first animal was a horse found slain in a vacant field in the northeastern part of the county by its owner. Rystrom said the horse's reproductive organs had been removed.

Nine days later, two calves were found dead about five miles away. The tongues, internal organs and an eye had been re-

moved from each of the animals, Rystrom said.

On April 21, another calf with its organs removed was found and later a dead cow was discovered near Pea Ridge. Someone had attempted to sever the head of the cow, Rystrom said.

Monday, a cow with one eye and its tongue removed was found near the Little Flock community. All of the slayings have occurred in the northeastern part of the county except for one animal found just across the border in Missouri.

'Worship of Nature'

Dr. Rose said that from the information supplied by the Benton County officers the practices sounded like a European-type of witchcraft.

"European witchcraft involves the worship of nature," Rose said. "Our Christian-oriented beliefs

classify anything that uses magic as witchcraft * * *. European witchcraft is pre-Christian and has remained underground during the Christianization of Europe."

"This is the time of maximum activities for such groups," Rose said, adding that the time when the sun changes its direction — the vernal equinox — is important to witches.

It's the official coming of spring, which is important, he said, "because that's time when nature is waking up after sleeping all winter. [They] want to encourage rebirth. They want trees to have lots of buds and women to be fertile."

Rose said the witchcraft often follows the seasons of the year and, more particularly, the reproduction of crops.

Rose said the removal of certain parts of the animals' bodies was "consistent in the sense that the rituals are imitative magic." If the rituals involved being able to see, you'd use eyes. If the ritual was to produce communication, you'd use tongue. It would vary depending on rituals."