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DAILY RANGE, Raton, NM - Dec. 14, 1978 CR: R. Caudell

## Lawmen report strange phenomena

Police here are still shaking their heads over a sighting of an unidentified flying object here Sunday, the most recent in a number of such incidents which have been reported in recent months.

Police officers working the "graveyard shift" say they noticed a bright steady light over the eastern horizon, but other reports from around the state have also been noted.

According to Raton Police Capt. Allan Webb, the sighting here was prompted by a conversation overheard between dispatchers reportedly with the Las Vegas and Albuquerque police. Webb said officers here observed the glowing object was "brighter than stars I've seen" and that no morning star was visible in the same location two days later.

Webb also said the radio conversation made mention of

the sighting on radar being as metallic object, but police in Las Vegas and Albuquerque say they had no reports of sightings that day.

One police officer is reported to have photographs of the object, but that officer was unavailable for comment.

Other sightings have included a flashing light approximately a month ago north of the city, reported by police. Webb said that light "flashed and then disappeared."

A Raton woman, who asked her name be withheld, also said she saw earlier this summer two small colored lights which appeared to move. The woman said the lights appeared west of town.

Albuquerque state police reported a sighting Nov. 30 which came from Mabe Elliot, a private citizen. According to state police, Elliot reported an

"intensely bright high velocity light whose intensity increased to a brilliant green flash and then fire balls. The intensity dropped and several red streamers appeared, followed by a second flash with bright green and red streamers and flashes of green again." Elliot reported the object southbound of Albuquerque on state highway 47 approximately 15-20 degrees above the horizon.

In early July sightings were reported in the Taos area by a private citizen in a rural area who reportedly said two neighbors also observed an orange light "as big as two cars."

Northern New Mexico law enforcement officials are also investigating reports of cattle mutilations. A test of samples taken from cattle hides in the Dulce area yielded some surprising results.

The samples were taken from the hides of animals rounded up last July on the Manuel Gomez ranch and moved through a corral chute at night under ultraviolet light.

Gabe Valdez of the New Mexico state police said five animals out of about 120 had a glittery substance on the right side of the neck, right ear and right leg.

Samples of the affected hides were sent to the Schoenfeld Clinical Laboratories in Albuquerque. A report issued Tuesday on the lab tests disclosed significantly high deposits of potassium and magnesium, with the potassium content more than 70 times above normal.

Bob Schoenfeld said he had no idea how it got on the hides but that he doubts it got there by natural means.

The cattle mutilation mystery deepened when it was disclosed there had been an unreported, unpublicized UFO report in the Taos area four days before the ultraviolet light test on the Dulce cattle, last July 5.

Dulce is about 125 miles northwest of Taos.

One result of that sighting, involving three families northwest of Taos, was a sample of powder and small chips taken from the top of a pickup truck cab that had been below the object later reported as a UFO. That sample also was sent to the Albuquerque laboratory, which found in that sample an unusual amount of potassium and magnesium — the same elements found on the cattle hides four nights later.

Schoenfeld said the elements can be found in soil, but said they do not occur

naturally in the air. He said that for them to be on top of a pickup truck, something would have had to move them there.

Officials took a closer look at cattle on the Gomez ranch because most of the cattle mutilation reports have been in that area.

The Albuquerque Journal said the Taos area UFO report came from Mrs. Elias Vargas, who said two neighbor families also saw the bright light that attracted her. She said the orange light turned to a sort of gray color before an object disappeared rapidly into the night sky. She described it as round and about as big as two cars, or bigger.

Authorities are not speculating on what the new evidence will mean to the cattle mutilations investigation.

One report said there have been 35 confirmed mutilations in the state this year.

EAST WASHINGTONIAN, Pomeroy, WA - Dec. 21, 1978

## Local women report UFO sighting

Three local women report that they saw what they consider to be an unidentified flying object—a U.F.O.—Thursday night, Dec. 14, on Dutch Flat, just south of Pomeroy.

The women—who asked to remain anonymous in fear of ridicule—said they saw a large object with blue transparent lights, which hovered by their auto for several minutes before flying away to the west.

The women, who said they were frightened by the event, say this is not a hoax. They don't know what the object was but claim it was not an airplane or a helicopter.

They were driving on Dutch Flat Road at about 11:30 p.m. Thursday night when an object, flying very low, approached them across a field. They

were westbound on Dutch Flat road, just past the end of the pavement at the top of hill at this time.

The object, the shape of which could be exactly described, had two transparent blue lights. The object came very close to the car and kept moving from side to side as the driver kept going. The women decided not to stop, they said, because they had heard stories of U.F.O.'s being able to neutralize power.

The object stayed with them until they reached a residence, where they stopped and turned out the lights of the car. The object circled around once and then departed to the west. It did not depart at an exceptionally high rate of speed.

The women said they are sure it was not an airplane, since planes don't have

the ability to hover and move from side to side as this craft did.

It does not appear to be a helicopter, since they are noisy and usually are heard by residents in the area.

The women said they had heard of a couple of other reports of U.F.O.'s in the county, in the past week, but none could be confirmed.

Local law enforcement authorities have had no U.F.O. sightings reported. There have been U.F.O. reports in Central and Northern Idaho and in Western Canada in the last several months, however.

There are stories around about U.F.O. sightings in Garfield County many years ago, some of which apparently have been explained and others which have not, but this is the first such reported sighting in the past five years.

DAILY HERALD, Wausau, WI  
Dec. 27, 1978 CR: R. Heiden

### Reports UFO

A town of Kronenwetter man said this morning that he spotted a strange object in the sky near his home on Tuesday evening.

The man said he was watching television about 8:15 p.m. when he glanced out the living room window and saw a shiny, blue-green object about a half mile away.

He said the object was about the same size as a large transport plane. "It was coming down at a pretty steep angle, then it changed and came down more gradually. It disappeared from my view when it went below some pine trees," the man said.

Some friends from Schofield later told him they saw a similar sight about the same time, he reported.

He said the object appeared to be in the vicinity of Happy Hollow Road and Old Highway 84 in the town of Kronenwetter.

SUN, Las Vegas, NV - Dec. 17, 1978

## Two Ground Observers, Pilot Sight UFO Over Las Vegas

A large, apparently unidentified, disc-shaped object with glowing white lights hovered near McCarran International Airport Saturday before disappearing into the morning sky, according to two ground observers.

A commercial airline pilot notified aircraft controllers that an unidentified "flash of light" had streaked past his airliner, a McCarran controller reported.

Tower personnel scanned the skies trying to see the object to no avail. Radar indicated all was normal, said controller Bob Turner.

Fearing that a military jet might have strayed into McCarran airspace, controllers telephoned Nellis Air Force Base, but they said all their planes were down.

The couple, who did not wish to be named, said they saw the object looking southeast at about 5:30 a.m. It was unusually large for a star.

"At first I thought it was a bright star or planet," the husband reported, "but then I saw it move, like a leaf falling from a tree."

The woman said she ran into the house and grabbed a pair of high-powered binoculars. Closer inspection revealed that it was a disc or saucer-shaped object, hovering just below the clouds. It would occasionally bank from side to side, readily displaying its saucer-like appearance.

It was covered with a series of white lights, the man said

RIO GRANDE SUN, Espanola, NM - Dec. 14, 1978 CR: R. Caudell

## UFO Spotted By Guide Near Dulce

Joe Lucero, a guide who lives on the Jicarilla Apache reservation at Dulce, reported an Unidentified Flying object to state police two weeks ago.

Lucero sighted the object, which was similar in description to others seen in the area and reported to state police, at about 5 a.m. as he was travelling to meet up with some hunters whom he was to guide into reservation wilderness areas.

He described the object as cigar-shaped and illuminated with yellow or orange light.

"When I first saw it, I thought it was a star," he said, "but then it started moving."

As he had never seen a star move, he said, he stopped his car and started watching it. It flew to an area he said was Horse Lake and hovered, stationary, over the lake for awhile, then disappeared.

Lucero said that he viewed the object through his binoculars.

He described the object as a sophisticated machine and said he felt no fear upon observing it.

His only regret, he said, is that the pilot and the occupants of the UFO did not land and talk to him.

He said that if he sees another such object, he hopes he has a camera with him.

Gabe Valdez, State Police officer from the Dulce area, said there was one other witness to the machine Lucero saw, and last week he received a separate report which described a similar machine.

# Maiden In UFO Triangle

An area that encompasses sides of the Highway 312 and the Highway 321 By-Pass and the land in between adjacent to the substation, now becoming known as the Maiden-Lincolnton "UFO Triangle", has claimed two more sightings.

One of the encounters unveiled a "mystery fragment" on the ground. What is it? It's now explained, although how it got there remains a mystery.

The more significant of the two recent encounters with unidentified flying objects (UFOs) was investigated by George D. Fawcett, a representative for the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (MUFON), headquartered nationally in Seguin, Texas.

Fawcett, a newsman and investigator, who lives in Lincolnton, but works for the Maiden Times weekly newspaper released the results of the investigations this morning.

Horace Abree, 62, a semi-retired furniture employee of the Cochran Furniture Company in Lincolnton, who resides on Route Five, Lincolnton reported his encounter this way.

While looking at the stars on Tuesday night, October 10, Abree was astonished to see a large cigar-shaped object cross the sky just above his home at low altitude at around 9 p.m. The UFO remains unexplained to date.

The UFO had a dome that was giving off a 'brilliant blue violet light' on the upper right corner of the mystery craft. The object remained visible only for four to five seconds, but made a whistling sound as it moved rapidly across the sky from North to South.

Abree described the UFO as being about 60 feet long, 10 to 12 feet across and flying only about 200 feet above the ground.



FRAGMENT - NOT PART OF A UFO—A UFO encounter unveiled a mystery fragment, which upon analysis by investigators was discovered to be a magnetite. The object was found in the back yard of the home of Horace Abree. (Howard Danner Photograph).

Three days after the UFO observation, Abree found a mystery fragment in his back yard, which he wondered if it might be part of the UFO that flew overhead. But Fawcett, along with Bill Cole, teacher of earth sciences at the West Lincoln Junior High School subjected the fragment to extensive tests.

The fragment, which looked like a burned meteorite, and measured two inches long and one and one-fourth inches wide weighed two and one-half ounces.

Upon analysis it was found that the fragment was magnetic, was not radioactive, was inorganic, had a specific gravity of 4.4 and was grayish black in color.

Cole upon examination felt that it was a magnetite, a high grade of iron ore, which is an iron-oxide mineral from some smelting plant. The November 18 UFO sighting by another witness near

ly under investigation by Fawcett.

# Yuletide Sighting Wasn't A Star

By JANE ROBISON  
Courier Staff Writer

"It looked like an evening star," said Bob Trower, a Mountain Bell employee. "But it definitely wasn't a star."

Trower said he and at least six other employees Tuesday saw what they believed to be a UFO.

"It was way up there, way above the clouds," said Trower. "And it never moved an inch."

Trower said the object, which he described as looking like a silver wing-shaped kite, was located straight above the flat-top mountain south of Alamosa. He said it remained there between 6 a.m. and almost 9 a.m., until the clouds finally covered it up.

"Several of us saw it," said Trower. "I had 20-power binoculars and I saw it real well with those. With the naked eye it looked like a star."

Trower said he called the Weather Service to see if they had any weather balloons up, and they didn't. "But they said they didn't see anything," said Trower.

Donna Chappell, news reporter for station KGIW, was in the Lamplighter at 8 a.m. Tuesday and heard some of the Mountain Bell employees talking about the object. She said she called the Federal Aviation Administration in Trinidad, but showed nothing unusual on the radar.

"They referred me to a UFO center in California," said Chappell. "I called them, and they said they would check it out on their radar and call me back, but I haven't heard anything."

The sighting comes five days after a United Press International story in the Courier reported that cattle mutilations near Taos, N.M., and UFO sightings could be related. A state patrolman, a retired scientist, and the director of a chemical laboratory are looking into the possibility the two incidents are related.

But as far as the sighting near Alamosa is concerned, Trower said he plans to do nothing about it. "You probably think I'm crazy," he concluded.

CR: T. Adams

## FILLSPACE FIDDLINGS

I am currently thinking of putting together a special issue, consisting of 1978 reports which I have been unable to use in the monthly issues, due to lack of space. A section would also be devoted to coverage of the recent worldwide flap, using a substantial number of the clippings recently received. The issue would probably be 40-50 pages in length, to be sold separately for about \$8.00. Please let me know if you are interested in seeing such an issue. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.....LF.

# Residents claim UFO's paid visit to Park Ridge

If you saw anything unusual up in the sky in recent weeks, you weren't alone. At least five Park Ridge residents sighted a flying saucer in two unrelated incidents.

The first incident occurred about 2:30 a.m. Dec. 9 when Patty Kelly, 12, 339 Cuttriss St., looked out her bedroom window and saw a saucer-shaped object with red and white lights hovering above the house across the street. Patty then woke up her mother Joan Kelly and the two watched the saucer for about a minute before it moved quickly toward Lake Michigan where it hung for about an hour.

According to Mrs. Kelly, the saucer was as big as the house it was hovering over and about a block's distance up in the air. Attached to the underside of it

HERALD, Park Ridge, IL  
Dec. 21, 1978

were three balls each the size of half a garbage can.

Mrs. Kelly said the three balls moved together around the saucer, which also emitted a distant fire alarm type noise.

The saucer was also seen about the same time by several members of the Bachir family, 333 Cuttriss.

Last Thursday at about 5:30 p.m. Colette Loll, 12, 408 S. Lincoln, and Heidi Wissmueller, 12, 1526 Talcott, were tobogganing on the hill at Centennial Park when they spotted a saucer-shaped object with a row of flashing red lights on the top and bottom and flashing yellow lights in between.

According to Colette's mother, Kathie Loll, the saucer seemed to follow the girls making a "thumping and rushing wind noise." The saucer hung in the air for about 20 minutes occasionally making a semi-circle and stopping again.

Colette and Heidi also described the saucer as having three balls attached that moved together.

Park Ridge police said they received no other reports of the two incidents, but advised that residents that do see anything unusual contact the police dept. which will in turn call the UFO Center in Evanston.

# Locals Site UFO

Rhonda Brashear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brashear of London Mills and Paula Helle of RR No. 2, Ellisville observed a tubular spacecraft on Rts. 116 and 97 about 7 p.m. on December 14. The tubular space craft hovered and circled their car and was close enough to their car that they could almost have touched it.

It then took off to the east after circling the car once at a fantastic

speed but with no noise at all. The space craft was said to be almost the size of a private plane and was made up of two parallel tubes and one perpendicular tube with no windows that they could see.

The two girls are going to report their sighting to Professor Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, who helped the Air Force put together its Blue Book on UFO's.



# Man thinks his shiny rock part of UFO

PITTSBURGH (AP) — It's black, shiny and roughly oblong. The man who found it once kept it in a bowling bag. Now, he keeps it in a vault because he thinks it might be a remnant of a UFO visit.

Edward Lunguy found the 13-pound object in July 1972 near his former home in Barberton, Ohio.

What Lunguy said he saw that July night as he backed his car out of his driveway was an orange ball hovering in the nearby skies.

"It just sat there. Then it started moving real slow in a northeast direction. It started to gain some altitude, then all of a sudden, it blew up," Lunguy, a railroad brakeman, said in an interview at his home here.

It wasn't until three weeks later while mowing the lawn that Lunguy came across the glassy black object tinged with amber. Two years later, his wife Suzanne insisted he submit it for testing.

Robert Oldrieve, who's researching the case independent of his work as an investigator with the National Aeronautics and Space Ad-

ministration's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland won't say flatly that agrees with Lunguy's UFO theory.

"But this is the best UFO case I have come across. This is the only one that has a chance of having an artifact left behind, something tangible that can be analyzed," he said.

Oldrieve said he determined the object's hardness at about seven on a scale of 10, as measured by a diamond. He said it was insoluble in acids and had the characteristics of the type of glass being researched by NASA at the time for use as rocket liners or heat shields.

"It's an artificial

glass...It's composition appears to be unique," Oldrieve said. "It melts at a very high temperature, such as glass used for re-entry on a space ship.

"We have such things, but there's no way a 13-pound chunk of it is going to come down in a farm field in Ohio," Oldrieve said.

A specialist on UFOs at Northwestern University, near Chicago, recently made arrangements with Lunguy to

study samples of the object, and Oldrieve said he would submit his findings to NASA's Washington office.

"If I could verify its composition, we would be very excited about it," said Oldrieve.

"It would be an excellent example of a UFO if it were not for the fact that he (Lunguy) did not see it fall and strike the ground and run over and pick it up.

"There was no smoking gun," Oldrieve said.

ERA, Bradford, PA - Dec. 25, 1978

CR: J. Jeffers

EVENING TRIBUNE, San Diego, CA  
Dec. 25, 1978



SPACE ROCK — Edward Lunguy of Pittsburgh, Pa., holds the glassy object he thinks may be a remnant from a UFO. A steel tool used to chip away samples for testing was itself chipped in the process. — Associated Press photo

ADVOCATE, Park Ridge, IL - Dec. 21, 1978  
**Second UFO spotted over park**

An unidentified flying object (UFO), the second in two weeks' time, was spotted in Park Ridge Thursday, Dec. 14.

Collette Loll, 12, was reportedly tobogganing at West park around 5:30 pm when she and her friend, Heidi Wissmueller, noticed a "flashing and blinking" object over the swimming pool, approximately two miles up in the sky. The object darted away, said Collette, then circled the pool again, all the while making a "rumbling sound".

The two girls said they ran home after the object remained in the sky for about 15 minutes, and when they looked back the UFO was hovering high above Washington school.

The two sightings are reportedly unrelated to the city's infra-red picture taking airplane, used to take pictures of homes to determine how heat energy may be saved.

Persons viewing UFO's may call the toll free telephone number at the UFO locator center's answering service, 822-9610. The center for UFO studies may be reached by phoning 312-491-6666.

CR: B. Greenwood  
**UFOs Reported**

To State Police  
**In Sturbridge**

STURBRIDGE — State Police at the Sturbridge barracks said they received three anonymous reports of UFOs last night.

Police said one unidentified young lady reported one about 100 feet above her car. Police said she described the object as triangular in shape and lighted. She was driving on the Massachusetts Turnpike and was west of the Sturbridge interchange at the time.

State Police said they received two other anonymous telephone calls reporting UFOs in the same general area.

The reports came in between 6-8:30 p.m. yesterday.

TELEGRAM, Worcester, MA Jan. 3, 1979

THE REPORT OF AN Unidentified Flying Object filmed by a television crew over New Zealand, which apparently also appeared on radar screens, has a ready believer in Sheriff Robert L. Watson. The description from New Zealand matches that provided by the sheriff in a sighting of an object over the Slippery Rock area five years ago. He had his children with him in the car when he stopped to look at it. After he had left the children with relatives nearby, he tried to again sight the object but it had disappeared. He described it as relatively small, stationary for a while, and then moving slowly, emitting a very intense blue-white light. The only sound was a hum, similar to an electric motor, as it passed nearly overhead. He reported the matter to the Butler County Communications Center, and skeptical staffers on duty promptly ribbed him about it. But, he said, a few months later two of the scoffers also sighted the object in the northern section of the county, moving at a high rate of speed.

EAGLE, Butler, PA - Jan. 3, 1979

TRANSCRIPT, Peterborough, NH  
Jan. 4, 1979 CR: B. Greenwood

## "Green thing" was cigar-shaped, fast

A follow up on that green thing in the sky.

Two weeks ago, two police officers and a Hancock woman reported seeing a mint-green object doing strange things in the sky in the vicinity of Conval High and Sim's Press.

The sightings were reportedly separately on the night of Dec. 14 to Peterborough police.

This week, a Dublin resident also reported that he saw the green object the same night, but it was more cigar-shaped than round.

The witness was driving along Windy Row, and on an open space, he noticed a green object travelling at a great speed from west to east, or from the area of Rte. 101 toward Hancock.

It was reportedly too fast for an airplane, and was travelling at tree-top level.

The observer noted "I didn't see it for very long, and I didn't think much of it at the time."

But it was green, cigar shaped, seen the same night as the other two sightings, and remains unidentified.

MOUNTAIN NEWS AND MOUNTAINEER,  
Lake Arrowhead, CA - Dec. 28, 1978

## UFO's sighted? Or was it Santa Claus?

Reports of two unidentified flying objects sighted over Lake Arrowhead on Christmas morning at approximately 7:15 a.m. have not been verified by local agencies.

The first report came from Nemo Anderson of Cedar Glen and his son, who claimed they sighted the two UFOs screaming over the lake at 7:18 a.m. on Monday. They reported that one was about 600 feet across and the other one-half mile.

Emerald drive resident Joyce Percuoco reported hearing unusual sounds, similar to the ambulance siren. The sounds never faded out, but stopped suddenly. Other residents in the

area, George and Annie Anderson, also reported hearing the screeching sounds.

The Sheriff's office in Twin Peaks reported no entry of any calls in reference to UFOs on their Monday morning log. Neither the hospital or the forestry office in Rimforest received any calls. The fire district log showed no telephone reports and the ambulance was not out at that time. Some locals reported that TV Channel 7 in Los Angeles reported the sighting on its 4 p.m. news.

Could it have been Santa Claus returning to his North Pole home a little late?

ADVERTISER, Laurens, SC  
Jan. 2, 1979

## UFO

## sighting reported

An unidentified flying object (UFO) was reportedly observed early Friday morning along Highway 308, approximately three miles south of the intersection of Highway 49.

Roger Shealy of Simpsonville said he was driving his Jeep on Highway 308 at approximately 4 a.m. Friday when the object appeared in the roadway.

Shealy said he at first thought the object was a vehicle approaching with its bright lights on. He said he then applied his brakes and skidded to a stop in the roadway as the object drew nearer.

He described the object as "just a big, bright light," which hovered above the roadway at tree-top level. Shealy said the object drained the power from his Jeep's battery before speeding off.

Shealy said the Jeep's engine remained running while the object hovered near it, although he could not get the vehicle to move in any gear. He said the object was pulsating and made no sound.

When the object sped off, he said, the Jeep began to function normally again.

# 'UFO' Sighted from Dade Backyard

By TOM BAGLEY  
Staff Writer

A flying saucer hovered over a backyard in South Dade on New Year's Eve before disappearing toward the sun.

At least that's what Mike Betancourt says.

The 37-year-old Betancourt insists that he and two friends saw a large silver disc at 3 p.m. Sunday hovering over his backyard at 8990 SW 112th St.

"We saw a flying saucer," said Betancourt. "I'd be glad to show anybody who wants to know about it where it was."

He said the saucer was 40 to 50 feet in diameter, had no engines or wings, and made no sound.

"It's the funniest feeling to see something like that flying without wings or power," said Betancourt. "It's a tremendous feeling. I've never seen anything like that in my life."

Betancourt reported the sighting to the U.S. Air Force and to Metro police.

He said Air Force officials told him they do not investigate such sightings, but the police have filed a routine report form on the incident.

"You have to excuse me for laughing," said Metro Policeman Ron Forth as he read the report over the phone Tuesday.

Betancourt said he saw the unidentified flying object for about 30 seconds from a distance of about a block along with his friends Jesus and Eliseo Garcia before the saucer flew off to the west.

"I always thought that there was a possibility that other types of life existed, but I never believed in flying saucers," said Betancourt.

However, Betancourt said the strange craft could even be a new military project.

"It could be a secret weapon that they don't want us to know about," he said.

Betancourt insisted that he had not started celebrating the New Year with a few drinks early on Sunday just before the afternoon spectacle.

He said most people believe him when he tells of his experience.

"Everytime I tell somebody, they believe me because I think they see the truth in my face," he said.

UFO sightings have also been reported recently in New Zealand.

RECORD, Grafton, ND - Jan. 6, 1979

## UFOs: In Grafton, North Dakota?

It may be hard to believe, but some people have been seeing some truly strange things in North Dakota skies lately. Particularly in that great airy expanse above Grafton.

At 9:15 a. m. Friday, Jan. 5, Terry Henriksen of Grafton was standing outside and looking east when he saw what might have been a jet. But, then, it might have been something else too.

Henriksen described what he saw to be something that looked like a jet stream moving, until it turned and had a longer stream behind it. The object stayed at the same altitude for a long time and then went a little higher.

Another Grafton resident, Mrs. Isadore Kasprick, said she saw a long white streak moving in the sky, which

then turned east and disappeared. This was also on Friday morning.

Mrs. Kasprick said she was in the living room of her house when she watched this strange phenomenon. It was flying quite high, she noted.

Even stranger was something Mrs. Kasprick saw Thursday night. It was similar and in about the same place, she said, but it was red — a long narrow streak. That sitting, about 10:30 p. m., was coming from the south and going north.

She concluded saying "It makes a person wonder if you're seeing things or what."

Do you have any reports on these or other sightings. If so let us know.

# UFO Sighted Near Ona

By ROGER McQUOWN

Shortly after the Monday night television news carried accounts of a UFO sighting off New Zealand, an Ona man filed what may be the first documented report of a UFO in Hardee County.

At 1:39 a.m. Tuesday, Joe Guerrero, 40, reported to the Hardee County Sheriff's office that he had seen an unidentified flying object hovering over the pasture behind his home.

A spokesman at the sheriff's office said other sightings of UFOs have been made in Hardee County, but this may be the first one to be documented.

Sgt. Gordon Stephens, who investigated the incident, says he has forwarded a report of the sighting to UFO Headquarters in Seattle, Washington, for further investigation.

The object, which Guerrero described as being "tremendous in size" was seen by him about 1:30 a.m. approximately 200 yards north of S.R. 64 in Ona.

He said he was sitting in his pickup truck when he heard something that sounded like the rushing of air similar to the sounds made by jet engines from inside an aircraft.

"All of a sudden it was just there," Guerrero told The Herald-Advocate in a telephone interview Tuesday night.

"At first I thought it was a jet or a helicopter," he said, "but when I looked up, it was something I had never seen before."

Guerrero says he watched the object for a few seconds then got out of his pickup to tell his wife and friends to come out and see it when he could not figure out what it was.

But as he left the truck, Guerrero said the object just went straight up in the air until it was out of sight.

"He was really going quick," he said.

He could only see the three lights underneath the object as it left, which was all his wife saw, as it sped out of sight.

Guerrero said the object was about a few hundred feet off the ground when he first saw it, but admitted he could not judge distances very well. It was

lower than the clouds, he said.

He drew a picture of the object for Sgt. Stephens' report and described it as being about the size of two city blocks. Later he said it was about the size of a large jumbo jet.

The drawing shows the bottom of the object to be triangular in shape, but Guerrero later said it was rounded on one end and pointed on the other.

On the pointed end was one large hole about the size of his trailer, he told Stephens, and at the other end were two other holes of about the same size but closer together.

He said there was a reddish blinking light coming from the holes, as if they were propulsion ports, but the only sound was that of rushing air.

The body of the object was dark, he said, but antenna-like structures about the size of telephone poles, which looked as if they were made of aluminum, were sticking out of either side of it.

Guerrero says he did not believe in UFOs before he saw the object in his back yard, but now he thinks differently about the subject.

At first he thought it might be an experimental aircraft.

"There are so many new things I haven't seen before, I just decided to report it," he said.

Guerrero related that some of his sons and other boys in the neighborhood had seen a ball of fire in the sky about two weeks ago. They told him it had come from the north going south, then suddenly stopped and went east toward Avon Park.

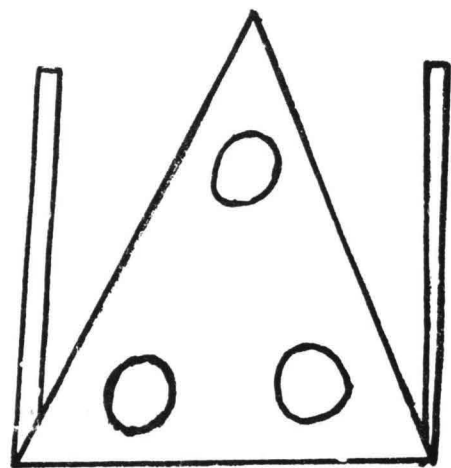
He thinks possibly there might be some connection between the two.

"I'm still a little jumpy," he said. "I don't know what's going on."

He said he was anxious to talk to someone who might explain the phenomenon to him.

Sgt. Stephens said he was known Guerrero for some time, and he is not a crackpot, although he had been drinking that night. He described Guerrero as level-headed.

"The man saw something," Stephens said. "He really believes he saw something."



Drawing Of UFO Sighted In Ona

The drawing above is similar to the one an Ona man drew for a sheriff's deputy to describe the bottom of a UFO he had seen behind his home early Tuesday morning. He said it was as large as two city blocks with two antenna the size of telephone poles and three holes the size of his trailer, which contained a blinking reddish colored light.



## H-L's Nelson saw UFO Nov. 28

By MIKE NELSON  
Sports Editor

I no longer doubt people who report they saw a UFO, because just a week or so ago I saw one and believe me it was a strange experience.

On November 28, after covering the Menominee-Gwinn Class B girls' district tournament finals, I was headed south for home on M-35 between Gwinn and Rock when I saw a UFO.

Now if you have ever been on that section of M-35 then you know just how deserted that part of the Upper Peninsula is.

Near a town called Lathrop on M-35, I saw a vehicle in front of me suddenly slam on its brakes and stop dead in the middle of the highway. I stopped quickly about 25 to 30 yards behind it.

I strained to see why the vehicle in front of me had stopped so suddenly (it was a late model Chevrolet pickup truck) and then I noticed a very bright and multi-colored, pencil-shaped object directly over the highway above us.

The object was very long, had orange, green and blue lights and seemed to have tire-like things wrapped around it. It made no noise but just hung above the highway.

Both myself and the man in the halted truck jumped out of the car and looked up and clearly saw whatever it was right above us. All of a sudden the object omitted a

very bright light that turned the night into day all around us. The bright light lasted for about five seconds.

The light went out and without a sound the object just went away quicker than anything I have ever seen.

"Did you see that?" the man in front of me asked. I replied "Yes, but I have no idea what it was, I think I'll call K.I. Sawyer and see if they have anything on it."

The man looked at me rather oddly and said, "You're crazy, all they'll do is laugh at you. I'm getting the hell out of here."

He jumped back in his truck. I noticed a woman with him. He drove away before I could even get his name.

I stalled calling K.I. Sawyer Air Force base until the next day. When I finally called, their first reaction to my story was interest. But then later the same day they called back and gave me the standard Air Force line on the subject of UFO's.

"The official position of the Air Force is that UFO's don't exist. If you want to report it call the University of Wisconsin or the University of Colorado and ask for their science department."

Now I don't know the reason why the Air Force doesn't believe in UFO's. I will say that until Nov. 28 of this year I was a real skeptic about them. I have changed my mind.

## UFO sightings stir curiosity

By GENE LETOURNEAU

The sighting of a strange flying object September 2 in the Allagash Region by the writer and his wife Lou, as well as by several parties in the same area, has resulted in a backlog of reports concerning UFO's.

Credence to UFO's given by knowledgeable persons in the scientific field followed that sighting — which may have been merely a matter of timing. At any rate, professional men and women have since reported watching such objects, many with binoculars, in many parts of the state.

Among the unusual reports was one by Dr. Howard Hill of Belgrade. An eminent specialist, now retired, Hill watched an object similar to the box-like, noiseless one we had seen. It was moving slowly over Great Pond at the time — 1 a.m. — and dropped into a field where it remained for a while. It then shot straight up into the air and vanished.

The sighting occurred about the same time as the UFO reports in the Allagash. Hill said he was reluctant to report what he had seen but did so after reading about confirmed sightings investigated by scientifically distinguished researchers.

## Sportsmen Say

Shirley C. Fickett of Portland has been an investigator with the International UFO Bureau, Inc., since 1973.

"I'M NOT MUCH of a sportsman now," she said. "I have little to offer in that realm except that once I bought myself a .30-.30 rifle. I thought this would please my husband but after the second time afield he said no more. I talked too much in the woods besides walking too noisily. The fishing trips were better because I baited my own hook bravely and apologized to them while removing them."

Shirley, however, is not an amateur when it comes to UFO's. She's a qualified investigator. Although she may have had some doubts as to whether UFO's were pertinent to this column, we assured her that anything pertaining to the

outdoors has a place here. Some of the incidents in her files provide fascinating information.

In May, 1974 a woman in Brooklin and her three sons had a UFO observation which was also observed by a woman neighbor.

A few days later — May 13 — the report noted: "A green station wagon kept going back and forth by her house before her husband left for work. As soon as he departed the man in the car came to the door."

"He was attired in a gray suit and was neat in appearance. He knew her name and told her she was not to tell anyone about any sighting experiences."

"MAY 15: The woman was upstairs painting and one of her sons was in the living room

watching television when it began to flutter. They both heard a sound like an unwinding siren. The son went for the back door where their usually fearless watchdog was cowering in a corner. Upon opening the door the son was met by a blinding flash of light which came from a northerly direction.

"This woman and her sons first observed what they believed was an UFO near Forest Lake. Newspapers later reported that many other persons had witnessed it as well."

Before that sighting the woman had been watching television. She was aware of it going off the air but found herself rooted to it as beeping sounds were emerging from the set. The UFO sighting which was corroborated by others in the general area followed.

There were more than the usual number of sighting reports last September, according to the investigator.

She said she contacted Roy Saunders who had reported a beam of light over Sebago Lake Sept. 20. He told her that three other persons had observed the same thing.

CR: B. Greenwood

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## UFO? Jersey shore cop saw 'circle of light' in sky

By BRIAN KATES

A puzzled look crossed the face of Lt. Joseph DeAngelo yesterday as he sat at his desk in the Brick Township, N.J., police station. "I can only tell you what I saw," he said.

At about the same time — at the other end of the world — six police officers in New Zealand stood before their bosses and said the same thing.

What they saw depends on what you believe. But in Brick Township, a quiet community on the Jersey shore near Asbury Park, they're calling it a UFO.

In New Jersey, it was the first such sighting in about a month. In New Zealand, it is the second sighting in four days.

What DeAngelo says he saw Wednesday night was "a circle of light" with "blue lights at either end." It didn't move for nearly 40 minutes, said DeAngelo, a policeman for more than 12 years. "It just hovered there. Then it took off and disappeared. I don't know what it was."

Other New Jersey residents saw something, too. Joseph Frank, an animal control officer, his father, Joseph, brother Nick and wife, Anna, said that they observed a "strange object" while riding in their car on Wednesday night, about half an hour before the sighting over Barnegat Bay.

They described the object as brightly lit, about the size of a blimp and more rectangular than round.

In New Zealand, the object was said

to look "like a volcano" of pulsing light that coursed across the sky. It was captured on film by a television crew about 500 miles from where the police officers said they saw it.

The Lakehurst (N.J.) Naval Engineering Center and McGuire Air Force Base reported no unusual activity in the sky over Barnegat Bay where the New Jersey sighting was made at about 7:40 p.m. Officials at both installations said that they could provide no explanation for the activity.

Bob Warth, president of the Society for the Unexplained, in Little Silver, N.J., maintains that the sighting over Barnegat Bay represents "an encounter of the second kind." He believes that the craft hovered in one place for so long because "it must have been observing or measuring something."

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## Probe eyes Wanaque UFOs

By JOE FUMO

Herald-News Staff Writer

WANAQUE — Another showdown between science and flying saucers that light up the night sky is shaping up. Researchers are busy testing their sophisticated equipment in an attempt to explain away countless UFO sightings in the Wanaque Reservoir area.

The dozen members of a non-profit research group called Vestigia Inc., based in Byram, is preparing for a detailed study of strange light configurations around the reservoir which began in 1966. The lengthy project could begin early next month, said Vestigia's founder, Robert Jones.

He thinks seismic pressure from the nearby Ramapo fault creates an electrical energy field around underground quartz-bearing rocks. Extreme pressure allows the field to seep to the earth's surface, the reasoning goes, and under certain atmospheric conditions the air particles will ionize. Jones feels that's what causes the sphere of lights countless people claimed to have observed.

BUT TRY CONVINCING Roy Noble, Chuck Theodora, or Jack Wardlaw — three of the many people who saw what they still believe was one of those mysterious flying saucers. They have rejected explanations that the lights were swamp gas, a helicopter and now — seismic pressure from beneath the earth's surface.

"I've ridden these streets at midnight for years and I know a strange light when I see one," said Wardlaw, a retired Borough of Wanaque police officer. "The Army tried to tell me it was marsh gas. That's ridiculous."

"Then they said it was a helicopter. Well, if you can't discern a helicopter or hear one you have to be pretty bad off," he said.

Wardlaw and Theodora, a former Wanaque Reservoir policeman, said they did not hear a sound while the light show was taking place on top of Lily Hill.

"I DIDN'T BELIEVE in UFOs," Theodora said. "I thought they were a lot of bull. And then I saw it. It was a breathtaking sight; something I'll never forget."

In response to a call, Theodora said he, Wardlaw and Ron Woods of Fairfield went to the top of the reservoir dam to look at the bright light.

"We looked across the water and saw a cylinder-shaped object, more strange than red," he said. "It was moving back and forth like a rocking chair motion. We were astonished."

After a few minutes the object shot straight up into the sky and became so small it resembled a star, according to Theodora.

He and Noble do not particularly care what Vestigia concludes. "I want it to be a mystery forever," said Theodora. "What I want to know is how it got there and did all those things."

NOBLE REMEMBERS observing two large green lights swaying back and forth as he looked from the north shore of the reservoir to the south. Occasionally it would go up and down, he said.

"At the time I wanted to find them so they could take me to their leader. I wanted to track them down."

Now he isn't too concerned about the researchers coming in and taking elaborate

tests. He still believes it was a flying saucer and that's where he drops it.

Wardlaw, however, said he "sure would like an explanation." He wants to know what lip up Cooper's Swamp on the north end of the reservoir like a baseball field. And what that light was on top of Lily Hill which turned from deep orange to a bluish white resembling an arc weld that was so bright he had to turn his eyes away.

"To me, it's an unidentified flying object. That's exactly what it was," he stated.

JONES and his colleagues have interviewed five eyewitnesses in the past few months and would like to talk to a couple more.

"It's coming out the way we kind of expected it would," he said. "Except that one person talked about seeing a craft in particular. The others talked about a strange behavior of lights."

Jones said he could not reveal the names of those he has talked with, but he has not yet contacted Wardlaw, Theodora or Noble.

Jones hopes the evidence can be completely gathered in six months to a year. The researchers will employ cameras, sound equipment, night sighting devices, infra red film and equipment to measure magnetic fields and atmospheric conditions.

VESTIGIA IS COMPRISED of 160 volunteers from all walks of life and is based out of the Jones residence in Byram.

Last year members helped the U.S. Navy investigate the mysterious sonic booms that were heard along the New Jersey coast. The noises were never satisfactorily explained.

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## UFO spotted in Jersey City

By Robert Larkins

Joseph Frank of Jersey City said he, his father, brother and wife saw an unusual, brightly-lit object in the evening sky shortly before an unidentified flying object was sighted in Brick Township and after UFOs were reported in New Zealand.

Was what he saw a spaceship from another planet?

"It could have been," Frank said.

Frank said he spotted the object shortly before 7 p.m. Wednesday, while driving his father to his home in Downtown Jersey City.

"I was coming from Erie Street when I hit 12th Street where the traffic comes down from the Holland Tunnel when we saw the object."

"My wife noticed it first. She said, 'What's that thing?'"

"I don't think it was too high in the sky."

"We headed straight and we went around the corner of 16th Street to see it better. When we went onto Grove Street it was gone."

He said they were excited at the sighting and discussed what it could be. He said it appeared quite large and moved like a helicopter.

"The object was something you had never seen," he said. "It was stable and moved like a helicopter but it couldn't have been a helicopter because it was no shape of a helicopter," he said. "It was too long to be a blimp. It moved swiftly."

Frank came to The Jersey Journal after hearing reports of another New Jersey sighting. In Brick Township several observers, including a policeman, reported sighting an UFO — balloon shaped and brightly-lit for about 40 minutes Wednesday night.

"It was the weirdest thing I ever saw," the policeman said.

In New Zealand Wednesday a television film crew filmed an object "like a volcano," in the second UFO incident there in four days. The pulsating light also was seen by six policemen 500 miles away. Some scientists said the lights actually may have been high-intensity lights from Japanese fishing boats.

The original sighting New Year's Day also was picked up on an airport controller's radar.

Frank is an animal control officer for Jersey City, and his partner Richard Kwesela is not the least skeptical about Frank's Jersey City sighting.

"I believe there are flying saucers," Kwesela said.

CR: D. Worley

# Local family reports 'close encounter' with UFO

By Linda Monroe  
Palladium-Item Staff Writer

An unidentified flying object with four bright lights caused a car driven by Esther Drew, 37, 818 N. 15th St., to stop a mile south of Abington the night of Saturday, Dec. 16, according to Mrs. Drew and her daughter, Pam, 17.

The two at first had been afraid to tell anyone they and the three other passengers in the car saw the object, "but if they laugh at me, I don't care," Miss Drew said.

The Wayne County family's reported sighting predated by just a few days the start of a rash of UFO sightings in other parts of the world. Groups of people in the United States, New Zealand, Italy, Israel and South Africa are among those who have reported seeing strange flying objects.

The Drews, and other passengers, George Nicholson, 43, and Robin and Bobby Nicholson, 8 and 7 respectively, were in a car headed toward Brownsville on a road the Drews believe is called Old Creek Road when the car's motor kept stopping and coming on again, Mrs. Drew said. The car had just crossed a bridge, her daughter said.

## "Something is wrong"

"Something is wrong with the car," Mrs. Drew told Nicholson. He told her it was the driver.

Then the car stopped, its radio went dead and the UFO appeared.

"It came over the top of the trees real slow" from the right side of the road, Miss Drew said, motioning with her hand. "I thought it was going to stop." It was about 10 feet off the ground, and about the size of a small airplane, she said.

She drew a picture of the UFO. It was almost rectangular, with its front end slightly smaller than the back and its corners rounded. It had two lights in front and two on the bottom.

When he saw the UFO, Nicholson jumped out of the car to get a better look; the others stayed in. Mrs. Drew only glanced at it, then started trying to calm the young children in the back seat.

## Inspecting car?

Miss Drew kept looking at the object, which she said went slowly in front of the car, as if it were inspecting it.

"It was nothing like we ever saw before. I got hysterical. I thought it was going to stop," she said. It looked like it was made out of aluminum, she said.

After traveling slowly in front of the car, the UFO kept going to the left. It flew over a cornfield, then took off with a whooshing sound that both women heard, they said.

The car's motor, which had stopped, started again without her having to turn the key, Mrs. Drew said. The radio also came back on by itself.

The Drews and Nicholson went to Brownsville without further car trouble, and Mrs. Drew again drove on the way back. But on the return trip her daughter saw three of the same type of UFO when the car was near Richmond High School.

## Didn't want to look

Nicholson took over the driving from Mrs. Drew, who said she did not want to look out the window to see if there actually were more UFOs. Miss Drew is the only one of the car's occupants to see the three UFOs on the way back. The car troubles returned during that last sighting.

Miss Drew said the objects in the sky followed the car until it got home. Miss Drew then ran into the house and was afraid to come back out, she said.

"I could swear they were actually following us," Miss Drew said. "I could have been hallucinating, but I could actually say they were following us."

But she and the others were certain they saw something in the sky going to Brownsville.

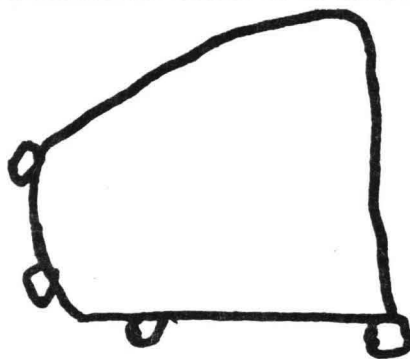
"I think non-believers are the ones who are going to see them," Miss Drew said. "I didn't used to believe in them. I do now."

"It came over the top of the trees real slow. I thought it was going to stop."

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—Miss Pam Drew



Drawing of UFO made by Miss Drew

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# UFO reported by Wautoma youths

by TERRY FOLKEDAH

An unusual looking orange-red object was spotted in the sky above the Riverview elementary school by three Wautoma boys early last Saturday evening.

Richard Singles, 9, his brother David, 7 and Ryan Radke, 10, were on a hill facing west on the Singles' property at 400 S. Oxford St. when, according to Diane Singles, Richard and David's mother, the boys spotted an orange-red streak proceeding from the left at approximately 5 p.m.

The youths told Mrs. Singles the object reached the center of the horizon west of the hill in about five to seven seconds.

The school building, Mrs. Singles said, lies west of the hill about one block away with mostly open field in between. At this point, the boys said the streak became ball shaped and seemed to glow. The object appeared to hover over the midsection of the school building and looked to be about the size of a grapefruit held at arms length.

Mrs. Singles said the boys then went down the hill to get a better view but when trees got in the way they climbed half-way back up. The object then began to move north, although it still faced west until it appeared to be even with a tree in a yard located next to the school. The object then grew smaller, as it went farther west, the boys said.

During this entire time, no sound was heard from the object, the boys told Mrs. Singles. The sun had set about 15 minutes prior to the incident and there were no clouds and a slight breeze.

Mrs. Singles said she called the Wautoma police after the boys told her of the incident. The police instructed her to call the Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Education Center in Appleton to report the strange apparition.

Lenore Heiman of the center asked basic questions, Mrs. Singles said, and requested that the boys make drawings of what they had seen and write an accurate account of the incident.

When the boys had first entered the house after the incident, Mrs. Singles said, "They said they saw a comet and I kind of tuned it out."

"But when they described it as a big ball of fire," she continued, "and of their impressions of a comet with a tail. I began to listen."

Singles said it would not be in the boys' characters to tell a fib. "My oldest (Richard) doesn't tell stories," she said, "and neither does Ryan."

Darlene Radke, Ryan's mother said at first she "didn't know what to think. I encouraged him to inquire at the Appleton center," she said.

"I did believe what he had seen," she said. "Maybe they (the UFO center) can help him. He really is excited to hear back or if someone else had seen it at the same time."

Thomas Heiman, associate director of the Appleton center, said he was "certainly impressed" with the information the youths had reported. He said he would need the report in writing and more details before he could make any definite judgment, but said he thought Mrs. Singles "quite sincere."

Heiman said the center encourages people to contact them if they think they have spotted a UFO. "We constantly

receive sightings from Wisconsin, the Twin Cities and different parts of the country," he said. The UFO center is a non-profit agency whose purpose is receiving information on sightings, Heiman said.

"A description of an object changing shape or direction is not unusual," he said. Heiman went on to say that the object reportedly seen by the youths was "not something you would find usually explainable, especially in a cloudless sky, where there can be no reflection of sun rays."

The center keeps a log of all reports and makes a listing of sightings which is made available to citizens and public officials. Heiman said reports are received from "honest, very credible people from across the world," including Japan, Europe, Latin America and Australia.

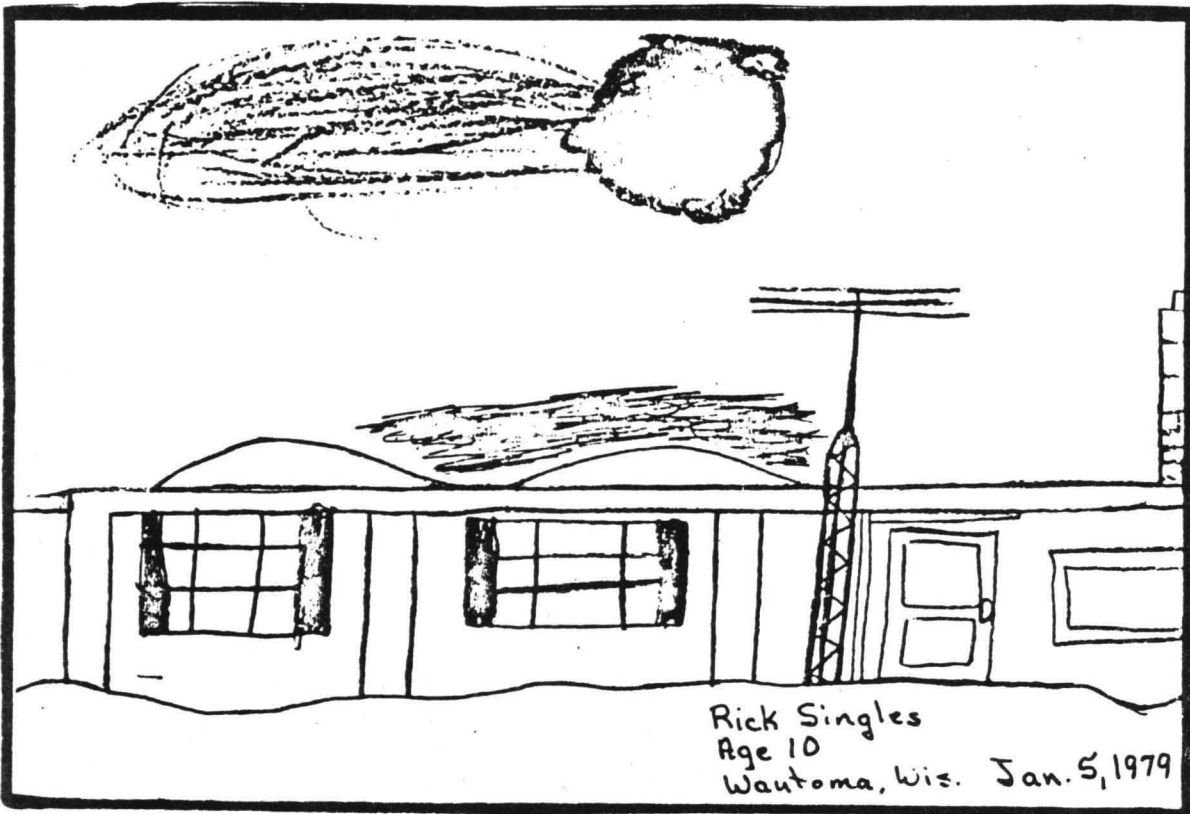
"A rural Wisconsin farm family can be excellent observers of the environment and keen observers of nature, as they would know weather from something different," he said.

Heiman accused the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) of still not fully releasing all available information on UFO's. He commended President Jimmy Carter for taking an interest in UFO's and for making a statement that all available information be made accessible.

Both of the Heimans are amateur astronomers who have lectured, taught classes and appeared before legislative hearings, Lenore Heiman said. Thomas Heiman has teaching credentials with the San Diego school system, she added.

But for now, the object three Wautoma boys said they saw in the early evening sky, remains a mystery.

CR: R. Heiden





# UFO Sightings Puzzle Local Citizens

By ROGER AYLWORTH  
(E-R Staff Writer)

VINA — He saw the second craft hovering above a set of high-tension power lines. The odd vehicle was absolutely silent. Nothing interrupted the stillness of the October night, but as it floated 50 feet above the lines, the unearthly lights that drew his attention to the first craft continued.

If it sounds like a science fiction movie, it's not. It is the story of a young Corning man who, along with several other men, was involved in a series of UFO sightings during October and November last year on the plains and in the foothills east of Vina.

When the first sighting took place, Mike Farmer was living in a rustic cabin east of Vina in a remote corner of the 10,000-acre ranch where he works for Charles Cobb.

"It was about 9 o'clock (at night) and I went outside. I just happened to notice some lights up there (on the ridge above Deer Creek in the foothills). I just sort of looked at them for a minute.

"They didn't seem to move, so I knew it wasn't a plane or anything. It had one of those flashing lights. It (the light) was green, you know, and it was just going around and around.

As Farmer watched, the lights began to go lower and lower, until trees near the cabin obscured his vision and he moved to get a better view.

"It was going down into the canyon there and it just sort of went out of sight. All of a sudden, the whole canyon wall lit up. I could see the trees, the rocks and everything. I was a couple of miles away from it and I could see everything, like the sun was shining on it," Farmer said.

The young ranch hand, who has spent most of his life in the Vina area, said the light had a yellowish cast.

"Out of the corner of my eye, I spotted another one over above the creek and it was a lot closer and it was moving down the creek real slowly," Farmer said.

Thinking he was watching helicopters with searchlights looking for illegal hunters, he got into his car and drove toward the closer object to get a better look.

He pulled his car to within 150 feet of the craft and stopped, turned off the car's engine and got out.

Farmer said he saw a "spacecraft" sitting motionless above the power lines.

"I could see it then. I could see the shape of it above those wires," Farmer said.

He described the craft as being bell-shaped, 30 feet wide at the base and 10 to 12 feet high.

As he watched it hover, the bright yellow-white light that emanated from the base grew in intensity. The green light that had attracted Farmer's attention to the first craft continued to pulsate just above the lip of the bell and at the bell's crown were red and white lights.

The body of the craft had no distinct color, according to Farmer, but here and there over the outer hull were boxes and other appendages that looked like antennae to the young man.

After several minutes of watching the craft, Farmer began to "feel real spooky."

He got back into his car and hurried back to his cabin.

For Farmer, that night's sighting was over. The "spooky" feeling that had driven him to return to the cabin kept him there. The young man did not see what finally happened to the two objects because he didn't venture out again that night.

It wasn't until the next morning that he could relate his experience to Cobb.

For the Cape Cod-born Cobb, Farmer's story held more than a passing interest.

Cobb, a 17-year Air Force vet turned Vina rancher, had his own experience with a UFO in 1956 when he was piloting a twin-engine Air Force plane over New Hampshire.

It was about 3 p.m. and he was flying at about 2,000 feet, when a craft he described as being cigar-shaped, 700 feet long and 125

feet wide came streaking across his plane's path and out of sight at about 500 miles an hour.

Although Cobb and the other airman in his plane, who also saw the object, made no formal report, word of their sighting got out.

The pair became the subject of an interrogation by the base commanding officer and a panel of scientists from Washington, D.C.

To top off the episode, during a dress parade conducted on the base a short time after the sighting, Cobb, who was the base operations officer, was called forward before the ranks of assembled airman.

The base commander presented him with a "Tom Corbet Space Control" badge gleamed from a cereal box.

"I was the laughingstock of the whole base," Cobb said.

It was that experience that led Cobb to counsel young Farmer not to report his sighting. But things continued to happen.

Four days after Farmer's first sighting, the bright yellow-white lights returned and this time Cobb and a companion also saw them.

It was an extremely foggy night, but as he pulled near his cabin at about 10:30 p.m., the now-familiar bright yellow-white light loomed ahead. He could see only the light through the fog but it appeared to be hovering almost over the cabin.

Farmer turned around and headed back to the Cobb's home to get his boss.

Cobb was not there, but Farmer took Nina Cobb, his boss's wife, to the scene of the sighting. By then the light was gone.

But Cobb didn't miss the show this time.

He and a companion, Franco Alberico of Capay, were coming down out of the hills in a dune buggy that was equipped with a high intensity spotlight.

Cobb said the fog was so thick as he drove that no lights from the ranches that dot the Vina plain were visible.

"All of a sudden we saw this bright yellow-orange light," Cobb said. He said the light varied between being extremely bright to disappearing.

He said they were never able to get close to the light and at one point the light divided and three lights were visible. Cobb said it appeared to him, from the motion of the three lights and their intensity, that three objects had been flying in close formation with only one light on and when they divided all three put their lights on until they rejoined formation and went back to one light.

Cobb, an experienced pilot who received the Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Flying Cross before leaving the Air Force with the rank of major, said the light seemed to stay near the same powerlines where the original craft had hovered.

When Cobb shined his own high power light in the direction of the object it winked out and moved to another spot, where it again began to shine.

He said the light remained about a mile away from his dune buggy and "very seldom got above 30 to 40 feet."

Finally the light went out of sight as it slowly slipped south among the trees along Deer Creek.

During the next two weeks, Cobb and several companions at a hunting lodge on his property that overlooks the Vina plain had several other sightings.

Why did Cobb, Farmer and his companions wait so long to come forward?

Cobb said they all knew if they spoke they would be laughed at.

However, when the sightings in Australia and New Zealand were reported earlier this month, Cobb decided it was time to speak. He believes there are others in the area who have seen the objects and have not yet come forward.

"These locals wouldn't say anything about (seeing) these things even if they were in their bathtubs. They wouldn't say anything first," he said.

Mrs. Cobb said since the first reports of her husband's and Farmer's sighting were made public there have been calls from neighbors who said they have seen strange things in the area. However, they are unwilling to make their reports public.

Cobb and Farmer have searched the land and have found nothing out of the ordinary and have no sign the ground or animals were disturbed in any way.

"We've looked around. I'd sure like to know what it is (the craft are after). If there's anything in my soil that I could turn into an economical factor I'd sure be interested in knowing about it. I wished they'd send me a space letter, you know?" Cobb said.

Cobb is convinced the craft hovered near the high tension wires to absorb power in some way. He said the objects flew or hovered near the powerlines during each of the sightings.

Cobb is also convinced of another thing: "It's no laughing matter. It's really time for people to wake up. These things are out there. We are being observed."

## Pilot, Sea Captain Also Saw the UFOs

During October and November last year, Vina rancher Charles Cobb was involved in several UFO sightings on and around his 10,000-acre ranch but he was not alone.

The witness list to the sightings is impressive. It includes a retired Air Force colonel, a retired sea captain and a maintenance supervisor for United Airlines, among others.

Jack Trites of San Mateo, who has worked with United Airlines for 23 years, said his sighting came during the evening of Oct. 24, while he was at Cobb's hunting camp, which is located in the foothills east of Vina.

"I was looking out over the valley and I was watching air traffic moving up and down the valley."

His years in aircraft maintenance have made Trites aware of the lights a plane must display while flying at night. When he noticed a flying light that didn't conform to the required pattern it stood out.

He said he saw a bright orange-yellow light traveling from the south to the north and the light never was higher than the level of the hunting cabin above the valley floor.

"There is just nothing that any airplane carries that has an orange-yellow light," Trites said.

He said a pilot flying at night is required by the Federal Aviation Administration "to have red, green and white position lights" none of which were visible on the object he saw.

He estimated the light was 15 miles out into the valley, traveling at 60 miles an hour and he could make out no shape nor could he hear any sound as it passed.

Trites' brother Howard Trites, a retired Air Force colonel from Navato, also saw the light as it passed, as did Cobb and several other members of the hunting party.

"I've never seen anything I couldn't identify as either a plane flying at night or a helicopter flying at night," said the airline employee, but he could come up with no explanation for what he saw.

Hunters in some camps are notorious for their alcohol consumption. When asked if the light he saw could be more easily explained by bottled spirits than spacemen, Trites said, "I don't remember seeing anything (being) drunk. I mean nothing. I don't remember seeing anybody taking a drink that night."

John Harrington of Orland, a retired sea captain, also had a chance to see the light.

He was up at Cobb's hunting camp when one night he saw a light on the valley floor. It appeared to him, someone was trying to get through a locked gate onto Cobb's property.

At the time of this sighting, Cobb was driving his truck in the area of the light and Harrington contacted him via citizens band radio to alert him to the intruder.

Harrington realized something unusual was happening when the light reached Cobb's locked gate and continued on without ever slowing down.

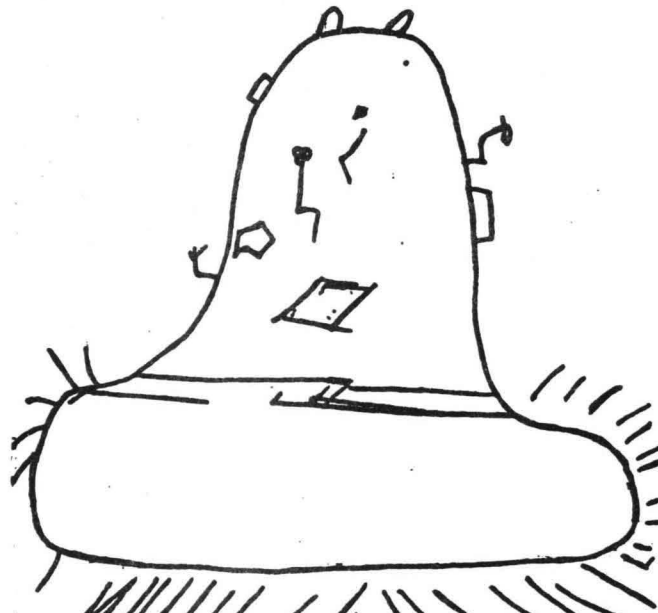
He said the light sometimes had "a bluish tinge, sometimes a yellowish tinge" and it was always "way brighter than car lights."

As the light wandered around the plain, Harrington tried to direct Cobb to it, but the ranch owner was never able to catch the light and never even saw it that night.

He said the light played keep-away from Cobb for about 20 minutes and then, "It just disappeared like somebody pulled the switch."

What did Harrington believe he saw?

"I don't know what the answer. I'm certain it wasn't stars or anything," he said.



Mike Farmer drew this rendition of the UFO he saw.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR

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## Police Dispute Theory on UFOs

By United Press International

The police at Winter Haven, Fla., and Nashville, Tenn., have reported sighting unidentified objects in the sky in recent nights, and at least one of the officers took exception Friday to a psychiatrist's suggestion he was seeing things.

"This sort of insinuates that I need some help," Nashville Police Lt. Robert Essel said, referring to a statement by Dr. Otto Billig that UFOs exist "only in the minds of men."

"I have no intention of going to see him or any other shrink as long as I can function as well as I have been functioning."

Essel was among a score of police officers who reported seeing "two white, oblong objects with bluish green lights" in the sky over Nashville Wednesday night.

Dr. Billig said that while 57 percent of the American population has seen UFOs, "or believes in them, I believe they are only stars or airplanes which people misinterpret or imagine as something from another planet."

Winter Haven police officer Ron Perdue, who reported a similar sighting early Thursday in Florida skies, said he wasn't saying what he saw was a flying saucer, but added, "It was not an airplane."

NEWS & LEADER, Springfield, MO

Jan. 14, 1979 CR: N. Short

## Look, up in the sky! It's a... Well, er, Ozarkers not sure

By HANKE BILLINGS  
Aviation Editor

IT wasn't a plane crash, but what was it???

John Andrews was outside his home near Anderson, early Monday night, when he saw a bright light in the southern skies, near the Arkansas border. As he drove toward Anderson, Andrews told the Joplin Globe, the light began to move faster toward the north.

He said the light took the shape of a pencil, passed over Anderson, moved toward Goodman, and went down with a green flash, leaving a reddish haze.

Andrews called the Neosho Airport, where operator Jim Bell knew of no planes being down. Bell joined a McDonald County sheriff's deputy

in searching the area with radio equipment which would be triggered by an emergency locator transmitter in a downed plane.

Nothing.

In April 1977 over 100 sightings of strange lights were reported in McDonald County over a three-week period.

A McDonald County couple reported two human-like figures, wearing green jumpsuits, beckoned to them from a saucer-shaped object 15 feet high and 30 feet in diameter.

In 1978, seven persons — including five lawmen — reported seeing eerie lights over Pineville.

Jack Webb and Project UFO, please copy.

# Low flying UFO spotted in Barton flats

Craft had six bright red lights and flew at high speed, says former military aviator

By Ray Horn

From 1942 to 1944 he logged 4,000 hours as a Flying Fortress flight engineer and never saw one of them.

Years later — on the eve of Christmas 1978, Charles C. Woods of Estacada finally saw one.

A UFO. First descending, then hovering, then streaking across a pitch black sky over Barton. It was about 6:15 p.m., said Woods. He and Brenda, his 23-year-old daughter, were returning from Oregon City where they had delivered Christmas presents.

Woods was coming out of a turn when Brenda shouted "Lord, what's that? An airplane falling?" Something with six bright flashing red lights appeared to be diving toward earth. Then, suddenly the craft stopped above the tree line. Woods wasn't sure of the altitude. Maybe it was 500 feet. It might have been as many as 1,000 feet, he said.

He thought the angle of descent was 60 per cent or more. As the craft approached the earth the red lights seemed to glow brighter. There were six lights arranged in a "V" formation. Brenda counted the same number.

When the craft came to the abrupt stationary or suspended state above the trees, the lights went out, said Woods.

Then — just as suddenly as the craft had stopped in mid-air — it shot off on another course along a ridge about a half mile east of Highway 224. At a point a mile or so from the first spotting the red lights of the "V" dipped under the horizon on the west side of the ridge.

Woods and his daughter had seen the same physical phenomenon. What was it? He still isn't sure.

Maybe it was a UFO. Maybe it was a radio controlled airplane. And maybe it was someone's fireworks display, he even suggested. Later, he contacted several neighbors in the area and asked if they had seen the lights. None had, he said.

"That will really uncork you when you (see) something like that," said Woods. "I think I know the characteristics of things in the air," he said. "The G-forces in that would string out a body. You can't go shooting through the air and stop like that," he continued. Woods doesn't believe any helicopter currently in production could achieve the estimated speed of 500 or more miles per hour that he thinks the craft flew as it sped along the ridge.

Had it not been for the hills of the ridge half a mile away, Woods said he wouldn't have been able to "get a handle" on the depth perception and speed.

Friday afternoon Woods said "I am just dead curious. I still think someone has something I don't know about. It could have been a radar or radio controlled object."

On the night of the incident, Woods called the Civil Air Patrol in Portland and asked if there were any planes down in this area. The Civil Air Patrol officials referred Woods to Dr. Hienig of Seattle, who is reportedly the man who served as chief investigator for the United States Air Force Project Blue Book during the 1950s. Project Blue Book was the government's most detailed and comprehensive investigation of UFOs.

"Never before have I seen anything I couldn't identify," said Woods. "It's weird that we're the only two people who saw it," he said.

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US will fold by year 2010

## UFOs can become invisible, scientist says

By Bob Klein

"There is some indication that some space people are invisible," Dr. Henry Monteith, an engineering physicist at Sandia Laboratories, told a buffet crowd of former military personnel and their spouses last Saturday night.

Dr. Monteith, who says his work at Sandia is classified, was the guest speaker at the first meeting of 1979 of the Albuquerque chapter of the Retired Officers Association.

"Take those mutilated cow instances," Dr. Monteith continued, referring to a series of bizarre and unexplained animal deaths centered primarily in the northern part of New Mexico and southern Colorado. "When the pictures of those cows are developed, you can see spacecraft. But no one saw any spacecraft when the pictures were being taken."

"There's evidence they [space people] can make themselves invisible. This is why it's so hard to catch up with them."

He said the cow mutilations could serve a valuable purpose for extraterrestrial beings.

"They use them for samples of our kind of environments. They can determine it from the cows' blood and waste materials. Analyzing all that, you probably get one hell of an idea of our biosphere."

Dr. Monteith, who said he saw his first UFO more than 20 years ago in Pennsylvania, showed several dozen color slides of saucer-shaped UFOs. Acknowledging that some of them were fakes, the physicist also presented slides of spacecraft he said were sighted in and around the Albuquerque area in recent years.

"They seem to be unmanned spacecraft sent down to take soil samples," he said of some West Mesa sightings.

Noting that physical evidence indicates the space beings move by jumping along the ground, Monteith said, "On the mesa, they jumped around, taking up soil samples. It looks like they're hopping around like they're on a pogo stick, or something like that."

"They jump around, take some dirt, jump around, take some more soil."

Monteith also claims to have discovered a large, intact pyramid in the Himalayas which may provide some clue to the visitation of UFOs to this planet.

"It's bigger than those in Egypt," he said. "I don't know what's there, but it appears to have a crystalline substance on the top which keeps it warm."

"If true, and I believe it to be, it's going to stir up the archeologists and historians who will find it hard to explain how it got up there."

"It may have something to do with UFOs. We don't know. Perhaps those pyramids are remnants of long-lost civilizations."

"We're not the first so-called great civilization to be on this planet," he told the retired officers, adding ominously, "By the end of the century, we'll be going down the drain just like the ancient civilizations who failed."

Dr. Monteith maintains that sunspot activity will produce extreme bad weather all over the world, making it harder to feed everybody, and that we can expect an "exact repeat of the 12th century" when masses of attackers from the Russian heartland laid waste to Europe.

"When the weather starts getting bad in 1982 in Russia, sooner or later they will use their military force. They won't have enough food to feed their people."

"By 1987, it will be so critical that people will begin to see it. By then, we will have to cut out all welfare and HEW-type programs. Then, by the year 2010 this country will completely fold."

CR: R. Candell

# More UFO sightings reported here

By Ray Horn

Why did it follow him? Not once but twice. The second time it was the whitest white he'd ever seen. It was square and about five feet wide and high. It followed his car down his driveway. When he hit the brake lights it was so close he could see the red light reflecting. He got out of his car, ran for the house, grabbed a pistol and peered out a window. It had vanished.

There was a time when Lee Abbot of Eagle Creek said he wouldn't talk to anyone about his close encounters with UFOs, but Sunday afternoon he was talking and what he said was that there are indeed UFOs "or something" that seem to limit their activities to the Eagle Creek area. Abbot says he's so distraught over his experiences that he's decided to move closer to his job in Portland.

The News has learned that Abbot's bizarre story may not be unique. During the past week three other Estacada and Eagle Creek families have described their own experiences with UFOs. Each of the sightings was in an area extending roughly from the Barton Store along Highway 224 to the intersection of Highways 224 and 211.

A week earlier Charles C. Woods became the first area resident to talk about UFOs when he described a low flying UFO he and his daughter saw in Barton on Christmas Eve. Woods, a former military aviator and flight engineer, said the object he saw had flying properties unlike anything he had seen during his 4,000 hours of military flying.

As he talked about the craft that descended above the trees with six red lights in a "V" formation, Woods said it was strange that he and his daughter were the only persons to see the UFO.

But Woods wasn't. On Friday another Estacada resident, as well as several members of his family, reported seeing the same object Christmas Eve. While Woods was driving east on Highway 224 at 6 p.m., Willis Mitchell of Rt. 1, Box 1280, Estacada, said he spotted the same object as he drove west.

When he first spotted the object Mitchell said he thought it must have been the red tail lights of a car, but he then realized the object with red lights was in the sky and moving toward Portland.

"It was settling down fast but not falling," said Mitchell. While Woods and his daughter had counted six red lights arranged in a "V" formation, Mitchell said he saw three red lights in a straight row. The lights were flickering and had a purple tinge on the edges, he said.

If he could have pinpointed the location where the craft went down, Mitchell said he would have gotten out of his car and taken a closer look.

As Mitchell speculated about what he had seen, a passenger with him at the time of the sighting, Irene Keck, said her son, Lee Abbot of Eagle Creek, has seen UFOs in Eagle Creek on several occasions.

When first contacted, Abbot said he was reluctant to talk to anyone about his experiences — especially the two instances where he was pursued by a UFO while driving home from work late at night.

"I only told my wife," he said. "Anyone else would think I had a little too much to drink," he continued.

Abbot, who works as a truck mechanic in Portland, said he had his first bizarre and hair raising encounter with a UFO about two years ago. He was riding his motorcycle east on Highway 224 "when this thing came up behind me real fast." It was round in shape, about five feet in diameter, and had yellow, orange, and green lights. The green lights flickered on and off.

"I tried to out run it but there was no way," said Abbot. At one point the craft pulled alongside of Abbot in the westbound lane. Abbot stopped his cycle and "beat it for some trees." He never rode the cycle again and sold it shortly thereafter.

While the incident on his motorcycle two years ago was unsettling, Abbot said it was nothing compared to the trauma he felt when he was again pursued by a UFO only a month and a half ago.

He said he had turned off Highway 224 onto a half mile long private road when he saw a white object trailing his car. It was close enough that he could see the reflection of his tail lights, he said.

Abbot described the object as a square that flew low enough to miss roadside trees. It was white and glowed.

"It was a terrible white. A white I had never seen before," he said. The object followed the length of the road and hovered near Abbot's barn. He got out of his car, made a dash for his house, and got his revolver. When he peered out through a window, the object was gone. It must have risen vertically through a clearing in the trees near the barn, he said.

Abbot said he is upset because he wonders if he was pursued and, if so, why twice. In both instances he said the sky was clear and it was after midnight. "And there wasn't another car on the road," he added.

In another and more recent UFO sighting reported to the News, it has been learned that more than 40 volunteer firemen from the Boring Fire Department, as well as Clackamas County Sheriff's deputies, spent two hours searching for what was thought to be a downed aircraft in Eagle Creek on the night of Dec. 30.

Even though air traffic controllers and the Civil Air Patrol in Portland said they had no reports of downed aircraft, volunteer firemen searched a location between Judd Road and Highway 224 when a resident phoned the fire department and described what appeared to be an airplane crash.

Mrs. Jim Yoerger of Rt. 1, Box 213-D, Eagle Creek, was looking out a large window in her living room when she shouted "My God, get the kids, a plane is going to hit the house." For a period of 25-30 seconds, Mrs. Yoerger watched two approaching white lights and became alarmed when the lights came closer.

Mrs. Yoerger, her son, and daughter left the house, Jim Yoerger opened a sliding glass door and stepped out onto a patio. While the object was still approaching the house it changed course and began to drop. The white lights then flickered out, said Yoerger. Unlike most electrical lights which shut off abruptly, the lights dimmed out slowly, he said.

Yoerger said he listened for a crash but didn't hear a sound. But he saw something. In the dark, through the falling snow, he and his son saw pieces of fire or flames dropping 15 or 20 feet. They couldn't see the object, only the falling fire.

Moments later a smell drifted up the hillside to his home, said Jim Yoerger. "It was a funny smell — like plastic or burning insulation."

Believing he must have witnessed the crash of a small plane, Yoerger called the Boring Fire Department. He was apparently the only witness as no other residents phoned in.

Later, Boring Fire Chief Matt Shields and his men spent several hours searching the area. Many of the volunteers returned again the next morning and again failed to find any trace of an airplane or any other craft. Because he feared someone might be injured or trapped in a downed plane, Yoerger invited 14 personal friends from Portland who continued the search after the firemen had left. Like the firemen, they found nothing.

As if one unexplainable event weren't enough, the Yoerger family spotted another mysterious phenomenon Tuesday night a week ago. As the family sat in the living room, Jim Yoerger noticed an object flying an erratic course in the distance. Unlike airplanes and helicopters, the object shot off in varying directions after making instantaneous 90 degree turns. Some of the turns were vertical while others were horizontal. The object had white, red, and blue blinking lights and frequently doubled back over its own course, said Yoerger.

The UFO Charles Woods saw Christmas Eve also made abrupt changes in its course, Woods said.

Editor's Note: When we carried Charles Wood's story last week one reader asked if we're developing a new National Inquirer news format. Our answer is, of course, that we aren't. We don't profess any opinions about UFOs. However, we do believe the persons who've shared their stories with us during the past two weeks were telling us exactly what they saw. If other readers have additional information relating to today's story or Mr. Wood's story in the Jan. 17 issue we would like to share their information. R.C.H.



# Local Residents Report Sighting 'Strange Object'

By Bill R. Gibbons  
Ledger Editor

"Some people say I'm crazy," said Kelly Love, "but I know what I saw and a lot of other people saw it too."

Love, who is a security guard for Hamrick's Inc., was just one of numerous people who called The Ledger Thursday to report seeing a strange object in the skies Wednesday night.

Love, who also used his CB radio to alert others to look at the object, reported spotting the "bright light" darting in the vicinity of the Draytonville Community again briefly last night.

Most callers didn't want to be quoted by name because they would be "humiliated by everybody" but Love, who said the object "frightened him" the first time he saw it, said he didn't care what people said "because I know what I saw."

Love, a Blacksburg resident, said the object seemed to be about the size of an automobile with what he called "bay window type" protrusions along the side with bright green, orange and red lights above the protrusions. He said a smaller blue light would leave and return to the larger object from time to time. He said the object could move at a speed "almost too fast to follow the eye" or it could hover for a long period of time, motionless. "It would become real bright, like sparks flying from a welder's torch, or it could go out completely," Love said.

When police were summoned to view the object they told Love that it was just a meteor coming into the atmosphere. However, Love contends that meteors do not come down, go back up and hover as this object did.

"Some people tell me it is a reflection from a planet, but that doesn't make any sense to me nor to any of the others who stood out here and look at it with me," he added.

A resident of the sighting area called The Ledger Thursday, prior to Love's report, to tell of a "strange bright light" that illuminated his home late Wednesday. He asked if The Ledger had heard of any "explosions" nearby. The caller said he heard no noise associated with the light, however.

Love's description of the object is similar to the description of an object spotted by two policemen in Knoxville, Tennessee Wednesday night. The report of their sighting was not released however until Wednesday afternoon, therefore the local sightings were reported first.

A Ledger reporter, who went to the scene early this morning, arrived after the object had disappeared, however, several people who had been watching the "antics of the object in the sky" confirmed that it was "hard to believe that it was any kind of reflection."

Love said when the object passed over the parking lot where his car was, his CB radio made strange noises and "I couldn't get it to operate," he said.

It was almost six years ago, February 1973, when a Cherokee County youth reported sighting a strange object sitting in the middle of Highway 18 south of Gaffney and a few weeks later, hundreds of people spotted strange objects and lights in the skies over Cherokee County, mainly in the Draytonville, Ninety-Nine and McKown's Mountain communities. The descriptions given of the objects then, and the ones being given now, were definitely similar.

What Kelly Love and the others saw in the skies Wednesday and Thursday nights may be explained away logically, but, there is no doubt that these people saw something strange and out of the ordinary.

letters to the editor

CR: A. Capparella

## UFOs and the military

To the editor:

I have noticed with interest the recent rash of UFO sightings including pictures taken in New Zealand. I also noticed that a UFO group in Arizona got the CIA to release some of its UFO documents under a Freedom of Information Act suit. The UFO group says, among other things, that UFOs have been watching military installations for years. I am reminded of an incident an Air Force security policeman described to me while I was in Viet Nam. It might be of interest to UFO buffs.

The security policeman had been stationed at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., before he volunteered for Viet Nam (if you had spent a winter at Grand Forks you'd volunteer, too). The incident occurred while he was on duty with two other security policemen at a remote missile site guarding a Minuteman missile with a nuclear warhead in a silo. The guards operated on a three-day shift with little or no outside contact. Apparently UFO sightings were not uncommon at Grand Forks, they simply were not reported. One day the three guards sighted a UFO hovering over their missile silo. After watching for a while one of the guards fired about 20 rounds from his M-1 at the UFO. Naturally all the shots ricocheted off since, as he put it, the UFO was not marsh gas.

But the real shocker came several days later when the Security Police Squadron had their next formation. Since it is illegal to discharge a weapon without permission in the Air Force (generally it means one stripe), the guards had told no one of the incident. But at the formation the duty officer read a message from Headquarters United States Air Force

ordering security police not to shoot at UFOs.

He admitted that it may have been pure coincidence, but he said it made believers out of three security police.

Kerry Holliday  
Law school

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## Scouts Are 'UFO' TV Stars

By GERRARD G. VINCENT  
Telegram Gardner Bureau

GARDNER — Was it a plane? Was it a planet? Or, was it a UFO?

Boy Scouts from Troop Six, Monadnock Council, camping at Camp Collier during the weekend are only sure they saw a hovering bright light that acted strangely.

The sighting, though, gave the Scouts and their leaders a brief television spot on Channel Five news last night.

John Giles, one of the adult supervisors for the three-day camping trip, said four Scouts went for a walk about 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

"Within 20 minutes they were back, out of breath, eyes big as saucers," Giles said.

He said 29 Scouts and five adult supervisors were on that camping trip at Collier. At that time most of them were attending a 7:30 p.m. Catholic Mass.

"About six of the boys were with me in McGee cabin, tending fires and such," he said. "Four of the boys had asked to go for a walk."

The four boys — Craig Pultorak, 13, David LeClair, 12, Edward Robbins, 11, and John Giles Jr., 11 — are beginning Scouts.

Craig Pultorak said they had walked along the shore and out on frozen Lake Wampanoag when they saw a bright light hovering over the Girl Scout camp across the lake.

"It didn't seem much bigger than what a plane would be," he said, "but it was bright, and from where we stood, it seemed to have a red ring around it at times."

He said the light seemed to come from something that moved but that made no noise such as a plane would make.

"It stayed over the Girl Scout camp for a couple of minutes, and then slid across the sky in front of us and joined another bright light that was on the side of the lake furthest from the Girl Scout camp."

Pultorak said they were top surprised to do anything at first, but when they realized that it was all over just like that, they ran back to tell the others.

Giles said Channel Five contacted them yesterday and he and Scoutmaster Ronald Gagne took the television crew to the camp and showed them the area described by the boys.

CR: B. Greenwood

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## Seattle-bound crew saw U.F.O.

A document signed by four crewmen aboard the vanship President Johnson describes an unidentified glowing object seen in the Pacific as the ship was en route from Yokohama to Seattle.

The time of sighting coincided generally with reports of U.F.O. sightings off New Zealand.

Four men on the Johnson's bridge, including Third Mate Billie D. Norton, said the object appeared as a light which Norton considered to be from a vessel, but nothing appeared on the Johnson's two radars.

Norton fixed the sighting at Latitude 36 degrees, 18 minutes North and Longitude 147 degrees, 28 minutes East.

The watch was changing just before 8 p.m. ship's time, December 30.

On December 31, news services reported unidentified flying objects popping up again over New Zealand, and accounts of an Australian television crew filming elusive glowing "spheres."

Norton said the first appearance was only a glow. At 8:12 p.m. the light appeared on the horizon, "very bright and round like a white, frosted electric light bulb. It appeared about half the size of a full moon, if one had been on the horizon."

The Johnson's captain, Delbert R. Coppock, was called to the bridge.

At 8:27, the light was on the Johnson's starboard beam, appearing to be 3 to 5 miles off, still not showing on the ship's radars.

"Our vessel was in force-8 seas and winds up to 35 knots. The ship was rolling 15 degrees, but the light was showing no motion in any manner. It seemed to be a fixed object such as a rock or a land mass, or hovering close to or above the water," Norton said.

"Our navigational charts showed no land within hundreds of miles from our position."

Norton said men in the wheelhouse watched the light through binoculars, and it appeared to be suspended and "attached to nothing."

The document, dated January 1 at sea, was signed by Norton and able-seamen Alfred Kroll, George Williams and Howard Bethell, who was at the helm.

Norton said the Johnson's Captain Coppock also observed the object.

The Johnson was at sea yesterday, and none of the men was available for further comment.

An official at American President Lines offices here said he had spent considerable time with the captain and other of the ship's crew, but nobody mentioned the incident to him.

# Believe In UFOs? Police Do

By DON RUSSELL  
Of Today's Spirit Staff

Sightings of unidentified flying objects by several police officers in the Norristown area early Tuesday morning could lead to a federal investigation.

The UFO's, the first of which was seen by two patrolling Norristown police officers at 3:43 a.m. were observed by police in communities from Lower Merion to Lower Gwynedd Township.

In Norristown, Sgt. Walter Miller and Officer Ronald W. Sereny reported they saw a bright, burnt-orange colored ob-

ject in the southwestern skies while on patrol at the Airy Street Bridge.

In East Norriton Township, Officer William Scheetz said he saw what may have been the same object hover 500-600 feet above his car near Wood's Golf Center on W. Germantown Pike.

**LATE TUESDAY**, scientists at Fels Planetarium in Philadelphia reported the object could have been a celestial body, but further police reports indicated the UFO was seen on two different horizons.

Tuesday afternoon, Police Chief Joseph P. Interrante said he would not allow any interviews with the two Norristown officers until federal in-

vestigators spoke with them.

"From what I know from the past," said Interrante, "the government people will want to be talking with them."

According to a report of the incident filed by Miller and Sereny, the object, described as being four times the size of a full moon, was seen in the southwestern skies for about one minute.

Then, while the two officers were in their patrol car on the Airy Street bridge, the object appeared to move "very quickly" to the right across the sky, according to the police report.

**THE REPORT** said that the object then descended very rapidly to an area

that appeared to be in the vicinity of the Jeffersonville Fire Co. on Main Street in West Norriton Township, about 1½ miles from the bridge.

Officer Scheetz, who was patrolling at the time in East Norriton, said he heard the Norristown officers radio ahead to West Norriton police to report that they were pursuing the object on W. Marshall Street.

Scheetz joined the chase and soon saw a similar object near W. Germantown Pike. He said he got out of his car and watched the UFO hover about 500 to 600 feet above him.

"It was as bright as a pumpkin," said Scheetz. "But then, in a matter of a second it disappeared. It was like someone put out the lights."

Miller and Sereny reported they continued toward the Jeffersonville Fire House where they once again saw the object in the direction of W. Germantown Pike. There, the two reported, it remained stationary for about 10 minutes, descended, and then disappeared.

**ACCORDING TO** Craig Moser, a supervisor for Montgomery County police radio which was handling all the police reports of the UFO Tuesday, Willow Grove Naval Air Station reported the object in the sky was the planet Saturn.

Police in Plymouth Township reported they saw a red colored object about a half-hour after the initial sightings. This object, they said, was smaller than the first and remained stationary for about one hour on the eastern horizon.

Officer John Carsner of Plymouth said he sighted the object after 4 p.m. The object, described as smaller than a full moon, was orange, but turned red, he said.

George Hamilton, director of Fels Planetarium, said the object spotted by police could have been Venus, which was southeast and very low in the sky. Saturn, which was in the south, but higher.

The National Weather Service reported the skies were clear all through Tuesday morning.

"IT DEFINITELY wasn't any moon or a planet," said Scheetz. "It was too low and too big. I'm not saying I believe in UFOs, but there was definitely something there."

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## Sighting Of UFO Reported

By Nick Powell

Driving from home to work in the morning is commonplace for most people, but for a Lakewood Park woman, the morning of Jan. 13 was unusual and a day she says she won't forget.

Around 8:03 a.m. Jan. 13, Mary Deans said she saw what appeared to be a silver-colored mushroom-shaped unidentified flying object over her car on State Road 713 near U. S. Highway 1.

Driving east on State Road 713, Mrs. Deans said she was approaching the curve where the road divides when she saw the UFO. As she was driving, Mrs. Deans noticed a shiny object flying through the air as fast as a jet airplane, if not faster. She estimated the approximate altitude of the UFO around 1,000 feet.

"I looked up and there it was," she told the Press-Journal. "I took a second look to make sure I saw what I did and it was still there. It was very real."

Mrs. Deans described the UFO as being a mushroom-shaped object which was larger than an automobile. The silvery color of the UFO reflected sunlight, making it very bright, according to Mrs. Deans. The UFO had no lights on it and it did not rotate as it traveled through the air, the eyewitness stated.

As Mrs. Deans and the UFO traveled east, she momentarily lost the sighting due to trees at the road's curve. When she had driven past the curve, the UFO could not be seen, she added.

"The sky was absolutely clear and there were no other cars in sight. I kept driving to Vero Beach, looking in the sky to see if it would reappear, but it didn't. I may try the same pattern on a clear day in the morning and see if it reappears," Mrs. Deans remarked.

The Press-Journal asked her if she might have mistaken the UFO for glare on the windshield. "No way. It was there in the sky flying at a 45-degree angle and was tilted to the right," she replied.

Another feature of the UFO described by Mrs. Deans was something that appeared to be a dome on top of the mysterious object. While the body of the UFO was silver, Mrs. Deans said the dome was darker in color like smoked glass.

Arriving at work, Mrs. Deans was so excited that she said she had to call someone and tell them about the UFO. At that time, she called a relative who works at the Vero Beach Police Department. "A girl at the shop told me that she has also seen UFOs but they were at night. I told several customers and co-workers about it and they believe me."

"This has to be the most unusual and exciting thing that has ever happened to me and I've done a lot of traveling. I'll never forget it. I was so excited I can't explain the feeling. I went ahead and worked that day, but it wasn't easy," Mrs. Deans exclaimed.

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VALLEY NEWS, Lebanon, NH  
Jan. 12, 1979 CR: L. Coleman

## Hanover Residents See Strange Lights

By SUSAN HASWELL

Valley News Staff Writer

**HANOVER** — Several area residents have seen more in the sky during the past few days than just the waxing moon.

Over the past six days, Hanover police have logged at least four reports of unusual lights in the night sky and a number of other area sightings have been reported.

In most of the reports, the light or lights were described as orange or pink in color. Some said they watched the lights travel over Hanover's Main Street before disappearing.

Others said they viewed the lights for as long as 10 minutes as they hovered stationary in the sky.

The first sighting was reported Wednesday night by a Dartmouth sophomore, police said. William Barnum of Chestnut Hill, Mass., said he and a group of about 15 other persons first noticed an orange object over Hanover around 11:58 p.m. The light came from the west and then swung south, following South Main Street, police stated.

Barnum told police that he watched the light for about three minutes before it lost altitude and disappeared somewhere south of the business district.

The object did not display the flashing red or green lights carried by aircraft, Barnum told police. He estimated the height of the object at 7,000 to 8,000 feet.

Two more reports were filed Friday evening around 6, police said. Ives Atherton of 10 River Ridge Road said he was driving into Hanover on Lewin Road when he was hailed by a neighbor, Richard Duclos of 1 Weatherby Terrace.

Duclos told him to "get out of the car, quick," Atherton said this morning.

Duclos then pointed out three "pinkish-yellow" lights in the northern sky, perhaps as far away as five miles, Atherton said. The lights appeared to be hovering over Norwich or the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, he said.

The lights were at an angle of about 20 to 30 degrees above the earth, he added, were "a considerable distance apart" and about a quarter of the size of a risen moon, he said.

Other neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Munger of 3 Lewin Road, watched the lights from their home for 10 minutes, Atherton said.

Atherton watched with Duclos "for about a minute," then drove back to his home to tell Mrs. Atherton. By the time he had driven the two blocks to his house, the lights had disappeared, he said.

"As far as their being an other-worldly thing," Atherton said, "I'm very skeptical." Atherton's theory is that CRREL might have launched some weather balloons.

But CRREL public affairs officer Dan Yamashita said this morning that the laboratory does not use weather balloons. "We're not aware of anything" connected with the sightings, Yamashita said.

**No FAA Explanation**  
Officials at the Federal Aviation Administration Flight Service at Lebanon Regional Airport offered no explanation for the alleged sightings this morning.

Minutes after Atherton's phone call, Hanover police received a second report from a Dartmouth student and a visiting Skidmore College student Gregory Clow and Dawn Gordon saw a "concentrated thin point of light" above the Hanover Country Club around 6 p.m. Friday, they told police.

The "orange-amber" lights were five to six times the size of a star, Ms. Gordon said. They hovered above the golf course, first in a triangular pattern, changing later into a horizontal shape on the horizon, police reports said.

The final sighting of the weekend was reported Saturday night by Martha Merritt of Enfield, a Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital employee.

**Big Orange Star**

Ms. Merritt said this morning that she was leaving the hospital around 11:45 p.m. when she spotted what looked like "a big orange star" in the sky. The light moved east over Hanover, lost altitude, moved further east, then traveled south before disappearing, Ms. Merritt said. Ms. Merritt said she called the light to the attention of a passing Dartmouth student.





STAR, Auckland, New Zealand - Dec. 27, 1978

## UFOs bring triangle of terror to Adriatic

ROME, Tuesday—A 14-metre yacht, bristling with electronic gadgets, is trying to solve the mystery of "The Adriatic Triangle"—the notorious stretch of Italian sea where scores of flying saucers and supernatural phenomena are reported.

Over the last two months "The Triangle" between Ascoli Piceno and Pescara has become the scourge of fishermen, airline pilots and sailors—all frightened by pale green flying objects and strange lights.

With trawlersmen refused to fish in "The Triangle" after two fishermen from San Benedetto Del Tronto drowned when their vessel inexplicably capsized on a clear, serene night with the sea as smooth as a billiard table.

In a short time the Adriatic, luminous orange rays traversing their routes.

Seamen have reported sudden orange mists rising from the sea and navigation instruments of ships suddenly beset. Pilots talk of flying objects rocketing from the sea at incredible speed to zip across the skies.

But the "Adriatic Triangle" is not restricted to the sea. Inland reports have come just as prominent among them the puzzling tale of a police dog outside the town of Lecce which saw an object emitting orange flashing lights "race across the sky."

During its passage, the police car stalled (and could not be restarted) and the two-way radio went dead. The parolinen said car and radio worked normally once the object had vanished.

Two military airport officials at Brindisi, on the south-eastern tip of Italy, sighted an object emitting orange and green light on sea in the Gulf of Taranto. Navy captain Piero Gallorini set out to sea in a coastguard vessel to report by various trawlers of a UFO sighting six kilometres off shore.

That night Gallorini and his crew of five saw one kilometre ahead "a luminous red object rise from the sea at an angle of 45 degrees." The sea was calm, visibility excellent but for the next hours the radar and radio suffered major interference.

Reports of UFOs are no novelty in country where fantasy and fact meet.

Siena barber Rivo Faralli (35) insisted he saw "little green men with horns."

Faralli's story is not so incredible as to some Italians. Only a few weeks ago, police arrested Eugenio Siragusa (62), the founder-father of lunely mountains for meetings with messengers from space.

Founder Siragusa's demise came some weeks ago when a Cosmic Brotherhood couple started to lead their five-year-old daughter in the belief she would be reincarnated by "the boys from outer space."

After waiting in vain for days at the bier of the little girl the couple committed suicide.

Many sightings are made by reputable people. In March, six commercial airline pilots in the space of 10 minutes reported one green coloured UFO between Milan and Florence.

But men like Giancarlo Barattini, president of the National Ufological Centre, believe the phenomena have more than the simple explanations of "visitors from outer space."

Barattini's group has outfitted the yacht which intends to investigate the Adriatic Triangle mystery.

His and other UFO organizations argue the sightings could be due to unknown atmospheric phenomena like electric discharges and "fireballs" in tunes of climatic changes.

They remind "converts" of the ancient fear of mariners over Saint Elmo's fire—golden flames on top of shipmasts which for centuries was thought to be a warning for impending doom—but turned out to be an electric discharge before a storm.

And none of the experts have eliminated the possibility that new missiles might be tested below the Adriatic in a stretch of water very close to Yugoslavia and Albania.

Special to the Star

DAILY TELEGRAPH,  
London, England  
Jan. 6, 1979  
**UFO over Poland**

Two residents of Krakow claim to have seen an unidentified flying object, a big ball beaming red light which disturbed the running of their car engine, the Polish news agency P.A.P. reported. Astronomers said it could have been a falling meteorite.

EVENING NEWS, Manchester, England - Dec. 1, 1978

## Mystery in sky scares housewife

HOUSEWIFE Sharon Badcock got the shock of her life when she looked out of her bedroom window today.

For the scene she saw would have been more apt in TV's Star Trek, than Urnston on a cold December morning.

Sharon, of Queens Road, was drying her hair in the upstairs front bedroom of her home when she noticed a brilliant light in the sky.

Then as she watched, it began moving across the sky. "Suddenly another object came out of the bottom of it and descended," she said. "It was shaped like an ice cream cone, with the point upwards and appeared to be circling with what looked like big tyres."

Next a bright beam shot from the "cone" to the object in the sky and seconds later another was returned.

"I was scared stiff," she said. "I just couldn't believe what I was seeing."

Her husband, Alan, took up the story. "I thought the object in the sky was simply a bright star, until I looked at it through my binoculars."

He said: "It looked about the size of a lip piece and seemed to be made up of several lights. Later it appeared to resemble a web and kept rotating."

Mr. Badcock, a self-employed driving instructor, phoned the police and then went to see if he could find the object which had landed.

"I got out of the car and headed across the meadows to where I thought it was. I saw something big, but couldn't get to it because of the River Mersey," he said. "Whatever it was it was big."

Back at the house the couple were joined by two policemen who also watched the object in the sky.



A sketch of the mysterious cone by Sharon and Alan Badcock who are pictured below.

CR: D. Rees

NATAL MERCURY,  
South Africa  
Jan. 8, 1979  
CR: J. Brill  
**UFO seen**

KUALA LUMPUR—Four farmers sighted a UFO while on their way to work at the rice fields, the New Straits Times reported yesterday. They had sighted the "small glittering object floating in the air" in Jitra.

Mr. Mathew O'Neil said later: "I looked at the object through the binoculars and it was no star. It was an intensely bright light and we all watched it move."

He said: "We watched the light for over half an hour during which time it moved right across the sky and eventually disappeared. It could have been a satellite, but I've seen nothing like it before."

COMPLEX

Mr. Badcock said: "I thought later it might have been lights at the Shell complex at Carrington that we had somehow seen reflected in some way, but the object we saw was in the completely the wrong direction."

"I'm no believer in UFO's but you can't disbelieve what you see."

Manchester International Airport has had two separate reports of UFO sightings—one yesterday in the Bury area and today in Urnston.

A spokesman said both reports were similar, and no explanations could be offered for what had been seen.

STAR, Auckland, New Zealand - Jan. 5, 1979

## Checking UFO sightings a long job

Wellington staff

Investigating UFO sightings could be long and tedious, a spokesman for the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research says.

Analysing film of the weekend's sightings off the Marlborough coast could take a couple of months. So far the DSIR had found no conclusive evidence to connect visual and radar sightings, but inquiries were continuing.

The television film was being

analysed frame by frame and scientists hoped to improve the image on the film. There was a conflict between visual and radar sightings, the spokesman said. It seemed most of the latter could be explained as other objects, such as planets.

Though Wellington air traffic control radar and airborne equipment in a Safe Air Ltd Argosy freighter both detected radar returns at the weekend, it did not necessarily mean they were looking at the same objects, he said.

The Air Force was maintaining an interest in the sightings, but had no plans for another surveillance flight.

(The Press Assn) reports from Hamilton that top-secret American missile research may have been inadvertently revealed to the world by the weekend's controversial UFO film.

A former Royal Air Force research specialist claimed today that the UFO films corresponded almost exactly with what would be seen of

advanced, unmanned aircraft experiments.

This was confirmed by the enraged and seemingly irrational reaction to the film by the international scientific establishment, he said today.

The source, whose identity must remain confidential because of the secrecy of the work he was once involved in with the RAF, said the object on the film could only be explained as a remotely propelled

drone vehicle used to decoy radar from full-strike missiles.

He recognized from the television film certain characteristics of the object's motion which was jerky and indicative of self-sensing capabilities, and realised it could only be some sort of advanced drone.

He was sick of the "hogwash" being propounded by the scientific fraternity to explain away the film, he said.

Dec. 28, 1978 CR: J. Thomas

## Mar del Plata

THREE men in the Channel 10 transmission plant at Sierra de los Padres, report ed seeing an unidentified flying object on Tuesday at noon. They are Gerardo Rodriguez, who is in charge of the station, Roberto Barrionuevo, a police corporal, and Nestor Charrizo, a television technician. They said they were having an outdoor lunch when lifting their eyes to watch a plane go past they saw the UFO. They added that it was silver-coloured and had the shape of a long cigar or a thermos flask. (NA)

## Thousands dazzled by massive UFO

A UFO the size of an ocean liner, with dazzling fishtail wings, lit up the sky for several miles around, say witnesses who reported its blazing trail across the length of Italy. In Rome alone it was spotted by police over five areas of the city, a police captain reveals.

Thousands of people saw the UFO hurtle along a zigzag course from Sicily in the south of Italy's northwest border with France, a government spokesman says. Some of these witnesses said that the UFO:

- Retracted its wings and changed shape.
- Created a screen of smoke or fog and disappeared behind it.
- Travelled noiselessly, but sent birds and wildlife dashing for cover.

"Dozens of phone calls arrived at the Interior Ministry from people all over Italy who sighted a UFO," said ministry spokesman Mario Giannini.

"On the basis of the number of calls we received, we can presume that thousands of people spotted the UFO."

Calls from four patrol cars and a policeman on duty outside an embassy alerted Rome police to the UFO.

"At first I was sceptical, but the calls all came from reliable officers and their descriptions were all similar," said Police Capt. Giovanni Grimaldi.

"We cannot even account for it by collective suggestion because the calls came from patrol cars in different parts of the city, not in touch with each other."

Police contacted the control tower at Rome's Ciampino Airport, which reported that neither military nor civilian radar had tracked anything unusual.

But policeman Antonio Giannone, who was on duty near the airport that morning, said he saw a mysterious V-shaped object in flight that was much bigger than a plane and apparently made of "opaque crystal".

"It was giving off beams of light over a mile long which reached the ground. The beams were white, with a shade of yellow. One went up, the other down. Suddenly those beams of light got brighter and yellower," said Giannone.

"Then there was a blinding flash within the two arms of the V. It was like a burst of sunlight — but without any sound — and then the object disappeared."

"All that remained at the spot in the sky was a little round cloud, but you could see what looked like a glass globe speeding off in the distance."

The UFO was first sighted at 5.50 a.m. by workers arriving for the day shift at a state-owned oil refinery at Gela, a city that is on the Sicilian coast.

"I never believed in UFOs before, but what I saw was something very weird, which I cannot explain," said Antonino Ferrara, chief security guard at the refinery.

"It was egg-shaped at the top but had these big, bright wings, or beams of light in the shape of wings, which trailed behind it. And it was bigger than any airplane. There was absolutely no sound."

As the craft hurtled away, Ferrara said, "a ring of black cloud appeared around it. At the same time, the wings, or beams of light, retracted, and the UFO

seemed to hover in the sky for a few seconds.

"It vanished like magic. It was as though a black veil had been drawn across it. The craft left no trace in the sky."

Romolo Bondi, an artist, saw the object blaze over a mountain near his home in the village of Grignano. He said the giant

UFO "was like an ocean liner that left a great wake of light behind it. It lit up the sky and the mountain for miles."

Summing up the reaction of terrified eyewitnesses, Bruno Natucci, an excavator operator in the village of Torre del Lago Puccini, asserted: "I was stupefied — I had seen a UFO!"

## Three men are 'tele-transported' by Córdoba UFO

## Cordoba

THREE employees of the Provincial Power Board said they had sighted an unidentified flying object hovering a short distance from the ground and were "tele-transported" over a 15-kilometre stretch of road.

One man even exchanged signals with the occupants of the object, according to a report in the local newspaper "Cordoba."

The protagonists of the occurrence are Orlando Carrizo, 40, Severiano Brunetto, 53, and his 20-year-old son Daniel Omar. All three are employees of the power company.

They told reporters they had been travelling in a company truck, and were on their way to San Francisco. At about 4.30am, near Arroyito, they prepared to cross a bridge but never did so. Suddenly they were in the middle of the road. 15 kilometres away in the district of Transito. None of them recollected crossing the bridge or continuing along the road. Even the cigarettes they held in their fingers were the same size as when they approached the bridge.

## UFO fleet has Uruguay in dark

## Montevideo

THIS capital and all the major cities of Uruguay's interior were struck by a giant blackout yesterday which lasted for more than two hours. There was no immediate explanation for the blackout, but an official of the state power company described rumours that it was caused by a fleet of UFO's as "ridiculous".

The official suggested a prosaic explanation involving the failure of a high tension system. Some more imaginative Uruguayans, however, were convinced by reports, that the lights went out when a fleet of UFO's swept over the country.

HERALD, Glasgow, Scotland - Dec. 28, 1978

## The riddle of a housing estate's UFOs

Residents in a Paisley housing estate are sure they are seeing things — but they don't know what they are.

Several people living at the new Hawkhead estate have reported seeing brilliant lights in the sky hovering or speeding, changing shape and direction, and then disappearing.

One girl, Gillian Carmichael, aged 5, of 22 Ben Alder Drive, saw one when she was playing in her garden, and then drew a picture of what she had seen for her mother. She drew an oval shaped object with two lines across it, and between them a row of dots like windows. She said it was grey with red lights.

Her mother, Mrs Isabel Carmichael, said yesterday her daughter could not be shaken from her description. Mrs Carmichael did

not see that object but she did see a strange light in the sky recently.

She watched it from a window for about three hours. At first it seemed like a large lamp to the north-east over the rooftops, then it half circled her house until it disappeared in the distance. She was positive it was not a plane.

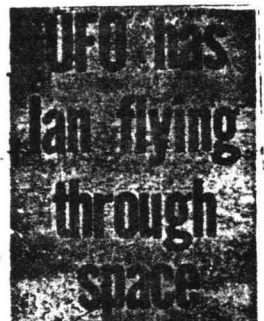
Other residents have seen similar objects over many months and they are without apparent explanation.

A spokesman for the Civil Aviation Authority which controls air traffic could not help either. In some cases, he suggested, they might be lights or reflections from planes. They occasionally received reports of unidentified objects in the sky but there had been none recently. He had never heard of any unusual explanation of any of the reported sightings.

A Meteorological Office official said there are weather balloons in various parts of Scotland, but none around Glasgow Airport, and he had not heard of any being blown there recently.

An official at the Coats Observatory in Paisley did make one suggestion—the planet Venus is brightly visible now in the morning sky.

DAILY RECORD, Glasgow, Scotland - Dec. 29, 1978



A CLOSE encounter with a strange flying object brought Ian Beveridge down to earth with a bump yesterday.

For Ian, 20, was up a ladder cleaning windows at his mother's house in Braes View, Denny, Stirling-shire, when a bright orange object zoomed over the rooftops.

Ian said: "My mum shouted that a spacecraft was about to hit a plane. I was amazed to see this orange oval machine hurtling across the sky."

## Convinced

"The next thing I knew I was flying through the air as well. It was definitely a UFO."

Ian's mum, 45-year-old Mrs Elsie Beveridge, said: "When Ian picked himself off the ground the thing had gone, but we are convinced we saw a spacecraft."

A Civil Aviation Authority spokesman said: "We have no report of this incident."

## Men's Meeting

GUADALAJARA (Special) — The Regional General Meeting of the state prosecuting attorneys of a dozen states and their chief investigators was disrupted Thursday afternoon by the appearance of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) which hovered for about a minute over the gardens of the hotel Camino Real before disappearing in a burst

THE NEWS, Mexico City, Mexico - Jan. 12, 1979

CR: G. Welker

of speed, observers said Thursday.

The meeting, organized by Mexico City's Federal District Attorney General Agustin Alanis Fuentes in connection with his ongoing work of the past two years to establish a new image for justice — one that protects as well as persecutes — humane treatment, new facilities for those arrested, freedom from extortion and corruption and many other benefits hammered out with the backing of President Lopez Portillo for the Federal District and are now being extended nationwide.

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, AR

Jan. 14, 1979

## Soviet scientist says stories of sighted UFO's are 'fiction'

MOSCOW (AP) — Recent reports that unidentified flying objects have been sighted in the Soviet Union and abroad are nothing more than "science fiction stories" and there is no evidence they involve visits from outer space, a top Soviet scientist said Saturday.

Dr. Vladimir Migulin, director of the prestigious Institute of Earth Magnetism, said any suggestion that the sightings involve extraterrestrial visitors "is without serious foundation."

The recently reported UFO sightings in New Zealand, for example, were "insufficiently seriously documented," he said.

Despite his skepticism, Migulin said the Soviet Academy of Sciences is seriously studying periodic sightings of UFOs over the Soviet Union.

His view, reported by the official Tass news agency, clashes with that recently expressed by another Soviet academician, Felix Zigel of the Moscow Aviation Institute, who suggested that visitors from outer space caused a gigantic explosion over Siberia that has baffled scientists for 70 years.

Zigel gave the many Soviet UFO believers a boost when he said an "extraterrestrial probe" exploded over the Tunguska region in 1908, leveling a 1,250 square mile area.

So far, the Soviet press has not reported on the widely publicized filming of purported UFOs over New Zealand or on several other recent sightings reported in Italy, Israel and elsewhere.

But Migulin's statements were seen here as a Soviet rebuttal to reports on the New Zealand UFOs that many Soviet citizens apparently heard about on foreign radio broadcasts.

The popularity here of UFO theories can be gauged from the periodic rebuttals carried in the official Soviet press. Unofficial lectures on flying saucers and underground "Samizdat" reports are popular here.

Migulin himself confirmed that "anomalous atmospheric phenomena or as they are sometimes termed 'unidentified flying objects,' are at times observed over the territory of the Soviet Union."

Most of these, he said, are polar lights, celestial bodies distorted through atmospheric refraction, aircraft, satellites and weather balloons.

As for those that cannot be classified, he said, Soviet research shows some are connected with "changes in the physical layers of the Earth atmosphere, in particular the ionosphere."

HERALD, Buenos Aires, Argentina - Jan. 18, 1979 CR: J. Thomas



## FLYING SAUCER OVER CORNWALL

W. P. WROATH, 37, Quay Road, Charlestown, St. Austell.  
LAST night (Sunday December 17) I saw an unidentified flying object near St. Ewe.

It was a large object, I would estimate some 100ft across, and stood about the same distance off the ground. Its appearance I can only describe as like a giant red mushroom form.

The 'stem' of this object was like a beam of light and yet it seemed like a vast metal column. This 'shaft of light' was suspended from the base of the cap - like body surrounded by gentle flames which lapped upwards around the rim of the object.

I use the word gentle for they were flames that one might associate with a cold burning gas flame.

The rim itself was perforated by discs which were an icy blue in colour. Around the dome whiffs of cloud formed themselves continuously and disappeared almost immediately in a continuing cycle.

Where the shaft of light reached the ground it was concealed by a snowy white mist which rolled like a smoke ring around the pillar. The whole area below this thing was bathed in an excessively bright light. The only sound I could hear was a faint ringing in my ears.

This thing stood I should guess about half a mile away. It was stationary for about 30 seconds and then sped off in the direction of St Austell Bay. I can't begin to estimate the speed at which it travelled.

On returning home I made a quick sketch (below) while the image was still clear in my mind. Since then I have simplified it to a line image in the hope that you can print this in your paper.

I have phoned R.A.F. St. Mawgan to see if any exercises were in progress in this area and they said there were not. However they stated that other people had called them having seen lights in the sky.

I would like to know if any readers saw this amazing sight and if so could they contact me via your paper. My name is Bill

Wroth and I am a lecturer in ceramics at the Falmouth School of Art.

CR: J. Thomas  
HERALD, Buenos Aires, Argentina - Jan. 13, 1979

## Little green kidnappers

Genoa

LITTLE green men from outer space have joined Italy's kidnap craze, according to nightwatchman Fortunato Zanfretta.

Television viewers in Genoa last night saw him describe under hypnosis how 10 or more unearthly kidnappers carried him off from his rounds and held him captive in a spaceship for several hours.

"They had yellow triangular eyes, green skin and thorns growing out of their cheeks," he tells a doctor in the documentary. "When they spoke, a green light came out of their mouths."

The doctor, who put him in a trance before cameras to test his story, says he is quite satisfied Zanfretta is not lying.

"But that is not to say he objectively lived the experience," says the doctor. (Reuters)

## Young anglers 'see strange cluster' above Aviemore

An eggshell-shaped cluster of multi-coloured lights in the sky, followed by a huge beam of light directed down on Lake Aviemore. That was the eerie sight three South Canterbury youths claim they saw last Saturday night.

The trio - Robert Murdoch, 14, his 19-year-old brother Andrew, of Timaru, and 17-year-old David Watts, of Temuka, said they were astounded by what they saw, and were further surprised to hear two days later that similar UFO sightings had been made off the Kaitioura coast.

"The three had been part of a group fishing at the Parnassus Rock Creek area at Lake Aviemore on Saturday night. They said the strange phenomenon occurred between 8.30pm and midnight.

Robert said yesterday that while fishing, they had looked across the lake, to the west, and noticed "something that looked like a big cluster of stars together. They were pulsing lights, in all different colours, but the lot were in an oval shape, like an eggshell."

The objects were sighted in the sky, above the hill across the lake, he said.

"There was a slight wind, and we couldn't hear any noise in the sky," he said.

Andrew said that the formation appeared to move back and forth above the hill, but not at any noticeable speed. "When we first saw them we didn't take a great deal of notice. Robert told us to look at those funny looking lights."

### 'CAME DOWN'

David Watts said he thought they were stars. "Then this funny looking light came down and I didn't know what to believe," he said.

Andrew said the beam of light was quite intense. It was an oval shape at its source with a conical beam that spread over most of the hill and a large portion of the lake.

"It was really bright... too bright to be a spotlight, and anyway it came from up in the sky, not from the top of the hill."

David said the beam lit up the side of the hill and the lake "better than daylight. You could see the shrubs and large stones very clearly, and we were watching a mile or so across the lake."

They said the beam stayed on for about 30 seconds, until

a motorcar came round a corner at the foot of the hill. As soon as the car headlights came into contact with the large beam, both the beam and the cluster of lights in the sky vanished.

The trio said they reported their strange sighting to their parents, and this was before reports of Sunday's UFO sightings over the Clarence River area of the Kaitioura.

The three said they had not previously paid much attention to UFOs, but yesterday they purchased a number of books and magazines on UFOs to see if their sighting was similar to overseas reports.

All three watched the television news film of a possible UFO, taken from an Argosy aircraft, but said while the TV film object was almost similar in shape their object had far more lights.

Robert said he thought there were between 50 and 100 lights in the cluster.

"If you held your arm out, your fist would obscure them, that's how they were arranged in the sky," he said.

David said none of them had ever encountered a phenomenon like this before. "But now I am wondering about just what we did see."

One thing's for sure... I'm taking a camera with me next time I go fishing up there."

Andrew added that the appearance of the strange beam also played havoc with his fishing.

"Before the beam appeared I was getting fish every three or four minutes. But as soon as that beam disappeared, I never got another fish that night. But that's probably just coincidence."

Both the Mount John observatory and the Baker Nunn satellite tracking station reported no unusual sightings in the skies on Saturday night.

A spokesman at the tracking station said no-one had reported any strange objects, but he added the station was taking a particular interest in the skies at the moment, because of the large number of UFO sightings.

CR: J. Brill

## UFO is seen in sky over Bayford

A UFO - cigar-shaped, with a very strong light at the front - was sighted at Bayford on Sunday evening.

Mrs Auriel Mason, of Acorn Bank, Bayford, told the Mercury that she and her husband had seen reports of UFO sightings in New Zealand on the 6 pm television news on Sunday.

Just after 7 pm her husband went upstairs and then called her to come quickly. Looking through a window, north towards Hertfordbury, they saw an object travelling from west to east at a very low altitude and going horizontally.

### No noise

They could hear no noise, although this was to be expected as the window was double-glazed. Along the long body of the cigar-shaped object were a lot of tiny lights.

Before they lost sight of it two other strong lights came on, one in the middle and one at the end, but only for a short while.

Mr and Mrs Mason's description is similar to that of a Crew sighting.

Said Mrs Mason: "We are both agricultural scientists with inquiring minds, and I maintain that I have seen about four things in the past few years that one could call unidentified flying objects, but I would put it no higher than that."

## DRAWINGS BY GIRLS SENT TO UFO SOCIETY

TWO Hemel Hempstead girls spotted an object in the sky which has mystified their families.

The girls, were pushing their bikes near Potten End, when they saw the object.

Linda Shaw, aged nine, and Esther Kummerer, aged ten, described it as orange in colour with about six lights underneath, round at one end and pointed at the other.

They estimated the size to be slightly smaller than a double decker bus and it emitted a quiet, zooming noise.

They watched for about four seconds, fascinated, and then it disappeared.

Later Esther's mother, Mrs Shirley Kummerer, of Marlins Turn, Hemel Hempstead, asked them to draw the object separately.

She then asked them to go round to see Linda's father, Mr Peter Shaw, of Gade Close, Hemel Hempstead. He asked them to draw the object with coloured pencils in separate rooms.

He did not know of the other drawings at that stage, but when the drawings were compared they were all almost identical, said Mr Shaw.

The "sighting" has been passed on to the British UFO Society in London and the parents are waiting to hear the result.

CR: J. Brill  
EVENING POST, Luton, England - Dec. 29, 1978

## Freak atmospheric conditions blamed for New Zealand UFOs

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) - Freak atmospheric conditions rather than visitors from outer space caused the UFOs filmed by a television crew and spotted by others over New Zealand, the New Zealand Air Force reported Thursday.

The report of an air force investigation said the planet Venus and a string of Japanese fishing boats probably produced the fast-moving lights spotted over New Zealand's South Island in December and early January.

The report said the lights were almost certainly from surface or planetary sources af-

fectected by atmospheric reflection, refraction or distortion. It said atmospheric conditions over New Zealand at the time were conducive to freak effects on radar and light waves.

The investigators noted that Venus was rising in early morning in the eastern sky and was unusually bright. At the same time, the report said, more than 50 Japanese fishing boats were about 120 miles off the eastern coast, and their powerful fishing lights could not be discounted as a source of some of the sightings.

A Defense Ministry spokesman said his department was completely satisfied there were no unexplained objects in the skies at the time of the sightings.

CR: J. Brill  
HERTFORDSHIRE MERCURY, Hertford, England - Jan. 5, 1979

# TRANSLATIONS—Credit: Jane Thomas

City and country of incident: Buenos Aires, Argentina; Arequito, Santa Fe province, Argentina; Casilda, Santa Fe province; Naples, Italy; Australia

Dates of incidents: October 22nd - 7 - 7 - October 23rd; Oct. 21st, 1978, resp.

Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación, Oct. 24, 1978

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO in Arequito

Arequito, Santa Fe - When the only thing that was left was to start with the banquet in honor of the authorities, delegations and producers at the First National and Eighth Provincial Fiesta of the Soybean, the untimely appearance of a UFO relegated for some time considerations related to the working days completed.

Three people who were on the terrace of the Social Club announced a UFO was passing like a lighted bolide in the Arequito sky, some 27 km from Casilda, where already in previous days the same phenomenon had been seen. On the club's terrace, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of the province, agricultural expert Alberto Renard; under-secretary, agricultural expert Emilio Girardi, the head of the commune and other people, verified the presence of the flying object. It could be seen, at a distance impossible to ascertain, in a limpid, starry sky, an object that remained static for several minutes, then disappearing from sight. The distance did not permit to visualize any shape, only an orange luminosity which emerged separately from compartments or portholes. A series of impressions were exchanged, and reporter Enrique Viale recorded the words of high authorities, testifying to the event they were experiencing.

Upon being questioned, engineer Renard was of the opinion that they were really before a phenomenon which left no doubts, and it was something unknown up to the moment. On the other hand, engineer Girardi and the CARZOR delegate, Dr. García Fuentes, agreed in stating it could be no known craft, given the lengthy immobility of same.

In the lights of the craft could be noticed a slight oscillatory movement, not a rotation, and very far away to the South there was a solitary little cloud, thus a refraction on same, which was in the center of the northern cardinal point after performing the trajectory from the NE, was out of the question.

New Experiences in Casilda

Rosario - The appearance of new flying objects over the Casilda sky and its area keeps feeding into this progressive locality of Santa Fe a climate of tense agitation which affects all. A few days ago a UFO appeared in the sector of the Nueva Roma district. Some two or three kilometers, already in the outskirts, the presumed flying saucer descended to ground level and allegedly settled at some 5m altitude. It remained thus for five minutes and again rose vertically. It then turned towards the North disappearing in the darkness.

Another event occurred on highway 33 which links Casilda with Rosario. Six people who were returning -precisely from attending a talk on extraterrestrial phenomena- sighted a UFO at 03.15 am. They followed it and noticed that the craft oscillated in a way similar to that of planes in the elemental aeronautical code. They observed the motions for thirty minutes; they stopped, resumed their trip, until the mysterious craft was at a convenient distance from the objective of a camera. It is now expected that the processing of the photograph throws some light on the subject.

Naples

Naples (Italy) (EFE) - The director of the Institute of Meteorological Observation of the University of Naples, Antonino Palumbo, saw in the early hours of yesterday a UFO which moved over this city's sky.

He could observe the UFO with the meteorological instruments, together with his assistant, Ciro Fasano.

Before officially reporting his discovery, prof. Palumbo called the control tower of the Capodichino airport where they told him they had detected the UFO and confirmed it was no plane.

Prof. Palumbo stated that at first he thought it was a satellite, "but it was impossible, since the luminous object traveled from E to W".

He explained it was "very luminous", it went at great speed but with many variations and that, contrary to planes, it left no trail behind.

City and country of incident: Rio Grande, Argentina

Date of incident: 1950

Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, Nov. 1, 1978

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A DOG FROM ANOTHER WORLD

A walker, who in 1950 linked Ushuaia with Buenos Aires using up 74 pairs of canvas shoes, recalls the opportunities he then had of seeing flying saucers, and blames a strange white cloud for the accident that befell an Argentine plane in Rio Grande. He states that one night he slept with a dog not of this world. It was dark-colored and gave off a perfume he never smelled again. He states that on stroking its back he felt a slight electric discharge, and that it cried like a child. It finally disappeared, leaving no trace.

Mar del Plata (From our agency) - The paper "La Capital" in its today's edition, published an extensive interview with a municipal employee, Romeo Ernesto Suárez, who in January 1950 completed an extensive raid on foot which at that time called public attention. In five months and four days Suárez linked Ushuaia with this capital, using up 74 pairs of canvas shoes. Anecdotes told by the walker -who is today a municipal gardener- are many, but those referred to a series of observations which, though not surprising today, are very actual, since they are related to the appearance of flying saucers and extraterrestrial beings, are the ones that most called the attention. In some of his accounts, Suárez told that "one January night when I was between the San Sebastián bay and Rio Negro province, I noticed a strong earth vibration and simultaneously an intense luminosity in the sea. Suddenly a very brilliant object emerged from the sea and swiftly disappeared towards Rio Gallegos". He added that in order to see better he went nearer to the shore and saw a large quantity of dead fish in a 100m radius as well as snails and strange stones". Suárez also tells he is 51, that "one night I slept with a dog which for me was not of this planet. I had found the animal in San Julián port -he explained. It was dark-colored and gave off a perfume as I never smelt again. When I stroked its back I felt a kind of faint electric shock and one night, when sleeping in the stall of an "estancia" I noticed it whimpered like a child. This called my attention but did not bother me too much in spite of my realizing it was a very strange dog. That same night I closed the windows and locked the door to sleep. The next day the dog was not there. Doors and windows were as I had left them and I did not see that the animal dug the floor. I went out and looked at the footsteps but all, mine and the dogs', were directed towards the entrance. None showed that the dog had left". Convinced, Suárez states that "he was with a dog from another world". The raidist finally stated that in the proximity of Puerto Coyle, which at that time was already abandoned, at some other time he saw emerging from the sea three flying saucers, one on top of the other, which at an enormous rate of speed disappeared towards the Fitz Roy. Lastly, Suárez recalled that "I worked in Rio Grande when the disaster with the Aerolíneas Argentinas Yagan plane occurred. The machine, on taking off and while flying over a football field- he told- was absorbed by a large white cloud and exploded. The cloud then disappeared at great speed. It was never known what had happened, but the episode is still remembered in Rio Grande as something unexplainable".

Paper: Tribuna

City of paper: Rosario, Santa Fe province

Date of paper: November 2, 1978

Date of incident: September 20, 1978 at María Teresa, Santa Fe province.

A NEIGHBOR OF MARIA TERESA MIGHT HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED BY A UFO

The unusual episode has shaken public opinion in different sectors of our province

The Center for Cosmobiophysical Investigations (CIC), an entity which is a member of the Argentine Federation of Research on Extraterrestrial Science, published one of the most remarkable cases related to the appearance of UFOs in the southern part of our province. The report details an incredible experience gone through by Mr. José Marchisio, Argentine, 53, married, who lives in María Teresa, Dept. of General López.

The event occurred Wednesday Sept. 20th last at 23.30 while Mr. Marchisio was driving in his car from Santa Isabel to the locality of María Teresa. At that time, and when he was driving on a dirt road, Mr. Marchisio sighted near a big lake on one side of the road, a reddish sphere. It was 200 meters away approximately, and seemed to be on the ground. When Mr. Marchisio slowly approached the place he could see behind the sphere a dark green object the shape of which he could not determine exactly. Thinking he could be blinding another traveler, he signalled with his car's lights, and on noticing the strange position of the object he decided to pull over to the shoulder. At that time "the explosion" occurred - says the actor of the sensational story- of a very powerful multicolored light. The inside of his car was filled with a strange sensation. "Everything was enhanced. The dashboard (gauges, the steering wheel, were shining, at the same time that the size of the objects, including myself, seemed bigger. In front of the vehicle was a silvery road, glistening, like a carpet made of cigarette paper". After an undetermined time Mr. Marchisio found himself traveling at high speed and with the lights off. He could hardly control the car's balance. When speed was slowing down, he tried to recognize the place where he was but could not. He could then verify he was 7 km from the place where he had encountered the strange sphere and the object. He had no idea how he got there. He did not border the lake which has many turns. That was impossible, "my hands and feet - said Marchisio- were always still. I felt no fear at that time. Only a heavy pressure in the back of the neck and also on my breast. I neither saw any people or unknown beings. I always looked ahead of me, and I think the car's engine was not running. I could see the car and myself enveloped in a very powerful light; I noticed the smallest detail inside the car, but very enlarged. Through the rearview mirror I could see my features enlarged, noticing a small scar on my hand in all its details.

Afterwards, when I was near my home I became very frightened, at the same time as the pressure on my breast increased, turning to pain. I commented nothing with my wife, but the next day I had to go to a local clinic. I then commented what had happened to the doctor, and am now slowly recovering".

As a complimentary detail, Mr. Marchisio said that for several days a strong sulphur smell remained inside the car. The battery -he said- lost its charge and did not hold it when being reloaded, so it had to be replaced by a new one. He also noticed a failure in the fuel gauge which worked normally before the event.

As to his physical state, he suffered a decrease in his sight sharpness, and also some temporary mental confusion. This sensation still returns at times, affecting his reflexes. Mr. Juan Marchisio considered himself a skeptic on UFOs. He no longer is.

For the members of CIC the explanation leaves no doubt: "It is a classical teleportation case with very remarkable details as compared to others which have occurred in our country."

The same night that this incredible adventure changed Mr. Marchisio's life, a neighbor in the area saw at 23.30 how a "flying saucer" crossed the southern sky of the Santa Fe province.

Under the drawing: Some aspects of this fantastic adventure remind us of the Hansen Maarup case in Denmark, and whose protagonist was policeman Evald Hansen Maarup. The event occurred on 8/13/76. However, in our country there was another case which also was famous. We refer to the Vidal case, the fictitious name of the couple from Mar del Plata who, while driving their car, were transported, mysteriously appearing at some spot near Mexico city. The event, which occurred in March 1968, was investigated very thoroughly. Results were never made known.

City and country of incident: Gobernador Virasoro, Corrientes province, Argentina

Date of incident: October 8, 1978

Name of paper and date of clip: Clafn, Nov. 2, 1978

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A) The arrow indicates the strange object that visited the skies of Gobernador Virasoro, Corrientes, which posed motionless for the photographer.

A UFO over the "Correntine" sky

Another flying saucer and they total... However, the graphic testimony leads to believe that the swarm of UFOs that frequents different regions of our country has not gone away towards the galactic immensities from where it surely proceeds. The photograph was obtained on Sunday, October 8th at 05.30 pm, near Gob. Virasoro, Corrientes, 100 km from Posadas, Misiones, by one of the owners of the camp, according to whom the presumably interspatial craft flew at 1,000 meters altitude, soundlessly.

"Personally I was always very skeptical about the existence of the 'flying saucers', but this time it, because all my family followed its motions and photographic plate does not lie", assured the protagonist of this encounter of the first kind. The "saucer" bit is not much illustrative, because the shape that can be seen could resemble a dish, a narrow-brimmed hat or certain common use containers. What still remains to be conjectured is what was the celestial visitor doing in Gob. Virasoro, in the quiet October afternoon.

What would be sure is that, should these apparitions continue, soon the person who should not have seen a UFO will be "rara avis".

City and country of incident: María Teresa, Gral. López, Dept., Santa Fe, Argentina

Date of incident: (according to a much shorter version appeared in La Nación paper, the date is given as Sept. 20, 1978)

Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Nov. 4, 1978

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

"Teleportation", now in Santa Fe  
ANOTHER UFO IS AN AUTOMOBILE FAN (In Spanish, they are called "tuercas", i.e., "nuts")

Rosario, 3 (From our correspondent) - Once again a UFO picked up a car, carried it at incredible speed for seven km, caused its driver severe pains in the back of the neck and "pressure on the chest", which resulted in his having to be hospitalized, and filled the car with a strong and persistent sulphur smell. The car is being tested by personnel from the Center for Cosmobiophysical Investigations, a member of the Argentine Federation of Extraterrestrial Science (FAECE), according to that entity's members.

The strange event, of incredible characteristics, like the one that occurred on Sept. 23rd in the south of the country at the time of the latin-american rally, was registered between the localities of Santa Isabel and María Teresa, of the General López department, in this province. Its protagonist, Juan Marchisio, Argentine, 53, married, living in the latter locality, was driving home along an earth track, approx. at midnight.

He later confirmed, visibly upset by the experience and overcome with the strong and intermittent pains he felt in the lower back part of the skull and in his chest cavity, that when his car was running along a colateral road, on first bordering the El Aljibe lake, he noticed an intense luminosity which made him stop on the shoulder of the road while looking at the phenomenon in amazement.

It kept "growing" and the lights were more noticeable and "big", taking on, as he stated, a reddish color and forming a "kind of immense ball" which was planted some 200m before him, according to his estimate, and illuminated the field making it appear as a silver carpet instead of an earth track, "like carpeted with a brilliant paper".

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He stated that behind that "ball of red lights" there was an indefinite "green" shade about which he gave no morphological details. Marchisio "felt no fear" and started to signal it with his car's headlights, to which the UFO did not respond, and suddenly, "there was a kind of luminous explosion, soundless, with blinding flashes which came out everywhere and I saw -he said- that the measuring instruments of the car kept getting bigger and becoming luminous".

He claimed that when he was completely enveloped by the light, he felt a sensation of drowsiness and pressure in the back of the neck and the chest. He does not know how long this phenomenon lasted until, suddenly, he was suspended in the air and traveling at formidable speed. When he completely recovered control of himself he realized he had traveled as described, suspended by the UFO, approx. 7 km in the direction he was formerly driving, without his being able to explain anything.

Everything disappeared. While he was illuminated by the "brilliance" he says he saw everything as through a magnifying glass and could even notice a small scar he did not know he had between his fingers. However, according to this description, these extraterrestrials, should there have been any, did not behave as well as the others with their Guinea pigs, because poor Juan Marchisio had to be taken to the clinic of Maria Teresa to recover from the severe pains he suffers.

Ah!, he also assures that the phenomenon has completely discharged the battery of his car ("as if it had absorbed all the electricity") and that a failure was observed in the fuel gauge, which it would seem they did not touch and that, as in the story of the witches and the broom, a sulphurish and persistent smell invaded for many days the vehicle that was lifted by the UFO.

City and Country of Incident: Perú  
Date of Incident: Nov. 4, 1978  
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Nov. 4, 1978  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### TERRORIZED PERUVIAN FISHERMEN CHASED BY FLYING SAUCERS

Lima, 4 (ANSA) - "It was completely dark at that time of the morning. Suddenly, some 30 meters from the 'bolichera' (fishmonger), an intense light such as a spotlight turned on. It was an intense blue color. I thought it was a low-flying plane or some boat coming towards us".

This is what Fausto Julca Aguirre told the Lima tabloid "Ultima Hora", after his witnessing this morning, together with another fisherman, the path of a UFO while they were fishing on board a "bolichera" 3 miles from the coast.

"We thought -he said- it was a plane because of the intense light, but it made no noise while it passed directly over our 'bolichera'. It was the size of a tank or water deposit, circular, like those of houses. It had a plastic or glass globe on its upper part, and inside we could see several black shapes that moved".

"Scared -said Julca- I only succeeded in avoiding the crash by pushing the rudder to leave the route, but I realized the craft was not like everyday planes and it passed a few meters from us. We only heard a buzz, but very faintly". "It passed slowly, and was lost towards the coast", ended Julca, adding that in the 15 years he had been working in the sea nothing like that had ever happened to him.

In spite of that and his repeated claims, in other spots of the Peruvian coast UFOs like the one described by the fishermen were seen. Many don't want to report it because they fear not to be believed or being called liars.

Appearances of flying saucers coincide generally with the same events happening in other places of America, mainly in the South American states, where it is frequent to hear stories about appearances.

It was even learned here of flying saucers which have "absorbed" and transported cars.

City and Country of Incident: Paraguayan/Argentine border  
Date of Incident: Oct. 27th to Nov. 6, 1978  
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Nov. 7, 1978  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### UFOS HAVE BEEN FLYING OVER THE BORDER WITH PARAGUAY FOR TEN DAYS

Asunción, 7 (EFE) - UFOs appeared over the border area between Paraguay and Argentina in the western region of the country in the last ten days, according to Asunción press releases.

"The strange night of the UFOs in the Patiño swamp has been recurring for ten days", said today "ABC Color", whose special envoys admitted having sighted such objects last Thursday.

The version by young Eulogio Brizuela, son of the owner of the Rancho Elsa cattle ranch, located in the Patiño swamp area, was this: "First they were isolated fleeting lights and we attached no importance to them. The night of last Wednesday the lights seemed to dance over the swamp, suddenly approaching the huts at an incredible speed, they were four red suns followed by three smaller ones escorting them".

"They had the shape of a saucer, the head of an octopus and gave off an intense red light which woke up those who slept".

Brizuela added "we see the lights every night, we did not consider them important, we go to bed early, are working people who do not understand strange things".

It broke up with routine

However, last Wednesday's event, according to the farm hands "broke up with routine", "round flying saucers, as big as cars, seemed to come out of the swamp, where lights also moved".

"ABC Color" states that residents said the lights originate within the swamp's black waters; the Patiño swamp is located 300 km to the WNE of this capital, in the higher part of the Chaco, is some 100km long by 40km wide in some places".

ABC Color envoys stated that they saw last Thursday how a small light appeared over the horizon, and slowly the brilliancy grew and started to give off orange and green colors. It had a circular shape and emitted a red beam downwards and a glue-greenish one upwards".

The reporters' story added that on "looking with binoculars a conic head could faintly be discerned, with an infinity of small veins inside, and approx. at 10pm it climbed somewhat more in the sky and its brilliancy started to decrease, with which it resembled very much one of the many stars that were seen in the dark sky."

City and country of incident: Tobalaba airport - Santiago - Chile  
Dates of incident: October 30th, November 10th, 1978 resp.  
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Nov. 11, 1978  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### PHOTOGRAPH WHICH MAY BE A "KEY" TO THE UFO MYSTERY

Santiago, Chile, 11 (ANSA) - Chilean informative media are fighting among themselves to obtain a photographic testimony of a UFO. The photo was taken October 30th but was only disclosed today; a paper states it is making serious technical efforts to get a good impression of the picture. The importance of this event resides in that the photograph of the alleged UFO was taken by an aerial controller in the presence of seven other people, among them controllers and civil pilots, that is, experts who could not confuse a UFO with a plane, helicopter or free balloon, as it was emphasized.

One of the officers of the Tobalaba airport where civil planes from Santiago operate, Mr. Franklin Saavedra, declared that that day climatic conditions were excellent with unlimited visibility. "Suddenly -he recalled- we saw an object descend, giving off luminous flashes like those of a mirror reflecting the sun; on observing it with binoculars, I verified that it had the shape of two superimposed plates of a dark grey color, apparently metallic; besides, it seemed to turn".

Flight officer José Cejas took three snapshots of this alleged UFO and they are being processed, it is expected they will be published by a Chilean paper; on the other hand, a civil pilot in command of a commercial plane testified that that same day and at a similar time he saw some kilometers to the north of Tobalaba airport an object resembling a UFO which launched luminous objects and which was landing, but did not come close to him.

#### \*Another One

Santiago, Chile, 11 (EFE) - Officers of an airport in this capital claimed having seen a UFO flying over the Santiago sky yesterday afternoon. The appearance of the flying unidentified object which had the shape of two superimposed plates, was recorded in the surroundings of the air field of Tobalaba which attends flights of small national airplanes.

The UFO's motions were recorded at a time when the sky's visibility conditions were unlimited; one of the witnesses could take three photographs of the craft. The officers at the airfield also stated that that same day a pilot who was flying from La Serena city -some 400km from Santiago- discovered a brilliant craft which was landing in the middle of a mountainous area.

City and country of incident: Pescara (Central Adriatic)-Italy  
Date of incident: November 9, 1978  
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, Nov. 12, 1978  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### IT IS BEING SAID EXTRATERRESTRIAL SUBMARINES WERE SEEN IN ITALY

San Benedetto del Tronto (ANSA and AFP) - A coastguard from the Pescara captaincy (Central Adriatic) saw last Thursday a red rocket of "intense luminosity" four miles from the coast between Torre Césano and Silvi Marina, according to what stated here today Navy Lt. Michele Rubino. Local fishermen swear there is a "base of extraterrestrial submarines" nearby, mentioning they had seen some luminous points over the water and noticed radar and compasses' interferences due to unknown magnetic fields. Some days before, fishing boat crews had claimed having seen a water column which unexpectedly rose from the marine surface after mysterious "red points" had been sighted. The Army has tracked the area but found no anomaly. "The phenomenon, said Navy Lt. Rubino, rose up from the surface of the sea with an inclination of almost 45° with respect to the level of the horizon, rising in a straight trajectory for some 250 to 300 meters". In front of the coast there is talk of "ghost submarines, spy vessels and extraterrestrials. For some these would be small submarines belonging to a camouflaged leading ship, maybe a merchant, which would produce a strange luminosity rendering the instruments on board the fishing ships useless. The mystery continues, the same as fear, in all those obliged to go out to sea daily. The absence of a logical explanation gives rise to all kinds of rumors and hypotheses: the presence of extraterrestrial spying submarines, telluric phenomena, methane gas leaks, without leaving out the unavoidable UFOs. UFO fanatics revealed that in 1974 the presence of luminous discs or globes was signalled ten times. After the accounts from the first who returned to land, after night-fishing, there was talk of collective hallucination, but there is now the feeling that something strange has really happened and naval authorities start to take seriously claims from those who said they saw extraterrestrial submarines, which would have their operating base in the deep. One more link that refers to beings who would be spying on earth.

City and country of incident: Kuwait  
Date of incident: ? (according to La Razón of Nov. 12, data is Nov. 9-10)  
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Nov. 14, 1978  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Please note that the clipping from La Razón is not as explicit as this, which is the reason for my not having translated it. J.T.

#### OIL EXTRACTION AT A STANDSTILL DUE TO UFO

Kuwait, 14 (AFP) - The mystery created around the landing of a UFO 50km from here increased when the paper "Al Qabas" published a report from the General Office of Security of Kuwait.

According to "Al-Zabas", the general director of security, Brigadier General Mohamed Al-Hamad, said that: "It all started when the technicians of the extraction center of the Kuwait oil company discovered, on consulting the control computer's dashboards, that the UUM Al-Aiche station, 50km from here was not operating".

When seven experts were sent to the place, among whom there was an American, they found the main entrance door of the station open and the equipment idle, without any apparent reason. They then saw at a distance of 250 meters from the station a disc shaped object with a red dome on top, larger than a plane.

"The seven technicians approached the object to analyze it, but while they were cautiously advancing, the thing started to climb vertically and progressively gain altitude, and disappeared in the sky. On returning to the pumping station the seven men verified that the equipment was operating normally, as if nothing had happened", stated Al-Ahmad.

City and country of incident: Libertad, Uruguay  
Date of incident: November 11, 1978  
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, Nov. 15, 1978  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### UFOS IN URUGUAY BURNED ONIONS AND LEFT TRACES

Libertad, Uruguay (UP) - The population of this city 57km NW of Montevideo is excited due to the presence of UFOs which supposedly left clear marks on the ground. The owner of the onion field, Heber Trías, said that in a 5 meter diameter circle, onions are completely burned, while the rest remain fresh and green. He added he knows his plantation well and that this is no illness or parasite. The onions are dry, leaves as well as roots are dehydrated. The event coincides with the appearance in the local sky of strange nocturnal lights, a phenomenon which has been recurring on several occasions and which has been seen by numerous witnesses. Juan Díaz, a laborer at the Trías establishment, said the UFO arrived at the onion field Saturday night and that his animals, especially the dog and a horse, seemed very restless and ran in all directions. Trías said he had not disclosed the event earlier because he wanted to investigate the causes himself. A team of UFO investigators are already going over the place.

City and country of incident: Pescara, Italy  
Date of incident: Oct. 23, 1978  
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Nov. 18, 1978  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### PHOTOGRAPHS CONFIRM UFO PRESENCE

Pescara, Adriatic Coast, 18 (ANSA) - Two photographs taken by an amateur, Diego Cecamore, 23, in Pescara, would confirm that the ght of Oct. 23 UFOs were really seen.

Object shaped like a priest's hat appears in the photos, showing a very brilliant center with crab-colored edges, explained the photographer, who decided to enlarge the photo taken the night of Oct. 23 after the radio and press reported mysterious objects being seen in the Adriatic sea in front of Pescara.

Cecamore, who had noticed the luminous object upon leaving the theater, ran home and had time to take two photographs of the alleged UFO. The second photograph shows the UFO's thinnest part, while it is flying off. The photo was distributed by the photographer himself, who called the papers reporting the encounter. The subject of UFOs, as can be seen, continues fascinating everybody no matter what race or nationality. Thus is love for the unknown.

RIO GRANDE SUN, Espanola, NM - Nov. 30, 1978 CR: R. Caudell

## Scattered Reports of Area Cattle Mutilations Continue

By GAIL OLSON  
Of the SUN's  
Santa Fe Bureau

The plot is thickening in the continuing Mystery of the Mutilated Cows. A cow belonging to Ramon Medina was discovered Monday mutilated and lying within 900 feet of the home of Donald Sandoval of Chimayo. The Sandoval's live a quarter of a mile from the Sanctuario, the Chimayo church that is a favorite of a national array of pilgrims.

Mrs. Sandoval reported hearing a "sound like a refrigerator" outside her home between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. Saturday, the night the cow was believed to be killed.

When asked if people in the area were frightened by the discovery, Sandoval admitted, "I am."

Medina said the cow was discovered when his son was looking for it, planning to kill it for meat.

He said the State Police told him the cow had been dropped from some sort of aircraft.

Residents of the mountain village report that the Chimayo cow was the first to be found in that area since this year's wave of mutilations started.

The discovery last week of two mutilations near Lamy, in Santa Fe County, is another episode in the string of strange incidents.

One of the cows, investigators said, was killed during the full moon weekend of November 11-12, the same weekend two cows were killed within 2½ miles of Espanola on the Santa Clara pueblo. The other had been lying at its death site for perhaps six months.

The move south by the culprits, who all summer have been focusing on the uninhabited lands surrounding the Dulce area, has brought a new group of investigators into the action, including the

Santa Clara Tribal Police under Chief Roger Naranjo and Gerald Hill, who recently joined the Bureau of Indian Affairs Law enforcement branch. Dulce State Police officer Gabe Valdez, one of the most persistent sleuths involved in the study of the nation-wide phenomena, was called in to investigate the latest finds, both in Lamy and at Santa Clara. Naranjo, who said last week people in his jurisdiction were upset to find mutilations happening so close to home, also viewed the cows near Lamy.

Last week, Valdez stated he believed "aliens" possibly could be involved in the mutilations.

When pressed for a definition of "alien," he said, "aircraft unavailable to us."

"We could tell aircraft was involved," Valdez said of the Lamy cows. He explained that with a helicopter, state police investigators followed the path of the flying object that dumped one cow at its final resting place.

"It left tracks," he explained. "It was flying real low over flat land. You could tell where something created a turbulence. We saw where it turned, and we saw where it finally threw the cow."

The tracks, he said, could have been made by a helicopter, but it would have been a "very small" helicopter. He doubts that a helicopter as small as the one that left tracks would have been able to lift a full-grown cow.

"Whatever it was, it was a very sophisticated machine and very sophisticated work is being done," he explained.

The tracks left by the unidentified flying machine, he explained, were about 10 feet wide. Tracks left by the helicopter in which he was flying were 20 feet wide.

All the latest finds showed the classic mutilation symptoms.

Discussing the Lamy find, Valdez noted the arrogance displayed by the cosmic cattle rustlers. "They dropped them right on the side of the road," he said, explaining that, as usual, the culprits made no effort to hide the mutilated corpses.

Valdez said that of all the ranchers he's talked to who owned cows that died at the hands of the mutilators, only one, Manuel Gomez, carried insurance on his livestock.

When he reported a mutilation, Valdez said, State Farm Mutual, his insurance carrier, paid his claim but sent no investigators to check it out.

Naranjo, a new investigator, was contacted last week through the Santa Clara Police Station's radios as he was patrolling the unpopulated Santa Clara Land searching the sky for hints as to what might be happening.

Although he has been patrolling the area each night since he found the cows, he claims he has seen nothing extraordinary.

"People have been reporting lights over the area," he explained. "People have been seeing lights that look like airplane lights, except they are stationary."

The reports, he said, have primarily come from the Pueblo and from the nearby La Mesilla area.

He also has received many reports of noises — "loud noises" and noises like "the sound of a helicopter, but they see no helicopter."

He said he has received "great cooperation" from people in the area, and that since articles about the cows have appeared in the SUN people have become aware of activities in the sky and willing to report what they see.

He himself has seen nothing, though, despite his patrols.

The Santa Clara and the Chimayo mutilations deviate from the usual patterns in that the cows were found near population centers. Most of the cows found last summer were far from the borders of towns.

Each cow found tends to leave those who view its carcass with more questions than answers. The mystery is giving rise to much speculation among county residents.

"Whoever or whatever it is, it has a lot of money," many observers and investigators are saying.

Others believe money is of little concern to the culprits, as they think that the medium of exchange backing the ventures might be even more elusive than the diminishing dollar.

Some Rio Arriba County citizens who have viewed the cows on Santa Clara land report they left the scenes feeling they viewed something "evil," that the influences surrounding the mystery are neither friendly nor good.

A retired scientist who has spent two and a half years investigating the mutilation phenomena, and who is continuing his investigation, had a more hopeful outlook.

He said he agreed with something a friend of his, another investigator of unexplained aerial phenomena, once told him.

Of the culprits responsible, he said, "It could be they are not after anything, but are using these cows as bait."

He explained that everytime he and his wife decide to "drop it" something "new" turns up, and they are back on the trail again.

"Perhaps something is leading us into new fields of science and new fields of thinking," he said.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR  
Dec. 10, 1978

## Many Strange 'Booms' Heard in East Believed To Be of Natural Origin

WASHINGTON (AP) — A majority of those mysterious booming noises off the East Coast last winter were caused by supersonic aircraft, but several had an unknown natural origin, according to a new study.

The study by the Mitre Corporation reports that 413 of the noises were associated with supersonic aircraft, but another 181 were not related to any known aircraft operation.

The noises, widely reported at the time, occurred between December 1977 and June 1978 and were heard in New Jersey, North Carolina and Nova Scotia, among other places.

The study concludes that many of the 181 events were of natural origin. It notes hundreds of well-documented historical accounts of booming noises reported throughout the world in the 18th and 19th centuries.

**Earth Movements**  
Some of the noises may be associated with movements of the earth's crust, according to the Mitre report. It cited as an example the explosive noise heard seconds before a small earthquake along the Ramapo fault in New Jersey and New York June 30, 1978.

Many of the historical accounts also indicate a relationship between booming noises and earthquakes, the report states. For example, the 1886 tremor at Charleston, S.C., was immediately preceded by booming noises. There are also historical reports of such noises not connected with earthquake activity, such as the Guns of Lake Seneca heard in upstate New York and regular detonations heard along the French-Belgian coast.

While reports of such noises have been most common in past centuries, the authors of the report note that modern life in industrial areas may tend to drown out the sounds.

"Expectation of industrial life noises causes observers to assume man-made origin," the report states. It noted that most of the

locations where last winter's booms were heard lack noisy industrial development, although "the noises reported from central Charleston and Newark must have been intense to have been noted above urban city backgrounds."

The Naval Research Laboratories made an earlier study of the sounds at the request of the White House and attributed them to military aircraft and the operations of the supersonic airliner Concorde.

The Mitre study confirms this in part but also reports many instances of noises not connected with aircraft.

The report by Dr. Gordon MacDonald and Sandra Claflin-Chalton recommends further study of the noises, commenting this may lead to a better understanding of the earth's crust, including possible explosive release of earth gases.

RIO GRANDE SUN, Espanola, NM - Dec. 14, 1978

## Cow's Death No Mystery To Colorado Veterinarian

CR: R. Caudell

By GAIL OLSON  
Of the SUN's  
Santa Fe Bureau

A cow mutilated near Durango, Colo., died by a method well-known to instructors and students of the veterinary sciences, Dr. William J. Fitzgerald, a Durango, Colo., veterinarian, said.

The cow he examined, found near Durango last September 8 and displaying the classic mutilation symptoms, was bled to death via a 12 to 14 gauge needle inserted into her left jugular vein. The beating of the animal's own heart provided the impetus which forced the blood into a syringe-like container attached to the needle, Dr. Fitzgerald said.

The cow was anesthetized prior to the bleeding, he said, explaining that "in the anesthetized or wholly sedated animal, the animal's own heart will continue to function and act as a pump until nearly all of its blood has been drained."

The veterinarian said that animals are killed in that manner for preservation purposes when carcasses are required to anatomical dissection for studies in biological science classes.

At times, he said, after a cow or other animal is killed this way, fluid or different colors is pumped into its veins and arteries to distinguish them in order to facilitate the study of their circulatory systems.

"The method of death is nothing out of the realm of human capacity," Dr. Fitzgerald said, explaining that he is skeptical of talk of "etherial goings on" surrounding the mutilations.

"The death appeared to be the result of some sort of ritual," Dr. Fitzgerald said, a conclusion he arrived at after studying the "special fashion" of the death and the "special features surrounding it."

The cow, he explained, apparently was carefully scrubbed and shampooed before it was killed. "It was spotless," the veterinarian said of the cow. "There was not even mud on its hooves," he added, explaining that clean hooves are nearly unheard of in ordinary cows.

"Its hair was fluffy and white," he continued, explaining that the cow's murderers had taken great pains to clean the animal before the slaughter.

He said the "ritualistic" nature of the death and subsequent mutilation

suggested to him that persons involved in the "occult" are involved in the mutilations.

The cow, he continued, was heavily tranquilized before the "exsanguination through the jugular vein" began, but despite the drug used, "at some point the needle became dislodged," requiring that "additional chemical restraint" be administered. A "second vein puncture" followed.

"The total exsanguination by this method is not possible," Dr. Fitzgerald said, explaining that the "removal of the animal's blood continued until it was nearly complete."

The tongue of the animal, he said, was sliced out while the animal was still alive, a fact that aided the operation, as "in an anesthetized or freshly killed animal, the tongue can be readily grasped and extended beyond the point where this one was severed without removal of the lips being necessary to gain access."

The mutilations followed the bleeding, he said, a factor which accounts for the lack of blood surrounding the incision sites.

"The cow died while it was still standing," Dr. Fitzgerald said further.

The slaughter process, he said, would take about 15 to 20 minutes by this method. He said that the entire procedure, from the cleansing of the animal to the completion of the mutilation could have taken one or two individuals from one to two hours.

According to Dr. Fitzgerald, tools required for the murder and mutilation would include "a capture gun, blowgun, or special arrow, one or more sharp knives or scissors, and hypodermic needles."

This cow, he said, showed no signs of being transported to the death site by aircraft or other means, and the only sign of struggle exhibited by the cow was the fact that the needle in its jugular vein once became dislodged and was reinserted.

When told of Los Alamos Scientific Laboratories' findings that area cows similarly found dead had died natural deaths, then were attacked by predators, Dr. Fitzgerald remained unconvinced. "If this one was the work of predators," he said, "they were predators with six-inch knives."

JOURNAL-AMERICAN, Bellevue, WA  
Dec. 8, 1978 CR: D. Johnson

## B.C. folks sure prints made by Sasquatch

KASLO, British Columbia (AP) — Footprints 17 inches long suspected by local residents to be made by a Sasquatch have been found in dense bush near this West Kootenay village.

A plaster cast has been made of one of the footprints by Roy Green, 80, a long-term village mayor and alderman.

Local residents said the footprints are the first evidence of the legendary, ape-like creature to be found in the West Kootenay.

Both Green and Rex Alexander, 19, who discovered the prints, are convinced they are not a hoax.

"A creature made it," Green said Thursday. "There's no way I can see it's anything but authentic."

"There's no possibility of a hoax because it was in an area not subject to trespass. He (Alexander) came across it pretty much by accident."

Alexander was hunting deer earlier this week when he crossed a

creek on an old log bridge and found the tracks in a heavily-wooded area.

"The first one was in fairly soft soil," Alexander said. "I could see three toe prints clearly and there were three others, all with toe prints."

"They were sunk way down and the shape of the foot was really different."

Alexander said he is convinced the prints were not planted by a prankster as has been the case in other findings of so-called Sasquatch prints.

"No way," Alexander said. "Not where they were."

"They were way off in the bush. It was just a fluke that I came across them."

Green, who has had experience at casting animal tracks, estimated the stride of the creature at 4½ to 5 feet. He also estimated the weight of the creature at between 800 to 800 pounds.



# UFO leaves clue to mutilation

By PHIL BATEMAN  
A powder left on two vehicles in Ranchitos last July after a possible UFO sighting, may aid investigators in unraveling a series of mysterious cattle mutilations.

Mrs. Elias Vargas of Ranchitos was one of several people who witnessed a "bright orange light" northwest of Taos near Blueberry Hill early last July. The object hovered near her house for several minutes during the night, she said.

After the object "took off" to the north, a thin powder was found on the roof of a pickup cab that had been parked directly beneath the object. The powder was given to the Schoenfeld laboratory in Albuquerque, where it was analyzed and found to be made up of the same materials found on cattle that were being

used as "test" animals at about the same time.

The test was being conducted on the Manuel Gomez ranch near Dulce, an area where a number of cattle mutilations had occurred. About 120 cattle were penned in a corral and moved through a chute under an ultra-violet light.

During the test, five animals were found to have a "glittery substance" on parts of their bodies. Hide samples were taken, along with control samples from animals that did not show signs of the material.

When the affected hides were analyzed in the Schoenfeld lab, the potassium content was found to be 70 times above normal.

Interestingly enough, when the substance found on the truck in Ranchitos was analyzed by the same

Mrs. Vargas is aware of the skepticism such sightings are usually greeted with, but steadfastly maintains that she and her neighbors saw what they saw.

In fact, she and her son-in-law, who had kidded her about her flying saucers for several days, stood watching another object in the sky only a week after the first sighting.

"At about 11 p.m.," Vargas said, "an object appeared high over the ridge with a lot of lights that went on and off. My son-in-law was there that time, and we watched it for about an hour. He even grabbed his binoculars, because he saw it too this time."

laboratory some four days later, it also contained significant amounts of potassium and magnesium.

Lab officials point out that they are not in the business of speculating, but note that concentrations of the two materials do not naturally occur in the air. The possibility of the truck being oxidized paint has not been ruled out, but there will be further studies by the lab to try to find out more about the strange powder found in both locations.

New Mexico has had, according to authorities, 35 confirmed cattle mutilations this year, and has been identified as one of three states, Missouri and Arkansas included, showing a dramatic increase in reports of cattle mutilations.

STAR, Kansas City, MO - Jan. 3, 1979

CR: S. Hicks

## Mysterious Thuds Baffle Residents Of Oklahoma Town

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. (AP)—Residents of this northeastern Oklahoma city were still scratching their heads Tuesday over a series of mysterious noises heard overnight.

The noises, described as "dull thuds," were reported from late Monday afternoon until after 2 a.m. Tuesday.

"We had reports from 18 miles to the north and as far as 10 miles to the east," Cherokee County Deputy Sheriff Bill Holbee said. "We can't figure it out."

Connie Wyatt, who lives in east Tahlequah, said, "It was very loud and sounded like something hitting the house." She said neighbors telephoned her after the noises began "and it seemed like we were hearing them about the same time."

Military officials said no aircraft capable of breaking the sound barrier was over Tahlequah at the time and no artillery was fired at any military installation. Nor was any damage found, and there had been no earth tremors in Oklahoma in the previous 24 hours.

## Horse Mutilations Reported

MALAGA— Four horses valued at approximately \$15,000 were found dead last week on a ranch near Malaga, about 15 miles south-east of Carlsbad.

Three of the horses were mutilated. All were mares and believed to be carrying foals. Cause of death was unknown, but an autopsy was scheduled to be performed on at least one horse.

The animals, on the Clarence McDonald ranch, were reportedly the property of Jack Sanderson. One mare is believed to have been a high point champion several years ago. That horse was severely mutilated with large portions of flesh missing around the hindquarters and neck. Another mare was cut around the eyesocket, and nostrils and one ear were cut off.

One of the mutilated horses was discovered three days after the first three were killed. McDonald said he watched the other horses after the first three were found dead and saw no one in the area.

SUN-NEWS, Las Cruces, NM - Jan. 28, 1979  
CR: R. Caudell

## Schmitt Asks Investigation Of N.M. Cattle Mutilations

U.S. Senator Harrison Schmitt (R-N.M.) said Friday that he has asked the Justice Department to investigate the series of cattle mutilations in New Mexico and other western states.

Schmitt said he is very concerned at what appears to be a continued pattern of organized interstate criminal activities.

In a letter to Attorney General Griffin Bell, Schmitt requested that the Justice Department, under its authority for investigating interstate crime, probe the mysterious mutilations. Schmitt said he also personally discussed the problem with Bell.

Schmitt said he urged the Attorney General to involve ranchers and local officials in any investigation. "The ranchers and local officials are far more aware of the specifics of this problem, and I would hope that federal officials would take advantage of their knowledge." He added that the ranchers and local officials should be commended for the valuable work they have done. "The investigation so far should significantly contribute to a federal investigation. It provides a base that along with the scientific and investigative resources of the federal authorities should provide the answers," Schmitt said.

Schmitt said he asked for the investigation because ranchers throughout the West have been victimized by the mutilations. "They have as a group and individually suffered serious economic losses," he added.

Schmitt said he was confident that the mystery could be solved. "We just need to zero in on the problem and follow through on any and all substantial leads," he said.

THE HERALD, Truth or Consequences, NM  
Jan. 4, 1979  
CR: F. Hudson

## Cow Mutilation Is Reported In Taos Area

Journal Special  
TAOS — A five-year-old cow was found mutilated on a ranch two miles west of here, State Police reported Sunday.

The cow was found dead Friday morning on the ranch of Frank Susan. Its rectum and lower jaw had been removed and it had a fractured neck and a hole the size of a nickel in its left hind leg, according to State Police officer Gabe Valdez.

The cow, a Hereford, apparently was killed sometime Thursday night, because it had been seen grazing in a pasture with 150 head of cattle during the day on Thursday.

Investigators reported finding no tracks around the carcass. The incident was the first wintertime mutilation reported in northern New Mexico.

The site of the mutilation was about one-quarter mile away from the area where several persons reported a UFO sighting last July. The sighting reportedly involved a bright orange light and form seen hovering above the ground.

Following that sighting, a thin layer of powdered deposits was found on the roof of a pick-up truck in the vicinity. Upon chemical analysis, the powder was found to be similar in content to a substance found on the hides of a number of live cattle in nearby areas of northern New Mexico.

The powder was found to be largely potassium and magnesium, but investigators have been unable to say how it got onto the animals or exactly where it came from.

JOURNAL, Albuquerque, NM - Jan. 15, 1979 CR: F. Hudson

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR  
Jan. 6, 1979

## Strange Booms Prompt Probe

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. (UPI) — Cherokee County authorities Wednesday investigated to find the cause of unexplained booms that have rocked houses in the area for the last two nights.

The booms were first heard Monday night and were repeated Tuesday night in a 20-mile radius of hill country around Tahlequah. Residents say they have heard and felt the booms.

"The only thing we can figure out is that water has run down into the rocks and under houses and is snapping and popping," a dispatcher for the sheriff's department said. "Either that or it's the bogeyman."

"It sounds like they are coming from different parts of the house," one woman said.

## Bigfoot?

### Researcher Studying Cleveland County 'Monster' Sightings

By JOE DePRIEST  
Star Staff Writer

Bigfoot may have paid Cleveland County a visit, says a researcher from eastern North Carolina.

One description of a creature recently spotted between Belwood and Casar "I think has possibilities," said Jim Hollingsworth of Pikeville, a member of the North American Wildlife Research Association of Eugene, Ore. Hollingsworth is doing an independent study of "bigfoot" sightings in the east.

After reading a Raleigh newspaper account of the Upper Cleveland creature, Hollingsworth visited the area yesterday and interviewed several people who reported seeing something.

Basically "what you have up there is a cat," Hollingsworth said. And a bear, too, perhaps.

There is a "good chance" what one woman saw was a primitive "Hominid" — Bigfoot to the layman, Hollingsworth said.

Minnie Cook was "definitely fearful" when she described the beast one night in a pasture near her home on Highway 10, he continued. Hollingsworth said he was particularly interested in

Mrs. Cook's "strong impression" of the round, humanlike ears of the creature she said looked at her when she went to investigate a dog's bark. Also catching Cook's attention were her descriptions of a flat nose, bulky chest which tapered off and black color with the exception of the face.

Similarly, there are other parts of the description that don't fit the primitive Hominid — Hollingsworth "hates" the term Bigfoot — profile.

Still he feels there is a "good chance she saw the creature but I won't know until I see some tracks," he said.

Hollingsworth said he talked to a man who described something similar to what Mrs. Cook saw but the head was said to be "pointed."

Following the trail of Bigfoot is a "serious study" for him, Hollingsworth said. He has been on several expeditions in Oregon in quest of what he describes as a "large, primate-like creature large in stature, bulky, hairy like a gorilla and very muscular." Long a part of Indian legends, Bigfoot for "the white man" began with a sighting in California in the late 1930s, Hollingsworth said.

These creatures weigh from

300 to 600 pounds, he said. They are "secretive but curious" and for the most part "prefer to be left alone."

Hollingsworth has a biology degree from Atlantic Christian College and has done post-graduate work in wildlife studies at N.C. State. He manages a park area near Goldsboro.

"Be assured, they are there," Hollingsworth said of Bigfoot and his kindred.

Sightings in North Carolina include one in the Green Swamp south of Wilmington and another on Deep River near Sanford. Hollingsworth said he has casts of tracks 18 inches long "looking like a human's foot."

In western North Carolina, there have been sightings around Gastonia and Mt. Holly, he said, and one report in Linville Gorge.

Bigfoot is a migratory creature, Hollingsworth said. How this is accomplished in the densely populated eastern U.S. Hollingsworth illustrated by noting the Green Swamp "is connected with marshes and wet lands all the way to Florida."

The Appalachian Mountains and other smaller ranges could provide avenues for Bigfoot's movements in the western part

of the state, Hollingsworth said.

"It's a possibility. I'm not saying its fact."

For that matter, there are many who are not convinced Bigfoot is a fact. Hollingsworth believes it is.

After six years of investigating Bigfoot reports, Hollingsworth feels he is pretty good at separating the fact from fiction.

"What they see is a mystery to me," county game warden Lewis Barts commented.

Hollingsworth's suggestion that most people were seeing a mountain lion prompted Barts to comment: "all they ever see up there is black panthers. I've never had a report of a mountain lion."

Barts also noted that "so far as I know" there are not black panthers in North Carolina.

"I wish we did have a mountain lion." They are a rarity. One was spotted in Gaston County a few years ago, Barts said.

Joe Z. Cooke, who owns Carpenter's Knob, is concerned about people getting hurt poking around on his property hoping for a glimpse of the creature. Several people in that area have reported seeing one type of beast or another.

# TV Documentary to Feature County Cattle Mutilations

By MARY FREI  
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Chama Valley Bureau

They've come from Hollywood before — mostly to film scenes for wild westerns or monster movies in Rio Arriba.

More recently, however, it was neither the varied landscape or the Cumbres-Toltec railroad that attracted them. It was mutilated cows.

Between ten to twenty minutes of a two hour documentary entitled "UFO's, Past, Present and Future," scheduled to be nationally syndicated next fall, will be devoted to the phenomenon of mutilated cows.

Produced by Bruce Bryant for Sandler Films, the movie is an update of an hour long documentary shown three years ago.

There is no conclusive evidence as to who, or what, is behind the mutilations, although more than 20 occurred in the county in 1978. Some people, government scientists among them, will tell you it's coyotes or other natural predators.

Others feel the mutilations are carried out with such stunning scientific precision that no animal could perform such a feat, and government scientists are not revealing everything they know.

State Policeman Gabe Valdez, a veteran mutilated cow investigator still unable to solve the mystery will tell you, "The tongue and the sex organs are what they really want. When something else is done, it's to throw us off."

Lovola Burgess, wife of Howard Burgess, a retired Sandia Labs scientist now investigating mutilations, will tell you, "whatever it is, it has an awful lot of money and an awful lot of know how. It's very sophisticated."

Nor are the movie makers forming any conclusions. "We've got nothing definitive. There is absolutely no answer," says producer Bryant.

"Basically, what we're trying to do is present a balanced view of the situation, present all sides, and let the audience figure out what it is," associate producer Carol Johnson told the SUN.

She completed extensive research on cow mutilations before they began filming, but could come up with no final figures on the number of mutilations which occurred nationally over the past few years. "The number is anywhere from 3,000 to 10,000 depending on who you talk to."

Johnson does note one big piece of the mutilation puzzle: "For it to go on for that length of time, that number of mutilations, if it were humans, there would have to be some percentage point of human error — and it hasn't happened yet."

## EXPERIMENT

The filmmakers came to Dulce in December primarily to simulate an experiment conducted the night of July 5 by Valdez, and Burgess to cattle belonging to Manuel Gomez, a Dulce rancher who had already lost cows to mutilators. Also present was Raleigh Tafuya, Jicarilla Apache Police Chief, another rancher, who lost two cows last summer to mutilations.

"That's the main reason we came down here, to shoot that scene, because as far as we know, no one else has done that," Johnson said.

Because the dead cows appear to have been lifted by air and mutilated at another location, the test was conducted after someone suggested the cows might be specially marked ahead of time for easy identification from the air at night.

Suspecting they could be marked with a substance not seen by the naked eye, the men penned Gomez' cattle in a corral and moved them through a squeeze chute under an ultra-violet light. They found five of the more than 80 cattle inspected had a glittery, chalky substance on their right sides, along the neck, ear and leg.

Samples of this substance were removed and analyzed at Schoenfeld Clinical Laboratories in Albuquerque, where they were found to contain significant deposits of potassium and magnesium, among other elements.

Two weeks ago, further analysis by Schoenfeld revealed that the substance left by a UFO which was seen hovering over a fuel tank and pick-up truck near Taos last July contains the same mixture of elements, among them; calcium, sodium, potassium, aluminum, phosphorous, magnesium, iron, barium, bismuth, platinum, vanadium and strontium.

These elements can be found in the soil, but they do not occur naturally in the air. How they came together as they have is still a mystery.

## FILMING

In Dulce, the July 5th Gomez test was re-created Hollywood style. For the ultra-violet light to be effective, the original experiment had to be conducted at night. To recreate the night look, the filmmakers shot at sundown, using the "day for night" technique which calls for a particular kind of lens filter to make the film bluish, and underexposing the film, to make it look darker.

Valdez and Burgess shined a regular light on the cattle, this time belonging to Tafuya.

Before filming, Bryant sprinkled silver glitter on the right side of each cow, and then lightly sprayed them with white paint to simulate the substance seen under the ultra-violet light.

"It looks like it," remarked Valdez. "Apparently what they found was sort of a white, chalky-looking substance, and that was as close to it as we could find," explained Bryant later.

Because a narrator will explain the experiment in the documentary, sound was not used in the scene. But Valdez and Burgess were told to speak to one another as they were being filmed and to look like it was real.

Earlier that day, in Valdez' living room at his home in Dulce, Valdez and Mr. and Mrs. Burgess sat on the couch and talked about their experience with mutilated cows before the camera. The filming took about an hour.

Bryant and Johnson were very pleased with the response they received from everyone in Dulce. "Gabe and his whole family and a lot of the people here were very helpful," said Bryant.

They were also thankful toward tribal chairman Leonard Atole for his assistance.

## ELSEWHERE

The filmmakers did not limit themselves to the cow mutilations in Rio Arriba.

In a town called Sterling, located in Logan County, in the Northeast corner of Colorado, they interviewed Sheriff "Tex" Graves and Undersheriff Jerry Wolever about their knowledge of strange sightings and cow mutilations.

Due to the severely cold weather there the previous week, the last cow to have been mutilated froze instead of deteriorating, and they were able to film the preserved carcass.

Once common in Logan County, mutilations there reached a peak well over a year ago. The bulk of mutilations has apparently shifted south, to southern Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Missouri, and particularly of late, Arkansas.

In Denver, filmmakers were able to talk to Carl Whiteside of the Bureau of Investigation.

They were, however, unsuccessful with the scientists at Los Alamos. "We've tried to talk to them and they will not appear on film for us," said Johnson.

The day after filming in Dulce, the crew left for Durango, to interview a veterinarian who performed an autopsy on a mutilated cow and concluded that the animal bled to death, after a 12 to 14 gauge needle had been inserted into the throat's left jugular vein.

The cow had been tranquilized, and the beating of its own heart provided the impetus which forced the blood into a syringe-like container attached to the needle until nearly all of the blood was drained.

From there, they drove to Albuquerque for more interviewing, and then back to California, where few have ever heard of a mutilated cow.

Once completed, the documentary will be narrated by Jacques Vallee, a Frenchman who has studied UFO's since 1960. Vallee has a doctorate in computer sciences and resides in California. The part of the French scientist played by Francois Truffaut in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" was developed around Vallee.

Meanwhile, one wonders if by next fall, as millions tune in to watch Gabe Valdez and Howard Burgess simulate their July 5 experiment in "UFO's, Past, Present, and Future", the mystery of cow mutilations will be solved.

Johnson notes that as much as \$100,000 in rewards has been offered throughout the years by various organizations in the country, including a \$25,000 reward offer by the Cattlemen's Association a few years ago, but that none of the money was ever claimed.

"Nothing, nobody in all these years, has got an answer," she said.

# Cow mutilated near Ranchitos

A cattle mutilation in Ranchitos last week may provide the first real clues to the mysterious killings.

The remains of a five-year-old heifer owned by Frank Suazo were found near Blueberry Hill Friday (Jan. 12). It had been mutilated in the same way as 40 other cows discovered in New Mexico during the past two years.

The mutilations involve draining blood from the animal, near-surgical removal of the tongue, one eye, the reproductive organs and the anus.

The Ranchitos mutilation is less than one-quarter mile from where several people reported sighting a possible UFO last July. A white powder found at that site is still being investigated.

State Police Officer Gabe Valdez, a veteran of two years of investigations into cattle mutilations, said samples from Suazo's mutilated cow have been sent to a laboratory for analysis. He refused to identify the laboratory, but hoped to have results within a week.

The cold weather could be a

boon in this case, Valdez said. The animal was frozen, and officers were able to take well-preserved samples for analysis.

Valdez is particularly interested in tool is used to cut the animals and what kind of tranquilizer is used before the mutilations.

According to Valdez, the Suazo animal was "definitely tranquilized," then a needle or some instrument was inserted into an artery and the animal's own heart pumped the blood from its body. The organs are removed after the blood is drained, Valdez speculated.

If the analysis pinpoints the kind of instruments used and the tranquilizing drug, it would be the first time such details would be known, Valdez added.

Cattle mutilations have been reported in many areas of the United States during the past few years and began in New Mexico about 1975.

The State Police officer said reports of mutilations in the state began coming in at about the same time as a series of UFO sightings near Tucumcari.

DAILY PRESS, Artesia, NM  
Jan. 25, 1979 CR: R. Caudell

# Sheriff Moves In Mutilations

Sheriff Tom Granger said today his department is forming a task force to stop cars and check on anyone found in the back areas of the county. Granger said the force was in response to the mysterious deaths of four horses this weekend.

Granger said his force, patrolling the entire county at different times of the night, will be under orders to stop everyone and inquire as to their business in the area. Granger said he did not want citizens to feel this was harassment, but due to the strange deaths in which the animals were mutilated, he was initiating this action.

Sheriff's deputies are continuing the investigation into the deaths of the four mares which are believed to have been killed on Friday and Monday nights, about 17 miles south of Carlsbad.

The horses had been mutilated, and the cause of death has still not been deter-

mined.

Granger said today Deputy John C. Neill would be going to Colorado to the Department of the Interior to obtain information on similar cases which occurred in a several state area.

Granger also said the horses' heads were to be cut off and preserved for further examination.

The sheriff's department now maintains a two-man task force consisting of Neill and Tot Etcheverry. The men patrol the back areas of the entire county and also have horses for patrol into isolated areas.

Granger said no additional men were to be hired for the force although deputies now employed would be utilized as well as the mounted patrol and the sheriff's posse.

"We are going to work on this until we come up with some answers," Granger said.

The autopsy report should be available to authorities in a few days, Granger said.

CURRENT ARGUS, Carlsbad, NM  
Jan. 29, 1979 CR: R. Caudell

# Toxic Hepatitis Killed Malaga-Area Horses

A Carlsbad veterinarian has determined that four horses, found dead southeast of Malaga last week, died as a result of acute toxic hepatitis, possibly caused by eating plants high in selenium, a chemical element of the sulfur group, "and/or exposure to feed containing ammonia products in levels detrimental to the health of horses."

The report, however, gives no reason for the mutilation of three of the animals.

Eddy County Sheriff Tom

Granger said he received the report from Dr. Dean Reynolds today, and he said deputies are still investigating the cause of the mutilations in which the animals were cut around the eyes, ears and, in one case, the hindquarters and neck areas.

The report said there were no physical signs of the cause of death, and the head of one horse has been cut off and will be sent for examination by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.



# Bigfoot follow-up

Expert tracker finds 8 possible prints along Willow Road

By STEVE MILETICH  
J-A Staff Writer

Reporters have searched for evidence of Christ, chased UFOs, fished for giant sharks and even hunted for Bigfoot, all in the pursuit of the people's right to know and a chance to get out of the office.

So when the director of International Bigfoot Society called the other day, it was comforting to know precedent had been established.

Ed Kaye of Seattle, who also operates a Sasquatch museum, had read a story in The Daily Journal-American last week about the discovery of a mysterious 21-inch footprint embedded in a frozen stream near Redmond.

He was putting together a hunt. An experienced Bigfoot tracker had been enlisted.

The search began Tuesday at the spot where 27-year-old Diana Johnson of Kirkland found a clear print in the icy stream while checking the water supply in her family's horse pasture Dec. 31.

Located about 150 yards east of Willow Road at NE 97th Street, the track left a 14-inch impression of a right foot, 10 inches wide at the ball, with the toes progressively smaller.

BIGFOOT investigator Cliff Crook of Bothell said the location of the find fell in the middle of an area between Duvall and Woodinville with a history of Sasquatch sightings.

In the '50s and early '60s, Crook explained, eyewitnesses reported

capturing glimpses of the legendary half-man, half-ape in the area. Dogs were found mutilated.

And every year since 1970, there has been at least one discovery of footprints and other circumstantial evidence, he said.

Crook has been on the trail of Bigfoot for 22 years, ever since he saw something in the woods near his home at Kirkland Lake that looked like the creature.

He learned to identify bear, deer and beaver tracks while growing up in the rural area in the 1940s — and to distinguish them from the large, unexplained tracks periodically found in the United States and Canada.

Crook had made plaster casts of prints and collected hair samples and animal droppings linked to Bigfoot.

WITHIN a half-hour Tuesday, he found a left footprint in a patch of ice several hundred yards from the other track. He soon located another possible but less-clear track nearby.

By the time he had finished a search of pastures on both sides of Willow Road, Crook had located a total of eight similar ice formations resembling footprints.

All measured 21 inches long, about 10 inches at the ball.

"Nothing is real clear," he said, "but it's possible they were made by Bigfoot."

"It's just curious that they all were 21 inches."

Crook said the tracks were larger than the average 16 to 18 inch print.

Kaye said no one, including himself, will believe there is Bigfoot until "one of the creatures is brought in, and you can pull its hair and poke it."

The best evidence to date, he said, is 30 feet of film shot at Bluff Creek in northern California in 1967 by amateur photographer Roger Patterson.

Patterson's movie showed a hairy beast, standing upright, disappearing into woods after turning and looking at the camera.

"It's the only film that hasn't been proved to be fake," Kaye said.

HE SAID serious Bigfoot researchers approach all evidence with skepticism.

"It's the only way," Kaye said. "People fake evidence and try to make money."

"We try to prove everything false, and if we can't, it becomes possible evidence."

Kaye has been a Bigfoot buff for 20 years. He said witnesses report the Sasquatch walks on two feet, swinging his arms to the side, unlike a bear, which holds its paws in front.

When a woman who lives in a trailer in the area said she had lived in terror for a week, Kaye assured her a Sasquatch would not likely harm her.

The woman said six unopened cans of pet food disappeared from her storage shed a week before Johnson found the track.

Kaye and Crook said that was interesting.

Anybody missing a can opener?

Feb. 1, 1979 CR: R. Caudell

# Duran steer mutilated

DURAN — "No comment as to the cause of death," is the official word being put out by the Torrance County Sheriff's department in connection with the "mutilation" death of a steer in the Duran area.

The 200 pound, six-month-old Angus was found dead by its owner between 9:30 and 10 Monday morning. Upon investigation, it was found that the ears had been cut from the animal, and that the scrotum had been cut, and the penis removed.

On each side of the animal (about the middle of the rib cage) there was found a six-inch circular patch of hair missing. Preliminary indications were that the hair had not been pulled out, but rather that it had been "rubbed off." Within these patches were small lacerations.

A.J. Gibbs of the New Mexico Livestock Board advanced the theory that the patches of missing hair could have been caused by ringworm.

Deputy Dick Odell, who was the first officer called to the scene, told the Citizen that when he arrived the body heat from the steer had melted the snow on and near the body, indicating that the animal had not been dead long. It was also noted that there was no sign of a struggle, nor was there any blood on the ground or running from the wounds.

Patrice Jaurequeberry, a trapper with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, also examined the animal at the scene. The trapper said he could not establish the cause of death. But he was quick to rule out known predators. Jaurequeberry pointed out that there were none of the usual signs of the animal having been attacked by dogs or coyotes.

The ears, Jaurequeberry told the Citizen, "were cut with precision. . . Better than I could do it. There was no sign of tearing, and neither the hoofs nor the nose had been chewed. Also there were lambs in the same pasture. A predator would have gone after them, before the steer."

Curiously, there were dog tracks in the vicinity of the carcass, but according to authorities something had caused the dogs not to touch the dead animal.

According to officials within the sheriff's department, Gabe Valdez of the state police was advised of the incident. Valdez has been involved in the investigation of over 60 mutilations that have occurred in the state.

Department sources told the Citizen that Valdez told the sheriff's department the Duran incident fit the pattern of mutilations which have occurred in the northern part of the state.

Torrance County Sheriff Bobby Chavez, who was one of three sheriffs throughout the state asked to assist in the investigation of those mutilations in northern New Mexico, said that he had never had the time to become involved in those investigations.

"But," said Chavez, "I'll have to get involved now that it's happened here. . . I've never experienced anything like this before. I'm going to get together with these people and learn all I can about this matter."

Tuesday morning Chavez, acting on Valdez's instructions, removed the steer's heart, lungs, liver, and one kidney for transfer to a lab for testing.

Valdez told the sheriff that if this incident followed the pattern set by the northern mutilations he would find the animal's neck or left front leg broken, and that the jugular vein would be punctured. Valdez also told Chavez that there would be very little blood in the body.

During an examination of the animal Tuesday morning, the sheriff found the animal's neck to be broken and a bloody area in the left shoulder region. The jugular had been punctured in two places. The larger hole was approximately four centimeters across, and the smaller puncture was approximately one and a half centimeters.

According to the sheriff, there was no blood found in the heart, and little blood was found in the body of the dead animal.

Acting on the recommendation of Valdez, the sheriff had the carcass and all the utensils used to dissect the animal burned.

NEWS, Charlotte, NC - Jan. 18, 1979 CR: G. Fawcett

# Mystery creature was 'pink-faced,' 'great big,' with chest 'like tar'

By ROBERT L. WILLIAMS  
Special To The News

CASAR — It was around 2:30 p.m. Monday when Mrs. Kay Price and her young sisters Gaye and Wanda Smith were riding down Highway 10 between Casar and Polkville.

They had just passed the Cedar Park area when Wanda, riding in the front seat, suddenly screamed and covered her face with her hands.

"We had just passed a cat in the road," Kay Price said, "and we thought she was screaming because she thought we had run over the cat. It was five minutes later when she was able to talk, she was so hysterical. When she finally told us what she saw, we turned around and went back to Cedar Park."

And as they drew near a patch of woods by a nearby farm pond, she claims, all three saw it.

It was "Knobby," the mysterious creature that has frightened and mystified residents of the Carpenter's Knob area of Cleveland County for nearly a month.

Gaye, an 18-year-old senior at Burns High School, ran from the car toward the dam, where the creature stood. The others remained in the car.

"I was real close to him," Gaye said. "I was too close, to tell the truth."

"Too close" was, by her estimation, roughly 150 feet. It was broad daylight and sunny at the time, and Gaye got a clear, long look at the animal.

"It was awful!" she said. "Just terrible! He was great big, maybe bigger than Dale (a friend who is 6-foot-2 and in the vicinity of 200 pounds) and terribly strange-looking."

Her description added several details to the strange picture of Knobby that has emerged over the past few weeks.

"He was kind of pink-faced," with facial hair shorter and thinner than the hair covering the rest of the body, Gaye said. The creature was extremely broad-chested, she said, and wide at the shoulders but tapering at the waist.

"He just went down to nothing at the waist," she said. "His legs were large at the thighs

but very thin below the knees, almost as thin as a cow's legs."

She also said she noticed wide nostrils and a shiny black chest. "It looked almost like tar," she said.

At the time of the sightings, the animal was walking on his back legs, as he has been reported to do in virtually every sighting thus far.

"But he wasn't black all over," Gaye recalled, disagreeing with previous descriptions. "He was sort of black and brown mixed. He looked more like a gorilla than anything else I can think of."

While she was out of the car, Gaye said, the animal climbed up onto the dam and squatted there for a few seconds, then stood up, turned and faced her with his arms outstretched.

"And there was something white beside him on the dam," Gaye remembers. "I don't know if it was a bird he had killed or just an empty sack or paper bag. Whatever it was didn't move, and I couldn't tell if it was some kind of animal or not."

The next day several people visited the dam site, but the white object was gone.

NEWS, Charlotte, NC - Jan. 15, 1979 CR: G. Fawcett

Ice stops hunt; possible den found

# Mysterious 'Knobby' still roams

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Special To The News

TOLUCA — Bitter cold rain and icy roads washed out Saturday's planned manhunt — or apehunt — for Knobby, the mysterious and as yet unidentified creature that loves to hang around Carpenter's Knob in upper Cleveland County.

Several caravans of people armed with walkie-talkies and cameras had planned to try and locate, identify and photograph the elusive animal which has been reported seen by more than 20 area residents.

But the cold weather did not diminish interest in finding Knobby, according to group spokesmen. Searchers are worried that the animal may become violent if he is suffering from hunger and exposure to the severe recent weather.

Meanwhile, a Fallston resident says he found tracks like those of a half-grown ape at the mouth of a cave in a densely wooded area of Carpenter's Knob.

Daniel Cooke said he was afraid to enter the den, which he found while hiking through the area. He said he explored as much as possible with a flashlight, but that the light beam was not strong enough to penetrate the deepest recesses of the den.

Other area residents expressed an interest in the cave, but no one was interested enough to make a search of its contents.

Some Cleveland County residents have speculated that Knobby may be an escaped ape from a carnival in Hickory, about twenty miles away. But Hickory police said there were no reports of es-

caped animals during the past year.

Since Knobby hasn't been seen in the last week, people are speculating that cold weather has driven the animal, which some think is a bear, into seclusion or hibernation.

Others charged last week that the whole story was concocted by a moonshiner trying to frighten people from the area.

But Elbert Cook, whose mother, Minnie Cook, was one of the first to sight the beast, rejects that notion. "My mother ain't got a still down there in the woods," he says, "so what reason would she have to tell a lie about it?"

Cook claims a local game warden, who at first dismissed the story, has now decided it has a definite ring of truth to it.

His wife, moreover, discounts

rumors about the creature's death, which have also circulated recently. "We heard the stories a few days ago, but we know of at least one person who has seen the animal since then," she said.

Other rumors involved the supposed escape of a small ape or large chimpanzee from a nearby business. But Mrs. Olive Hunt, who in fact keeps two large woolly monkeys and three smaller ones at her business between Polkville and Marion, says all her animals are still in their cages and that none has been out at all except on a leash.

# Bear or Big Foot, Knobby's got 'em buzzin'

By JENNIE PALMER  
Gazette Lifestyle Editor

**TOLUCA** — Lewis Barts declares it's a bear. Jim Hollingsworth says no, it sounds like Big Foot. And folks around this upper Cleveland County village say whatever it is, it's striking fear in their hearts as it roams the back roads and branch banks, "wailing in the night like a woman in pain."

"All I can tell you is what I think, and I think that it's a bear. There's been a bear in that area for close to a year," said Barts, a wildlife protector who lives in Shelby, the county seat.

Two weeks ago and again last week, Barts searched the woodlands around Toluca for signs of "Knobby," the mysterious and yet unidentified creature local residents have reported seeing around Carpenter's Knob since late December.

"The first time I saw bear tracks," he said, "Last

week I looked again, but I didn't see anything fresh."

Hollingsworth, a park developer for the state, didn't see anything the day he drove up from Pikeville in Wayne County near Goldsboro. He did, however, talk to people who claimed to have heard strange cries in the night. And their stories were enough to convince him that the possibility of being on Big Foot's track is "good."

"I interviewed two people who heard something — not this Saturday but the Saturday before (Jan. 6)," he said. "Their descriptions surprised me."

"They describe it as a sound that varies in pitch from a low growl to a high scream, as being like a bull bellowing, but with it's own sound. They also say that after it screams for a few seconds it has a yodeling-type sound."

Hollingsworth has been tracking Big Foot, the supposed gigantic, hairy link between ape and man, for six

years. As an investigator for the North American Research Association, based in Eugene, Ore., he has spent most of his search time in the Green Swamp south of Wilmington, where this time last year he followed "big foot" tracks along a five-mile stretch.

Sounds from "Knobby," Hollingsworth said, are akin to "sounds made by a type of creature out west."

When he came to Cleveland County to check out recent sightings, he brought along a tape recording of sounds made in the High Sierras. After listening to descriptions of "Knobby" sounds, he said, he played the tape for Toluca residents who claimed the growls were similar.

Even so, Barts says he's sticking to his theory that "Knobby" is a bear who wandered into the Smoky Mountain foothills in search of food. And he thinks area hunters may be taking advantage of "Knobby" reports to reap their own rewards, particularly since search

parties have been organized to find and capture the creature.

"It could be an excuse to hunt bear out of season," he said, "or it could be folks spotlighting deer. Either way, hunting any game animal at night is illegal, and if this keeps up I may have to bring some of them in. My fear is that these hunters will get out and shoot at anything that moves. Someone could get hurt."

There's at least one other theory floating around. D.H. Canipe, whose wife claims to have seen the mysterious creature, believes "Knobby" is a mountain panther which has wandered out of its mountain habitat.

He said earlier this month he based his theory on physical and vocal descriptions. The sound, he said, "is like a woman in pain."

Saturday's icy weather forced Toluca residents to cancel their planned hunt for the creature, first seen by 88-year-old Minnie Cook near her house on Dec. 21.

Several carloads of searchers had planned to comb the area looking for what sighters claim is a 200 pound, six-foot tall, dark, hairy animal with a small head and flat face. One person who claims to have seen "Knobby" says the animal walks on four legs; another says it walks upright.

A search party from Casar, a community near Toluca, went looking for "Knobby" Sunday and reported finding tracks and an animal den.

Thus far, several sets of tracks have been found but none have been directly traced to the creature folks claim to have seen.

According to one newspaper report, Daniel Cooke of Fallston claims to have found tracks at the mouth of a cave in a densely wooded area of Carpenter's Knob similar to those of an ape.

But reports of tracks are not the only things keeping upper Cleveland people on edge.

Last Sunday morning, Forest Price found his full-grown goat, Bill, dead of a broken neck.

"I didn't see it happen. I don't know how it happened. All I know is that something just killed the hell out of Bill and now I've got to get me another goat," he said.

A few days earlier, Price said, something frightened his animals, causing a mule to break a rope and escape. He said he has seen tracks and heard animal screams but has not actually seen "Knobby."

But his brother, Sammy, and his wife do claim to have spotted the creature after several nights of hearing animal screams.

"I was out in the yard and heard something," Sammy Price said. "It was the awfulest scream you ever heard. I looked over in yonder woods and saw him."

The tracks and animal den found by searchers from Casar are located about two miles from the Price houses. The searchers say they found animal hair on a log and tracks at least as large as a man's hand and similarly shaped, even with a thumb-like protrusion.

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## SST blamed as sonic boom rocks upstate, N.J. homes

By DAVID SEIFMAN  
and LESLIE GEVIRTZ

A tremendous sonic boom, apparently caused by a British Airways Concorde, rattled homes in New Jersey and Westchester and Putnam counties last night.

Scientists said the boom occurred because of extremely rare atmospheric conditions.

Hundreds of mystified residents in the affected areas ran to their phones, swamping switchboards at police stations, newspapers and government agencies.

"It sounded like some-

body dropped a grand piano upstairs," was the way one woman described it.

Homes were shaken in central and north Jersey, in several communities in Westchester and Putnam Counties and as far north as Rhode Island.

In Livingston, N.J., about 20 miles west of the city, police received more than 200 calls. Lt. Martin Hart said many residents "thought their roofs were tumbling in" when they heard the blast.

There were no reports of injuries or damage.

William Donn, an acoustics expert at the Lamont Geological Observatory in Palisades, N.Y., said an SST flying through a highly unusual shift in stratospheric winds was probably responsible.

"I have never seen this [type of wind shift from west to east] in three years," said Donn.

He added that the extremely strong winds formed a sheet of air that "acted like a mirror" in bouncing blasts from the Concorde to earth.

Two booms were recorded on his sensitive equip-

ment, explained Donn, one at 9:10 p.m. and another a minute later.

The first, he said, was the boom hitting the stratosphere, the second was the sound wave reverberating off the ocean.

The SST was flying from London to Dulles Airport near Washington, D.C., over a "corridor" that brought it close to the Northeast's coastline about the time of the blast, according to FAA officials.

Donn said his sensitive equipment recorded the blast "directly from the place we always get the

Concorde signals."

British Airways spokesman Tom Kraft said he had spoken to the SST pilot, whom he identified as Capt. Ellis, and was told the plane was flying at subsonic speeds over land, as required by federal regulations.

Last year a series of rumblings were heard at various times along the East Coast. There was never any firm explanation for the noises, but suggested causes ranged from atmospheric conditions to military jets breaking the sound barrier.

SUN-NEWS, Las Cruces, NM

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### Mutilations Probed Further

Investigation of the mutilation of four horses near Malaga in southeastern New Mexico is continuing, and Eddy County Sheriff Tom Granger plans to send one of his deputies to meet with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, which has handled such cases in the past. A pathologist's report on the mysterious case is pending.

According to one deputy, no bullet wounds or other evidence of quick death to the mares was found. "They just dropped dead in their tracks. One even had a mouthful of unchewed grass, and none of them looked like they moved or kicked after they fell over," he said.

## Jet, Boom Unrelated, Airline Says

NEW YORK (UPI) — British Airways denied reports that one of its Concorde supersonic jets caused a thundering boom that startled residents and shook houses along the East Coast from Massachusetts to New Jersey.

An airline spokesman said there was an SST flying at an altitude of 41,000 feet near Hyanis, Mass., about the same time the booms were heard Thursday. But he said the plane, Flight 189 from London to Washington D.C., merely made a "routine" transition from supersonic to subsonic speed at 7:52 p.m. (CST).

The blast-like sound, which many persons thought was an explosion or earthquake, was reported between 8 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. (CST) by residents in parts of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. It caused windows, chandeliers and entire houses to shake.

Dr. William Donn, a geophysicist at the atmospheric science unit of the Lamont Observatory at Palisades, N.Y., said the phenomenon was a "sonic boom-type shock in the atmosphere that came from a Concorde \*\*\* landing at the Dulles Washington Airport."

MORNING HERALD, Durham, NC - Jan. 4, 1979 CR: A. Capparella

## Is Bigfoot's Cousin Roaming On Knob In Cleveland County?

TOLUCA (AP) — Bigfoot, the mythical monster who prowls the Pacific Northwest, has a kindred spirit reportedly creeping near this Cleveland County community.

Residents have reported several sightings in the past month of an ape-like creature near Carpenter's Knob, and the beast has been appropriately dubbed "Knobby."

Minnie Cook is one of the believers. She spotted something in a wooded area near her home on the morning of Dec. 21, after her dog started barking and acting strangely in the front yard.

"These old eyes are 88 years old, but I saw it, that's all there is to it," she said. "I can't name it and I don't want to see it again, but I saw it."

Witnesses say the animal is covered with black fur, has a flat face like an ape and varies from standing on all fours to walking on its hind legs. Witnesses estimate it to be over six feet tall.

"It wasn't a bear," Mrs. Cook insisted.

"I've seen many a bear in my time and I know one when I see one. And this wasn't one."

A neighbor of Mrs. Cook's reported he was bringing in a load of wood when he saw Knobby. The neighbor said he passed the animal then turned around and came back and watched as it calmly munched vegetation.

R. M. Newton, who operates a gas station about three miles south of Toluca, said he first dismissed the reports from his neighbors as wild imagination but now he is convinced even though he has not seen the beast.

"I guess I've had as many as two dozen people in here during the past week who have either seen the animal or have talked to someone who said he had seen it," Newton said.

Local folk refer to Knobby as "he" but that is merely for convenience. No one has gotten close enough to hazard a guess about Knobby's gender.