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Sherman Youth 'Sights' UFO

SHERMAN — Macky Parson, 15, told police that about 6:30 p.m. Monday he and a friend spotted a UFO in a field between East Lamar and Lessley.

Parson told police the UFO was about the size of a house when it appeared about 100 feet above them. Parson said the UFO was triangular in shape and shot a blue light at them which blinded them.

Authorities said the blindness was temporary and that the area where the UFO was reported sighted was checked, but officers were unable to locate anything.

Oct. 31, 1978 CR: T. Adams
HERALD, Denison, TX

SUBURBAN TIMES, Des Plaines, IL

HEY, LOOK OVER...A Howard Ave. resident told police he was standing in front of his home about 5:30 a.m. Sunday when he saw a UFO. He said it flew east to west at an undetermined height, made no sound and was in sight only a few seconds. It was described as cylindrical, about 35 feet long, silver, and with three red stripes going around it. A major airline's planes are silver with red stripes, but the fact that it made no sound certainly rules out any airplane ever seen (or heard) around Des Plaines.

MAYBE IT LANDED...On Southwest Pl. in the Villas a resident reported an unusual find in his back yard early this week. There were six holes, each eight-inches in diameter and several inches deep on the north side of his yard. Also chicken wire fencing had been removed from his garden but not stolen and a storage shed had been opened but nothing taken.

Nov. 9, 1978

Object Alien to Kent Skies Reported by GM Employees

PRESS, Grand Rapids, MI - Nov. 7, 1978

By Maury DeJonge

Reports of unidentified flying objects in Lower Michigan are spreading, this time to Kent County.

Jack Smith, 47, of 4356 Oriole Ave. SW, and David VanVelsen, 43, of Sparta, were returning from lunch to the Diesel Equipment Division plant of General Motors Corp., 2100 Burlingame Ave. SW, at 11:40 a.m. Sunday when they spotted a UFO.

Until Sunday, the most recent reports had come from the sheriff's departments of Kalkaska and Antrim counties and officials of the villages of Mancelona and Kalkaska.

Smith said Monday that several GM employees saw the object, which hovered in the sky west of the Diesel plant about 30 seconds before disappearing.

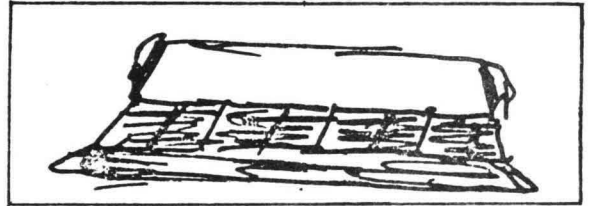
The sighting was investigated by Wyoming Patrolman Dennis McLenithan.

He said all witnesses were coming back to work from lunch and were in the Diesel parking lot. The object moved in a sweep north and east, then went directly north in a slight climb until it was out of sight, he said.

Smith said the object had "sharp outlines," but was unlike any other flying object he had ever seen. "It made no noise," he added.

Smith, a veteran of four years in the Air Force, said he always had hoped to see a UFO, feeling certain there was something to such reports.

A former Air Force mechanic and flight crew member, Smith said he also has taken flying lessons: "I'm no expert, but I know the various types of aircraft being flown today. This was a flying object I had never seen before."



It looked like this to David VanVelsen

McLenithan's report noted that neither Smith nor VanVelsen had been drinking.

Smith said as the object hovered at an altitude of 3,000 to 4,000 feet, "it appeared to rock back and forth slightly." No witness could guess how far the UFO was from him.

VanVelsen put the sighting in its proper perspective: "I know what it wasn't, but I don't know what it was."

He said the object "wasn't round or square. It had definite features." He, too, said the UFO "rocked back and forth" before racing off in a northerly direction.

He described the bottom of the UFO as black and the top "shiny. There was no sound and no vapor trail."

David Bland of 726 Prince St. SE said the object "wasn't really round. To me it looked like a cup, upside down."

Bland described the object as silver, "with lines running down the sides. There was no sound and it was like nothing I had ever seen before." He said he knows it wasn't an

airplane or a balloon: "It was the shape of a half-moon."

Another GM worker who sighted the object was Robert L. Farr of 1330 Underwood Ave. SE. His description of the UFO was similar to that of Smith's.

"It was silver and had an oval top," Farr said. "When I saw it, it was slightly northwest. It stopped for about a half-minute and then suddenly moved southwest to the north."

Farr said the object moved off so quickly, "I didn't think anything could move that fast." He said he heard no noise.

Smith said he was unable to furnish the names of other persons who saw the same object "because it came at shift-change time and the names of the persons are not known by me."

Officials in the traffic control tower at Kent County International Airport said Monday they did not receive any reports Sunday from persons claiming to have sighted a UFO.

Other UFO reports came last week from Newaygo and Mecosta Counties.

LAKES REGION TRADER, Laconia, NH Nov. 1, 1978 CR: B. Greenwood

Eyewitness Describes Campton UFO Sighting

By JOHN QUINN

CAMPTON — A UFO sighting in this town at 8:05 p.m. on Oct. 20, contained many aspects of "high strangeness" and has been reported to national organizations investigating such phenomena.

Kate Chmurney, a "contract archaeologist for the State of New York," and who lives in Thornton, was the reporting witness. She has no special interest in, or knowledge of the subject, a stated indifference or even a reluctance to having her sighting reported, and expressed feelings of "shock and disbelief" at what she saw that night.

Mrs. Chmurney described what she saw as "a large, triangular object, about 20 feet wide and studded with lights, that passed overhead going north, following I-93, at a height of about 100 feet."

The witness said that she was driving west on Ite, 49 in Campton, approaching the Interstate artery, when she first saw the object. "It was moving slowly, at about 25 to 30 mph and there was no sound," she said, adding that "it moved with a sort of dipping motion, raising and lowering one side; it had a single bright white light on the underside and rows of red and greenish lights along the edges, back from the forward point." The lights reflected against a metallic surface which, the witness felt, could not be confused with any conventional aircraft, such as a helicopter.

Though Mrs. Chmurney was the sole occupant of

the car at the time of the occurrence, there were apparently other witnesses to the sighting. An unidentified blue van, directly ahead of her on the road, had slowed to watch the object pass overhead, and then swerved and entered the northbound lane of I-93 to pursue it as it continued north.

The identity of the passengers of that vehicle or the outcome of the chase, are not known.

On the night in question, sky conditions were clear, and the moon had not yet risen. The witness said

that the object appeared to be "about the size of a dinner plate held at arm's length" when viewed, the duration of which was about one minute.

But the real enigma of the Campton UFO sighting lies in its very close similarity to a report made earlier this year in another part of the state by two competent observers. The descriptions of the "craft" match almost perfectly, and as the earlier report was not published in newspapers anywhere, there is no chance that the reporter of the recent event could have been influenced by it.

HERALD, Eureka, KS - Nov. 9, 1978

No UFO — just holes

The "mystery holes" of Toronto have been widespread in the news lately, but no story has appeared in The Eureka Herald, due to an investigation by a Herald reporter.

The holes were found several weeks ago by Jim Smith of rural Toronto. They lay in what is commonly known as the mud flats, roughly one and one-half miles west and one and one-half miles southwest of Toronto.

According to Smith, he was horseback riding in the area when his horse shied and would not continue on. Smith then saw seven holes in the ground and investigated further.

There are six holes surrounding a seventh larger hole. According to Dale Chilcott, who measured the holes, the outer holes are eight feet across and the seventh hole is 14 feet across. He says it is 10 feet between each of the outer holes, and each of the outer holes is 10 feet from the center hole. The holes are about two to three feet deep and the entire diameter is approximately 50 feet.

The area where the holes are located belongs to the government and is under water during floods.

After the news of the discovery was out, talk of flying saucers began circulating. Before long the news was full of talk of a possible UFO landing near Toronto.

The Eureka Herald declined writing of the

CR: M. Hall

holes until an investigation could be made by the reporter. An answer has now been supplied by the Kansas State Fish and Game Commission.

John Bills, area game manager for the commission, said last week the commission had blasted the holes with dynamite. Bills said the holes were blasted to create a pond for ducks for hunting, and due to the nature of the soil, the blast did not form a pond, but left the seven holes.

Many of the Toronto area residents are now very upset. Many of the people there liked the idea of a mystery.

The holes were also a good attraction for the area. People from miles around drove to look at what many hoped was a UFO landing. A lot of the Toronto residents do not believe the answer from the Fish and Game Commission.

Several of the folks are talking of a government cover-up. Many do not believe dynamite could have left the holes so exact in measurement.

Before the story of the dynamite came out, Larry Sele, marshal of Toronto, and Jim Snively took readings for radioactivity, but the tests were negative.

According to one Toronto merchant, two men saying they were federal agents showed up at his place of business asking about the holes, but they showed no identification.

When asked why the Fish and Game Commission had waited so long before speaking up, Bills said he thought it was a joke until he read it in a newspaper.

The holes caused a lot of excitement and no matter what the answer, there is liable to be talk of UFO's for a long time in Toronto.

Half-dozen UFO reports follow story

A half-dozen reports of unidentified flying objects came on the heels of The Era's published report last Friday that UFOs were spotted in Bradford and at a point south of Port Allegany.

Joan Jeffers of Bradford, a field investigator for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research, said a Marshburg woman reported seeing a large round, bright white object apparently hovering just aboveground in the woods near her home at 2 a.m. Thursday.

The woman described the color as being very white and brighter than the full moon. She also said the size of the object was eight to 10 times the size of the moon.

Mrs. Jeffers said a check with the Federal Aviation Administration and the Weather Service revealed no aircraft of that description in the area at the time. The moon was in the west-southwest horizon and was orange in color, according to FAA personnel.

Mrs. Jeffers said she knows of three persons who saw a star-like object in the sky between 7:15 and 7:40 p.m. Thursday. Other sightings last Thursday evening ranged between 5:30 and 8 p.m., and reportedly were seen from South Avenue and Lewis Run.

The original reported sightings came from a Bradford couple on South Avenue and an Emporium family on Route 155 who said they saw a traveling bright white light which was tear-drop shaped.

Mystery object falls here

DAILY UNION (?), San Diego, CA - Nov. 8, 1978

An as-yet unidentified flying and burning object plummeted into the yard of Dallard Elementary School in San Carlos last night, mystifying police investigators.

Tim Bollinger, of 7444 Park Ridge Boulevard, adjacent to the school yard, said he saw the object fall from the darkened sky about 9 p.m.

"It looked like a meteorite falling," he said today, "about the size of a basketball when it hit the ground."

Tim, a Pershing Junior High School student, held fragments of a rock-like material in his hand.

"This is the kind of stuff we collected after the thing hit," he said.

Police were not certain what the object was — whether it was something from space, or perhaps a piece of a rocket.

One police officer said the object left an indentation in the ground and singed the grass in a three-foot diameter around its point of impact.

ERA, Bradford, PA - Nov. 13, 1978 CR: J. Jeffers

UFOs spotted in Bradford, Port Allegany

Reports of unidentified flying objects in McKean County Thursday night came from the city and a point south of Port Allegany.

Joan Jeffers of Bradford, a field investigator for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research, said a Bradford couple and an Emporium family told her they saw a bright white light which was teardrop shaped, appeared solid and had a definite outline.

The Bradford sighting took place at 5:30 p.m., Jeffers said, and a check with the Federal Aviation Administration at Bradford Regional Airport revealed there was no aircraft in the area until after 6 p.m., the cloud ceiling was high and visibility was 15 miles.

The sighting between Emporium and Port Allegany occurred at 6:35 p.m. Jeffers said the manager of the Emporium airport told her he did not know of any large aircraft in the area at that time.

Jeffers said she was notified by city police that someone had sighted a UFO and was given names and an address, which she declined to hand over for publication.

She said the West Washington Street couple were northbound on South Avenue, near Potter Street, when they saw a bright light, teardrop-shaped, which appeared to be about 200 feet in altitude and was flying east to west. When they got to West Corydon Street they couldn't see it.

The couple told Jeffers they saw no other colors but bright white and the object had no sound. They said it seemed to be about the same size as a full moon and about as bright. They said the object appeared solid and had a definite outline.

Jeffers said there were other people on the street at the time, but no one else reported a sighting.

Jeffers said she got a call from Emporium at 6:35 p.m. A man and his wife, a 16-year-old boy and some smaller children were driving in their van on Route 155 northbound to Port Allegany, near Ridge Run Road in what was described as a narrow valley area.

She said they reported a sudden bright white light, teardrop-shaped, appeared from between two mountains and traveled across and in front of their van, at an altitude of 900 to 1,000 feet.

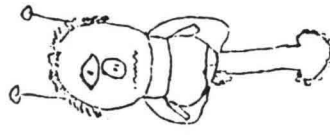
They said the object, located about 500 feet ahead of them, was traveling at a tremendous speed and disappeared behind a mountain.

The object was described as a very bright, white light surrounded by what appeared to be a very bright, white halo. It appeared metallic, and had a definite outline.

Jeffers said that what initially caught their attention was the extreme brightness — it lit up the entire sky, they told her — and the radio in their van got a lot of static.

The husband told Jeffers that he had what he thought was a UFO sighting Oct. 30, at quite a distance but an object similar to descriptions given of an object that appeared in the area Oct. 25. Jeffers also withheld the name of the Emporium family.

Yakima Valley prime area for UFO sightings



A drawing of what a 9-year-old from Harrah said was in his back yard in January 1977 when he saw two UFOs.

BY DICK MOODY
 Valley Editor
TOPPENISH — Printed simply on white tag board and posted by his desk, Bill Vogel says that poem accurately describes the feelings of many persons he contacts.

Vogel, fire control officer for the forestry division of the Yakima Indian Nation, has seen numerous unexplained lights and some unidentified flying objects.

He also investigates sightings made by others as an initial contact for the center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill. The center is run by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Northwestern University and former consultant to the Air Force UFO study, Project Blue Book. Dr. Hynek has twice lectured in the Tri-Cities on UFOs.

In recent years a rectangular, 2,800-square-mile portion of heavily wooded rangeland in the million-acre reservation has been a hotbed of UFO sightings.

Since August 1972 Vogel has documented 92 sightings in a two-inch thick notebook.

"The (fire) lookouts kept saying they saw things that shouldn't be there and kept hearing strange noises. I thought they were crazy about one night in 1972

when I was driving on the Goldendale Highway. ... I saw what at first looked like aircraft landing lights. Then I looked at it through my glasses (binoculars) and saw it was shaped like a teardrop with something like a mouse tail pointing straight up from the pointed end. It was fluorescent orange. It sure wasn't like any aircraft I'd ever seen," said Vogel, who after winning a Bronze Star with the Army ended up as a military policeman in the Air Force.

"Our law and order people kept reporting strange things. One patrolman was driving down the road and saw a light. His car engine went dead. His lights went out and his radio wouldn't work until it passed," said Vogel.

In the 1975-76 period sightings became so commonplace, "there were two or three a night. People got so used to seeing them they didn't tell me," he said.

Fred Merritt, vice president of development at the Center for UFO Studies, indicates this region is one of interest starting with the "modern" era of UFO sightings prompted by Kenneth Arnold's seeing "flying saucers" near Mt. Rainier June 24, 1947.

"In 1975-1976 activity is highly localized, probably

through the efforts of a single investigator (Vogel), and shows a concentration of high strangeness cases," says Merritt.

He added, "Probably only a small fraction of UFO reports are ever actually reported at all."

One source not explained was a reported landing of two "steely" crafts and observation of two "greenish" creatures Jan. 18, 1977, at Harrah. The observations were made by a 9-year-old boy and trained inter-viewers were unable to detect any discrepancy in his story.

The youth claims one of the craft rested in the back yard — impressions were in the ground — and another was on the roof. Several

On Pump House Road, "bits of strange things happen I stay away from there at night if I can," says Vogel. Not long ago a respected farmer reported seeing two men by the road in a gravel pit.

He stopped to help, thinking their car broke down. "One of them took a step out of the gravel pit, about 15 feet, up to the road. He said the car's belt buckle was as high as the top of the car window. That would make him about seven feet tall," said Vogel.

"The man was dressed in black with a white fringe around the neck and white rings around the collar and cuffs.

A few days later another person, who didn't know the farmer, made a similar report, Vogel said.

U.F.O. BLAMED ON 'MORK, ORK & FORK'

By JOHN GILMORE
 TRIBUNE Education Writer

Was it a man from Mars? A falling star? Or a prankster? According to Ann Campbell's second- and third-graders, it could have been all three. And them some.

Whatever it was, they're still talking about the mystery of Dailard Elementary School.

At 9:10 p.m. Tuesday, 12-year-old Timothy Edward Bollinger, who lives near the school, saw a reddish glow coming from the playground.

Police rushed to the scene and found a burned area 7 feet by 3½ feet and three inches deep. There was a white, powder-like substance covering the area.

Authorities are still trying to find out what happened. The best they can determine so far, it definitely was not a meteor. But that's all they know.

EVENING TRIBUNE, San Diego, CA
 Nov. 10, 1978

Bill Vogel, a fire control officer on the Yakima Indian Reservation, examined slides of UFOs taken by himself and fire spotters in the Toppenish area.

TRI-CITY HERALD, Pasco, WA - Nov. 5, 1978

UFO Sighters Stay Underground Fearing Loonie-Jokes

Since John Raoux and I put together that series of stories last May on those UFO sightings over Pinecastle Electronic Warfare Range, we haven't heard too much from the United States Navy.

We have, however, received numerous phone calls from folks who claim they've seen some fairly unusual lights around Big Sun on clear nights when the sky is like a flat piece of velvet and the stars are blinking away.

These people—from Ocala, Crystal River, Belleview, and communities in the Ocala National Forest—claim it wasn't stars they were seeing.

And they all seem to have one thing in common. Frustration.

They're frustrated because they don't want to come right out and say they've seen a UFO. Somebody down the block might think they're wacky.

And yet, they know they've seen something, and that this "something" was like nothing they've seen before.

Logically, there's got to be a bit of excitement surrounding watching one of these phenomena.

And the first thing you want to do is run to the phone, right? And report it.

Well, Brad Nunley had a pretty unusual experience not too long ago. Nunley, an experienced pilot, saw some of these peculiar lights, which seemed to be traveling too fast and cutting too many mid-air turns to be just another jet or propeller craft. He followed the lights, in fact, for close to an hour before finding a phone and trying to report the sighting.



ALYSE LOUNSBERRY
 Lifestyles Editor

a comedy of errors, as Nunley was shuttled from one long distance number to the next, meeting all dead ends.

"I was pretty upset about it," Nunley recalls.

"I mean, I'd really seen something, and all I wanted to do was find out if there had been any other reports..."

What he did find was a general state of "ho hum."

Even after he drove out to Jim Taylor Airport to find out if anybody in the control tower had seen the strange lights.

"Now don't get me wrong, I haven't seen any UFOs or anything."

But I've talked to so many others who have, and they seem really quite contrary when somebody like me tries to play the devil's advocate. Whatever it is they've seen up there, it was so intense an experience, they're not about to let go of it.

Like Nunley, who resents having been shuffled around from Indiana to Miami to Jacksonville, all at his own expense, for at least someone who was open enough to listen...

BALL OF FIRE
 Maybe that's why the Marion Oaks man who phoned

our office this week didn't seem inclined to be too talkative.

He says he saw something resembling a "ball of fire" over his residence about 1 a.m. Tuesday. But the ball was sort of a silver white...

He says he's never seen anything like it. First, it was hovering, and fairly close to earth. Next it was zipping around.

What he wanted to know from us is whether or not we'd had any similar reports of strange lights in the sky.

Well, this time the answer was no.

And although I haven't had a "close encounter" of my own, I have noticed that at night, I've been looking up quite a bit...

STAR-BANNER, Ocala, FL
 Nov. 12, 1978

Local woman tells of seeing UFO

Tourists are nothing new to Lincoln City. Thousands come here each year. But an unexpected visitor to the area on Sunday left Fern Curington of Lincoln City excited.

"I never believed in UFO's before in my life, but let me tell you, I'm a sure-fire believer now after Sunday."

Curington said she was driving south to Cutler City about 4:14 p.m. Sunday when she saw something gray bobbing in the sky. "I thought at first that that was a strange looking kite. Suddenly it went big and round and turned medium gray color. It was bigger than the full moon in the sky."

Curington said she stopped her car in the road to watch the object, which hovered several hundred feet in the air. "It started to spin, and it cast lights in the middle. Then it stopped spinning and the lights turned pink."

The object, she said, was ball-shaped, although it was a bit drawn out in the center "like you would pull out some cotton candy. And then suddenly it put out long rods in opposite directions from the middle on each side."

Curington said she watched in amazement as the rods, each the axis of two gear-like wheels, started to rotate. "All of a sudden the shafts and gears started to whirl while the big thing stood still. Blue flames were shooting from the rods. It was beautiful. A pastel blue. It did that for quite a while and I thought, 'How fantastic.' Then it retracted them."

The object, which Curington said was at least 25 feet across, repeated the procedure with the rods three times before it started drifting off to the northeast.

Her reverie was interrupted, Curington said, when a Lincoln City police officer pulled up behind her in his patrol car and honked at her to stop blocking the road. "I pointed at the sky, I wanted him to look up and see the thing, but he just grinned and went on past me. He could have at least asked me if anything was wrong."

At least one other passer-by, a man in a station wagon, also stopped to view the UFO, Curington said. "He stopped and I pointed the saucer out to him. All he said was 'Doomsday's coming' and drove off in a hurry. I didn't think it was doomsday, I've never seen one of those before and it's not something I'm likely to see again in my lifetime."

Curington has shared her UFO experience with the media and anyone who would listen. She has also shared a secondary experience in connection with the event.

"I don't know whether you'll believe me or not," she told staff members at The News Guard as she prefaced her story. "I'm not crazy, we've never had any problems like that in my family."

Curington said she would like to contact agencies involved in collecting information about UFO sightings to pass along her experience. "The one thing was, I sure wish I had had a camera. I don't even own one, though," she sighed.



UFO Reported Over Kalama

By C.F. SENK and MARY JANE BREWER

KALAMA—Flying saucers, UFO's, what have you, have been around since the dawn of time, but their most modern history dates only back to 1947 when a private pilot flying near Mt. Rainier reported six disc-like objects flying in the air with him—and at unheard of speeds.

Since then, such sightings and the experiences of those who have reported them have been the subject of much investigation, both private and, reluctantly, by the U.S. Government.

Some of those who have reported seeing strange things in the skies have been ridiculed and branded as crackpots. Some of them have banded together to conduct their own investigations after the government bowed out.

But you don't ridicule Darrel Coffey. Not around Kalama you don't. And if you take the trouble to get acquainted with him, you don't even if you aren't around Kalama.

He saw something. And when he says he saw something, he most certainly did. And you'd better believe that when he describes what he saw, that's just exactly how it was. He has a well deserved reputation for being level headed, a man of his word, and one not likely to be shaken into making irresponsible statements.

So what did Coffey see? The diagram accompanying this story shows the shape of what he saw and the actions of the "thing" just as he describes the incident.

"It was a light," he says with quiet conviction, and adds, "It was greenish. I'm a little color blind but I'm pretty sure it was greenish."

He distinguished no background shape to the object other than the light, which seemed to glow from whatever was making it. There were no distinguishable windows or ports from which the light glowed; it came from the whole object.

"It was shaped something like a balloon," Coffey says, "but it certainly didn't act like one."

The most amazing thing about the incident, he said, is the way the "thing" behaved.

The time was approximately 8:30 p.m., a day or two before daylight saving time ceased. It was full dark, "but not black."

Coffey described the incident. "I went out to the car," he says, "and while I was there I saw this thing rise above the tree line."

He pointed out the place, saying "there's a little depression, a little lake, a few hundred feet down there."

"When this thing first appeared to me in that 'V' shaped notch in the tree line, it must have been already a couple of hundred feet up before it cleared the tree line in my sight, and it went up a couple of hundred more, and stopped still. Then it moved to the right a couple of hundred feet, and stopped still again. Then it moved right back to where it had been and stopped again. Then it moved to the left the same distance from that center line it had moved to the right, and stopped again. Then back to the center line, stopped, and rose a little way straight up. To the right again, and this time when it stopped it rocked a little. It then moved back to the center line and stopped, and then moved on to the left and stopped again. And again it rocked a little, before it moved back on a straight horizontal line to the center line, where it stopped again. Then, all of a sudden, it went straight up and off in a straight line toward Kelso, right over my head. I nearly fell over backwards watching it pass overhead."

Coffey says it must have gone 500 or 600 miles an hour when it headed toward Kelso, but admits he has nothing to base it on. "That's just a guess," he laughed, "but it was very fast."



Coffey says he never thought too much about UFO's, "and maybe I didn't believe in them. But I sure do now."

He has no theory about what he saw nor explanation of any kind. He didn't report it to anyone in the sense of discovery; it just came out in conversation one day, and in such roundabout fashion came to the attention of this newspaper. With Coffey, it was strictly low key all the way.

Coffey is the first to admit his eyesight isn't what it once was. He's had a cataract operation on one eye, is looking forward to another on the other eye. He's made allowances. But he's positive about what he saw, and so is anyone who talks with him.

Coffey is widely known in the area. For many years he operated the independent Kalama telephone company started by his father. He retired from that 12 years ago; his sons run it now, with another generation coming along to take part in company affairs.

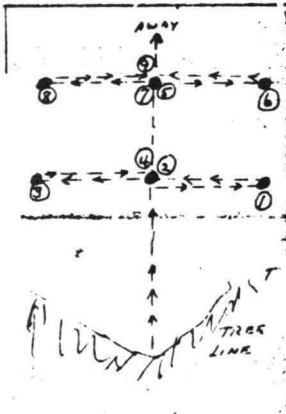
Coffey, who says "In 2 1/2 years I'll be 80" is looking forward to that 80. He's into recording music tapes for his friends, and for many years played saxophone and clarinet with his own band. After his dentures made that difficult, he played drums for awhile. He still has birthday parties with regularity, and sometimes a couple of dozen or more of his old musical cronies get together with him for a jam session. They hire a hall.

Lately, Coffey has gone more deeply into his music tapes, and is moving more into cassettes than 8-track, which he used at first. He says the newer cassette tapes and the equipment to use them has come to equal the 8-track in quality. "But I don't run anything longer than a 90 minute tape," he says. "It gets too thin and too easy to break."

Coffey is widely known, just as widely respected. Almost anyone in Kalama will say the same thing. "If he says it, it's so." In other words, Kalama believes in him. Completely.

What will become of Coffey's UFO sighting, now that it has become "reported"? That's anyone's guess.

For awhile after Kenneth Arnold's 1947 sighting and the subsequent sightings of all forms of UFO's were



reported, nothing much was thought of them outside of the news reporting agencies. Then people began to think there was something going on they should know about in more depth than the news sources were giving it. They figured their government should know something, perhaps even, it was part of it.

Finally, after a period in official Washington when officials all tried to outdo each other when flying saucers were mentioned, the government decided to study the matter and lay the ghost to rest. To the Air Force fell the task of making some kind of investigation and gathering together material for a report to the public. The Air Force found it couldn't fully explain some things, and a special study commission was formed—the famous (or infamous) Operation Bluebook.

The mass of data the Air Force had collected was assembled by Bluebook, and the report issued that all of the sightings, except a very few, could be explained by "natural" happenings. And for the exceptions, some "logical" postulations were offered. And then Bluebook bowed out; the Air Force was relieved of any further activity in that direction; in fact, ordered to desist. And with everything "explained" officialdom went home.

Only, some of the so-called explanations turned out to be farther out than what the investigators were investigating. Some independent investigators, some of them thoroughly responsible and well respected in the scientific community, asked some questions no one appeared willing to answer. The big silence came from Washington. It seems inconceivable that some investigation isn't going on for some of the things which have been reported have had the ring of conviction.

Admittedly, the whole UFO thing has attracted its share, maybe more than its share, of kooks and crazies. But Darrel Coffey isn't one of them, and neither are a good many others.

The answer will come some day from someone like Coffey and someone who will dig it out in a responsible manner, perhaps even an agency of our own government.

Youths observe strange object

by R.L. MCCOLLUM III

Four Grand Haven teen-agers saw something in the skies over town Friday night that they couldn't explain.

Amy Christiansen, 14, 1515 S. Griffin, and four of her friends were in the back yard of a house at 1025 Sheldon Friday night around 7 p.m. when they saw a strange object overhead.

Amy told police there were four bright white lights arranged in a square pattern. The object moved to the west, disappearing over the trees of Duncan Woods. Amy said the object made no sound. She said an airplane flew over while the object was overhead and that the object was nothing like a plane, police said.

Bonnie Zoerner, 14, 1875 Doris, told police she saw four bright white lights in the sky, moving off toward the west. She said the lights were on an object shaped like a rounded square.

Laurie Emens, 14, 183 Grand Ave., saw the same object and also reported hearing no sounds.

Billie Wagonmaker, 15, 1232 Oakes St., told police Amy came to her house around 7 p.m. and told her there was something strange in the sky.

They went outside. Billie said, and she saw red and green flashing lights in the sky on a circular-looking object. She stated the object was moving erratically all over the sky.

Billie also said the object executed several 90-degree turns.

Billie told police she and Amy walked over to the Sheldon Street house and there met the other girls. While at the Sheldon house, Billie reported seeing the object again, lower to the ground this time, with four bright white lights in a diamond pattern.

Billie told police the object was roughly circular in shape and made no sound. She said a small plane flew over while she was watching and she could hear the sound of the plane's engine. She said the object was larger than the plane.

Police called the Grand Haven Memorial Air Park and were told there had been no air traffic into the park after 6:30 p.m.

Muskegon County Airport officials told police they experienced heavy airplane traffic of all types, including jets, some of which passed just north of Grand Haven around the time of the sightings.

TRIBUNE, Grand Haven, MI - Nov. 13, 1978

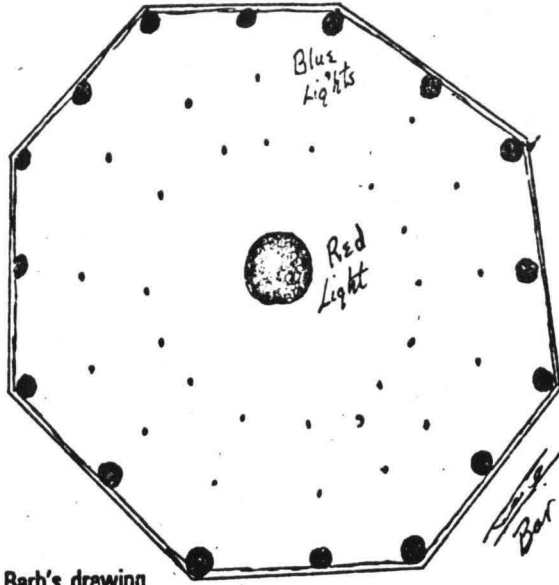
What was it that Barb and Kent saw in the sky?

When someone walks into your office and says, "I saw a strange object in the sky, had all kinds of lights, big as a house, make a noise like a storm, nearly scared me to death and then moves out as swiftly as it came," what would you do?

This was told to Editor Del Shipman by Mrs. Orville (Barb) Johnsrud, who lives northwest of Watford City. Barb and her son, Kent, observed this strange thing last Thursday night about seven o'clock.

Most people anymore, think people are seeing things. Are they? Do they make up stories just to have something to talk about? Hardly, when it comes from a person like Barb Johnsrud, a very sincere person, who said, "I wouldn't tell you this if I hadn't seen it and I believe what I see."

In her own words this is the story that Barb wrote for the McKenzie County Farmer, the sketches are by Barb and her son Kent. Now, what do you think?



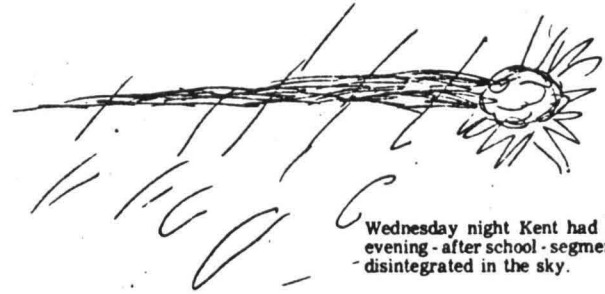
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Thursday Night

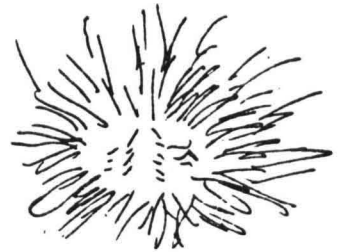
Editor Del Shipman did a little research by first calling Minot Air Base to talk to security people there. They were asked if anything strange appeared on their radar scope last Thursday and if they had any aircraft from their base or any other base that would have been in the Watford City area. Their reply: Nothing. Asked if they were interested and they replied, No, but maybe some university might be, as they had given up the program of investigating unidentified object calls.

What Barb and Kent saw was also witnessed by four other Watford City folks traveling on highway 85 and 200 Thursday night, but they just passed it off as some light in the sky. Another person, John Gary, of Watford City, probably saw the same object as he was going to Richey, MT, Thursday night. His sighting was just after making the turnoff of 85 onto 68 going west to Sidney. He stopped, looked at the strange sight, drove on and dismissed it from his mind until it was mentioned by the editor. His sighting was practically the same as the Johnsruds, except it was at a distance, but his drawing very much corresponds with the drawings of Barb and Kent.

Are people seeing things? What type of experimental aircraft are passing thru the area? It's hard for us to believe but they are making believers out of some of us, what about you?



Wednesday night Kent had seen this at 5 p.m. in the evening - after school - segments broke off and dropped or disintegrated in the sky.



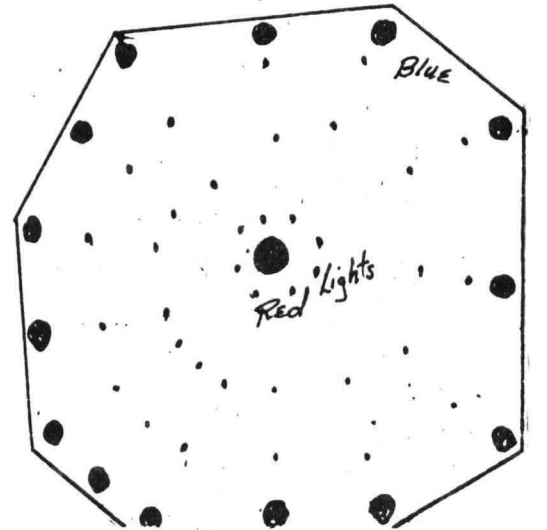
as low as the evening star as it appeared in the sky it was stationary - Kent observed this for about 2 minutes.

Kent's drawing

thing came down so quick it sounded like a storm coming and I was so scared I ran to the edge of the house about 20 ft. and looked up and there it was going over us quite slowly - I'd say about 25 mph and was only about 50-60 ft. high. It was about 40 ft. in diameter and looked like a huge stop sign with many, many blue lights and an extra large red light in the middle. Neither Kent nor I could see a tail or nose or propellers or anything other than lights, except for a metal bar which seemed to be full of holes or perforated.

It took off just as fast as it came down in a northeasterly direction. After it was all over, Kent said, "Mom, for a little while I thought a little green man would come out of there."

I gave Kent a piece of paper and said let's draw what we saw - It was almost identical with the same lighting. There were no flashing lights and the two big clear lights were like headlights.



WATFORD GUIDE, Watford City, ND - Nov. 10, 1978

ENTERPRISE, Riverside, CA - Nov. 28, 1978 2 women report a UFO over Corona

CORONA — Police can neither verify nor disclaim a report that an unidentified flying object passed over the city Sunday afternoon. Detective Les Scott said the report was made in person by Chita Vega and Edna Jones, residents of Lake Elsinore who are in their mid-20s.

He said they appeared at the Corona police station to report a UFO sighting.

"They said they were coming into Corona on the freeway from Lake Elsinore when they saw the UFO at about 3:30 p.m.," Scott said.

"They said they spotted it near Ontario Avenue, approaching from the Lake Mathews area at a fairly fast speed. As it approached their location, it stopped and hovered."

worked looking, and didn't look like a conventional airplane. It looked like a large delta wing, and was orange in color."

The women added, Scott said, that "it was no more than 150 feet off the ground, hovered for a couple of minutes, then started moving out slowly across the freeway and then look off at an exceptionally high rate of speed, heading west toward the Santa Ana Canyon."

Scott said the report was taken seriously by the department since the women were apparently sincere in their report.

He said no similar sightings were reported by others, and he has been unable to learn from nearby air bases whether an experimental plane might have been in the area.

He said reports of UFO sightings are rare in

WEST ESSEX TRIBUNE, Livingston, NJ - Nov. 16, 1978

Another UFO Seen to West

The second sighting of an unidentified flying object in recent weeks was reported early Tuesday morning, November 14, by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Licari of 32 Cornell Drive. An earlier sighting had been reported by two police officers.

Mrs. Licari was preparing to retire at about 1 a.m. when she saw a light in the sky from her kitchen window. She called her husband to see the object, which hovered in the sky to the west — the same direction where the police officers had seen the earlier UFO.

As she watched, Mrs. Licari told police afterward, the light moved from east to west and it made a sound somewhat like an electric motor running. At times the light would stand still while the object appeared to move separately.

After they had watched the UFO for about 40 minutes, they said, it grew dimmer and then vanished.

... And They Say It Was No Plane

By Jim Mencarelli
What do a housewife, a ninth grade student and an elementary school principal have in common?

In this case, they all saw something in the night sky they're convinced wasn't an airplane.

Fourteen-year-old John Wingett says he was watching television in his home at 1149 Cricklewood St. SW Thursday evening when he heard a tremendous roar outside.

"It sounded like five jets flying low over the house and the house was shaking," he said Friday night while waiting for the phenomenon to return.

"My mother and I ran outside to the front yard," he continued, "and there was this ungodly, huge, circular-shaped object hovering about 4,000 feet in the sky.

"It had red, blue and white lights rotating from right to left (clockwise) and was just over my head going northwest."

While his mother stayed in the yard to watch the object, John said, he ran to his next door neighbor's house to get another person as a witness.

L. Stanley Walters, of 1141 Cricklewood, said he was in his living room reading the newspaper shortly after 7 p.m. when John pounded on his door. He followed the teen-ager into the yard.

"I don't know what it was I saw, but it was unlike anything I've ever seen before," said Walters, principal of Wyoming's Gladiola Elementary School. "It looked like about two freight cars tied together with amber and blue lights going around.

"I don't think it was an airplane. It looked like it could've been five-sided. It moved off due west."

Margaret Wingett, John's mother, had a different description.

"The center looked white with these red, blue and white lights spinning around it, and it was huge," she said. "It reminded me of a football field at night if you were to look straight down at it. Only it was round.

ERA, Bradford, PA Nov. 17, 1978 CR: J. Jeffers Ann Street couple reports seeing UFO

An Ann Street couple northbound on Davis Street Thursday evening spotted an unidentified flying object.

Joan Jeffers of Bradford, a field investigator for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research, said the sighting of a triangular-shaped object with red and white lights occurred at about 8:50 p.m. and lasted no more than four to five minutes.

No one else reported a sighting.

The names of the couple are being withheld from publication at Mrs. Jeffers' request.

She said the couple told her they saw a triangular-shaped object which had three lights in a triangular pattern. The light in the middle was red and the two below it were white.

When they first saw it, as they approached the Main Street intersection, the object appeared to be no higher in altitude than 150 yards — below the horizon — and was located between East Main Street and the Route 219 Expressway.

Mrs. Jeffers said a check with the Federal Aviation Administration at Bradford

Regional Airport revealed that the last air traffic over Bradford was a Cherokee plane at 8:33 p.m.

The cloud ceiling was 25,000 feet, according to the FAA, and visibility was 15 miles.

The couple said they at first thought the object was a plane, the lights appeared to be landing lights of a large aircraft. The lights were steady, not blinking, and did not appear as beams.

They said the object was moving in a southerly direction when it stopped momentarily, turned to the east, flew toward the mountain and stopped suddenly. It hovered a few seconds, turned west and retraced its original southbound path.

The object then appeared to follow Elm Street until it was out of sight in 15 seconds.

Mrs. Jeffers said the couple stopped near the intersection of Main and Davis, then drove to the Fishers Big Wheel lot where they stopped their car and continued to watch the craft.

Nearly a dozen sightings of star-like and teardrop-shaped lights were reported over McKean County skies last Thursday.

It happened —

Students watch a UFO

By RANDY KEMP
Citizen Staff Writer

It could only have been a Russian spyship or a U.S. secret project of some kind, — and it certainly was like nothing they had ever seen. That is what Searcyan Mike Simpenderfer said about the UFO he and Donna Weir reported seeing about 11:15 last Saturday night.

They were on their way back to Searcy, coming from a date in Little Rock, when they spotted an intensely lighted object appear behind some trees beside the freeway near the Heber Springs exit, said Simpenderfer, a junior at Searcy High School.

The object then suddenly shot from the trees to beside the freeway just ahead of them, where it stayed about 150-200 feet from the ground and appeared to be traveling slowly down the road toward their car, according to Miss Weir, a Searcy High School senior.

"It traveled (from the trees to the highway) at unbelievable speed," she recounted. "It was just like daylight — that's how intense the light coming from it was." Once above the road, it moved "very, very slowly. It seemed like it was not even moving, just hovering," she remembered.

She said that when it came into the clearing, the object had "intense moving lights" on the bottom, "probing" lights on the front and two stationary lights on bottom. She said the probe lights were unreal, "not like any kind of lights I've ever seen."

The two students discussed the incident with the reporter sincerely and without hesitation, recalling many details they had noted. "It made absolutely no noise," according to Simpenderfer, who was driving at the time. "We turned the radio off to check."

"It was not a saucer," Miss Weir said. "It was kinda like a bird. It was compact, but it seemed to fill a lot of area, and it lit up the whole sky. It was nothing like the shape of a plane." "I have never seen a shape like that before," Simpenderfer agreed.

Qualifying their statements, he said he has an interest in aviation and has studied different makes of aircraft. Miss Weir said she grew up next to an airfield. While the object was above the freeway, Simpenderfer said that he just kept driving, although he noticed later that he had slowed way down. He said they drove past it slowly, with it above and to one side of the car. When they were past it, Miss Weir turned to look back at it but it had "just disap-

peared," she said. She also noted that other cars on the freeway near them had stopped while the object was present.

"It was a scary thing, looking back at it now," Simpenderfer said. "But at that time we were just curious."

The high school junior said that when they got back to Searcy, he got the number of a UFO center in Chicago from Arkansas State Police, and called to report what they had seen.

He said when he reported it, "she said she had had several other reports that night already from across the country. She commented that 'tonight's been busier than usual!'"

Miss Weir said they have had a lot of flak at school about the experience. "There are always some disbelievers, but they are all curious and want to hear

about it, and they want details. When we start talking about it, and get into the details, they quit joking," she said.

"I still have a visual image of it being just right there — a mental image of it that just won't go away," she confessed. "I've never seen anything like it. And what it did, defies all the laws of physics."

When asked if they thought the object was something from somewhere other than Earth, they concluded that it was. "It would have to be," Simpenderfer said. "It was beyond our capabilities of anything," Miss Weir agreed.

When asked if they believe that there other beings "out there," she said it is "kinda exciting" and "encouraging" to believe there are.

"If we can go there, why can't they come here?"

STAR, Indianapolis, IN - Nov. 16, 1978 Soil Where UFO 'Landed' To Get Radioactivity Test

STAR HOME AREA REPORT

Greenfield, Ind. — Tests will be run on soil samples taken from the alleged landing site of an unidentified flying object to determine if there is evidence of radioactivity, a spokesman for the Center for UFO Study at Evanston, Ill., said Wednesday.

The spot in question, a circle 44 feet in diameter, is located in a soybean field near the home of Jay Wilfong, about two miles south of Willow Branch in north-eastern Hancock County. Everything inside the circle was crushed to within six inches of the ground.

Cathy Wilfong, 23, and her sister, Cindy Bridges, 21, R.R. 6, Greenfield, told authorities they saw a 100-foot-long craft hovering near the Wilfong home Nov. 8.

POLICE SAID, however, that helicopters were seen flying in that area and they believe one of them made the marks in the field.

An investigator from the UFO center said he did not believe the markings in

the field were made by a helicopter. An attempt is being made to contact other persons who saw the object, he said.

"Cindy went outside to get some firewood," and she saw something out of the corner of her eye, Mrs. Wilfong said. "At first, she thought it was a plane crashing" but then realized there was no noise.

Mrs. Wilfong came out a short time later and saw the UFO, which she said was the size of a "large barn" and was hovering about 60 feet over a field within 200 feet of the house.

"IT HAD TWO white lights and one red light" and made no noise, she said. The craft hovered over the field for 12 minutes before moving away slowly, according to the women.

Mrs. Wilfong said it seemed they were looking at the bottom of the craft, which was divided into three sections, two of which extended lower than the middle section. There appeared to be a circle on the middle section, she added.

CR: C. Jones

REGISTER, Richmond, KY Nov. 30, 1978

Two women report UFO

Two Madison County women told State Police of a strange experience they had at about 9:30 p.m. Tuesday while riding in a car on Log Cabin Road.

According to police reports, Vickie Allen and Lise Leger were allegedly chased by a large unidentified flying object that flashed blue and white lights. The craft hovered above their vehicle, causing it to stall they reported.

Troopers were unable to locate any aircraft in the vicinity however police record state that the Morehead post was also receiving UFO calls at the same time.

The women could not be reached for comment about the incident.

STANDARD-EXAMINER, Ogden, UT Nov. 17, 1978

Yellowish Light Streaks Across Skies, 2 Men Say

An unidentified flying object was spotted over Ogden Thursday night by two Clinton men.

Randy Dalton of 652 W. 1580 N., and Guy Barrett, also of Clinton, spotted what looked, at first, like a falling star.

Mr. Dalton, who works at Hill Air Force Base, saw it first and pointed it out to Mr. Barrett who is a Utah Highway Patrol trooper.

"It appeared to be a bright, gold and yellowish light," Mr. Dalton said. His companion agreed. There was no shape — just the light.

The two saw it the first time about 8:20 p.m. while northbound on the highway into Roy.

They said it looked like a falling star and fell for 5 to 10 seconds before it suddenly changed directions, moving west then south at a high rate of speed.

After passing through Roy, Mr. Barrett, who was driving, turned

east on Riverdale Road and they saw it again.

Both spotted it the second time as the light moved from the south over Ogden about 6:30 p.m.

Both said it dropped low over Ogden but Trooper Barrett said he was driving and had to watch the road.

"When I looked back I couldn't see it," he said.

However, Mr. Dalton said the light continued north to the vicinity of Ben Lomond, turned west at a high rate of speed and disappeared.

Mr. Dalton, who said he has worked on a lot of planes at Hill AFB and has seen many of them in the air, declared he never saw one move as fast as the light he saw Thursday night.

Trooper Barrett said planes usually have blinking lights but the object they saw didn't.

Several Report UFO Sighting

Unexplained Impression in Bean Field Has Many Pondering 'UFO Touchdown'

By KARYNN RIDDLE

On Wednesday, Nov. 8, Cindy Bridges and Cathy Wilfong, Hancock County residents, were sure they spotted an UFO, (unidentified flying object), hovering over their soybean field around 9 p.m. The Wilfong farm is located on C.R. 325E, near Greenfield. Local law officials, a bit more skeptical, claim it was three helicopters flying overhead. However, the women checked their field the next day and there was a 40 foot diameter impression in the field. Research experts from the Center of UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., are now investigating this alleged sighting.

Cindy Bridges, 21, sister of Mrs. Wilfong, did most of the describing of the event. "On Wednesday, around 7 p.m. our house lights went off. Cathy flipped the circuit breaker and the lights came on again. Between 7 and 7:30 p.m., our lights kept going on and off. Cathy messed with the circuit breaker, but it did not bring the lights on again. In fact, we lost 15 minutes on the clock.

"After 7:30 p.m., we did not have any more problems with the lights," Cindy said.

Around 9 p.m., Mrs. Bridges went out to their shed to gather firewood for the fireplace. She explained there were no lights in the shed, so she got in her truck camper to point its headlights into the shed. When she was backing up, she saw a tremendous amount of light being emitted from an object, just about 50 feet from the shed.

"When I saw all those lights, my first thought was 'my God, there's been an airplane crash.' But when my eyes started to focus, there was a large object hovering over the field. I started honking the truck horn, just to get Cathy's attention. When Cathy came outside, I pointed to the field and yelled, 'UFO, UFO.'"

Cathy Wilfong continued the story. "When I saw this thing, all this light, I panicked. I ran into the house, called the sheriff's department, then I called our mother. I ran outside and left my mother hanging on the phone. When I did talk with our mother, I just kept yelling 'UFO, UFO.'"

The young women estimated they watched the object for about 12 minutes while it was close to them. They thought the object, at times, was moving towards them. It took about 30 minutes for the sheriff's deputies to arrive and the girls claim the lights still could be seen in the distance, when the deputies arrived.

Cathy Wilfong and her mother attempted to chase the object, which was heading west, but they lost sight of it around S.R. 9.

The women said the deputies made fun of them and asked them what they had to smoke, drink, or what sort of pills they were on, but they denied having taken anything.

Mr. Wilfong was away on a business trip in Alabama. Their camera was in his car which was parked at the Indianapolis Airport. The young children of the two women were asleep.

Mrs. Bridges said, "This object did not make any noise whatsoever; it was just suspended in air, about 60 feet in the air."

The women described the object as being over 100 feet long. It was long and thin with a "gray-greenish" color. There were two very bright white lights and one red light. It was divided in three sections, and something was protruding from the object in the center section. The women also saw wings on the object. The object was also described as being like an "inverted saucer."

The day after the incident, the women went to their field and found a circular impression in the area where they claimed to have seen the UFO.

Mrs. Wilfong said the weeds in the field are about five feet high, except in one spot, where weeds are crushed down in a perfect circle about 44 feet in diameter. The weeds around the circle were undisturbed, while weeds in the circle were woven and meshed together - not broken off, according to the women. Mrs. Wilfong also reported seeing weeds meshed together in the back of their field, but this time it looked like a pathway, but starting from nowhere and going nowhere.

The women called the deputies again to see the impression in their field. This time the women were asked how they mashed down the weeds. They were also told by the law officials that helicopters probably came close to their field and mashed the weeds.

During Wednesday evening, a state trooper reported seeing helicopters flying by Henry County Sheriff Joe Harris said his office had received about six calls from people reporting they saw a UFO in the sky on Wednesday. Harris explained that one of his deputies was in the southwestern part of Henry County and saw three Army helicopters flying by.

Hancock County Sheriff Malcolm Grass said, "To my personal knowledge, the two women were the only people to call us on Wednesday night. There were no other phone calls.

My men did not see anything at their farm; however, a state trooper reported seeing a helicopter.

Cindy Bridges confided that one of the Hancock County deputies seemed to take their account seriously.

Since most people seemed skeptical of their account, the women checked *Omnis* magazine for a phone number of a UFO research center. They called the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill. Two men from the center came to the Wilfong farm Sunday, Nov. 12, to investigate the alleged sighting and possible physical proof in the field.

Allan Hendry from the Center of UFO Studies explained that this case was similar to a case in Missouri in the sense both had impressions and had "rings on the ground and broken vegetation."

Hendry said his office receives 30 to 50 calls a week, but few have any sort of physical evidence. Hendry and his companion Paul Clark, took soil samples and other tests. They also plotted the area and took photographs. Attempts have been made several times to contact the investigators about the results of the tests; however, they have not been available for comment. The women have not heard from the investigators, either. They were advised by Hendry that it would take several weeks before results from the tests would be known.

A spokesperson from the Center of UFO studies remarked, "This case has been extremely puzzling. As many as 15 separate witnesses in the area have been interviewed. We are trying to identify the object. Tests have not come back yet, because we use very complicated tests. Soil and plant life from the impression will be compared with soil and plant life from around the field."

Tests such as checking density, composition, radiation, water absorption rates and heat, are being run on the samples. The spokesperson described the testing as a "long and involved process."

The center spokesperson said, "Mr. Hendry was impressed by the witnesses and their testimony and, most of all, by the physical evidence. He has seen nothing like this before, and the witnesses' story was in agreement."

Reports are investigated, but the spokesperson said most sightings can be cleared up over the telephone. She explained most sightings were "obvious and explainable."

The Center for UFO Studies was founded in

1973 by Allen Hynek. Mr. Hynek was associated with the federal government's Project Blue Book, until it was discontinued. Mr. Hynek then founded this privately funded center.

The spokesperson explained the center has a computer data bank of all UFO sightings reported to them. The center works closely with NASA and other government agencies on cases.

While at the Wilfong farm, Hendry felt the accounts of Mrs. Bridges and Mrs. Wilfong were sincere. He estimates the object being close to 140 feet in length. He also explained he did not believe the impression in the field could be left by helicopters or a hot air balloon.

Martha Turner, Willow Branch, mother of the two women, said she, too, saw the lights and doesn't believe it was a helicopter.

Lynn Wilfong, of Carthage, brother-in-law of Cathy, called them and comically said, "Now that these stories are getting into newspapers, everyone is going to think all Wilfongs are crazy."

Since their encounter, the women said there haven't been any strange happenings. Yet, both are a little frightened of the evening now. They said they get a sick feeling wondering if the object was over their field around 7 p.m. when the houselights started going out.

There is also an interesting twist to this story. After this reporter began on this story, several people have come to explain they, too, saw something on that Wednesday, Nov. 8. Many lived in the Spiceland-Kennard area. These people were very sincere - they saw something and it wasn't a helicopter. When these people were interviewed independently most described the object the exact same way Cathy Wilfong and Cindy Bridges did. Some people in Indianapolis also reported seeing an object.

Whatever was flying around on Wednesday, Nov. 8, many people are convinced it was not a helicopter. It was something they have never encountered before.

The Center for UFO Studies encourages anyone who feels they were a witness to the Wednesday, Nov. 8 sighting to write or phone. They also encourage anyone who feels they witnessed, at any time, a UFO sighting to contact them: Center for UFO Studies, 1609 Sherman Ave., Suite 207, Evanston, Ill. Phone: 312-491-6696.

DAILY NEWS, Williamson, WV - Nov. 28, 1978

Another UFO makes appearance in area

Skepticism for several additional Mingo County residents went out the window Monday night as they watched strange flashing lights in varied colors for a half hour or longer.

The latest proclaimers of sightings of unidentified flying objects asked that they not be identified - for obvious reasons.

No matter how authentic the sightings may be, or how reliable are the persons who report seeing strange phenomena in the skies, UFOs remain unreal to most people.

One woman caller to the Daily News office this morning admitted she was a skeptic, that is, until last night. Even today, she hesitated to broach her experience to two women workers until learning that they, too, had sighted flashing lights in the Holden area Monday night.

According to the Daily News informant, the woman had driven to Dingess and was enroute to the Holden area where a son's car had broken down. Another, younger son accompanied her on the trip.

She said that, earlier, she and two other women had attended a meeting at Chattaroy and that the two others had departed for their homes on Trace Creek and at No. 22 Holden, respectively.

As the Dingess woman was traveling toward Holden, "there was a great big light flashing off and on," she recalled. "It illuminated the mountain. Then it seemed to go about 100 feet above the mountain top and stayed there. We watched it for about 30 minutes.

"The lights seemed to be floating and was white light was real bright, flashing on and off. It was still illuminating the mountain when my son and I went on our way about 11:05 p.m.," the sighter reported.

When she reported for work this morning, she said she was afraid to mention her experience to other employees, until she learned that the women from Trace Creek and No. 22 Holden had viewed the same flashing lights. They also recalled seeing two men watching the lights as they stood beside the highway.

Other sightings in this area were reported last Friday night in the sky over the Sprigg area. George Warren of radio station WHJC at Buskirk, Ky., said he and 15 or 20 other persons observed flashing lights of various colors. At least one person observed the lights until the wee hours of the morning.

RIO GRANDE SUN, Espanola, NM - Nov. 23, 1978

UFO Reported by Hunters at Ojo

By GAIL SOLON
Of the SUN's
Santa Fe Bureau

Three Espanola hunters, camped in Comanche Canyon near Ojo Caliente last Friday, reported to State Police that a cigar-shaped unidentified flying object flew about 200 yards over their campsite about 8:45 p.m.

State Police referred the hunters to Dulce area officer Gabe Valdez when they said they wanted to discuss their experience in depth.

Valdez told the SUN of the sighting though in respect of the hunter's request for anonymity, he did not identify them.

Valdez said the report was the 10th he has received since summer. Objects described in the reports, he said, all were similar to the one seen by the hunters.

The fact that there were three witnesses to the UFO strengthened the report, Valdez explained, though he does not doubt

the authenticity of the other reports he's had. "It scared the heck out of them," Valdez said of the hunters.

The object was described to Valdez as a 40' cylindrical machine surrounded by orange lights. He reported it as being "very bright."

"When they turned their car lights on, it flew away," Valdez said of the sighting.

One of the hunters said that the machine looked "exactly like a ship" of some sort.

"Three vehicles could fit inside the thing, and all around it was illuminated," Valdez said of the hunter's description of what they saw.

Valdez said flying machines of similar description have been photographed in Colorado recently. A machine flying as low as the hunters said this one was flying would not be discernable by radar, Valdez said further.

He is investigating the report further.

CR: R. Candell

Strange objects hovering in sky

By Barbara Tetronak

Strange objects have been seen hovering in the Groveton skies.

Several people in Groveton reported seeing strange objects in the sky Thursday, November 18. And their descriptions of the objects are remarkably similar.

A Northumberland man who asked not to be identified said he and his wife and two daughters saw the object as they were coming home to Dean Brook Trailer Park about 9 p.m.

"I saw something over the hills with very bright lights. It looked like an automobile parked on top of the trees."

The family watched it as it hung in the air for two to three minutes. Then the object shut off the two bright lights, leaving only some small colored lights on. It hovered in two different areas about a 100 yards from each other. After a while the object started rising very slowly and then headed north towards Groveton.

"The object made no noise, he said, and they weren't able to make out the shape.

"There's no question in my mind that there was something there," he says.

Another Groveton couple, Bob and Madeline Hart reported seeing a strange object in the sky that night. Mrs. Hart reported seeing the object around 9 p.m. Then on the way home after picking up her husband at work at 11 p.m., Mrs. Hart says she saw it again.

"This time the object had moved and was closer to Groveton and quite high up. The object had red, blue, and green flashing lights, she said. They watched the object for over a half an hour.

John Pepau and his family of Percy also saw a strange object in the sky that night. Pepau and his son John Jr. were coming home when they noticed some bright lights that looked like car lights. They stopped and watched for a few

minutes and then drove to the house where his daughter Joanne came out and joined them.

Then the bright lights went off like someone shut them off, Pepau says. All that was left was two little red lights in the middle and two small white lights; one in the back and one in the front. It wasn't very high up, Pepau says, but it was above tree level.

After they had been watching the object for a while it started to rise making a sound like a great fan. Then it headed over Long Mountain towards Groveton, Pepau says.

Groveton police received a call about the strange object from the State Highway Department in Lancaster after they had received a report over the sightings. Groveton Police chief Lee Rice said that the call came at 9:30 p.m. Officer Kerry Hopps checked out the report and didn't see anything. "In my opinion, it was either a weather balloon or a helicopter," Rice said.

UFO spotted

An unidentified flying object was reported seen here Thursday evening. Mrs. Bernice Rainville, 1409 S. 26th St., Wausau, said she saw the space vehicle go out of sight after being called to a window by a granddaughter, 12, who had spotted it. She said it was of amber color and that there was a propellor on the top, similar to a helicopter.

Spinning, gold color UFO doesn't frighten mom, son

By DAVID AVERILL

Record-Eagle staff writer
SUTTONS BAY — She didn't see any little green men with pointed heads, but that doesn't necessarily mean they weren't up there scrutinizing the community from their lofty, whirling perch. It was her son, Anthony, 9, who saw it first. "Hey, look at the star!" he shouted.

Mary Forton looked. It was the largest celestial object she had ever seen, and much lower in the sky than any star with which she was familiar. "It happened Friday, Nov. 3, about 6:30 in the evening," she said. "It was quite dark with only a quarter moon shining. Anthony and I were fishing off the end of the Burke Coal Dock, facing Stony Point, when he saw it."

"It turned out to be a huge, spinning object low in the sky, very bright and emitting a deep yellow-golden color. "At first we thought it was a falling star. But it stopped falling and then shot clear across the sky in a northwesterly direction. It acted as if propelled.

Anthony said it looked to him as if it had rockets powering it."

She said neither she nor her son were frightened at the aerial happening. "I didn't report it to the police and when I told my other children about it they just laughed and said Anthony and I had been spending too much time fishing in the dark."

In addition to Anthony, Mary and her husband Andrew, a retired U.S. Navy chief petty officer, have a son, 17, and two daughters, 14 and 13.

Mary is not excitable or hysterical but plain-spoken and obviously a responsible person. After working four-and-a-half years as a nurse's aide in the long-term facility at Northport's Leelanau Memorial Hospital, she quit three months ago.

Now a licensed baby-sitter, she was tending three infants while being interviewed. One of them — handsome, bright-eyed four-month-old Jacob Blankenship — lay nearby emitting happy coos and gurgles.

"Anthony and I like to fish in the evening and we do it quite often," she

said. "We fish and talk. That's when Anthony likes to discuss his problems with me."

Mary said she decided to report the adventure she and her son shared after reading lengthy illustrated article in the Record-Eagle which discussed unidentified flying objects.

In addition, there have been several other reports in the paper concerning UFO sightings in this part of the state recently.

"It was really an extraordinary sight," she said. "Actually we don't know what it was but certainly I've never before seen anything like it. It was very bright and could be clearly seen in the black sky. I'm surprised other people haven't reported it. It was round, very bright and spun in a circular fashion."

And were there any signs of life or other activity on or in the object?

"No. Only the very bright golden light and the star — or whatever it was — spinning in a stationary manner in total silence, then speeding out over the lake."

UFO's Visiting Newtown? People Have Been Seeing Something

When not dimmed by clouds, the night sky is a beautiful sight, filled with twinkling stars. Right now the moon is full, making the night even more wondrous. But, over Newtown, are the only things to be seen in the sky the stars and the moon?

In the Sandy Hook area there are those who will say definitely "no"—that there are some other objects to be watched. Maybe it might even be more appropriate to say, watching us.

Unidentified flying objects have been seen in the Sandy Hook area very recently too, and what they are remains a mystery, but there is a theory that they truly are UFO's; and two men from Greenwich, Fred Dennis and Philbro Imbrogno, field investigators for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., are looking into the reported sightings.

One person in an area in Sandy Hook off Glen Road has sighted what he believes to be UFO's off and on now for several months, since September. Lately what he has been seeing is the planet Jupiter, Mr. Dennis and Mr. Imbrogno have determined. However, they are not as certain about some of his earlier sightings and have a picture of an object which the Sandy Hook resident took. Mr. Dennis says it is typical UFO photograph. This photo shows, many times magnified, a yellowish almost heart-shaped object, with the exception the "point" of the heart is rounded, making the object air perfectly circular were it not for an indentation at the top, which varies slightly in color from the rest of the disk.

This past weekend, another Sandy Hook resident, this one living at the other end, down in Lakeside reported a sighting. On his way home one night he noticed a bright object in the sky near Bennett's Bridge Road—first in one part of the sky and then very quickly in another. The next night the person was awakened by a bright light streaming in the bedroom window, lighting up the room fairly well. A look out the window revealed the object just described in the photo. The experience was very frightening, the person admitted, and it was witnessed by another person as well.

In the incidents at the other end of Sandy Hook, several people say they saw the object in the sky as well. In those cases, it is reported at times the object dimmed, did "Figure 8's", grew bright and dim, and was at times multicolored.

In the sighting this past weekend, the object was said to have remained stationary on the second night, a consistent yellowish color. It made no noise which could be detected.

Other Oddities

There have been other odd incidents reported as well, one being peculiar actions of a car's headlights, radio, and windshield wipers on a two-mile stretch of Glen Road approaching the Silver Bridge to Southbury. The lights at times have either brightened or dimmed, the wipers sped up, and the radio's volume changed. A mechanic could give no explanation to the owner of the car.

The police have received no calls on sightings, except for one from the person who had the experience this past weekend. The only calls, according to the department, came Wednesday evening of this week, where people were reporting shooting stars.

Sandy Hook seems to be the main area for sightings, as far as it can be determined, although two residents of the Taunton area have mentioned seeing an object in the sky which they could not readily identify.

And, there is one other connection. As people talk about the UFO sightings, the conversation usually switches to a recall of rocks which fell from somewhere above down upon the Eichler's Cove area in August. An explanation of how the rocks were being rained down on that marina for several weekends was never explained.

Whether or not what has been seen in Sandy Hook is a true UFO, an object which no one can reasonably explain as being identifiable, is presently being researched by Mr. Dennis and Mr. Imbrogno, who have paid visits to Sandy Hook to talk with the people who have made the sightings. They more than likely, when the sky promises to be good and clear, come up here for a night watch to see if they can see anything unusual.

Meanwhile, if any one else in the area spots what seems to be a UFO, either man would be most interested in hearing about it. Mr. Dennis may be reached at 661-3550 and Mr. Imbrogno at 531-4688.

BEE, Newtown, CT - Dec. 15, 1978 CR: B. Greenwood

THE BEE, Phillips, WI - Dec. 7, 1978 CR: R. Holden

Picture to follow

UFO sighted by area teenager

Wavering over Emery last Tuesday night were two bright lights which Phillips High School Freshman Rosann Boehm claims belonged to an unidentified flying object.

"It was an oval shaped, silver machine with windows all around it from which beams as bright as headlights shone," she said. Boehm first sighted the object at 3:40 p.m. when it was hovering over her neighbor's house. At first glance she thought that the lights belonged to a car but then realized that they were too high.

Stepping outside her home on Cherry Road, she watched the object for about 10 minutes until it began to approach her yard. Scared, she ran inside and watched the machine hover over the yard for about 20 minutes until it moved up over the house, passed beyond the

woodshed and then disappeared.

"It made a slight buzzing sound which frightened our dog although I could hardly hear it," Boehm said. Before she ran inside she snapped a picture of the machine. As of press time she has not received the negatives back from the developer.

The sighting was confirmed by Mr. Owen Hainy who said that he was returning from Medford at approximately the same time Boehm viewed the machine. He said that he saw two bright lights as he approached his home which is located a couple miles northwest of Boehm's. "At first I thought that it was a yard light," he said, "but then realized that it was too high."

As he was unloading his car he saw a small plane fly by but said that the light that he had seen had

been much too bright to have been the light on the wing of a plane. The Boehm's neighbors, the Marlena's, also reported seeing the airplane, but no one else in the area noticed any unusual lights.

Until Hainy spoke with Mrs. Boehm who told him about Rosann's sighting, he had entirely dismissed the lights. In retrospect he said that he realized they were probably the same lights and easily accepted the assertion that they belonged to a U.F.O.

"I'm not superstitious," he said, "so I didn't think anything of the lights, but both me and my family saw similar lights several years ago."

Boehm, who reported her sighting to the UFO Education Center in Appleton, said that personnel there told her they are not uncommon in the area. In fact, just last May, Steve Vucetich of Park Falls reported seeing the whitish light of what he considered a UFO while fishing in Butternut Lake.

According to the report, he gave to a UFO information center. Vucetich saw a

whitish light travelling toward him about 30 degrees above ground. It came from the north flashing irregularly and moving as fast vertically as it did horizontally. The object that he saw turned gradually from white to orange and then back to white as it zigzagged east of his location, finally dropping below some trees.

Vucetich said that another light then joined the first which left its position by the tree line and began approaching him. When it came within 100 yards of him, he left the area and called the police.

Neither the Park Falls nor the Phillips police were notified of any other sightings last Tuesday night but when Boehm's brother returned home from work around 11:30 p.m., he reported seeing two amber lights outside the kitchen window. Unaware of Rosann's sighting, he mentioned the lights only when his mother asked him if he had seen anything unusual in the yard.

The Boehms do not know if there is any connection between the two sightings.

LEDGER, Antioch, CA - Dec. 8, 1978

Two tell about UFO sighting

By JOHN LOVEJOY
Ledger Staff Writer

Two Antioch men told the Daily Ledger about three unidentified flying objects that apparently flew over Antioch Wednesday night.

Ed Martinez, a music teacher at Webb's Music Center, said he and his friend, Ron Garcia, a K Mart employee, spotted a strange light in the sky around 11 p.m. from Martinez' 17th Street home near Antioch High School.

Martinez saw it first, and the two watched as the single light began to branch out into several others. Garcia said there was one light in the front, brighter than the others, "several lights on the side," and a red light on the tail end.

Martinez said the lights didn't resemble aircraft running lights, and looked larger than usual. The object seemed to alternately start and stop, never moving more than about 75 or 80 mph.

"At first we thought we were watching helicopters," said Martinez, "but the lights were moving too steadily. And when it flew over us, we knew there was something different about it. All the dogs in my neighborhood started barking."

At first the two men didn't hear any noise at all, but as the diamond-shaped craft moved

away from them they described a low rumble or hum. "It sounded kind of like the wind," said Martinez, "really quiet."

Garcia said he would describe the noise as "a mild jet engine."

Garcia said the lights on the object illuminated it enough so that he could discern a light gold color. Both men said that, although there was a stiff wind blowing, the object was rock steady in its course.

The two jumped in Garcia's car and chased the object, starting from the Oakwood Apartments, down G Street, west on 18th Street, and finally south on L Street. They stopped at the waterfront on Second Street.

The object was going so slowly, Garcia said, that "I did actually catch up with it once and crossed its path."

It flew off in a northwesterly direction and seemed to lose altitude, disappearing somewhere around Benicia, the two claim. The sighting took about 15 minutes.

Martinez said the altitude and speed were hard to determine, but he guessed the object could have been about 1,000 feet up. He said he thought it was the size of

"two average houses." Martinez claimed it was definitely bigger than a commercial jetliner.

On the way back to Martinez' house, the two saw another object, identical to the first, coming from the east.

They stopped at Martinez' house and watched the second object for about 10 minutes as it flew west, but more southerly than the first object.

Later, at about 11:45 or so, Garcia saw yet a third object in the general vicinity of the Antioch Airport. He says he ran into his home to get a jacket, but when he came out again, the third object was gone.

That third object was what was apparently seen by two Antioch women, who said the "sting ray-shaped" object flew over one of the women's home near the Antioch reservoir at high speed, making no sound.

A Pittsburg woman reportedly called the Antioch airport about a similar object approximately two weeks ago, and another witness phoned the Ledger Thursday to say he saw a kite-shaped object flying over the Bridgehead Drive-In Theater about two years ago.

UFO Sightings A Test Of Faith

By Steve & Becky Lyles
Special to SunDAY

"I just started trembling inside...I wanted to rub my eyes...I didn't believe what I was looking at...I hollered, 'Hey, Dad!' and he said, 'I see them.' Then I thought, 'Huh, I guess I am seeing something!'"

Ralph McConahy's recollection of his "close-enough" encounter with 30 to 40 unidentified flying objects on September 24, 1974 is as vivid today as when it actually happened. He and his father-in-law were fishing on that "beautiful crystal-blue fall day," as he describes it. They were at Rock Lake, about seven miles southwest of Wheatland, Wyoming.

McConahy lives in Cheyenne with his wife Betty and their two teenagers. He is employed by the state as the director of Social Services for Laramie County. Fishing and hunting are two of his favorite pastimes.

In 1954 McConahy received a B.A. in religious education from Houghton College in Houghton, New York. He has held a variety of jobs, including two years in the military and seven years as a pastor. Recently he has worked with social services.

In the 14 years that he has been employed by Wyoming Social Services, McConahy has worked in several areas. He was first a social worker, then became a field representative, serving as a liaison between the state and the 23 counties and negotiating some programs between the state and the federal offices in Denver. Later, he became involved in program development, and then served also as a training officer. Presently he is in social work administration.

McConahy's parents became Christians when he was four years old. He accepted Christ as his Savior when he was a senior in high school. Nine months after his conversion, he made a commitment of his life to God. Serving on the executive board and acting as the Sunday school superintendent and as an elder are among his present responsibilities in his church.

Because Ralph McConahy is a Christian, upon hearing his story, one of the first questions to come to our minds was: How did this experience affect him spiritually?

Prior to the Rock Lake incident, McConahy was not particularly interested in interplanetary spacecrafts and their occupants. He did know some rational, credible people who had had sightings and he admired their stories. He viewed the term "saucers" as silly until he saw the objects himself and found that word best describes the shape of the vehicles, as is evident in his story.

"It was about 4:30 in the afternoon. I was fishing on the south side of Rock Lake, about six steps out from the edge. I heard a noise that sounded like a jet but it didn't register. I continued fishing. Then it started getting louder, and I thought, 'I should see what that is.' It was coming out of the south instead of the east-west pattern of the jet aircraft at high altitude. Then it developed a droning sound. It just began to sound like a hive of bees, and it had about the depth volume of a B52. That loud. It just seemed to fill the valley there with the sound, with that droning and humming sound.

"So, about that time, I looked off to my right, looking sort of south and a little bit east, and I saw an oval formation of silver-colored objects. Then things happened so rapidly I could hardly believe it. I looked up and there were round objects, totally round, and I thought it was the Thunderbirds or the Flying Blue Angels. I thought, 'The Blue Angels are practicing. What are they doing here?' That was my immediate flash. Then I thought, 'They don't have any letters or numbers.' That was the first thing I looked for...the printing of the letters on the aircraft...I know they are supposed to be there, but there were none. Then it dawned on me that there were no wings on these things.

"I just started trembling inside...I wanted to rub my eyes...I didn't believe what I was looking at. Frightened, I walked about six steps through the water to the bank and onto dry land.

"I hollered, 'Hey, Dad!' and he said, 'I see them.' Then I thought, 'Huh, I guess I am seeing something.' I realized he had left his fishing spot and had climbed the knoll behind him from which position he was observing the objects.

"What I saw then was a beautiful oval formation of objects. (Later, my father-in-law and I both figured there were between 30 and 40 in this for-

mation.) There they came. This thing was round-shaped and glittering silver in the sunset. The sun was behind us; these were east of us and they were glittering silver, just as silver as can be! In fact, they glittered like tinsel would on a Christmas tree.

"So these things continued this sound, and they slowed down. They were coming in at a 25-degree angle, maybe. As they approached the lake, they went from a perpendicular position to a horizontal position. They looked to be directly east of us at about that point. It looked to me like they got within 200 yards of the surface or closer."

(At this time McConahy felt he and his father-in-law were being observed by whoever or whatever was controlling the round objects.)

"Then they were all in this formation (horizontal position)...with the second one back underneath, pitching and yawing at different intervals than the rest. I got the notion that he was controlling it. He was the last one to fall in formation.

"The bottoms were distinctly different from the tops. They were flat and of a grey metallic or aluminum appearance. They seemed to absorb the light rather than reflect it as the tops did. The bottoms were inset up into the saucer-shaped objects--like you'd see on a Dixie cup.

"I strained my eyes to see some ports or signs; and I tried to think I saw some ports on them, but I couldn't identify anything, just an absorbing aluminum, grey-aluminum color.

"After taking the perpendicular position, the formation started to climb and accelerate at about a 60-degree angle. The sound stopped when they started out. The rear-most object left the formation as they began to climb and individually did a rapid circular maneuver over the area to the rear...a great big, rather fast swing; and then he came back and just locked into the formation again. Just perfect!

"Then they...accelerated in a northerly direction at a tremendous rate of speed, until the first ones were disappearing from sight; it looked like they were going out of the atmosphere. There was the blue sky and they were fading, one by one, into that blue. The leading ones disappeared into the blue while the rear of the formation was still visible. Suddenly they were all out of sight. They faded into the blue with an acceleration that staggered (my mind)!"

Several years before his UFO sighting, McConahy heard Billy Graham answer the question of whether or not he believed that life existed on other planets and was satisfied with his answer. Graham said there might be life elsewhere and it is a little small to think that in all of God's creation, earth has the only people.

McConahy says, "In my thinking, I had allowed that there might be life on other planets, maybe a race that had not fallen into disobedience to God's will and His laws...not messed up like so much of the human race. I had given some thought to those kinds of things, that there could be people elsewhere." At that time he accepted the possibility of visitors from other planets, but that's as far as his interest went. He never had a consuming fascination with observations of interplanetary vehicles.

Since his encounter with the saucer-shaped objects, however, McConahy has done a lot more thinking on the subject. "I have become a student on what people think UFO's are. Where are they from? Are they good or bad? What are they after? Are they spying on us? Some people think they are going to rescue us before we destroy our planet."

He keeps a scrapbook on sightings around the world and is alert to media reports on UFO's. McConahy points out that one research study indicates 11 per cent of the people in the U. S., approximately 22 million people from all walks of life, have sighted unidentified flying objects.

When asked if he believed God had allowed or planned the experience, McConahy replied, "I never felt that way. I just happened to be out at the lake at the right time. Others have seen them in that area, also, I've been told."

McConahy said the UFO episode did not alter his belief in God. He added, "I was frightened at that time but my faith was not shaken. I think that God is so great that He encompasses all that ever could or would happen. My concept of God continues to grow, but that (event) didn't change my belief in God."

How would you react in similar circumstances? If 30 to 40 glittering, silver, round objects with no wings, portholes or identifying numbers hovered near you in formation, obviously observing you, would your belief in God, at that moment, stand firm? Would you trust Him to "never leave you...nor forsake you"? Could your faith persist, without hesitation?

They Say They Saw A "UFO"

DAILY NEWS, MILFORD, MA - Jan. 3, 1979

MILFORD — Route 44 east, 20 miles out of Tulsa, Oklahoma was the scene of a once-in-a-lifetime experience for a Milford man and a Framingham woman on New Year's night.

John Fahey and Cindy Beaudin are traveling by car from California to Boston. At 11 p.m. Monday night they were in Claremore, Oklahoma traveling on Route 44 when they saw a "big, white ball" hovering in the sky, according to Beaudin who called long-distance from Missouri to notify this paper of the sighting.

She said that a state police officer, who was traveling in back of their car, pulled to the side of the road to view the object, and later tried to pursue it.

The unidentified flying object, which "made no noise at all," hovered in the sky until the police officer approached it, then it began to move at a slow rate of speed, before it reached a speed of 50 to 75 miles per hour and disappearing, she said.

It hovered approximately 500 feet in the air, according to the observer, and had lights underneath the craft.

"I used to read about people seeing these things," she said, but she obviously didn't think it would ever happen to her.

CR: B. Greenwood

Mysterious Lights Sighted in Pepperell

TIMES-FREE PRESS, East Pepperell, MA - Jan. 3, 1979



PEPPERELL — Paula Clapp of Oakland Road, Pepperell, reports that she and her family observed a series of "bright pinkish circles of light" flying in formation on Monday evening around 5 p.m. The strange light, which Mrs. Clapp first noticed out of her window as she was watching TV, appeared in the Northeast sky and passed downward in groups of 8 or 10. The display lasted for about 7 minutes, during which time Mrs. Clapp phoned the Pepperell Police and was informed

that the information would be investigated, patrolman Davis was in the vicinity and reported later that he had witnessed the phenomenon. Police Chief Babington advanced the theory that the lights were in some way connected to the well-published shooting star shower that has been in progress the last several days.

Mrs. Clapp stated that the lights were arranged in triangular formation ("like bowling pins") and were flying downward to the horizon (small end first), disappearing behind the trees. Her son witnessed a smaller cluster rising upward and then downward.

At least one other area resident noticed a pink glow from behind the trees in the same general direction.

Over the weekend, numerous sightings of strange lights have been reported world wide. A report from New Zealand described the lights as flying in formation and were photographed by an Australian cameraman.

NEWS, Maconga, GA

Jan. 5, 1979 CR: J. Miles

Search for Plane Discontinued

MONTEZUMA — A search for an aircraft reportedly spotted in flames was discontinued Thursday after law enforcement officials were unable to find any trace of a crash.

Two witnesses had reported seeing a small airplane in flames at approximately 7 p.m. Sunday. Bubba Thompson of Byronville said the object "was coming down with a trail of smoke behind it" as he was traveling from Byronville to Montezuma on Georgia 90.

"It was northeast of me and I turned into a side road putting it almost in front of me. I watched, but I didn't hear or see it hit the ground," Thompson said.

Another witness, David Levy of Byronville, reported seeing the object at the same time as he was feeding his cows.

Macon County Sheriff Charles Cannon said the search had been called off after searchers in a helicopter and airplane had been unable to find any evidence of a crash Wednesday and Thursday.

The Federal Aviation Administration had no report of any missing aircraft.

Officer Reports Watching UFO Fly Over College

POST-TIMES, Palm Beach, FL - Jan. 6, 1979

WINTER HAVEN (UPI) — A Winter Haven police officer said yesterday he saw a large round glowing object that hovered 1,500-2,000 feet above the ground, then rose straight up and sped away.

"It was unbelievable," said Officer Ros Perdue. "I've seen things I've thought were UFOs before, but nothing worth reporting. But this thing — I told them (radio dispatchers) we need somebody out here quick."

Perdue said he saw the object at about 4 a.m. Thursday and that it hovered about 2 1/2-3 minutes then sped away. He said he has since had telephone calls from about a dozen people who heard about his report and said they had also seen something.

He said it was bigger than a school bus, nearly as large as a house and it glowed bright enough to faintly light the ground beneath it.

The object was round and was about 150 feet in diameter, he said. It had a steady glow except for a vertical red stripe through the center.

Perdue said it hovered over the Polk Community College Student Center as he watched. It hovered stationary for about 2 1/2 to 3 minutes about 1,500 to 2,000 feet above the ground, he said.

"It didn't have any sound and I

had my window down listening," he said.

After a few minutes it began to rise straight up until it appeared to be about the size of a basketball, then began to move rapidly toward the southeast, he said.

Perdue said he tried to follow it but soon lost sight of it.

"No way it could have been Venus because I'm on the midnight shift and I watch Venus every morning," he said, adding it was not an airplane.

"I'm not saying it was a flying saucer, but it was not an airplane," he said.

The closest other officer was Patrolman David May. He said he saw something too, but he was not sure what it was.

"All I saw was a big light in the sky. It seemed bigger than Venus would normally be but not as big as the moon. I don't even know if what I saw was what he saw," May said.

May's description was similar to that of Jeanette Bagley.

She said she took it as a biblical sign foretelling of the "next coming of the Lord." She said it was an honor to see it.

Capt. Dale McDonald, head of the department's patrol division, said he did not plan to forward Perdue's report to any other authorities for investigation.

Nashville Police Report 2 UFOs

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR Jan. 5, 1979

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — More than a dozen Nashville policemen reported sighting two UFOs hovering about 5,000 feet over the western part of the city early Thursday.

Officer Mike Smith said the objects were circular in shape and had red, blue, green and yellow lights circling around a large white light.

The police checked with Metro Nashville Airport officials to see if any light planes or weather balloons were in the area at the time of the sightings, which occurred at 4 a.m. (CST), but officials said there weren't any.

One officer spotted the UFOs and radioed for backup units. The police said 14 officers arrived on the scene and reported sighting the objects.

Sgt. Doug Johnson, a helicopter pilot, said he had never seen any aircraft like the UFOs. He said the objects hovered over the city for 45 minutes and then disappeared in the western horizon.

HERALD, Miami, FL - Jan. 5, 1979 CR: J. Brill

Snatched By Creatures? He Lives to Tell About It

By BARRY BEARAK And IVAN A. CASTRO Herald Staff Writers

Filiberto Cárdenas says it all began with a buzzing in his head. That may be the only part of his story you'll believe.

Cárdenas, 46, of Hialeah, is the man who says he was abducted by a UFO and taken for a 10-mile trip across West Dade Wednesday night.

"I heard this buzz, like bees, then there was bright red light, then violet," he says. "I felt paralyzed, like something very big was crushing me. The light kept getting brighter and then I finally passed out."

WHEN HE CAME TO, he was no longer standing beside his mysteriously stalled '70 Chevy on Okeechobee Road near the Turnpike. He was lying nearly nine miles away on Tamiami Trail near SW 137th Avenue, getting weird looks from Metro Officer William Christian. It was 30 minutes later.

Or so the story goes. Stranger than fictional. Or stranger than fact! Take your pick.

But understand that there are witnesses, three of them, all friends of Cárdenas. They too talk of buzzing, of blinding red-violet colors that lasted a few minutes, of a Cárdenas who seemed to be sucked into the light.

"I heard him shout, 'Don't take me away!'" remembers Fernando Marti, 8632 NW 35th Ct. Marti's wife and 13-year-old daughter Isabel, who were also riding with Cárdenas, tell it the same way.

The car had suddenly lost power shortly before 7 p.m., says Marti. "We thought a battery cable was loose. But there was nothing loose."

As Marti and Cárdenas puzzled over the machine, the red-violet colors began to glow, Marti says. He ducked for cover. When he looked up again, he says, his friend was gone.

After that the Chevy started right up. "It missed a few times but fixed itself," Marti explains. He and his family scrambled down the road in search of a policeman.

As for Cárdenas, meanwhile, he doesn't remember much of his adventure.



Filiberto Cárdenas rests at home after ordeal, with his wife, Iris, standing guard at bedside

"I HAVE tried to remember more, but I can't," Cárdenas says. "Later, at the hospital, I felt strange, like I was walking ahead of myself, very strange."

He says he does not recall actually seeing a spaceship. Nor does he remember any spacemen, little green or otherwise.

On Thursday, Cárdenas received reporters in his bedroom. He lay under the covers, and claimed an insatiable thirst for water. His hands shook. His forehead was

dotted with four small burns. His wife Iris guarded him as if he were a moon rock.

Filiberto Cárdenas owns a discount store where he sells trinkets used in Santeria, an Afro-Cuban cult of spirits and spells. He is a Santeria believer, as is his wife and his friend Marti.

CÁRDENAS SAYS he does not drink alcohol. But he does say he is prone to fainting.

"My eyesight goes every so often," Cárdenas says. "But nothing like this has ever happened before."

THE NEWS WORLD, New York, NY - Jan. 5, 1979
UFO craze in Newark...
 CR: T. Bloecher

By James Robinson
 NEWS WORLD STAFF

What has New Jersey in common with New Zealand? Why, close encounters of the third kind, of course. As New Zealanders on Wednesday viewed a brilliant unidentified flying object "like a volcano" that was filmed by a television crew flashing across a pre-dawn sky, several individuals in New Jersey, including a Brick Township patrolman, spotted a UFO hovering over Barnegat Bay, N.J., for about 40 minutes. About 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, an excited teenager called the Brick Township police and said that he and two friends had seen a UFO. A police officer, who asked that his name not be used, was dispatched to the scene. A few minutes later, another officer, Lt. De Angelo, arrived. A half-hour before the Brick Township sighting, Joseph Frank and members of his family sighted a UFO as they were riding in their car near the Hudson River. Frank, his wife, Anna, his father, Joseph, and his brother, Nick, all agreed that the object was shaped "like a blimp, but was more rectangular than round." The Franks observed the object as it hovered over the downtown Jersey

City area. They said "it moved up and down like a very swift helicopter." When they turned the corner to get a better look at it, they said, the object had disappeared.

Flashing blue lights

De Angelo told The News World that the object he saw was "quite high in the sky." He said it had a white light with two small blue lights which were flashing.

"The object was stationary for quiet awhile," he said, "and then moved off very slowly. We watched it until it was out of sight."

De Angelo thought that it might have been a helicopter because there were no other aircraft in the area, but he said there was no sound coming from the object.

"No one really knew what it was," he said, "but if it were really a UFO there would have been other reports besides the one we got."

The Coast Guard, the Lakehurst Naval Base and McGuire Air Force Base all were contacted by the police, but none of them reported any of their aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting.

Although the object did not resemble any aircraft that De Angelo could recognize, he insists that it probably was a helicopter because "about a month ago people called in saying that

they saw something up in the sky. That time it turned out to be a Coast Guard helicopter."

An investigator for the National Investigative Committee for Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) said some of the sightings could be explained as weather and atmospheric conditions or possibly the planet Venus.

The investigator, Ernie Jahn, from Staten Island, told The News World that Venus has a very reflective cloud cover and if you couple that with heat waves and the atmospheric pollution of earth, many strange phenomena occur.

He said Venus appears to be a bright light in the sky which changes color, jiggles up and down and back and forth, and if it is close to the horizon, it can "disappear" very quickly.

Jahn also said that when researching a sighting, the main questions deal with the size of the object, its speed and if there is any noise associated with it.

Investigators also ask if there are any radio disturbances and if animals in the area behave strangely during the sighting.

Jahn, who worked with the Air Force's Project Blue Book—which dealt with unexplained objects in the sky—while he was in the U.S. Air Force, said that about 30 percent of the sightings can't be explained by any known means.

TIMES, New York, NY - Jan. 14, 1979 CR: T. Bloecher

C.I.A. PAPERS DETAIL U.F.O. SURVEILLANCE

Agency's Secret Studies Convince Arizona Research Group That Flying Saucers 'Are Real'

Special to The New York Times

PHOENIX, Jan. 13 — Documents obtained in a lawsuit against the Central Intelligence Agency show that the agency is secretly involved in the surveillance of unidentified flying objects and has been since 1949, an Arizona-based U.F.O. group said yesterday.

The C.I.A. has repeatedly said that it investigated and closed its books on U.F.O.s during 1952, according to Ground Saucer Watch, a nation-wide research organization of about 500 scientists, engineers and others who seek to scientifically prove or disprove the existence of U.F.O.'s, but 1,000 pages of documents obtained under a freedom of information suit, show "the Government has been lying to us all these years," it said.

"After reviewing the documents, Ground Saucer Watch believes that U.F.O.'s do exist, they are real, the U.S. Government has been totally untruthful and the cover-up is massive," William Spaulding, head of the group, said.

Embassies Gather Information

Mr. Spaulding, an aerospace engineer with AirResearch, one of the largest producers of specialized aerospace components, said the documents show that United States embassies are used to help gather information on U.F.O. sightings and that the information "seems to be di-

rected to the C.I.A., the White House and the National Security Agency."

A C.I.A. memo of Aug. 1, 1952, recommends continued agency surveillance of "flying saucers," saying, "It is strongly urged, however, that no indication of C.I.A. interest or concern reach the press or public, in view of the probably alarmist tendencies to accept such interest as 'confirmatory' of the soundness of 'unpublished facts' in the hands of the U.S. Government," the document said.

Among the documents are several detailed reports of Air Force attempts to either intercept or destroy U.F.O.'s.

In a 1976 incident in Iran, one report says, two F-4 Phantom jet fighter-bombers pursued a large U.F.O. that seemed to send out smaller craft. One of the smaller craft "headed straight toward the F-4 at a very fast rate of speed," the report said. "The pilot attempted to fire an AIM-9 missile at the object but at that instant his weapons control panel went off and he lost all communications." The pilot ejected the craft, then watched as it "returned to the primary object for a perfect rejoin," the report continued.

Concern About Russian Aims

A major point of concern, a C.I.A. document dated Oct. 2, 1952, shows, is that U.F.O. sightings could mask Russian air attacks or "psychological warfare." The report — to the director of Central Intelligence from the assistant director for the Office of Scientific Intelligence — recommends that the National Security Council be advised of the "implications of the 'flying saucer' problem"; that the matter be discussed with the Psychological Strategy Board, and that the C.I.A. help "develop... a policy of public information which will minimize concern and possible panic resulting from the numerous sightings of unidentified objects."

A document dated November 1973, directs against acknowledging any pattern in sightings. "Unless there is evidence which links sightings, or unless media queries link sightings, queries can best be handled individually at the source and as questions arise," it said. "Response

should be direct, forthright and emphasize that the action taken was in response to an isolated or specific incident."

Mr. Spaulding says the documents show that there are links and patterns in the sightings. From that evidence, he says, he believes U.F.O.'s are here on surveillance missions. "We find a concentration of sightings around our military installations, research and development areas," he said. "The U.F.O. phenomenon is following what our own astronauts are doing on other planets — we send a scoutship, we take soil samples and then we land."

Another Suit Pending

Mr. Spaulding said he has sworn statements from retired Air Force colonels that at least two U.F.O.'s have crashed-landed and been recovered by the Air Force.

One crash, he said, was in Mexico in 1948 and the other was near Kingman, Ariz., in 1953. He said the retired officers claimed they got a glimpse of dead aliens who were in both cases about four feet tall with silversh complexion and wearing silver outfits that "seemed fused to the body from the heat."

Mr. Spaulding said his group is waiting now for a Federal judge to rule on the last phase of its C.I.A. suit, which seeks access to 37 items that would provide "hard evidence" of U.F.O.'s or "retrievals of the third kind." That evidence includes motion pictures, gun camera film and residue from landings, he said.

Among the films they want is 40 to 48 frames taken in 1952 by Ralph Mayher, then a cameraman for KYW-TV in Cleveland and now a member of Ground Saucer Watch. The Air Force borrowed the film in 1957 and has never returned it. The official finding was that the object had been a meteor, Mr. Spaulding said.

"We're past the story-telling stage," Mr. Spaulding said. "We have to have it in black and white to satisfy the scientific community. We have to establish the existence of the object to all the people in Missouri and then figure out who's driving it."

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UFOs harassed nuclear bases, U.S. reports say

By WARD SINCLAIR and ART HARRIS
 Times-Post News Service
 (Washington Post)

WASHINGTON — During two weeks in 1975, a string of the nation's supersensitive nuclear missile launch sites and bomber bases were visited by unidentified, low-flying and elusive objects, according to Defense Department reports.

The sightings, made visually and on radar by air and ground crews and sabotage-alert forces, occurred at installations in Montana, Michigan and Maine, and led to extensive but unsuccessful Air Force attempts to track and detain the objects.

Air Force and Defense Department records variously describe the objects as helicopters, aircraft, unknown entities and brightly lighted, fast-moving vehicles that hovered over nuclear weapons storage areas and evaded all pursuit efforts.

In several instances, after base security had been penetrated, the Air Force sent fighter planes and airborne command planes aloft to carry on the unsuccessful pursuit. The records do not indicate if the fighters fired on the intruders.

THE DOCUMENTS ALSO GIVE no indication that the airspace incursions provoked much more than local command concern.

But a Nov. 11, 1975, directive from the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force instructed public information staffers to avoid linking the scattered sightings unless specifically asked.

The Defense Department position, cited in that memo and reiterated Thursday by a departmental spokesman, is that formal investigation of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) ended in 1969 and that there were no plans for a renewed Air Force investigation.

Yet another Air Force intelligence report indicated extensive interest in a 1976 incident over Iran, when two Iranian Air Force F-4 Phantom fighter planes were scrambled to encounter a brightly lighted object in the skies near Tehran.

THE OBJECT WAS TRACKED by Iranian ground radar, seen independently by the crew of a commercial airliner and pursued by the F-4s, which, according to the report, experienced a breakdown of their electronic communications devices when they neared the object.

The report, compiled by American officials, said the electronic weapons system of one of the planes went dead when its pilot prepared to fire an AIM-9 missile at a smaller object that appeared to roar out from the larger vehicle.

The planes' electronic equipment reportedly became operative after they veered away from the smaller object, which had returned to the larger light, the report said. Iranians described the larger object, with colored, fast-flashing lights, as the size of the Boeing 707 jetliner.

THE INFORMATION ON THE

1975 and 1976 sightings — records from the Air Force and the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) — was turned over to Ground Saucer Watch (GSW), a Phoenix-based organization that monitors UFO reports.

The Air Force and NORAD data provided detailed accounts of sightings of unexplained objects from Loring Air Force Base in Maine, Wurtsmith AFB in Michigan and Malmstrom AFB in Montana, all within a two-week period.

AT THOSE AND OTHER missile-launching sites in the northern tier of states, military personnel reported that the objects hovered over nuclear weapons storage areas, in some cases as low as 10 feet from the ground, and missile silos, before they departed.

The reports referred to the objects in some cases as "helicopters," although no witness made a positive identification. The sounds the objects emitted were described as being similar to helicopter noise.

In one such instance, on Nov. 7, 1975, at Malmstrom, Capt. Thomas W. O'Brien, who had just left duty as a missile launch officer, said an aircraft resembling a helicopter approached the silo area.

He and his deputy heard what they thought was a helicopter rotor over the building where they were resting. The unidentified deputy looked out the window and saw "the silhouette of a large aircraft hovering about 10 to 15 feet above the ground" and about 25 feet from the launch-area fence.

HE REPORTEDLY SAW TWO red and white lights on the front, a white light on the bottom and another on the rear. Darkness prevented him from seeing markings or personnel on the object. The object left after a minute or so of hovering, the report said.

Military crews at two other nearby launch facilities reported moving lights in the air on the same evening, but said they heard no sounds.

NORAD commanders' activity logs during that period of time reported another sighting at another unidentified launch facility in which witnesses said they saw the object "issuing a black object from it, tubular in shape." Standard radar surveillance provided no clues as to the presence of anything other than known craft in the area.

More detail appeared in reports of sightings on Oct. 30 and 31 over Wurtsmith, where an "unidentified helicopter" flew around the base and hovered over weapons-storage bunkers.

INVESTIGATORS SUBSE-quently determine no military, commercial or private helicopters known to be based in the area could have been around Wurtsmith at those times. The crew of a KC-135 tanker plane, already airborne, spotted the object near the base and attempted to give chase, but couldn't keep up with it.

OBSERVER, Charlotte, NC - Jan. 16, 1979

CR: G. Fawcett
Deputies Chase Odd Light

Observer Staff Reports
 A mysterious light in the Caldwell County sky early Monday morning hooked the idling attention of three sheriff's deputies and led to a puzzling 10-mile pursuit down U.S. 321 to the Catawba County line.

There, the light appeared to lift suddenly and fly from sight.

"There was a very brilliant light for some 15 minutes," Caldwell deputy Ronnie Simmons said. "Then the light would dim and then it would get brighter."

About 4:30 a.m. Monday, Simmons said, he and Phillip Hubbard stopped at the highway patrol station in Hudson to talk with Kandy Laws, another deputy.

And there it was — a big white light in the sky. It seemed about three, four times higher than a tall tree and appeared to hang over the Dudley Shoals community, maybe 4 miles away, the deputies said.

As the deputies gazed, the light appeared to descend and flickered green and red inside its brilliance.

The deputies radioed Hudson police officer Dewey Haynes, patrolling near Caldwell Community College. Haynes saw it, too, moving south.

Simmons and Hubbard headed south. In the meanwhile, a fourth deputy, Dennis Benfield, radioed Hickory Airport. But there was no answer.

Near the Catawba River bridge on U.S. 321, about 10 miles from their starting point, the light hung for a while at treetop level, they said, then suddenly lifted and left.

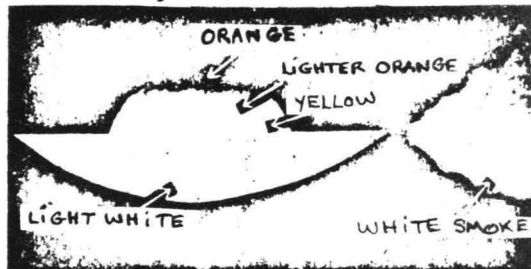
"At no time were we upset," Simmons said. "We just felt we might have encountered an aircraft in some sort of trouble."

Astronomer Jim Seebach, planetarium curator at the Charlotte Nature Museum, had no doubts about what the deputies saw. "It sounds like Venus to me."

As far as Seebach can see, just about everything fits the bright planet — exceptionally brilliant now as it moves toward Earth and visible for about three hours before sunrise, low in the southeast.

The morning star (which becomes the evening star when it moves away from Earth) would appear to change color as it drops closer to the horizon — particularly if seen through haze or smog, Seebach said.

DAILY NEWS, Tucumcari, NM
 Dec. 20, 1978 CR: R. Caudell



COLORFUL SAUCER—This is an artist's conception of the flying saucer seen at San Jon a week ago today and later that same night at Groom, Tex. The rainbow-like colors were bright. (News Staff Sketch by Bob Kettler)

San Jon Woman Sees Saucer.

A San Jon woman who preferred to remain anonymous disclosed that a week before she had seen a flying saucer and gave an accurate description as confirmed by KFDA TV, Channel 10, which ran a news account of a UFO sighting the same night in Groom, Texas. Ed Note: A magnificent Galactic sketch of the saucer as described by the woman was sketched on the front page by Editor Bob Kettler, now employed by the State Employment Service Commission.



Portsmouth News, Hants.

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'Giant mushroom' U.F.O. sighted at Portsdown

A giant "mushroom-shaped" U.F.O. has been sighted near Nelson's column on Portsdown Hill by a Portchester family.

The Mailing family said they watched petrified as the brightly-lit object hovered silently over their car in Nelson Lane.

The couple and their two children saw the object on Tuesday night at about seven o'clock as they were driving to Droxford. "It was so bright it lit up the sky," explained Mrs. Lynn Mailing. "As we drove down Nelson Lane we saw what appeared to be a large object hovering over a ploughed field."

Mrs. Mailing said the object appeared to be "floating" in mid-air quite low over the field, was larger than an aircraft, and round in shape.

"There were very bright light on top, like a searchlight, then just below, red lights, and at the bottom, luminous green lights

which gave the appearance of being windows. "I just stared at it in amazement. It reminded me of a giant mushroom. We were all so stunned and shocked at seeing the strange object."

"As we continued on our journey, the object appeared to be hovering over us. Then in seconds it shot across the sky towards Fatcham."

"The eerie thing about it was there was no noise. All we could hear was the sound of our engine running. I was petrified, especially when it was over us."

Mrs. Mailing, of Kenwood Road, has always been open-minded about U.F.O.s. "It seemed like a dream but we all saw something extraordinary in the sky that night."

"I know this story seems a bit far-fetched — I would think so too if it was told to me — but that is exactly what we saw."

Mrs. Mailing hopes the object may have been sighted by other people in the area.

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Schoolboy captures a noisy UFO on tape

SIXTH - FORMER Stephen Osbiston believes he has recorded the sound of an Unidentified Flying Object.

The strange high-pitched noise, recorded by Stephen from his bedroom window, vibrates at 250 oscillations a minute and sounds just like something from outer space.

The taping is the climax to weeks of reports of strange droning noises and mysterious lights in the sky over Aldershot, Farnham and surrounding areas.

Other people who have had the schoolboy's tape played to them say it is the same sound that they heard.

Onar Fowler, veteran UFO investigator and chairman of the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena, said: "We are confident we have a tape recording of a UFO over Aldershot. It is an important breakthrough."

He described the noise as "pretty hairy."

Stephen, 18, of Cargate Avenue, Aldershot, said: "I

was just getting into bed one night when I heard this oscillating whistle.

"I had never heard it before but some weeks earlier my girlfriend's father heard it and said he wished he had a tape recorder handy."

"Well, I did, so I hung the mike out of the bedroom window and recorded the noise for about 20 minutes. Listening to it really makes you wonder."

"Various friends at Farnborough Sixth Form College heard the same strange sound."

RIDDLE OF 'UFO' AT LONDON AIRPORT

by Ian Glover-James

A MYSTERIOUS triangular light hovering over London's Heathrow airport at dawn yesterday remains unexplained by the authorities.

Passengers and airport staff who spotted it are convinced they have experienced a close encounter of the third kind. It was a UFO, they claim.

"It could not have been an aircraft. It was travelling too fast and its movements were too erratic," said passenger Gerry Reeves, from Harrow, London.

And airport worker Harry Fisher said: "I have no idea what it was. It looked like a triangular light which was surveying the airport. It was too big to be a star. The only other thing it could have been was a helicopter."

Hovering

The unidentified flying object first appeared on the south side of the airport just as first light was breaking. It moved east towards central London before shooting off to the West at great speed.

The triangular light was next spotted hovering over nearby Hounslow for some 20 minutes before disappearing to the south.

Heathrow's air traffic controllers said there were no helicopter movements in the area at the time, and nothing was tracked on radar at Heathrow's control tower.

Telephone calls were received at the airport from people living nearby, saying they had spotted something strange in the sky.

But the Civil Aviation Authority, responsible for air movements in Britain, refused to comment. And the British Airports Authority, who run the airport, said: "We are aware of these sightings but it is really a matter for the C.A.A."

The skies over Heathrow are among the busiest in the world, and local airspace is further congested with light planes from nearby Denham aerodrome and military flights from R.A.F. Northolt.

SUNDAY EXPRESS, London, England - Nov. 26, 1978

Wallington & Carshalton Advertiser, Surrey

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Did you see UFO?

AN ENORMOUS UFO was hovering over Sutton on Friday evening, says Mrs Marina Rickman, aged 41, of 66, Bute Gardens West, Wallington.

She got out of a van outside the flats in Crown Road and looked up to see a formation of white lights in a clear patch of sky over Sutton.

She alerted Mr Tony Brown as he got out of the van, and together they watched a softly glowing orange cigar-shaped object for about 15 seconds.

"The bright lights shot away, and then I became aware of the orange object — it was so far away that it must have been at least a mile long," said Mrs Rickman.

The Minister of Defence would not comment. She would like to hear from anyone else who saw it.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - Dec. 30, 1978

Officer Reports UFO Over Isle of Capri

NAPLES, Italy (AP) — A Naples police officer has reported seeing what he described as an unidentified flying object over the Isle of Capri in the latest of several such reports in Italy.

Michele Carliano said that while making his rounds in a squad car at dawn Tuesday, he saw an object emitting a strong, intermittent light across the bay over Capri. However, before it could be photographed the UFO disappeared, he said.

UFO spotted by man observing weather

OBJECT 'WAS NOT PLANE OR CLOUD'

A U.F.O. was spotted by a Whitstable man while he was making his daily weather observations from his home in King Edward Street. He saw a large silver plate-shaped object move rapidly across the sky.

Percy Hatton was checking the wind direction by looking at the tall poplar opposite his front bedroom at 7.15 a.m. on Thursday morning last week when he saw a block of light grey vapour move rapidly from east to west across a clear sky, and his first feeling was: "I was looking at something I shouldn't be seeing."

Frightened

"Then a glistening silver plate-shaped object suddenly appeared in front of the vapour and I had the feeling that it was somehow watching me. I felt as though there was some contact between us."

"This seemed to be confirmed by a massive acceleration and the vapour trail increased by about a third in size before the silver object disappeared."

Mr. Hatton has been getting up early every morning to observe the weather and accumulate data for his twice-yearly predictions which are accepted by the national weather centre at Bracknell, television and researchers all over the world.

"As someone who has spent his life making exact observations I am not exaggerating anything I say," he said.

Whitstable Times, Kent ENGLAND NOV. 24 1978

Portsmouth News, Hants.

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Stranger in the night

Central heating engineers Tony Thompson and Michael Hills felt cold shivers when a UFO "much bigger than a double-decker bus" hovered over their car one evening.

But no-one believed their story until somebody suggested that they must have witnessed the reappearance of a giant mushroom-shaped UFO that earlier this month petrified a Portchester family on Portsdown Hill.

The circular object appeared in the sky above Rowlands Castle and began following Mr. Thompson's car as he drove up Boves Hill.

"It was about 6 p.m. I was leaning out of the car window looking up at the object," said Mr. Hills of Horndean. "A car driver behind us was peering up through his windscreen and pointing."

"After a while it went off into the distance at incredible speed — much faster than an aeroplane. It circled around and then returned to hover over our car again at Horndean for about ten seconds before disappearing."

Mr. Hills said the object was silver in colour, with a blue flashing light on top.

Guardian, London

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Invisible UFO

A FILM made by a Kuwait oil company employee of an unidentified flying object turned out to be blank when developed. The film was made earlier this week as the UFO made its third appearance.—UPI.

UFOs — a wartime sighting

IN YOUR columns you say that the UFO saga continues. But why should it not?

There is something happening in our skies we cannot satisfactorily explain.

All the old standbys have been brought forward, time and time again to prove that UFOs do not exist. Scientific commissions have been set up and all the major governments have made official inquiries, but we have got no further in solving the mystery.

thought, for stores began to emanate after the war of the strange experience of bomber and fighter pilots being followed by strange craft which circled them at amazing speeds but with no hostile intentions. These they called "Fu" fighters — perhaps a contraction of UFO.

JAMES McINTOCK 74 Bredon Close, Danesholme Estate Corby.

Western Times, Exeter

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Devon man 'buzzed' by ball of light

WHAT are the mysterious moving lights around Criss Cross Hill near Silverton

Strange, sometimes frightening lights are still being seen in the area.

The latest sighting was on Monday evening.

Four members of a local snooker team had to stop their car as a large pulsating light travelled low overhead.

Mr Brian Goodwin, of Silverton, told of another sighting less than a fortnight ago by a local man and his daughter, again in the Criss Cross area.

By JOHN CAMBLE

"He was driving along the road from Bradninch to Silverton when he was 'buzzed' by a rapidly moving ball of light passing less than 60 yards away over his head."

Then, last Thursday, Mr. Brian Hooper, headmaster of Silverton Primary School, saw another strange sight.

"It was about 5.30 p.m., just as it was beginning to get dark, I was looking out southwards over Silverton when I saw a bright, circular light moving slowly over the fields."

"It was silent and appeared

to be lighting up the countryside. It was quite large, about half the size of a half-moon. I didn't know what it was, it didn't appear to be an aeroplane."

"Suddenly it moved off quickly. It was travelling south away from me, so I couldn't really tell how fast it was moving, but I would say it was moving at great speed," he said.

"Several people have been going up to Seven Crosses, a hill near Tiverton with a good view of the surrounding countryside, and there have been quite a few reports of

strange lights lighting up the Criss Cross area."

Mr. Hooper spoke to a policeman about one particular sighting.

"He was unconvinced, saying that there were usually scorch marks on the ground with this sort of thing, and that none had been found. For a policeman to admit that scorch marks are usual, it makes me wonder."

Housewives from nearby Bradninch reported in September they had seen "strange balls of light, glowing orange, making no sound, and moving away fast from a hovering position."

EVENING TELEGRAPH, Northamptonshire, England - Nov. 11, 1978

All up in the air over their UFO

CHRISTCHURCH, Today (PA). — Clarence River is believed to have a resident UFO but the locals don't pay it much attention any more.

They have described it as two or three coloured lights moving slowly through the Hundalee hills. A car almost ran off the road while the driver tried to watch it.

Its most spectacular appearance was hovering near the main highway through the Hundalee hills. A car almost ran off the road while the driver tried to watch it.

The UFO suddenly became a talking point this week when something was picked up in the area by Wellington Airport's powerful surveillance radar.

The radar showed five objects near the Clarence River mouth on Thursday morning and two pilots made visual sightings of a bright white light off the Kaikoura coast during the night.

But the object has become a familiar sight for many residents of the area. They say it has been around for about three years.

They are not keen on being named though. They say people have looked at them strangely when they have tried to explain the sightings.

One man whose wife and children have also seen the object — described it as having a red light on one side and a green light on the other.

He watched it through binoculars about a year ago, but could still get no idea of what it was.

"Since then I have never worried a great deal about it" he said.

"It seemed to be moving about as though it is charting something." The lights often appear out to sea, in the direction of Wellington.

'Huge object' tracks plane

Christchurch (PA). — A huge unidentified flying object tracked a Christchurch-bound

aircraft for nearly 20km off the Kaikoura coast early yesterday, the pilot claimed today.

The pilot of the Safe Air Argosy, Captain V. L. A. Powell described the object as "mainly white with a red tinge on it every now and again".

The object — still at a great distance from the aircraft — was also watched by his co-pilot and by Wellington based radar.

It moved towards the Argosy at tremendous speed as the aircraft came close to Christchurch airport, but soon veered away, Captain Powell reported.

The freight-carrying aircraft left Blenheim at 3 a.m. yesterday, bound for Christchurch and Dunedin.

It passed over the Cape Campbell beacon and headed out to sea, aiming for a point 35km off Kaikoura.

It established communications with Wellington radar, which followed the aircraft throughout its flight.

"They told us they had several unexplained radar returns, and were wondering if we could see anything," Captain Powell said today.

The radar was showing five returns which were not ships. An earlier flight had shown no ships in the area.

Captain Powell and his co-pilot, Mr I. B. Perry, checked over some of the echoes in the area, and some were ships.

"They said there was a large return on our port side at about nine o'clock at a distance of 40km. We looked out and there it was," he said.

A bit of cloud came between the plane and the object, from which the glow still showed through. It later came into full view before the Argosy turned away from it, towards Christchurch.

Later still, the Argosy was making its approach to Christchurch with its weather radar on.

The radar showed an object about 64km away out to sea. He pulled the cover off the radar so his co-pilot could see.

The radar showed it moved about 21km towards them in five seconds then veered away to its right and disappeared off the screen.

"It was moving so fast it was leaving a tail behind it on the radar screen," he said.

Out of the window the two fliers caught another brief sighting of a flashing light.

Captain Powell said: "It was a massive bright white light with a tinge on it every now and again."

The Argosy was still climbing through the cover sky at 2500m; the object was at a greater height.

The radar return kept appearing intermittently on the equipment in Wellington until about dawn.

The moon was up that night. But Captain Powell is sure it was not the moon.

"I've thought of all these things too," he said.

Captain Powell, 55, has been flying since 1944. He has done 18,000 hours of flying.

The colours reported did not match the UFO report radioed in by a pilot of a light aircraft which went missing off the Australian coast in October. The object was said to be green with a metallic light on the outside.

Captain Powell levelled off the plane about 3000m. The object was still there but Wellington radar reported it was disappearing and reappearing sometimes.

"I imagined it was stationary, but when I checked later it was in the same position relative to my window."

"I told Wellington and they said that since their last report the object had been tracking us for almost 20km."

Captain Powell said he felt excited at this stage. "I have been looking out for this sort of thing for the last 28 years and at last I have seen something. It was nothing I could explain."

Taiari close encounter

A Mosgiel woman says she saw a round ball of bright red light — much larger than a plane light — move slowly across the Taiari Plains.

Mrs Marion Cague, of Dukes Road Mosgiel, had just returned to bed on Wednesday, after seeing her husband off on a trip to Teuku.

She saw the light through her bedroom window, and curiosity led her outside for a closer look. It was 4.30 a.m.

The round ball of light was

seen to travel slowly, at a steady speed, across the plains, and along the flat area of the Maingatus.

Mrs Cague watched it from the road, as it moved slowly out of sight.

It was not an aircraft, and Mrs Cague is certain it was not a meteor.

"I was more curious than apprehensive when I saw it."

The thing was, there was no sound of an engine, so it could not have been a plane," she said.

The object was alone in the sky when it glided

silently across Mosgiel and the surrounding hills.

There were no planes about at that time of the morning, the Dunedin airport superintendent confirmed today.

The airport was deserted, so the object's presence was not tracked on radar.

But Mrs Cague was not alone in her sighting of a large red flying object.

Her husband reports that a Christchurch pilot saw a similar object and tracked it on radar at roughly the same time.

Light-beaming UFOs Fill Skies in Italy

New York Times News Service
ROME — The skies of Italy, it seems, are full of OVNI's, the Italian version of Unidentified Flying Objects.

UFOs that give off green, red or white lights and have a doughnut-like hole in the middle have been reported, and in some cases, photographed, at dozens of places between Palermo, Sicily and Milan in the north.

Thursday the phenomenon of the OVNI — "oggetto volante non identificato" in Italian — hit Rome for the first time, being reported by the officers on duty in the operations room of police headquarters.

Green Light

Dozens of people called, all with the same message: "We see an enormous beam of green light just overhead." A lieutenant and a noncommissioned officer, "driven by curiosity," as they said later, ran out on the terrace and exclaimed: "We see an enormous beam of green light!" The light disappeared in a north-northwesterly direction between Tibertina and Salarna, two residential quarters.

Photos Taken

Tuesday, at Palermo, a bank clerk, Nino Raffagnino, said he spotted an object just before midnight, made a dash for his 1,000 millimeter telephoto lens and came up with a series of pictures that appeared in the press. One,

taken when the object was stationary, according to Raffagnino, showed a disc of light with a hole in the middle.

Officers of the Palermo police, alerted by citizens' calls, also took pictures and sent them to the newspapers. Taken while the object appeared to be moving, they showed a long, wide streak of light in the dark sky. Reports of sightings also came from a night patrol of the Carabinieri, the elite national police corps, at Lecce, in

the south, and from two soldiers standing guard at Brindisi, on the Adriatic coast.

Newspapers all over the country have been getting calls for weeks — so many that *Paese Sera*, the Communist newspaper at Rome, said it might have to consider a daily column.

Fishermen Vanish

The most alarming item so far was from San Benedetto del Tronto, a fishing village on the

Adriatic near Pescara, where two fishermen in a boat were reported to have disappeared without a trace on a clear night when the sea was as smooth as a mirror and lit by a full moon. Fishermen in the area refused to go out at night after that, and there is talk of an "Adriatic Triangle," reminiscent of the legendary "Bermuda Triangle," where ships and planes are rumored to have disappeared for generations.

The National UFOlogical Center has not made a public appraisal of the reported sightings.

Expert Surprised

In *Corriere della Sera*, the influential Turin newspaper, Francesco Alberoni, a well-known sociology professor, expressed surprise that so many sightings were being reported just now. Normally, he said in an interview, such flurries of sightings come at times of great national anxiety, but Italians are rather less worried than usual about either terrorism or politics.

More Sightings

Sightings of UFOs or strange lights in the sky recently have been reported in other parts of the world, notably in sections of the United States and in South America. Reports of UFOs tend to "double themselves," experts say, because of the publicity and excitement surrounding the sightings.

Huge Luminous Object Sighted Over Adriatic

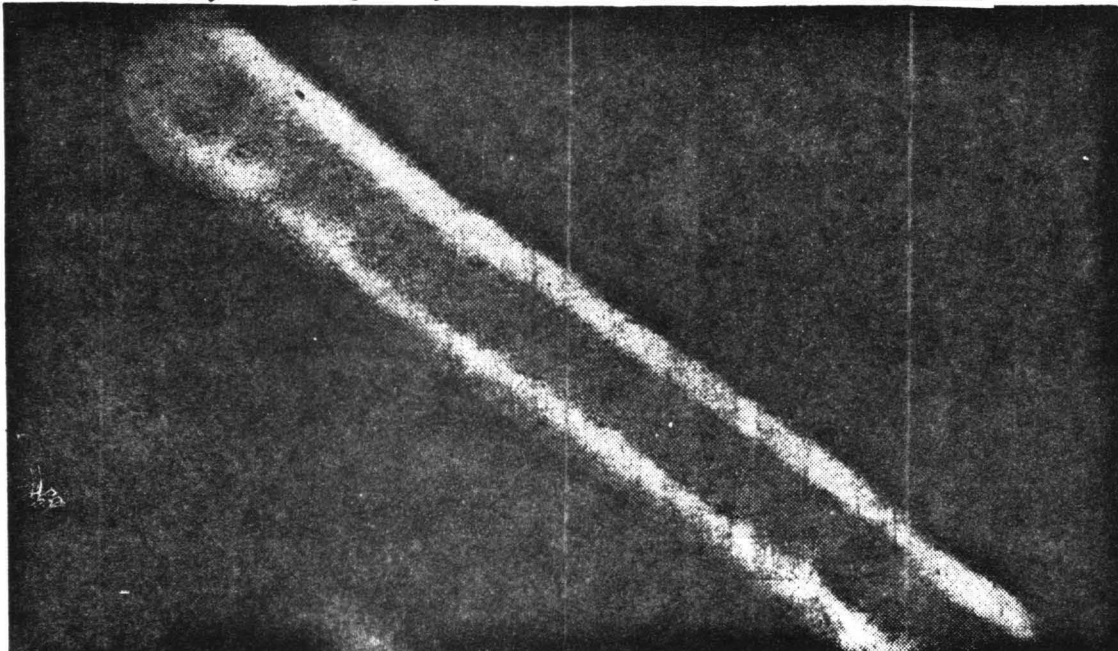
BARI, Italy (UPI) — Dozens of patients and doctors in a local hospital reported sighting a huge luminous object moving silently along the Adriatic Sea horizon before dawn Sunday.

It was the most recent in a series of UFO sightings throughout Italy since early December.

Bari police said they tried to calm patients by telling them the object was the predawn mail plane, but they admitted later that the plane was not in the vicinity of the sighting and that several police officers had also seen the object.

Officials at Bitono Hospital in this small seaside town 285 miles southeast of Rome said patients and doctors alike saw the object, described as "long, metallic and emitting a bright yellow light."

The officials said the object flew at high speed over the city and then hovered silently on the horizon before picking up speed southward and disappearing into the night sky.



UFO Sighting

An unidentified flying object, shown in a police picture, reportedly was sighted over Palermo, Sicily, Wednesday. A police patrol said the UFO, one of many reported over Italy

in recent months, traveled in a north-south direction and had a golden flow of varying intensity. (UPI)

Pilot Chased By 'Lights' Still Missing

SYDNEY, Australia (UPI) — A single-engine plane flying over Australia vanished as its pilot, Frederick Valentich, 20, raved that a long object with "four bright lights" was chasing him.

That was nearly two months ago.

Aviation officials admitted Thursday they still do not know how, why or if the plane was overtaken by an unidentified flying object. Nor do they know if the incident was a hoax.

Since the bizarre disappearance October 21, officials have searched to no avail a 10,000 square-mile area.

Valentich was flying from Melbourne's Moorabbin Airport to King Island, 130 miles across the Bass Strait separating Tasmania from mainland Australia.

"Officially the file is still open in the absence of a body or a plane," Aviation spokesman Ken Williams said Thursday. "We have not found anything at all relative to the disappearance of the aircraft."

Guide Valentich, the father of a pilot who disappeared in his small plane off Tasmania in October after he reported sighting an unidentified flying object, appealed at Sydney, Australia, to oceanographer Jacques Cousteau for help in finding his son, even though Valentich said he believes his son is still alive and a captive of aliens from space.

TV crew's UFO hunt scores sighting

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — The New Zealand air force put Skyhawk warplanes on standby alert Monday after a television crew said it filmed unidentified flying objects and air controllers tracked strange blips on radar.

"I am not a UFO believer, but there were definitely something there," said Bill Startup, pilot of the plane carrying the TV crew. He said the large objects shone with a "very bright white light."

Early today off the Queensland Gold Coast near Brisbane, Australia, four police officers reported watching a UFO for more than 2 1/2 hours.

Constable Ian Jansen said: "Through the glasses, the light looked to have a bluish tinge although I reckon I could see reds and greens in it as well."

"We fixed a viewing position and watched it move up and down and left and right before it finally rose high in the sky until it was just a pinpoint of light. Then it disappeared behind clouds," he said. He said other policemen in the area also reported seeing it.

Quentin Fogarty, a reporter for a Melbourne, Australia, television station, said his crew filmed the UFOs for seven minutes Saturday night from Startup's plane over Kaitiaki, in the eastern region of New Zealand's South Island. Civil aviation authorities in Wellington, 70 miles away, said they recorded up to 10 unidentified radar readings about the same time.

"We now have recorded sightings by six pilots on three aircraft over 10 days and a host of radar sightings," a Wellington air traffic controller who identified himself as A. Gasser said.

"There is obviously some strange phenomenon and it needs to be investigated."

Skyhawk fighter-bombers will be deployed if radar at Wellington tracks any more unusual signals, a spokesman

for the New Zealand Defense Ministry said.

Fogarty, 32, had hired a four-engine turboprop plane to retrace a New Zealand Airline flight that reported seeing UFOs Dec. 21 over Cook Strait, the narrow channel that separates the two islands of New Zealand.

"We first saw the objects about 11:35 p.m., 10 minutes out of Wellington," he said. "I was doing a piece on camera inside the body of the plane and was saying 'Now we'll go upstairs to see if there's anything happening' when the pilot yelled 'Get up here quick!'"

"There were bright globules of light pulsating and expanding and lighting up the foreshore and town of Kaitiaki," he said.

"We got frightened when Wellington radar control told us we had one on our tail. Then it was joined by four or five more. I thought once, 'maybe this is it.' I was thinking of Valentin; I was scared stiff."

He was referring to Frederick Valentin, 20, pilot of a light plane that disappeared over Australia's southeast coast Oct. 21. Valentin had radioed that he was being followed by a large silver flying object.

Fogarty said that as the objects came closer he noticed one was saucer-shaped with a dome on top and another was egg-shaped with white lights moving around it.

"The whole feeling was that we were in their domain," Fogarty said. "They seemed in control and aware we were filming. I don't think they were going to harm us."

Startup, who has been flying for 23 years, said he first saw an object about 20 miles ahead of his aircraft.

"Air traffic control then told us there was an object about one mile behind us and I turned the aircraft around to have a look," he said.

"We spotted something which kept accelerating to get closer to us and would then fall back. I know of no aircraft which could carry out such a maneuver."

"We made a two-minute orbit but then continued the up because we did not want to push our luck," he said, adding they saw more strange objects on the return trip to the airport at Blenheim, New Zealand.

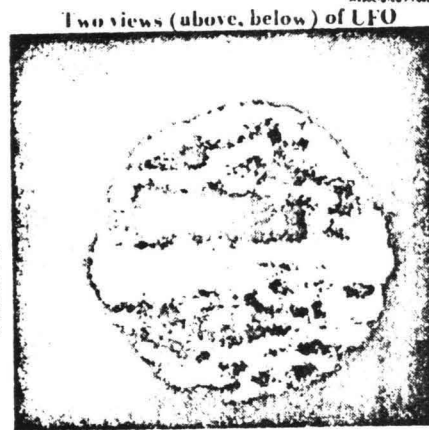
The TV film of the supposed New Zealand UFO was purchased by the British Broadcasting Co. and the CBS television network for undisclosed sums. CBS showed the film Monday night on its news broadcast.

But Britain's leading betting house was not impressed by the New Zealand report.

"We're offering 250-to-1 against aliens from outer space landing or crashing on Earth during 1979 — the same as before this sighting," Ron Pollard of Ladbrokes bookmakers in London said.

Ladbrokes was closed Monday for New Years, but betting was to open today.

In Ferrara, Italy, eight persons returning home from a New Year's Eve party said they saw a bright oval object moving slowly through the sky, leaving a dense, whitish trail. It was the second sighting in two days over the northern Italian city.



Two views (above, below) of UFO

Stirring news of saucers
Britain is in the middle of a flying saucer boom. The UFO spotting agency, Contact International, claims there has been an "unprecedented" number of reported sightings.
Contact's president, Ruth Rees, says: "Our data research man has received 185 calls in 24 hours."
About 60 were attributed to a meteorite, but other reports told of lights going in various directions.
The sighting that caused most interest was by a policeman in Northants.
Miss Rees said: "He told us about 200 people watched an enormous silver cylinder in the sky. It seemed to be sending searchlight beams up into space and down to the ground."

Evening News, Manchester, England
Jan. 8, 1979 CR: P. Rogerson

HERALD, Salisbury, Rhodesia - Jan. 5, 1979 CR: C. Hind

Strange tale of Mindalore creatures

JOHANNESBURG.

SOUTH AFRICA'S first UFO sighting of 1979 was reported near here yesterday by a Transvaal woman and her schoolboy son.

Mrs Meagan Quezet of Saul Jacobs Street, Mindalore, near Krugeradorp said her son Andre told how they encountered a brightly-coloured craft on a lonely road shortly after midnight—and, they claim, five or six strange creatures who tried to communicate with them.

SOMETHING

Mrs Quezet, a former nurse, said she did not wish to use the term "UFO" when describing what she saw.

"My son and I definitely saw something and some beings, there is no doubt about it. I'm not keen to have my name in the papers, but my husband said this morning we should report the sighting so that it can be recorded."

The South African UFO sighting came after 12-year-old Andre Quezet woke up and complained to his mother, who was reading in a front room, that he was unable to sleep, reports Iana.

Mrs Quezet takes up the story: "About the same time, just after 12, the dog began barking wildly,

and all the neighbourhood dogs began barking too.

"We decided to bring the dog into the house to calm him down, but he had left the garage and run off down the road."

Mrs Quezet and Andre walked together towards the new tarred road running from Shandore to Luipaardvlei.

LEADER

"As we approached the new road, I said to Andre that the council must have put up lights there recently. But Andre said there were no street lights there. However, we could see a bright pink light just over a rise.

"As we approached the rise, we came across this thing standing in the road, about 20 metres from us. And in front of it were these five or six beings."

Andre told the exact same story as his mother, and continued: "One of the men there had a

beard, and seemed to be the leader. We watched them for a little while, then they turned to us and stared. The leader bowed to my mother, from the waist, and tried to speak. He sounded as if he was trying to say something in a high-pitched, strange voice."

Mrs Quezet agreed: "I said hello to the creature, but I couldn't understand what he was saying to me."

She told her son: "Andre, quick, quick run and get your father and bring him here."

Andre ran off, and as he did so, said Mrs Quezet, the creatures jumped about 1.5m into the air and vanished through a sliding door in front of their craft.

"The door slid closed from the top, and the long steel-like legs it was standing on began to elongate — there's no other word for it — and with a humming noise the craft disappeared into the sky."

It was a cloudy night, and the mystery object vanished in seconds.

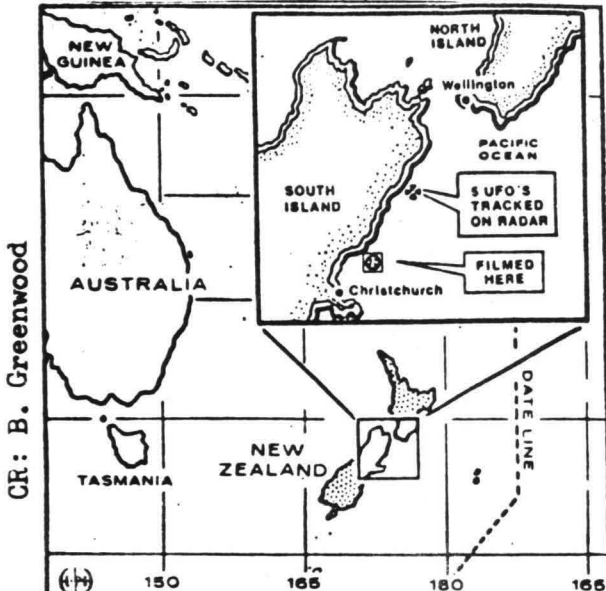
Astronomer says test plots UFO as Jupiter

At the same time the atmosphere for a patch of warm air, but could bend the light, he said. Sudden changes in humidity could have displaced radar signals, or the westerly wind flowing over the Alps and the Kaitiaki Mountains in an undulating pattern, could also cause the same kind of mirage.
One satellite photograph he had seen showed clearly that cloud bands associated with this pattern were present on at least one of the nights.
Dr Thompson said he had talked to an Air Force investigator, and was to accompany him to Blenheim today to interview the Argosy pilots who saw the lights on Sunday.
The UFO filmed over the Clarence River and shown on television on Wednesday night looked just like the object one of the pilots, Captain Bill Startup saw from his aircraft early Sunday morning.

Mr Fogarty, the TV reporter, said the sighting was covered by a perspex dome. Mr Lanigan O'Keefe then studied a table giving the locations of the four large moons which orbit Jupiter. The positions of the smaller dots on the film and those of Jupiter's moons fitted perfectly.
The New Zealand Meteorological Office believes the UFOs sighted near Kaitiaki may have been mirages caused by atmospheric conditions, the Press Association reports.
Dr D. Thompson of the research division, said a large anticyclone and winds on the night the lights were filmed could have fooled both observers and radar, making it possible for lights hundreds of kilometres away and below the horizon to be mirrored in the sky far from their original position.
Observers could have seen a planet, such as Venus, in its original position and in its mirror image at

Mr Lanigan O'Keefe (28), put the Australian O-B Television network film through a line scan analyser which, he said, picked up four additional objects which corresponded to the largest moons of Jupiter. He thought they were having a distant encounter with Jupiter as seen as I saw it (the film).
"You have to be merciful when people make claims about an event of incalculable importance in the history of mankind."
"After making a videotape of the pictures, I went through it until I found seven frames in which the image seemed to be at its most stable and not thrown about by the motion of the aircraft (from which the film was taken).
"There is a lot more information contained in a television signal than is registered by the eye. The scanner picked up four much fainter dots adjacent to the large image which

SYDNEY, Today. — The UFO filmed over the South Island is definitely the planet Jupiter, according to amateur astronomer Mr Robert Lanigan-O'Keefe.
STAR, Auckland, New Zealand
Jan. 5, 1979
CR: R. Collings



DAILY SENTINEL, Fitzburg, MA - Jan. 2, 1979

Encounters Down Under

Television screens in Britain and Australia were filled with film footage of purported close encounters with UFOs over New Zealand on New Year's Eve. Similar sightings and radar trackings of unidentified flying objects have been reported along the coast of New Zealand in the last 10 days. The Royal New Zealand Air Force prepared to send up warplanes to investigate the flattened sphere shaped objects (UFO).

Venus at Midnight? Couldn't Be

A new caveat: Beware New Zealand astrooomers who see Venus at midnight.

Tom Hoffelder, an amateur astronomer in Stuart, has taken particular interest in the stories on the recent UFO sightings above New Zealand. He was concerned about the assertion in a photo caption in Wednesday's Post by David Mabini that the object was Venus.

The sightings were made last Saturday at 11:35 p.m., Hoffelder noted adding. "There's no way Venus can be seen at midnight. Venus is either a morning star or an evening star."

Hoffelder also doubted any camera could produce such a prominent picture as the comparative Venus photo in Wednesday's paper was shot by a Mariner space probe in 1974.

Tom Butler, curator at the Dreher Park planetarium, supported Hoffelder's conclusions. He said the latest reports attributed the objects to powerful lights, used by Japanese squid fishermen, visible at 100 miles distance, that could be reflecting off clouds.



Thom Smith
The Listening Post

Butler nipped the Venus theory without hesitation. "Venus is a crescent now," he said.
"We don't know what the object was. The TV crew members that recorded the object believed they saw a spacecraft, but their documentation is hardly convincing. We'll just wait and see."

POST, Palm Beach, FL
Jan. 5, 1979

TRANSLATIONS—Credit: Jane Thomas

City and country of incident: Portugal
Date of incident: November 2, 1959?
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, Oct. 9, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

AN EXTRATERRESTRIAL BEING

A Portuguese specialist disclosed some information about the extraterrestrial microorganism found 18 years ago in his country, after two UFOs emitted a cloud of cotton-like filaments which it was verified were live beings some 4mm in size, provided with tentacles ending in forks which adopted a posture of self-defense. The specimen whose photograph was published yesterday by a Lisbon paper, showed considerable strength since it could lift weights of up to 350 grams. During the two years it lived since its capture, it created nets of filaments to try to escape from the glass plates.

Lisbon (AFP) - A Portuguese expert, Raúl Berenguel, gave some indications about the extraterrestrial specimen it was said was found 18 years ago in Portugal. Berenguel, talking at the closing session of the First Iberic Ufology Congress that was held this weekend in Oporto, indicated having closely followed two years of scientific studies on the specimen. According to Berenguel, in lab tests the minuscule being from outer space evidenced having considerable strength since it could lift weights of up to 350g. During the two years it lived since its capture, it created at different times nets of filaments, apparently to try to escape from the glass plates between which it was held prisoner. The micro-organism, added Berenguel, was progressively fraying and ended by completely vanishing at the end of two years. "The people who followed this phenomenon step by step are above suspicion and they unanimously consider that that being is completely unknown in terrestrial biology", added Berenguel. The Portuguese specialist on the other hand, defended the principle of the existence of two types of UFOs: those of a technological nature and the biological ones. He declared he was not authorized to reveal the names of the Portuguese scientists and those of the lab who studied the phenomenon and added that the results of the experiments were communicated to several scientific centers, "under the strictest secret due to pressures at that time exerted by the academic and political media". The specimen of living being whose photograph was published yesterday by the Portuguese paper "Jornal de Notícias" (not published in Buenos Aires-JT) was allegedly recovered on Nov. 2, 1959 in the south of Portugal by a university professor. At that time numerous people observed in full daylight and for 4 hours how two UFOs threw out over the region a cloud of cotton-like filaments which according to the organizers of the Congress it was verified were "live beings some 4 mm in size, equipped with tentacles that ended in forks and which adopted positions of self-defense".

City and country of incident: Venezuela
Date of incident: -
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, October 10, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A Venezuelan reporter says he receives telepathic teachings from extraterrestrials. Great changes are about to occur and they want to help us.

Caracas (EFE) - A Venezuelan reporter claims having received teachings by extraterrestrials "telepathically and through other means". Ex-reporter Isidro Casanova told EFE that in the last months he received instructions about quantum mechanics, energy transformation, psychology and several other subjects, from beings "of a higher level, who communicate with me telepathically and through persons who act as intermediaries". Casanova, who for years was a reporter of "El Informador", a paper of Barquisimeto (Western Venezuela), stated he is presently preparing a book with his experiences and the teachings he received, indicating at the same time he intends to hold a course about extraterrestrials". Casanova assured at the same time that a UFO base has been established in the mountains of Terapeima, near Barquisimeto, and cited as proof statements from local residents and his own observations, in the sense that at night numerous oval flying objects appear there, which emit multicolored light flashes. "Besides, there are traces left nearby by one of the UFOs -he recalled- some time ago. A large crater was observed, with calcined earth around it, and tests have determined that the temperature that caused calcination could not have been produced by any of the means we have available on our planet". According to Casanova, the extraterrestrials are very interested in the things that happen on Earth, "because great changes are about to occur on our planet, and they want to help us be prepared so they cause the least possible damage". Casanova gave to understand that these modifications would relate to intense activity of the earth's crust, as well as climatic and geological changes, "which has always happened when one era ends and another begins, as now, when we are entering the era of Aquarius". The ex-Venezuelan reporter considers that extraterrestrials "are already among us... They adopt different shapes and assume different personalities on Earth to perform their task of assistance to avoid our being really 'shocked' by not being prepared for their revelations". The UFO student also stated that there is in the Mato Grosso mountains (Brazil) the first big UFO base established by extraterrestrials, and claimed that a "clinic" operates in Mexico, where they perform amazing operations through their advanced knowledge of medicine. Finally, Casanova, who mentioned Jesus Christ as one of the extraterrestrials who have visited us in the past, declined to reveal the earthly identity of his informers from outer space, at the same time not explaining by which means they choose their human disciples.

City and country of incident: Lima, Perú
Date of incident: -
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, October 11, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

NASA WANTS TO CONTACT UFOs

Lima, 10 (EFE) - Somewhere in the Peruvian Andes, scientists of NASA are endeavoring to take up contact with extraterrestrials, reports today Tuesday the local evening paper "Extra".

According to the paper, NASA scientists are located in Perú and other Latin American nations with the exclusive intent of communicating with the UFO crews.

"Extra" recalls that flying saucers were seen in the heights of the Andes entering and leaving some lakes, the same as in some places near Lima, on the Andean foothills.

City and country of incident: 350 km south of Santiago, Chile
Date of incident: Approx. October 2, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, October 12, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO turned a Chilean bus around: "Red spot"

Santiago (Chile), 12 (EFE) - A group of people traveling in a bus along a rural sector, assured that the strange force of an unusual flying object turned the vehicle around placing it in the opposite direction to which it was going. This was disclosed by the paper "La Tercera de la Hora" which indicated that the event occurred on a rural track between Linares and Constitución, located some 350 km south of Santiago. According to the driver and the passengers' account, the strange phenomenon started to unfold when the vehicle was invaded by a "red spot" which covered an extension of almost 250 meters, without a visible reason to explain it.

The driver and passengers got off the vehicle and went towards the place from where the phenomenon seemed to issue. But when they were about to reach it, the "blob" changed into a hurricane gust and disappeared. On returning to the vehicle they found it had been turned around and faced in the reverse direction.

The event occurred some ten days ago, apparently on the same date on which a Chilean national TV camera operator filmed in videotape the motions of a luminous object over the winter resort of Portillo, where an international ski competition was being held.

The flying saucer psychosis has become general all over Chile and many people claim having seen UFOs turn over their heads or in the horizon. In spite of the large number of reports, nothing could be verified with regard to these sightings.

City and country of incident: Famallá, Tucumán prov., Argentina
Date of incident: Oct. 12, 1978?
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, Oct. 13, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

FAMALLA WORKERS REPORT HAVING SEEN A UFO AND ITS CREW WHICH RAN AWAY WHEN THEY APPROACHED

Tucumán - According to versions that reached this capital, at an agricultural establishment near Famallá, 40 km SW of this city, on the foothills of the Aconquija, a UFO has allegedly landed, manned by several humanoids, two of whom got off the craft. The UFO and its landing was seen -as stated- by some 30 workers from the Irrigation Dept. of the province who were servicing the place. Police authorities of the zone, which is difficult to reach due to the rugged topography, covered with a thick forest, have allegedly taken over, questioning the workers who, it is said, saw the humanoids and the craft. When the workers wanted to approach the UFO, the little men entered quickly and the craft took off swiftly, getting lost in the mountains. At the landing place remained clear traces of the craft.

City and country of incident: Benjamín Matienzo airport-Tucumán province, Argentina
Date of incident: Oct. 13, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, October 14, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

OPAQUE AND SOUNDLESS UFO SIGHTED IN TUCUMAN

Last night, some ten blocks from the Tucumán Government House UFO with a brilliancy stronger than that of stars flew in the proximity of the Benjamín Matienzo airport. The phenomenon was observed by qualified witnesses - a meteorologist, a control tower operator at the airport, another from flight scheduling, a sporting pilot and even a policeman. The UFO did not emit any sound nor flashes, and after placing itself at the south headway of the landing strip it performed a very swift 90° turn and advanced over the 9 de Julio park which limits with the other headway. Its motion lasted a few minutes and was at no time detected by the instruments of the air station.

Tucumán - Last night, towards 21.30 a UFO with a luminosity exceeding that of stars, flew in the proximity of the Benjamín Matienzo airport, located a scarce ten blocks from the Government House in the city's eastern sector. The phenomenon caused quite a stir among the personnel, which at that time was working at the air station, since the object's motion was not detected by the control tower's instruments which assist in the approach and landing of planes, at minimal visibility conditions or at night. The first in sighting the UFO in the sky towards the Aconquija mountains in the SW quarter was the meteorologist on duty, Juan Carlos Teseira. He at once communicated the news to the operator on duty at the control tower, Juan Bautista Villafañe and to the flight scheduling operator, Ernesto Rafael Mena. The unusual event spread quickly, sporting pilot of the Tucumán Air Club Abel Novillo and policeman on duty at the air station Juan Carlos Torres, also observing the object's motions. The strange flying object emitted no sound nor flashes, nor did it leave any trail in the dark sky. According to the testimony the air staff reported to the papers, the UFO advanced from the SW towards the SE quarter, stopping over the southern headway of the landing strip over the San Cayetano district. It suddenly made a very tight 90° turn towards the N over the airport's landing strip, advancing over the 9 de Julio park which limits to the N with the end of the other headway of the landing strip. Some clouds momentarily hid the UFO, which then reappeared at the end of the park located in the N quarter, where it made another fast 90° turn towards the S until it disappeared. The motion of the object lasted a few minutes. The phenomenon produced lively comments on account of the qualified witnesses, who at that time had available modern instruments to record the flight of planes and who are used on account of their work, to distinguish almost at first sight the passage of normal flights. On the other hand, the staff had no radio report on the passage of any plane. Aeronautical regulations, as is known, stipulate that any craft must identify itself on flying over or approaching an airport.

City and country of incident: Villa Carmela, Taff Dept., Tucumán province, Argentina
Date of incident: 14-October 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: La Gaceta - Oct. 15, 1978
City and country of paper: Tucumán, Argentina

AN OBJECT WAS SEEN OVER THE ACONQUIJA FOOTHILLS

From a house in Villa Carmela. A Radio Nacional technician

The motions of a UFO over the Aconquija foothills were followed yesterday at one a.m. by radiocommunications technician Vctor Hugo Suárez from the terrace of his home located in Villa Carmela, Taff Dept.

Suárez, who is in charge of the FM sets, was on the terrace to adjust his TV antenna. According to what he told La Gaceta, a few minutes before he had heard nearby dogs howling at the end of a night startled by a sighting his wife had made at around 0900 pm, on going to the yard of her home. Villa Carmela is located on the road to Perú between the San José ex-sugar refinery and the city of Taff Viejo. Suárez recalled he was dining when his wife returned telling him she had seen a luminous object pass over the village at the time a small fire broke out in the middle of the hill.

"My wife -said Suárez- closed the door and I went on eating thinking I had to finish the set I was assembling". Then Suárez started working with the antenna of his TV set trying to pick up signals from distant channels.

This he did until nearly 1 o'clock when the dogs started howling. He then decided to find out what was happening and at the same time go up to the terrace and adjust the antenna.

"I was holding on to the antenna when, on looking towards the Taficillo hills I saw an object, silvery on the bottom and fluorescent on the upper part. It seemed round, but when it started to maneuver in front of the villa I saw it was rather elongated. It might have been some 20 meters long. The night was clear and the object appeared clearly against the blue of the hill surrounded by the glow of the lights in the city. I don't know -continued Suárez- but it seemed to be looking for something. It maneuvered over the area where the fire had been. At a certain moment vegetation was lit up as the object passed, no luminous ray could be seen issuing from it." Suárez said he felt afraid when the object suddenly seemed as if it would head towards the village. This did not happen, but the object when towards the S following the contour of the hill up to San Javier when after briefly lighting up, it took off at great speed towards the W when it was lost from sight.

"I apply logic -says Suárez- that object looked for something in that isolated area. It came and went, it accommodated itself. Someone controlled it. It came flying from behind Taficillo. Suárez estimated he was on the terrace looking at the object for around ten minutes.

City and country of incident: Miraflores, Capayán Dept., Catamarca province, Argentina
Date of incident: Oct. 14, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, Oct. 16, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO IN CATAMARCA

Catamarca - Neighbors of the Miraflores locality in the Dept. of Capayán, saw last Saturday at about 0900 pm, the motions of a UFO. According to the version obtained by the paper "La Unión" of this capital from occasional witnesses -among them Mrs. Jesús de Martínez, Mr. J.C. Paz and his wife Nicolasa de Paz - the object "had the shape of an inverted plate, irradiated an intense white light and moved indistinctly towards any angle with surprising speed". Witnesses said that "the UFO, which moved at great altitude, finally remained stationary for some seconds, after which it disappeared very swiftly towards the hills which make up the Los Angeles' ravine.

City and country of incident: Casilda, Santa Fe prov., Argentina
Date of incident: October 17, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Oct. 18, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

FORTY WITNESSES OBSERVED A UFO WITH COLORED LIGHTS

Rosario, 17 (From our correspondent) - Some 40 people saw last night an object which after hurtling through space, stopped over the grounds of the Nautical Club of the locality of Casilda, which lies some 70km W of Rosario.

According to testimonies, its trajectory was marked by intensely colored lights which alternated intermittently and it slowly descended until remaining stationary at an altitude of some 30m.

- Investigation

Among the witnesses of last night's event on the banks of the Carcarañá river, are tradesmen well known for their seriousness, and the son of a policeman. This made the head of the IV Regional Unit give credit to the event, and they will now search the area for traces and question those who claim having seen the phenomenon.

City and country of incident: Porto Velho, Rondonia, Brazil/La Paz, Bolivia
Date of incident: Oct. 187 - Oct. 17, 1978, resp.
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Oct. 19, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

PANIC BROKE OUT IN A BRAZILIAN TOWN ON ACCOUNT OF UFO'S MANEUVERS
Porto Velho, (Brazil), 19 (EFE) - Overcome by panic, some 50 people observed the motions of a UFO in the city of Porto Velho.

The UFO - according to the account made by several people - appeared in a central area of Porto Velho, capital of the Rondonia territory, at an altitude of some 1,000m and, after performing slow maneuvers, disappeared leaving a bluish trail.

On explaining the strange object gave off red and blue lights intermittently, an expert added the sky was completely dark.
- UFO over La Paz

La Paz, 19 (EFE) - A UFO which was flying over the western cordillera which surrounds La Paz, was photographed during the early hours of Tuesday by a 13 year old boy.

José Angel Aramayo, a resident of the central area of Sopocachi, saw the flying object on drawing the curtains in his bedroom and took two photographs during the fleeting course of the UFO.

City and country of incident: Gobernador Crespo, Santa Fe Prov., Arg.
Date of incident: October 7 and 15, 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación, Oct. 20, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO HAS ALLEGEDLY BEEN SEEN IN CRESPO

Santa Fe - A UFO may have been seen in the locality of Gobernador Crespo, a town located alongside Route 11, in the northern part of the province. According to testimonies offered by Messrs. Alberto Duchet, Jesús de la Fuente and Dr. Alberto Rotela, observations occurred Saturday 7th and Sunday 15th inst. According to what was stated, it was a yellow-orange sphere, some 50 to 60cm diameter, which from its underside gave off lights which at a certain moment lighted up the countryside.

The doctor followed the luminous object together with his wife and children until his car got bogged down. According to his statements, the luminosity has allegedly landed near the Salado river, located 30 km from the town of Gobernador Crespo.

City and country of incident: Lake Titicaca
Date of incident: ?
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, Oct. 21, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THERE WAS A PARADE OF TEN FLYING SAUCERS IN LAKE TITICACA

Lima (EFE) - A fleet of 10 UFOs was seen in correct formation in the city of Puno, a port of Lake Titicaca, in the Peruvian-Bolivian high plateau. According to a report from the Lima's "Correo" paper, the alleged UFOs gave off an intense luminosity and noise. The flying objects disappeared behind the Huajapara hill where it is presumed they might have a base. The presence of the flying saucers in the plateau is, it seems, historical. French archaeologist Simone Weisbard refers to them in her book "Tiahuanaco, 10,000 years of Incan enigmas". According to the book, the members of the "Aymara" race belonging to the plateau are used to see UFOs from time immemorial, and describe them as "brilliant suns". According to the Aymara's testimonies, these "suns" occasionally submerge in the small lakes existing in the plateau. In that place, on the shores of the Titicaca lake and in Bolivian territory, there are ruins of the Tiahuanaco civilization, a civilization "without time", say esoterists. In the Tiahuanaco monument called "Puerta del Sol" (Door of the Sun), the frieze which decorates it is, according to some Soviet experts, a Venusian calendar.

City and country of incident: Casilda, Santa Fe prov., - Taco Ralo, Tucumán prov., Argentina (re the Tucumán case, see also next translation)
Date of incidents: Oct. 19 and Oct. 20, 1978 resp.
Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación, Oct. 21, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

DETAILED UFO OBSERVATION IN CASILDA

Rosario - Only three days after the first appearance, the night before last many people saw two strange objects flying over the city of Casilda for more than one and half hours.

The UFOs appeared in the W at 20.30 and during the above mentioned period went away, then returned, several times. It was later learned that the objects were sighted in the localities of Los Molinos and Sanford, all of them located in the Dept. of Caseros.

The UFOs, according to some neighbors, gave off red, white, yellow and green lights. They moved at an altitude of some 2,000m, and at times remained as if hovering in the sky. One of these stops occurred over the officers' casino belonging to the IV Regional Unit of Police, thus being seen by those who were there at the time. The UFOs were described as inverted plates enveloped in an intense luminosity.

Detailed Observation

A neighbor, José María Borgiani, 27, student of engineering, observed them through powerful binoculars, which enabled him to confirm they were spheres with/robile part spinning in the middle forming a dark line which cut the body in two. The upper part showed a sort of grid cells from which a diffuse light came out. On the sides of the spheres a colored ring could be noticed which at first sight gave it the shape of a saucer.

Unjustified Failure

At 21.00 a remarkable drop in the electric flow occurred, recorded by the Water and Energy personnel, but no report could be submitted as to its cause, because nothing abnormal happened at the supply plant to justify the failure.

Finally at 22.10 the strange visitors left the area and did not return.

Another case in Tucumán

San Miguel de Tucumán - A group of hunters who were in an isolated spot near the locality of Taco Ralo, more than 100km S of this capital, observed the motions of a strange luminous object, which, according to the witnesses, had the features of a UFO.

The group was formed by Hugo Toledo, Delfín Cedrón and Luis Ignacio, residing at Villa Quinteros; José Sandoval and Andrés Avila of Rfo Seco, and Sergio Arce, a resident of Aguilares, all of whom work at the La Providencia refinery.

The event occurred at a time when the members of the hunting team were traveling in Toledo's car. Those occupying the vehicle's body, Cedrón, Arce, Ignacio and Avila, noticed a strange presence in the sky from which a light issued over the road they were in. They told the driver to stop, in the belief it was a helicopter patrolling the area, but later noticed they were in the presence of a UFO.

The craft stopped in the air at a distance of some 2,000m from the surprised witnesses and 300m altitude, performing lateral up and down motions. The craft emitted red and orange flashes which hindered direct vision, but the reflexion over the lake - according to the witnesses - gave the impression of a saucer's shape.

The event lasted for 10 minutes and the hunters signalled with their flashlights, without obtaining a reply. Afterwards, the craft went towards the W, getting lost among the hills.

They finally said that a local family had mentioned having seen similar luminous objects previously.

City and country of incident: Santiago del Estero province - Taco Ralo, Tucumán prov., Argentina
Date of incident: Oct. 21 and Oct. 20, 1978 resp.
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Oct. 22, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires Argentina

MORE UFOs - A RAILWAY WORKER SAW ONE IN AN ISOLATED SPOT

San Miguel de Tucumán, 21 (From our correspondent) - A railway worker who with his wife and two sons are the only inhabitants of the area, reported to traffic control of the Belgrano Railway having sighted a UFO which oscillated before his hut in an isolated spot of Santiago del Estero province.

The account was made by crossing keeper Ignacio Farfas, who works in a solitary railroad crossing located between the stations of Frfas and Tapes, who individualized the object as a vivid red UFO which emitted an orange trail.

The railway worker added that he sighted the UFO last night at 20.25 and that the unknown craft stopped for ten minutes some 100m from the hut he occupies with his family, and then disappeared at a great rate of speed after performing some maneuvers.

- In Taco Ralo

Six hunters reported to the morning paper "La Gaceta" that last Friday night they saw a flying object in the Taco Ralo area, some 85km from San Miguel de Tucumán.

In their account they said that when they were traveling in a pickup truck they noticed an "intense light approaching from the W. Shortly thereafter it stopped some 2km from us at an altitude of 300m, performing up and down movements and giving off reddish and orange flashes, which hindered us from making out its shape. We illuminated it with powerful iodine spotlights and obtained no reply."

City and country of incident: Godoy Cruz, Mendoza, Argentina
Date of incident: ?
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, Oct. 26, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

CLOSE ENCOUNTER IN MENDOZA

Two mendocine workers have allegedly gone through a fantastic experience upon being surprised by a humanoid. The strange individual, a dwarf some 75cm tall, pirouetted jumping on one foot as if he were playing. He then left them suspended in mid air for a couple of minutes operating complicated machinery, and finally disappeared in space, impelled by a powerful ray. One of the protagonists is undergoing medical hypnotical treatment. A PHILOSOPHY AND LITERATURE PROFESSOR ASSURES THE CASE IS VERIDICAL AND THAT THE HUMANOID WAS A "CYBORG" WHICH APPLIES BIONIC LAWS.

Mendoza (From our agency) - A case of spectacular characteristics, as if extracted from fantastic literature, has allegedly occurred in an industrial establishment of the Godoy Cruz department, near this capital. According to versions from people connected with the factory, at least two workers have allegedly been visited by a powerful and dwarfish extrahuman being who jumped, made things move through gestures and disappeared as if impelled by a strange force. The event was commented over the local radio by Philosophy and Literature professor Victorio Corradi, director of the Institute for Studies of Extrahuman Phenomena and a known analyst of these subjects in talks and journalistic media. Although Corradi said he was not yet authorized to reveal the names of the supposed protagonists of the event nor that of the factory, he stated that "it is a real, positive and concrete episode" which he will soon publicly disclose in all its details. Apparently, this unforeseen event has provoked lively comments in the area surrounding the factory and in the Maipú department, where the workers live. The version states that two workers who perform their tasks in the night shift, were suddenly faced by a dwarf of no more than 75 cm, very similar to humans, and who apparently jumped on only one leg, as if playing. The workers have allegedly remained motionless with panic, while the supposed being from the beyond operated a complicated machinery and lifted them up in the air leaving the two dumb witnesses suspended. These have apparently also stated that, after some pirouettes, the pygmy climbed towards space as if impelled by "an invisible and powerful ray", after which they did not see him again. One of the workers has apparently been affected by this sighting and would now be subject to analysis, medical checkups and hypnotism by a local doctor. Prof. Corradi, on being consulted by La Razón, claimed to have extensively talked with the worker and that he is "in position to assure that it was a veridical case". Corradi went even further, stating it could have been a "cyborg", i.e., a being which he classed as a cybernetic organism which utilizes bionic laws. He mentioned that in England in 1963, a secret military file was opened where these dwarfs were alluded to and which was called "Project Cyborg". He added that "it must not be thought these are robots with cables and photoelectrical cells" and concluded indicating that at least one of the workers, who is no more than 30 years old, will immediately be submitted to tests.

City and country of incident: Posorja Beach, Guayaquil, Ecuador
Date of incident: -
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, October 27, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

EXTRATERRESTRIALS: SKELETONS ALLEGEDLY FOUND

Guayaquil, Ecuador, 27 (FP) - Two skeletons of extraterrestrial beings were found on the beaches of Posorja, 80 km north of Guayaquil, claimed the evening paper "La Razón".

The paper added that two members of an orchestra discovered on the shores of the Pacific two skeletons which seem to be of extraterrestrial beings in view of their shape and their being similar to those found some years ago in Mexico.

The remains found by the two musicians - continued La Razón - were hanging from a branch and measure approx. 17 cm, that is, two more than those found in Mexico in 1972.

Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, October 28, 1978
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina
City and country of incident: Punta del Este, Uruguay
Date of incident: July 26, 1977

URUGUAY: AN ARGENTINE PHOTOGRAPHS UFO

Montevideo, 28 (ANSA) - The sequence of a UFO moving in the sky of Punta del Este, the main Uruguayan seaside resort located 150 km from Montevideo, was published here by the evening paper "Mundo Color".

The photographs (5) were taken more than a year ago (exactly on July 26, 1977), by an Argentine architect whose identity was not disclosed, but was only made public when the Center for UFO Research of Uruguay handed them to the paper.

A solid mass can be seen in the photos, apparently circular, around which a set of lights and shadows can be noticed. The professional who took them had abstained from publicizing his "sighting", but instead turned them over to institutions which study the UFO phenomenon.

The paper said the photographs were submitted to exhaustive analysis by CIOU as well as by the SIU (Service of Ufological Investigation) of Argentina which "left out the possibility of a trick". A member of the Uruguayan institution told "Mundo Color" that up to now he knew of no photographic testimonies on the presence of UFOs "as forceful as these", but the nature of the object photographed cannot be deduced directly from that documentation.

Publication of the graphic sequence coincided here with the inauguration of the "First Encounter of UFO Researchers", whose aim is to unify methodologies for the study of that phenomenon by all similar groups in Uruguay.



TRIBUNE, Minneapolis, MN - Nov. 4, 1978

The world may scoff, but Edina boys respect Bigfoot

By Tom Sorenson
Staff Writer

Dave Warner and Ted Steiner spend most of their spare time in a closet-sized room in Edina pursuing an idea.

Their room is in Warner's parents' house at 5032 Bruce Place. Their idea is simple. "We believe there is a Bigfoot," said Ted, 15. "That's all there is to it."

Warner and Steiner are the owners, proprietors and staff of the one-year-old Minnesota Bigfoot Center. The center is dedicated to the proposition that a creature called Bigfoot exists and the more that's known about it, the better. It is unlikely that any room in Minnesota has as much information about the elusive Bigfoot crammed into it.

Walls are covered with maps of desolate West Coast areas where the creature has allegedly been spotted. Pens and papers wait by the phone for breaking rumors and reports. Paperback books and Manila envelopes crammed with Bigfoot trivia line the bookshelves. Minnesota Bigfoot News, the center's biweekly newsletter, is pounded out on a small typewriter here. It is bi-weekly, anyway, from March 1 to the end of November. The center is closed the rest of the year.

Dave and Ted are glad to share their information. The problem is a lack of people to share it with. Searching for clues to a mystery most of the world scoffs at, they'll tell you, is lonely work. Although the center was publicized in an Edina Sun article in early October, the boys have received only four phone calls about Bigfoot, and two were pranks.

Friends and relatives are skeptical. Schoolmates — both boys attend Edina East Lower Division (junior high school) — consider the creature a

joke, said 12-year-old Dave. Only 13 percent of the people queried in a Gallup poll last summer said they believed in Bigfoot, although 39 percent said they believed in devils and 57 percent in UFOs. (The center added a UFO specialist, Rich May, to the staff this summer. Rich, 14, also is a student at Edina East Lower Division.)

"They don't understand," said Dave. "They don't know anything about it. But I guess when we started, we were the same way."

Their interest was sparked by a book Dave borrowed from his 23-year-old sister, Betsy. The book, "The Search for Bigfoot," is the center's bible; the author, Peter Byrne, its mentor. Dave showed the book to Ted, and the more they read, the more interested they became.

The boys contacted Byrne, who heads the Bigfoot Information Center in The Dalles, Ore., and is probably the best known of the people on Bigfoot's trail. Through the information center, they've kept up with sightings and reports from the West Coast. Ted, who lives at 5110 Arden Drive, made a trip to Bluff Creek, Calif., with his parents this summer to search for Bigfoot.

The boys have pieced together enough information about Bigfoot to theorize that the creature is a powerful but gentle soul. Leave it alone, it will leave you alone. Get it mad and you'd better leave the state.

Bigfoot is purported to be eight feet tall and weigh 700 pounds. It is covered with hair and has feet 14 to 17 inches long. Bigfoot is smarter than most animals — rarely seen and never captured. Dave guesses that only 200 or 300 of the species are around.

Most of the alleged sightings have been in Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and northern California,

where Bigfoot is believed to live because of the thick brush and favorable climate. The boys figure that Bigfoot spends its summers in Canada and then heads toward northern California in the winter. The brush offers a hiding place, the vegetation something to eat.

That doesn't mean there are not any Bigfeet in the Upper Midwest, however. Last year about this time, curious reporters, hunters and various other people went to Little Eagle, S.D., after several alleged sightings led them to believe that were onto something more than a Halloween prank. All they found, however, were large footprints.

There are a couple of Big Foot stories emanating from Minnesota, the boys said. A four-foot version of the creature was allegedly spotted by a hunter in Shaw, Minn., about 30 miles north of Duluth. The little Bigfoot jumped out of a tree and scampered into woods west of Shaw in the Cloquet Valley State Forest. It hasn't been seen since. The St. Louis County sheriff's department, however, hadn't heard anything about it.

A few years ago a woman allegedly saw one of the creatures in thick woods west of Bemidji, Minn. The Bigfoot was about to attack her. She fainted. When she came to, the creature was gone. Nobody in the Beltrami County Sheriff's office remembers anything about it.

If a Bigfoot is ever caught, said Ted, the Minnesota Bigfoot Center will "go kaput." "It wouldn't be a mystery anymore," Dave said. "I mean, you don't see centers keeping track of bears and ducks."

The boys emphasize they don't want to see the creature harmed, just studied from afar. They worry that civilization will stick its fingers deeper and deeper into the country's remaining wild country, ultimately leaving Bigfoot nowhere to hide.

DAILY NEWS, Rogers, AR - Nov. 13, 1978

Mutiliations continue

BENTONVILLE— Three more cattle mutilations were reported to the Benton County Sheriff's Office this weekend, bringing the total number of killings to 23. The bizarreness of the mutilations was brought home for Don Rystrom, the sheriff's office sergeant in charge of investigating all of the mutilations, when he discovered a 450 pound calf mutilated on his farm Sunday afternoon.

although it was just reported today, Rystrom said.

Rystrom said the sheriff's office still has no leads on the mutilations, though it has been suggested that witchcraft may be involved. Rystrom said the most recent mutilations have the same characteristics of the others and were probably done by the same person or group of people.

"We don't know how they're catching them. They just drop them in the tracks," Rystrom commented. "There have been no drug traces found in the autopsies."

Farmers who hear or see anything suspicious around their cattle are urged to call the sheriff's office, Rystrom said.

Rystrom said a cow belonging to Larry Miser was found mutilated on a farm north of Pea Ridge Sunday night and another was reported mutilated on a farm east of Avoca that belongs to Stanley Vey. The mutilation near Avoca was probably a week old,

MORNING SUN, Pittsburgh, KS
Dec. 17, 1978 CR: S. Hicks

Passengers report creature on road

A 6-foot tall creature who "smelled bad" was reported sighted just south of KOAM Radio on Kansas 126 late Saturday.

Cherokee County officials said the woman who phoned in the sighting refused to leave her name but said the creature attempted to run her son's car off the road.

In "Bigfoot All Over The Country," Dodd, Mead, \$6.50, Marian T. Place pulls together reports of huge hairy creatures (described as 8 feet tall, 300-plus pounds, and leaving tracks 16-22 inches long) from 40 American states and three Canadian provinces. While Bigfoot researchers accept reports from the Pacific Northwest, many, this reviewer included, have boggled at the idea of Bigfoot-type critters elsewhere, particularly in eastern states. Yet reports continue to come in, not just from kooks and publicity seekers, but from ordinary citizens who must have been scared half to death by face-to-face meetings with the Bigfoot. Mrs. Place's book is aimed at younger readers, but adults whose knowledge of Bigfoot is limited to distorted and sensationalized media accounts will find it equally interesting. The book's main drawback is its skimpy bibliography which omits a number of valuable references.

George W. Earley

CR: G. Earley

FREE PRESS, Quakertown, PA - Nov. 20, 1978 CR: B. Peters

Richlandtown boom baffles police

By Gary Cummings
Free Press Staff

Local and state police are trying to find the source of a loud boom, which shook homes in the Richlandtown area late yesterday afternoon.

A state police spokesman said the loud sound was reported yesterday at about 5 p.m., but no damage was discovered.

The spokesman said the sound apparently came from the area of Richlandtown Pike and State Road in Springfield Township.

A state police helicopter will be searching the area today, the spokesman said.

"Exactly what caused it, we

have no idea at this time," according to the spokesman, who said state police were called in to assist in the investigation by Springfield police.

"I just heard a boom," one Richlandtown resident said this morning. "It sounded like something hit the side of the house."

"It rocked the ground. The house shook," said Dianne Rogers, 27, of 109 N. Main St.

"My husband, Bob, was out running," Rogers said. "He felt it on the ground, but he didn't see any flames or anything."

"All of the neighbors heard it.

They were all out there standing outside," she said.

Norman Beck of 108 N. Main St. said he did not think the explosion was so loud.

"We didn't hear that much," Beck said.

"We were sitting at the supper table and we heard it, but we didn't know what it was or anything," he added.

Even after calls to the Pentagon, The Free Press was unable to determine whether there were any supersonic military flights in the area yesterday. Because landings are restricted, commercial supersonic flights would not pass through the vicinity.

CONTRA COSTA TIMES, Walnut Creek, CA - Nov. 14, 1978

Trying to Prove the Sasquatch Legend

TACOMA, Wash. — A Contra Costa woman's shadowy pictures of the legendary Bigfoot have earned a solid niche in an extensive Sasquatch photo collection, dubbed the "best of the bad."

John Beckjord, director of Project Grendel, a Washington-based Bigfoot research group, claims Marion Schubert's pocket camera photos of an ape-like creature are the first to show the fine details of the Sasquatch face.

"There are probably a dozen pictures of Bigfoot and we have the world's best collection — the best of the bad. None of them are that sharp; all of them are bad pictures. Marion prob-

ably holds a world record for taking that many shots in a single area," he said.

Schubert claims she accidentally photographed a mysterious ape-like figure while on a Lake Tahoe camping trip in April. She failed to glimpse the elusive creature, discovering her catch only when the film was developed later.

On subsequent trips to the secret spot, Schubert photographed more creatures, again failing to notice the beasts until the photos were developed.

Beckjord claims that blowups of the Lake Tahoe photos closely resemble a broad-shouldered female Sasquatch, filmed by Roger Patterson in the northwestern part of California.

"I knew she wasn't lying when I compared her photos to frames from the Patterson movies. Her pictures showed the same flared out nostrils — they're not like a gorilla's," he said.

"Their nose is like looking at a person's nose while lying down — very flared out," Beckjord explained. "Marion couldn't have known that."

He discovered this similarity by pouring over the movie frames, which were computer enhanced to exaggerate contrast and details.

Beckjord, 39, three years ago formed the Bigfoot organization, named for the mythical Beowulf monster Grendel.

The project's ultimate goal is to establish communication with the beast.

Existence of the beast has not been accepted by a skeptical scientific community.

Beckjord said scientists from the UC Berkeley have viewed the photos and admitted there is something unusual in them.

But they declined to vouch an opinion beyond that.

Collecting footprints, photos and bones may eventually lead to the acceptance of the hairy, 800-pound, 10-foot-tall creature as a legitimate species, Beckjord said.

The free-lance film cameraman claims he has spotted the giant ape-man two times; once while driving along a Washington road to a garbage dump and the second while hiking along an isolated creek.

Callers from California

to Georgia have called the project's hotline number to report sightings of the creature, Beckjord said.

Since the group was organized its members have collected plaster footprints, tapes of a howling, whiney voice that is reportedly that of Bigfoot and even a cast of a massive bottom imprint left by a sitting Sasquatch.

Children especially have a gift for spotting and communicating with the giant creatures, according to Beckjord.

"They usually talk to each other in a crooning kind of baby talk with hand movement, then the parents walk up and it runs away," he said.

"That's probably why Marion was so successful. She was small, no threat," he said.



The best of the bad... Marion Schubert's extensive Sasquatch photo collection includes these shots of what are believed to be prints of Bigfoot's long feet.

By Eric Robinson

Lab Scientist Says Cattle Deaths Due to Natural Causes

By GAIL OLSON
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Santa Fe Bureau

Cows reported as mutilation victims in Rio Arriba County died natural deaths and were not victims of mutilators, a Los Alamos scientist said this week.

Dr. Jim Prine, a member of the mammalian biology group at University of California's Los Alamos scientific laboratories, said "fiddsticks" when told that many view the deaths of a number of area cows as mysterious.

Investigators of the cows and area ranchers who have lost cows in recent months, however, greeted the news that Prine released with skepticism. They still believe the mutilations to be an unexplained phenomena.

Prine said that predators, not perverse mutilators, accounted for the precise incisions that many investigators consider evidence of weird mutilations, and explained that coyotes and other canine predators were to blame for the disappearance of the rectums and sex organs of the cattle.

Predators also sliced the cows' tongues from their mouths and sliced sections from their ears, Prine said.

At the time of the death, he explained, "excess gas" builds up inside the cow, causing the "soft tissues around the anus" to protrude.

This protrusion, the scientist said, is immediately available to predators, who consider it a choice meal. They eat their fill, then leave the rest of the carcass.

Investigators frequently have noted with surprise the lack of canine predator activities at the sites of suspected mutilation. Last summer, a representative of the Fish and Game Department Jim Byrd, explained that the absence of coyotes from the scenes of the death is particularly perplexing.

"The higher they smell, the better they like them," he said of coyotes' approach to dead animals while viewing the carcass of what investigators believed to be a mutilated cow.

Except for its missing organs, the cow's carcass was intact, with no sign of coyote interest in its body.

The "population density" of coyotes in the

area, Prine said, accounts for the fact that the cow's carcasses are not further attacked by the flesh-eaters.

"I assume that's the case," Prine said, explaining that the reason the carcasses remain intact in the areas is because there are so few coyotes. They eat their fill, then go on their way.

A source from the Jicarilla Apache Fish and Game Department, however, said Tuesday that the Dulce area is not lacking in coyotes, and that there are mountain lions in the area as well.

Dulce is an area many persons believe to be hard-hit by cattle mutilations. The deaths of the cows, Prine said, can be attributed to natural causes, primarily "redwater" and "black leg"; two diseases he called "distant cousins to tetanus."

Area ranchers show a certain skepticism toward that explanation. Both diseases, they explain, are "highly contagious," and one rancher said "there hasn't been a case of redwater in New Mexico in the last seven years."

Of black leg the rancher said, "If one cow catches it the rest are gone."

Prine said, however, that cows up north are vaccinated against the diseases and "Just like in the human population, one member can get sick who has been vaccinated in the past - he's not fully immune."

Prine said he had not heard of markings found on cows that were suspected mutilation victims and were visible only under infrared light.

He said such a phenomena could be caused, however, by the "fecal material of birds," which could bring about "some chemical component" which would result in what appeared to be a marking.

"How come we can't see it then?" Gabe Valdez, the state policeman who has been investigating the area's suspected mutilations questioned.

Prine said the theory that helicopters or other aircraft are involved in the mutilations don't make much sense to him, as the operating cost of a helicopter is so high that "for the same amount, someone could get clear title to a cow and do what they please to the animal."

Investigators of the alleged mutilations, too,

have questioned why someone would spend so much money to mutilate a cow, but many of them agree that aircraft are involved in the process.

Prine, who said he conducted tests on the cows "simply as a good courtesy to the State Livestock Board," said through the tests he conducted, he found no evidence of blood missing from the cows.

He said that might appear to have happened in some cases - for example, if a cow was engaged in strenuous activity prior to its death, he said, it would "go into rigor mortis quickly," and this might effect the clotting of the blood.

Bob Johnston, district officer for the state Fish and Game Department in the Chama area, has investigated a number of the cow carcasses in his vicinity.

He is one investigator who is not impressed with LASL's findings as far as the causes of the animals' deaths or the fate of their carcasses.

For one thing, he said Tuesday, "both red water and blackleg are highly contagious diseases."

As explanations for the cause of the animals' deaths, he explained, "That's just an excuse. They can come up with all kinds of reasons."

As far as scientific laboratories are concerned, he said, when they explain something, what happens is "everybody is shutting doors in our faces."

"A lot of stuff is not clear to me at all," Johnston explained.

As to Prine's explanation about a limited coyote population in the area involved, Johnston said of the Dulce area, "There are as many coyotes here now as there ever have been."

He explained that a government employee, Felberto Ullbarri of Tierra Amarilla, has been hired by the federal government for the express purpose of killing coyotes in the area because of the adverse effect the canine scavengers are having on the area's deer population.

He believes that the cows and steers are being mutilated and "its not predators" who are doing the mutilating.

He said of one steer that was mutilated last summer, "its still laying there.

Its just rotted. Coyotes have not touched it."

He explained that "when an elk hits the ground, it won't be there three days later" due to consumption by coyotes. Its a mystery to him why a hunk of beef which generally would provide a feast to the area's coyotes will remain untouched.

He said coyotes do not ignore all cows suspected mutilations, as he has seen some that have been ravaged by the predators.

"Why they touch some and leave others alone, I don't know," Johnston said, adding of the cows that are left alone, "for a coyote to do that doesn't make sense."

He said the incisions made on the cows he's seen are a mystery, as they are so precise.

"If a coyote were chewing an animal's rear end, there is no way it could be done and be done so precisely," he explained.

"I guarantee you he's wrong," he said of Prine's analysis that coyotes are to blame for the cattle mutilations. He said in his spare time, he works as a trapper and is not lacking prey. Its not a coyote's nature to eat a choice part of a cow and leave the rest untouched, he said.

He has seen some "fresh" carcass finds, and the incisions are "similar to a laser" cut, he explained further, adding "you can't take a knife and cut out a piece of flesh the size of a cantalope" and find no blood near the incision. If a coyote were responsible he continued, blood would not be lacking.

"There are no signs of blood around these cuts," he explained of the cows.

If it were a knife or a predator responsible for the after-death wounds, he said, "it would be bleeding all over."

As to Prine's explanation about pre-death activity causing blood clots, he said he has chased wounded elk long distances to shoot them, and "when I shoot them they still are bleeding."

"I don't believe in witchcraft," Johnston said. "I don't go along with flying saucers."

He is hesitant to speculate about what is happening.

"What it is, I don't know," he explained. "But whatever it is, it damned sure is interesting."

Mutilated Cattle Found On Santa Clara Land

Two dead cows, each showing the classic symptoms of mutilation, were found this week on the Santa Clara Pueblo, one within two-and-one-half miles of Espanola, by Roger Naranjo, Santa Clara Chief of Police.

One cow, which Indian officials believe was killed Friday night, was found on Saturday morning, Naranjo said, and the other, believed to have died Sunday night, was found on Monday morning.

The cows, which belonged to Star Gutierrez Sr., and Ignacio Naranjo, had, as usual, been mutilated with surgical precision. Both were missing their rectums and their udders. One had an ear sliced off and the other's tongue had been sliced from her mouth.

Both cows were female and both were full-grown, Naranjo said.

"One was found in a residential area and the other was on open range," he continued.

Of the incisions that mutilated the carcasses, Naranjo said they were "precise." When asked of those incisions could have been made with a knife, Naranjo voiced skepticism, saying, "if they were, the person who made them would have been pretty good."

He said the find has generated some "scared" reactions among Santa Clara residents, and people were dismayed that cows were being mutilated so close to home.

"They were identical to the ones found in Dulce earlier this summer," Gerald Hill of the Bureau of Indian Affairs said Tuesday. "There was nothing around to indicate what had happened."

Naranjo, too, when asked if there was anything unusual about the discovery, said, "There was nothing there. There was no blood around."

The absence of blood around cows believed to be mutilated has been a puzzle to many observers, who believe it is unnatural for an animal wounded as the cows are not to bleed profusely from the incision sites.

Hill said, although there were "big dog or wolf tracks" near one of the cows, neither animal had provided a feast to canine predators. Mutilated cow observers agree that one profound peculiarity of a true mutilation case is that coyotes and wolves refuse to approach carcasses which to all appearances would provide a tasty feast to the predators.

Hill, when informed that a Los Alamos scientist believed that the deaths of the cows he has examined that reportedly were mutilated were of natural causes, said, "These deaths didn't look natural to me."

The finding, he said, "has gotten me as confused as anything."

"That's \$600 worth of meat lying there," he said. BIA officials were called in to conduct a criminal investigation of the incidents. Also on hand during the investigation was Rich Gullion of the State Livestock Bureau, whom the SUN was unable to reach Tuesday for comment.

No strange lights or unusual events were reported by residents in the area the nights the cows were believed to be killed, the law enforcement officials said.

One source said, however, that a strange sound, "like a bear it was so loud" was heard Saturday night on Santa Clara land.

The findings bring to 21 the number of mutilations discovered in the Rio Arriba County area since a new wave of a phenomena first officially noted in 1978 started again last June.

Ogopogo's Unforgettable Face

CASHMERE, Wash. (AP) — It was 72 years ago, but Ruth Richardson remembers it like yesterday — the time she saw "Ogopogo."

"I can see that old devil this minute. I'll never forget the thing 'til my dying day," said the 78-year-old Mrs. Richardson.

Ogopogo is a giant, elusive creature that some people say lurks in the cold, dark depths of Okanagan Lake, an 80-mile stretch of water in southern British Columbia.

People have reported glimpses of North America's version of the Loch Ness monster for nearly three centuries, but it has escaped sustained scrutiny.

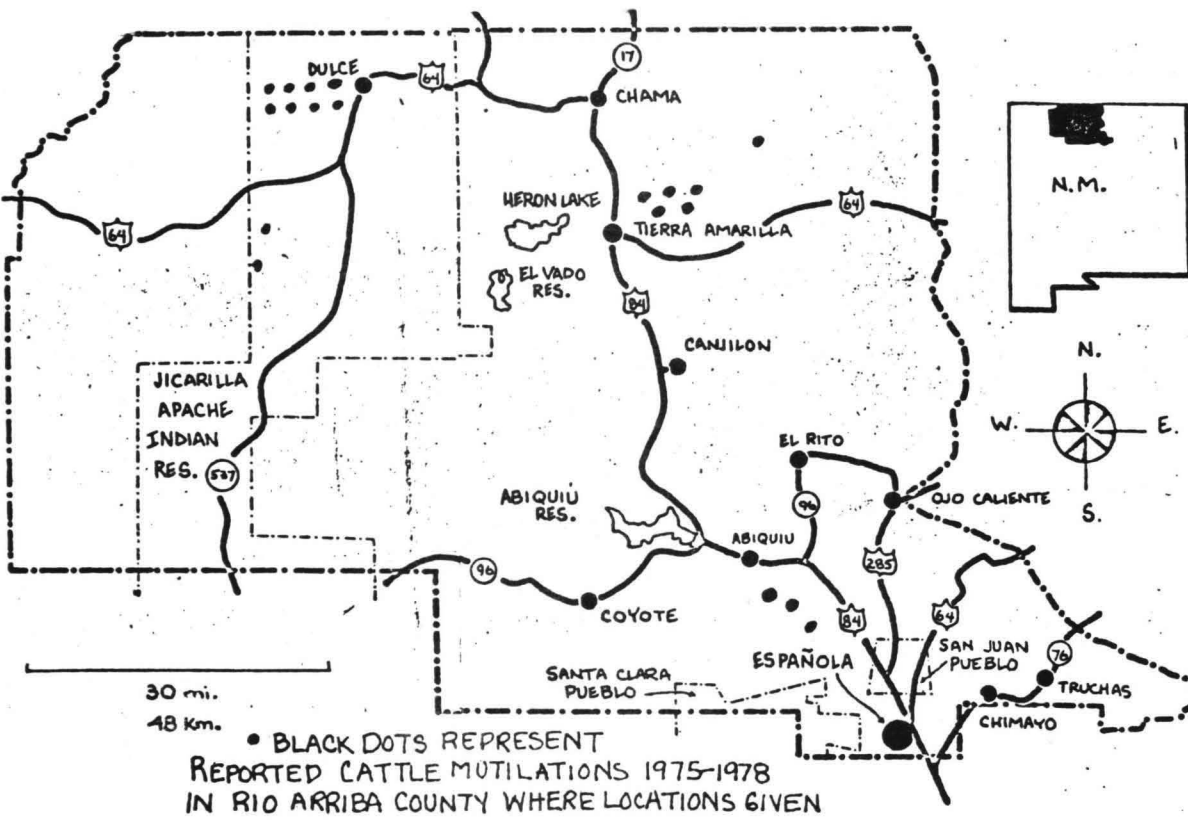
Skeptics have suggested that people who report sightings have seen sturgeons swimming in a line, or sea cows or manatees. Mrs. Richardson says she doesn't know what she saw.

The scaly creature she saw as a 6-year-old building sand castles on a beach was about 30 feet long and had a horse-like head, she said.

The image was enough to keep her out of a boat on Okanagan Lake during a 1968 visit.

"Once you get a look at it, you want to stay on the ground," she said.

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IOWA LIVING

Bigfoot phenomenon is very much alive in Iowa

By STEVEN KLAUS/Map by STAN KLUENDER

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During the past three months Iowans have heard a lot about Bigfoot, the legendary, ape-like creature purported to roam the countryside at night in search of food.

Some of the stories were generated by Bigfoot sightings reported in July and September near the small town of Ottosen, where several Humboldt County residents said they either saw Bigfoot or heard strange screams in the night.

Many dismiss Bigfoot as a myth. Others, who believe there is a Bigfoot, Yeti or Sasquatch that occupies a place between man and ape, argue the creature lives only in the Northwest and could not possibly survive in the Midwest.

Nevertheless, the Bigfoot phenomenon — whether fact, fiction or hoax — is very much alive in Iowa.

Since last January, Bigfoot has been reported near at least 10 Iowa communities.

Deeds attributed to Bigfoot range from a pile of dead chickens found near the Mitchell County town of Riceville to the dark face that peered at a woman through the kitchen window of a farm home near Ottosen.

There is even one unsubstantiated report from a Sioux City research group that a man wounded a Bigfoot with a deer rifle in 1974 near Stone State Park on the northwest edge of Sioux City.

In every case, authorities have been unable to establish conclusively that Bigfoot exists. Yet, they have not completely accepted other explanations for the events.

Some law officers, like Humboldt County Sheriff Marvin Andersen, are just relieved when the Bigfoot phenomenon moves out of their area.

Andersen, who spent a good part of three months chasing down Bigfoot reports near Ottosen, said last week, "We haven't had anything now for about three weeks."

Andersen said he never was able to draw any conclusions from the reports.

"I still feel like these people definitely saw something but I don't know what," he said.

That was also the opinion of Iowa Conservation Officer Bill Basler of Algona, who talked to some of the people involved with the Ottosen sightings.

"I believe, too that these people are seeing something, but I don't know yet just what it is," Basler said.

Most of the Bigfoot incidents reported in Iowa during the past year have been investigated by members of the Bigfoot Information Center, a group of Bigfoot enthusiasts who joined together last summer under the direction of Kevin Cook, 25, of Des Moines.

The center currently has four members, including Cook, who are collecting data on each new sighting.

Cook and his crew believe there are small groups of Bigfoots (or Bigfeet) traveling by night through the Midwest, generally following the Missouri and Mississippi River basins.

Since last winter, they have checked out Bigfoot reports near Pella, Harvey, Oskaloosa, Chariton, Moulton, Clarion, West Bend, Humboldt, Hardy and, of course, Ottosen.

Cook expects more sightings this winter.

"Because of the snowfall people are more apt to see tracks, and there's not the vegetation in the winter as in the spring and fall so the tracks are a lot more visible," Cook said.

He also is betting that some reports will come from hunters and snowmobilers, especially in the heavily wooded regions of southern Iowa, where the Bigfoot phenomenon has flared up in the past.

Several Bigfoot reports were turned in last winter in south-central Iowa, and a sighting was reported in the fall of 1975 near the Jefferson County town of Lockridge in southeast Iowa. At that time, at least three persons said they saw a large, ape-like creature in the Turkey Creek area.

The following is a summary of Bigfoot incidents that have been reported in Iowa since last January:

• **OSKALOOSA** — Matt Ver Steeg of Knoxville, a member of the Iowa Bigfoot Information Center, checked a report around Jan. 1 that a woman who lives northeast of Oskaloosa near the Skunk River had seen a Bigfoot come out from the shadow of a tree during a heavy snowstorm. She described the creature as weighing 600 to 700 pounds and standing 8 to 10 feet tall. A few days later, another resident in that area heard unusual noises and found strange tracks in his yard.

• **HARVEY** — Around Feb. 20 some residents of Harvey, a Marion

County town near the Des Moines River, reported strange noises and tracks in the snow on the edge of town. Ver Steeg visited the area after a 14-inch snowstorm and found tracks that were 20 inches long, 9 inches wide and had a five-foot stride. He followed the tracks on his snowmobile for several miles. "It looked like there could have been two animals the way the tracks were because of the way they crisscrossed," Ver Steeg said. Deputy Sheriff Dick Gilman said that after analyzing some hair on a fence the sheriff's office concluded the creature was a cow. But Ver Steeg contends a cow could not have made those tracks and set such a pace.

• **PELLA** — Around Feb. 25, Ver Steeg was summoned to the old Pella Bridge, which crosses the Des Moines River a few miles north of Harvey, to investigate a report that a 10- or 11-year-old boy had seen Bigfoot on the road near the bridge. The boy said the creature had stopped to look at him, then disappeared into the woods. Ver Steeg followed the tracks into the woods, but they had filled in with snow and it was impossible to make any kind of determination. Ver Steeg said the boy was so frightened he would not leave the house for several days.

• **CHARITON** — Throughout the year, Ver Steeg and Cook have received numerous reports of sightings and strange sounds in a section of Stephens State Forest that is a few miles northeast of Chariton, the Lucas County seat. The sightings never have been verified.

• **MOULTON** — Two Moulton-Udell High School students reported seeing a creature about 10:30 p.m. Aug. 28 on a dirt road in a remote area south of Moulton known as Dean Bottoms. They said it was 7 to 8 feet tall and weighed about 400 pounds. The next day their science teacher accompanied them to the area, where he found a footprint about 14 inches long with three toe impressions, some corn that had been stripped "clean down to the cob," and an area where some brush had been trampled. Gary Hagler of Des Moines, a member of the Bigfoot center, visited the area and confirmed those findings.

• **OTTOSEN** — In all, nearly a dozen persons reported seeing a Bigfoot-like creature in the Ottosen area from July through the middle of September. This case received the

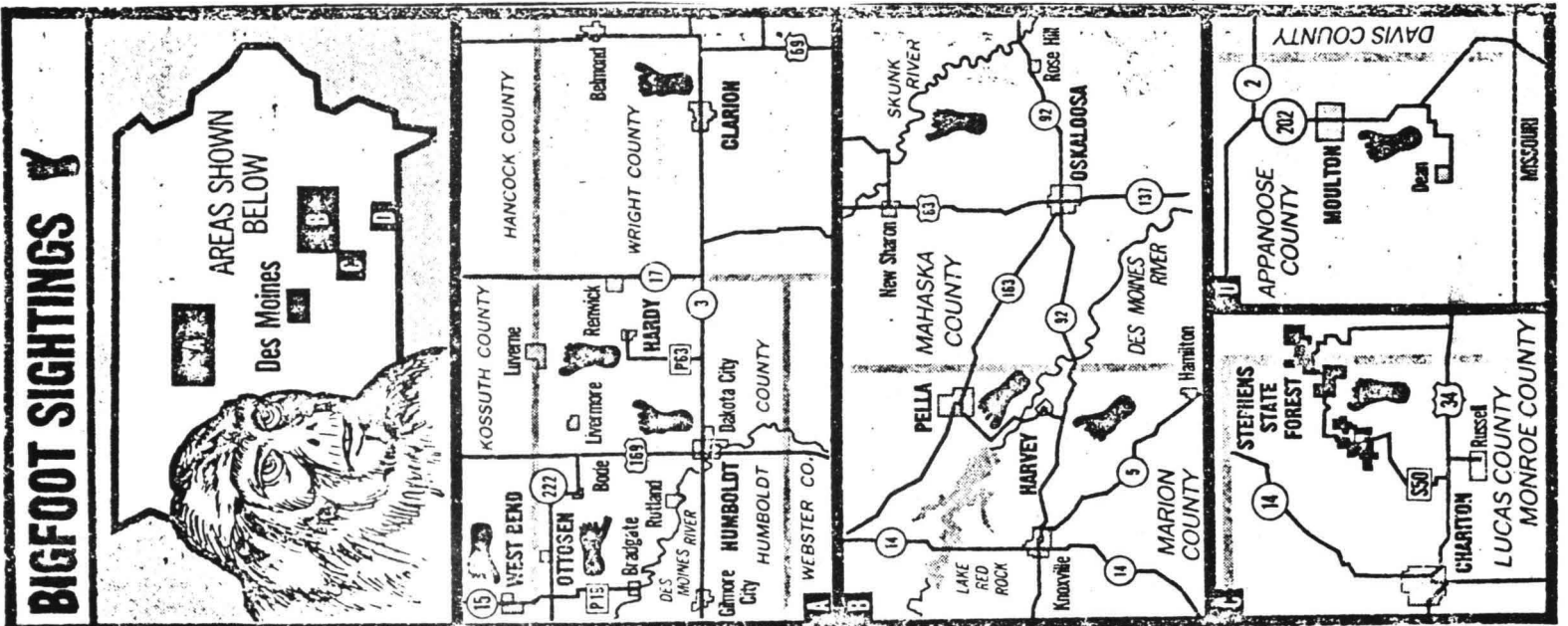
most publicity of any sighting. There were reports that Bigfoot was seen in town on at least three occasions and in the countryside twice. Farmers in the area also said they were awakened at night by strange sounds made by something that left farm dogs terrified. And there were reports of mutilated animals, strange footprints and stampeding cattle.

• **WEST BEND** — During the period of the Ottosen sightings, a fisherman found about two dozen footprints under a bridge over the west branch of the Des Moines River near West Bend. Plaster casts were made of the tracks, which were 16 inches long and 5 inches wide.

• **HUMBOLDT** — In mid-September, a family that lives about three miles northeast of Humboldt reported that something released strange howls while moving through a ravine near their home at midnight. The creature followed the woods to within a few yards of the home. The sound — a hoarse howl — was so loud that Sheriff Andersen could hear it through the telephone when they called him. Andersen visited the area the next morning and found places where brush had been trampled but no tracks.

• **HARDY** — A few days later, a 16-year-old boy told authorities he saw a Bigfoot-like creature near dusk in a beanfield on a farm near the Humboldt County town of Hardy. He said he scared the creature off by honking the horn and flashing the lights of a pickup. The next day, Sheriff Andersen visited the field and found footprints that ended in a wooded area. Ken Taylor of Iowa Falls, another member of the Bigfoot center, looked into that report but was not convinced it was a legitimate sighting.

• **CLARION** — In early October, a Clarion woman told police that a dark image had peered through her kitchen window about 10:30 one night. The window, at the rear of the house, is seven feet off the ground. The next afternoon, police officers obtained a plaster cast of one of several large indentations in the backyard. Clarion is the seat of Wright County, which is adjacent to Humboldt County, where the Ottosen sightings occurred. The Bigfoot center's Hagler and Taylor looked into the sighting and determined someone could have been perpetrating a hoax. They reported that the impressions they found were of right feet only.



Two more cow mutilations investigated

By DAVID ROYBAL
The New Mexican Staff

SANTA CLARA PUEBLO—The series of mysterious cattle mutilations has made its way into the Espanola Valley where the state two latest mangled beef carcasses were found this week.

Police late Tuesday inspected two mutilated heifers discovered miles apart on barren patches of Santa Clara Pueblo land.

Familiar signs—severed udder, ripped rectums, a missing tongue, only scarce signs of blood, few tracks—were again part of the unsettling story.

One of the carcasses was laying about half-a-mile from a Santa Clara housing project near Guachupangue. The other was about a mile north of the pueblo's outskirts in an area called the lower meadows.

Suspicion of alien involvement in such mutilations was voiced by state policeman Gabe Valdez.

Valdez says he has worked on about 30 mutilation cases over the past two years. Most have been in the Dulce and Tierra Amarilla areas.

Declining to give details, he claimed Tuesday to have obtained information this week that makes him want to change his original beliefs.

"I've thought it's the U.S. government," he said. "I couldn't tell you which agency. But in the past two days I've received information that makes me think it could turn out to be alien."

What does he mean by "alien?"

"Aircraft unavailable to us," he replied.

Valdez conceded that his opinion, for now anyway, cannot be completely supported with facts. He said many theories had been expressed since the series of mutilations started in the state about three years ago.

"Whoever it is has a lot of money... more than the state police," he said.

An instrumentation and research specialist who checked for radiation on the two Santa Clara carcasses agreed.

"They have a lot of resource and intelligence," Howard Burgess said. Burgess is retired from Sandia Laboratories.

"It's something we couldn't do in a laboratory," he said referring to the unexplainable features of some mutilations.

Burgess said there is a "laboratory possibility" of determining whether there is oil or gas beneath soil on which cattle are grazing by examining body parts of the animals.

"Somebody might be using it trying to find oil or gas or uranium without anyone knowing that they're looking," he said.

However, he added, "the crazy thing is that there's been pretty close to 10,000 of these done and there's never been anyone seen."

Valdez said he suspects many mutilation cases have gone unreported, perhaps often by persons who fear ridicule.

The bloated carcasses of both cows

found in Santa Clara Monday were lying on barren patches of soil, dotted only by rocks and dry weeds.

Police inspected the carcasses under a steady drizzle of rain that had fields muddy.

At the northern site, with Black Mesa and the still-gold cottonwoods bordering the Rio Grande in the background, other cattle grazed unmolested in nearby meadows.

Santa Clara policeman Roger Naranjo said there were no tracks or either machine or animal found around the carcasses at that site.

"There were no tracks of even the cow walking there," he said.

Pueblo residents have reported seeing "night lights in the area," according to Naranjo.

"Kind of like airplane lights, but they stayed stationary," he said.

Star Gutierrez, owner of the cow found near Guachupangue, said his cattle were penned up until Sunday morning. He and a companion said they heard a helicopter flying over the area before dawn on Sunday.

The carcass there lay beneath a small cliff only a few feet away from the dirt road passing near the Indian housing project. There was slightly more blood around that carcass and the tongue had not been removed.

"For some reason or other, they go spooked and they never finished the job," Valdez said.

He urged Gutierrez and his companion to throw away their gloves after handling the carcasses.



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MUTILATED COW—Three officials look over a mutilated cow found near the Santa Clara Pueblo Tuesday. Left to right are Santa Clara tribal policeman Roger Naranjo, state policeman Gabe Valdez and Howard Burgess, retired from Sandia Laboratories. The cow, as in other mutilations in northern New Mexico, had its tongue and sex organs removed.

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Be on the watch for a Sasquatch

By BOB LANE
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Pierce County residents are asked to be on the lookout for Sasquatch footprints in the snow.

Barfoot prints are made by hermits or Sasquatch, says "sagualoist" Jon Beckford of Seattle, and he doesn't believe in hermits.

Beckford, who operates the Bigfoot Hotline telephone answering service in Seattle (782-1264), said he wants to hear from anyone sighting unusual prints in the weekend's snow.

He is especially interested in prints that:

- Have a generally human shape.
- Are very wide in proportion to their length.
- Are larger than human footprints.
- Appear to be made by a two-legged creature.
- Have a stride longer than three feet, especially uphill.

Beckford said he measured suspected Sasquatch tracks in California that were 14 inches long and 10 inches wide.

He said Sasquatch or their tracks may be sighted anywhere "from the top of Mount Rainier to downtown Puyallup."

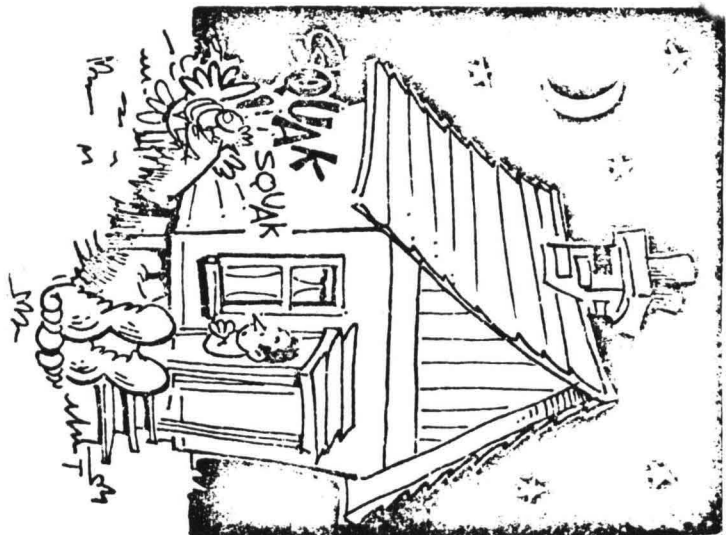
He said they are more likely to be reported along the Nisqually, Carbon and Puyallup rivers, as the Sasquatch feed on salmon, and have been spotted around the edges of Fort Lewis.

"Anywhere there is a salmon is a good place to see a Sasquatch," Beckford said.

Beckford, director of Project Green- del research group, said he is seeking information about eight persons who anonymously told law enforcement officers two weeks ago they saw a Sasquatch cross a highway near Longview.

"I certainly would like to meet those people," he declared.

Beckford said the most recent sighting in Western Washington was a week ago, when a resident of the Lummi Indian Reservation near Bellingham reported that a Sasquatch was stealing chickens from under his house.



New cow mutilations report investigated

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ESPANOLA — State Police are investigating two cow mutilations reported Sunday at Hernandez and wound on the ground.

Martin said his family was home all night and did not see or hear anything unusual during the rainy Friday night as it was when it died to see if dogs or cats had eaten the cow.

To test this theory, the cow was left from his cow.

Ramon Medina, who owned the cow that was mutilated in Chimayo, said that was mutilated in Chimayo, said that was mutilated in Chimayo, said that was mutilated in Chimayo.

Martin said he believes the missing parts were cut with a knife or a similar sharp object.

"The hole was very round," he said.

Mrs. Martin said, "The other cows wouldn't go near the barn. We saw no tracks, but we didn't want to get near until the police could investigate."

Beckford said he believes a dog killed the cow, but he did not believe a dog could "chew that round," but he did think dogs may have done the mutilation because they had started eating from the cow by Monday.

His wife said, "They've never done other mutilations in the area, said the Valdez, who is investigating many mutilations because they had started eating from the cow by Monday."

Both cows were one of the biggest in their herds, and were valued by their owners at about \$350 each.

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Cloud of Gas Sickens Scots

GLASGOW, Scotland — A mysterious cloud of gas smelling like rotten eggs drifted over frigid central Scotland early yesterday, waking many residents and sickening some.

Winds blew the gas cloud across Glasgow and out to sea, but before it floated away police in various communities in the area reported scores of callers complained the gas was causing nausea and vomiting.

A government scientist investigating the incident said the smell appeared to be sulphurous and might be hydrogen sulphide from a chemical works. But the source was not located, Glasgow police said.

Another theory considered by the scientist was that the gas was a chemical reaction in the atmosphere caused by the extreme cold conditions followed by sunlight.

Mystery Still Surrounds Animal Mutilations

By GUY BARNES
NEWS Staff Writer

BENTONVILLE—They come in the quiet early morning hours before six, stay long enough to complete their ritual and leave the carcass of a steer or young heifer—often minus an organ or two, or three, and completely devoid of blood.

"They" are the mysterious mutilators of livestock who have practiced their chilling craft on more than 20 head of cattle and at least one horse in Benton County since early April.

A wealth of information on their bizarre handiwork has been amassed through the diligent efforts of investigators from the Benton County Sheriff's Department, but no information has been gathered on the elusive mutilators.

As Lt. Don Rystrom, criminal investigator for the sheriff's department put it, "The dead animal is the only evidence of their visit that they leave behind." He added that the mutilation scenes are marked by a total absence of tire tracks, footprints or signs of a struggle. There are no spilled blood or scraps of anything which may help point to the mutilator.

There has been at least one exception in what Rystrom termed a "copycat killing." In that one, somebody cruelly hacked open a cow's throat and led her around the pasture until she bled to death. There were plenty of signs left behind in that case and authorities speculate that it was a stunt pulled by somebody anxious to share in the publicity accorded earlier cases.

One deputy sheriff said two mutilations were suspect because the quality of the knife work fell considerably below that practiced in the other cases.

Everybody who viewed the mutilated animals were impressed with the surgical ability of the mutilators. Rystrom termed it "highly skilled." Dr. C.S. Hatfield, a veterinarian here who autopsied two of the animals, described it as "very neat work by somebody who knows anatomy as well as surgical technique."

A veterinarian in Pea Ridge who conducted post mortem examinations of three of the animals, Dr. Gary France, classed it as "precision cutting" and said "the sloppiest looked good considering that it was done in darkness."

Dr. France said blood was in the abdominal cavity of one of the mutilated animals he examined. Some blood remained in the other two, but in most, the blood had been removed, he said.

Dr. Hatfield said the first mutilated animal he examined had about a spoonful of bloody fluid in the cavity surrounding the heart and a like amount of clotted blood in a heart chamber.

Hatfield said he believes an embalming apparatus was employed which removed the blood by flushing it from the animal's system with a saline solution. France suggests that a vacuum bottle was used to pull out the blood.

Most of the animal's bodies contained an estimated 3-7 gallons of blood—depending upon size—before they were drained.

Gilbert Sisco, operator of a funeral home in Springdale, recalled that morticians once used portable suitcase-size embalming grips when they went into homes to embalm corpses. He added that the devices were equipped with hand-operated pumps and bottles and were very simple to use.

Dr. Hatfield recalled finding slight evidence of bruising near the jugular vein of one drained animal he examined. He added that, while the bruising indicated the possibility that a needle had been inserted there, he found no puncture mark "probably because the animal had been dead several days."

Dr. France found bruises but no evidence of punctures. He said he suspects that a powerful muscle relaxant was administered to bring the animals down before blood was drawn out and selected organs removed.

He declined to speculate on how the drug was administered or how the animals were approached to prevent them from becoming excited or making noise.

Dr. Hatfield suggested that the animals are drugged first and then slain by their blood being drawn out.

Rystrom said the mutilated horse contained a trace of PCP, an animal tranquilizer known on the streets as "angel dust."

Most sought after organs and body parts as far as the mutilators are concerned appear to be eyes, tongues and genitals. Occasionally lips, anus, tail and udder are removed also.

Hatfield recalled seeing where an eye was removed down to the bony orbit without cutting or damaging the eyelid in any way.

Another source said an eyeball and associated optic nerve were removed without disturbing surrounding tissue.

Dr. Hatfield said the first animal he examined was a young bull. The mutilators had cut neatly around the anus and expertly removed accessory sex glands and urinary bladder through the opening.

One bull discovered on November 18 had its tail, testicles and left lips removed. Another one found several weeks earlier had its tongue cut out but the surgical work was "not as neat as the eye removal," Dr. Hatfield said.

Rystrom remembers one's tongue was taken out "right down to the roots" without cutting through surrounding tissue.

A source who preferred to remain unidentified said evidence of burning was found on one animal as if organs "had been seared off."

Dr. France said an eye had been taken from one of the animals he tested while the other two had their tongues, penises and testicles removed.

According to a case map prepared by Rystrom, mutilations in Benton County appear to have been carried out within a wide imaginary corridor from the northeast part of the county to the southwest part, ending two miles north of Highway 68.

At least one mutilation has been reported in Washington County but Sheriff Herb Marshall attributed it to animals.

Rystrom said similar waves of mysterious mutilations have been occurring in West Virginia, New Mexico and Wyoming and he has been exchanging information with authorities in those places. There, as here, no clues have been left which might point to the mutilator.

Casade County, Colo., has been experiencing so many mutilations that an investigator with the sheriff's office published case history files in a book. The circumstances of the mutilations are strikingly similar to the ones here. One particularly outstanding feature of those reports is that some of the mutilations took place near houses with dogs but none of the dogs barked.

One mutilation in Benton County reportedly happened about 200 feet from a home with dogs and they didn't bark either.

In 1973 and 1974 several mutilations occurred in Southwest Missouri. They were very similar to the ones in Benton County in most respects. There were no signs of a struggle, no tracks at the death scene, no blood in the victims and no blood on the ground. However, there reportedly were damaged tree-tops at the mutilation sites.

Rystrom said he has seen no evidence of broken tree-tops. He added, however, that the mutilations in Benton County took place in open fields.

A spate of mutilations occurred some time ago in north central Arkansas and in Oklahoma and Texas, but no information is readily available on whether or not they were the same as the ones here.

Also, there is no evidence on whether or not the problem is widespread throughout the country and the information is being suppressed or if there are mutilations which are not being as thoroughly reported and investigated as here.

One source said there apparently have been some mutilations in Benton County which went unreported.

Besides the eerie characteristics of no footprints, no blood and no signs of a struggle at mutilation scenes, some additional chilling features have been reported from others.

One individual said that a mutilation victim was relatively warm when found by its owner one morning, but the only tracks found in the heavy dew were those of the owner walking to the dead animal and then returning to his home to telephone the sheriff.

There were reports from one mutilation site that electricity in the area was off for about 20 minutes at about the time the event occurred.

Rystrom said the mutilations apparently have been occurring between 2-6 a.m.

There are a variety of opinions on who is responsible for the mutilations and why, but there are no official ones. Rystrom said that until he has evidence left by the mutilators or eyewitness reports, he is in no position to offer any guesses as to their identities or motives.

The most persistent theory is that a witchcraft cult or devil or nature worshippers are responsible. At one time authorities thought the practice would cease when "high holy days" of a certain European brand of witchcraft practitioners passed, but it did not.

Also, because certain organs of animals are used in rituals of nature worshippers, it was thought these were being procured for that purpose. However, there reportedly is a mail order house that has such items for sale.

Authorities indicated that they do not believe that the cattle and horse mutilators are connected in any way to the witchcraft cult responsible for building stone altars at various places in Northwest Arkansas.

One joker said there probably is in Benton County a crazed but learned collector of cow eyes, genitals, lips and tails who has a passion for blood sausage.

Another frequently voiced thought is what one man called "the little green men theory" which suggests that the mutilations and blood draws are being done by extra-terrestrials who are either making studies of earth's inhabitants or need the organs for dietary purposes or other reasons.

This theory is based on the widespread lack of tracks at the scene—either tire or footprints; no reported sightings of mutilators; absence of noise or disturbance where mutilations occur; failure of dogs to bark, and expert removal of organs and withdrawal of blood in the dark without spilling any.

As an example of how serious the visitor-from-outer-space theory is regarded, an international UFO investigator, Dr. Jacques Vallee, a scientist from Palo Alto, Calif., called on the Benton County Sheriff's office during the summer to gather information on the mutilations. However, Dr. Vallee offered no theories on who is committing the mutilations, Lt. Rystrom said.

Dr. France said that he doesn't subscribe to the "little green man theory." He added that he did believe that more than one person is involved in each mutilation.

Dr. Hatfield repeated that whoever is drugging, bleeding and removing organs from the animals has exceptional skill. He said he had no idea if the technique was "taught by a cult" or learned independently.

Both veterinarians felt it would be helpful if they had an opportunity to examine the animals soon after they were killed.

Authorities apparently believe now that making more people aware of the problem may help to bring in information leading to a solution. Earlier this month, Rystrom met with about 25-30 farmers in Highfill, displayed photographs of mutilated animals and discussed them.

While hoping to bring in first hand reports of suspicious activities, authorities warned that individuals should not attempt to make arrests or make themselves known to the mutilators because "anybody with the knowledge, cunning and equipment" to carry out mutilations for several years without being caught probably has the resourcefulness to evade capture by untrained persons.

The best move for anybody observing suspicious activity or lights in unusual places late at night is to report them immediately to a law enforcement agency and leave the investigations and arrests to people who have been trained to that end.

And, as the veterinarians explained it, guns are out "because coon season is about here and it wouldn't do for anybody to shoot at strange lights in unusual places because he might hit a coon hunter."

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New Findings Deepen Mystery of Mutilations

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A semi-secret test conducted one night last summer was cited this week as providing "startling and baffling" new evidence in the mysterious cattle mutilations which have proliferated in north central New Mexico.

Further intrigue was added Tuesday with the disclosure of a previously unreported and unpublished UFO incident near Taos less than four days before the test.

Both the test and the incident left tangible materials with similar properties. The materials have been placed under continuing analyses at an Albuquerque laboratory.

Authorities said they hope the discoveries shed fresh light on the cattle mutilation cases, although they readily acknowledge the evidence "certainly won't solve the mystery."

New Mexico, with 35 "confirmed" mutilations so far this year, has been identified as one of three states—Arkansas and Missouri are the others—exhibiting a dramatic increase in the number of reports. Combined with figures from previous years, the state has had a total of approximately 60.

The test last summer was conducted on the Manuel Gomez Ranch near Dulce, in an area where the majority of the state's mutilations

have occurred. Gomez and State Police Officer Gabe Valdez penned about 120 of the Gomez beef cattle in a corral and moved them through a squeeze chute under an ultra-violet light.

During the nocturnal test, Valdez said, five animals were found "with a glittery substance on the right side of the neck, the right ear and the right leg."

Samples of the affected hides were removed, along with unaffected "control" samples from the same animals.

Schoenfeld Clinical Laboratories in Albuquerque analyzed the samples and found the affected hides to contain significant deposits of potassium and magnesium. The laboratory report disclosed Tuesday that the potassium content was more than 70 times above normal.

At the laboratory here, Bob Schoenfeld characterized the presence of potassium and magnesium on the hides as "highly suspicious." He said he believes the substance was made water soluble and doubts that it would have occurred on the animals through natural means. "How it got there, I don't know," he said.

The ultra-violet light test is the first such test known to have been conducted in connection with the mutilations.

The test at the Gomez corrals took place July 5. At the time, Valdez, Gomez and Albuquerque retired scientist Howard Burgess were unaware of an incident which had occurred four nights before near Taos.

Three families living near each other three miles northwest of Taos were startled at 12:05 a.m. by what they later described as "a very bright orange light" outside their homes.

Mrs. Elias Vargas, who lives in one of the homes, said the light frightened her.

"I had just gone to bed and suddenly the room lit up with a bright orange light," she recalled. "I thought maybe the neighbors were throwing firecrackers, but then too bright to be that. I realized it was

"I went to the window and opened it, and I could hear a kind of crackling noise. The light was so bright I could see for some distance.

"At first I thought the neighbors' house was on fire, so I went to the other window. I saw this form, it wasn't a definite form, but it was roundish and about as big as two cars, maybe bigger. By then it wasn't orange any more, it was a sort of gray color. It stayed for about two minutes. I rushed into another bedroom and opened the drapes, and it took off to the north, and disappeared in two seconds. All

you could see was a red light. It happened so fast. I got real scared; I don't think I went to sleep until 5 in the morning."

Mrs. Vargas said members of all three families saw the light. She said it hovered low over a space between her house and that of an immediate neighbor. A 500-gallon fuel tank and a pickup truck were directly below the object.

The next morning, she said, a thin powder was found on the roof of the pickup's cab. They collected the powder in a jar.

Eventually, the substance was given to the Schoenfeld laboratory in Albuquerque.

Schoenfeld said Tuesday initial analysis of the substance show it contains significant amounts of potassium and magnesium—the same elements found on the hides of the cattle tested four nights later.

In descending order, Schoenfeld said the residue contains calcium, sodium, potassium, aluminum, phosphorus, magnesium and iron. Other elements presently identified include barium, bismuth, platinum, vanadium and strontium.

"It's possible to find all these elements in the soil," Schoenfeld said, "but they do not occur naturally in the air. If you say it was

found on top of a pickup cab, there would have to be something to have moved it up there."

He described the chips of material as dull gray and about 1/8 of an inch long, 1/16 of an inch wide, and about as thick as a sheet of a paper.

"I'm really not in the business of paint analysis," Schoenfeld said. "It could easily be a film of oxidized metal. We're going to do some more work with it. I'm not convinced that it's metallic or organic or what."

He said microscopic particles are imbedded in the material. "We can't really say what it is yet," he said. "For the moment, I'm baffled."

None of the authorities care to speculate on a direct tie between the residue and the substance found on the five cattle. "Right now, the only tie is the potassium and the magnesium," Burgess says, "and that's not substantial enough right now to say the two are definitely related. But it's intriguing."

One official noted mutilated cattle are generally found lying on their right side—the same side the live cattle were "marked" on.

Classic mutilation signs are a cored rectum, severed sexual organs, a severed tongue, eyes gouged out and, in some cases, a severed left ear.