

# Local UFO sightings report 'large objects'

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**BIG RAPIDS** — "I was driving my police car at approximately 55 mph. When I was about five miles west of Barryton I saw a very bright light in the sky. It could have been an airplane or a helicopter."

"As I further observed it, it was getting bigger and brighter and seemed to be too big and bright for a helicopter or airplane."

"At this time I could not see a craft or anything like that, only the light. The light was about 50 feet across and it seemed to be brighter than an aircraft landing light, which I have observed before."

"I took my foot off the gas trying to observe what was in the sky. I dropped back to 45 mph. I continued to observe the light, which was white in color through my windshield. Then it was turning to different colors such as blue, reddish, pink and even green."

"I immediately took my microphone

and established contact with the Mecosta Sheriff's office."

"I told them I've got something here I cannot explain."

No, those aren't the words of Richard Dreyfuss in the movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." They were written by Joel Vincent, a deputy in the Mecosta County Sheriff's Department from Barryton.

What he saw the early morning of Dec. 2, 1978, is unexplained.

Dec. 2, 1978, along with others made over the years by such persons as President Jimmy Carter, has been marked and filed by the U.S. Air Force as another sighting of an unidentified flying object, a UFO.

And Vincent's not the only local person to see something unusual in the skies recently. Vincent's boss, Mecosta County Sheriff Gerald Weis, was another.

At about 8:30 p.m. Feb. 16, Weis was driving near Horsehead Lake when he

saw what he took to be "a large, low-flying plane — only with an odd arrangement of lights," Weis told the PIONEER.

He said it was low to the ground and flying relatively slowly. "It had either five or six lights on a flat plane and they weren't flashing," Weis said.

"I've never seen lights on a plane quite like that," he added.

The sheriff's department received several other reports of sightings that same night. One of the caller's reported hearing the object give off a "vacuum" sound. Weis didn't leave his car and couldn't report any sound.

"A couple other officers on duty the same night saw it, but they didn't get excited about it," Weis added.

According to Hans Schmidt of Barryton, who collects local UFO reports for the Air Force, the Air Force said none of its planes were in the area at the time of either Vincent's or Weis' sighting.

Although Schmidt, who has been

collecting local UFO data since 1977, admitted the sightings could have been of private planes, but said the lights and speeds of the objects indicate it is "highly unlikely it could be a small, private aircraft."

"We still don't know what it's all about," he said.

Schmidt, currently a manufacturer's representative, was involved in the government's missile program several years ago. Through his connections with the Air Force, he was selected to be the service's local UFO liaison.

And since he's been collecting data, he's noticed a slight increase in local sightings in the last year.

He advised persons who have sighted an unexplained aerial object to contact their local sheriff's department, where there report will be taped. Then, they will be formally interviewed later by either Schmidt or a deputy.

Schmidt also said the observation of such specific details as height, speed, color and number of windows and lights, are helpful in making a complete report.

"All this information will be computed so we can have a better picture of what it might be," Schmidt said.

In continuing his report, Vincent said the craft had the appearance of a "tea saucer," and was "at least the size of a football field."

"The windows looked like airplane windows. There were not square and not completely round, but more like hexagons. At this time the bright white light from underneath the craft shined approximately one-third to the ground. There were also some white lights behind the windows but I could not see inside because there were like stained windows."

The craft was about 12 o'clock high in front of my windshield. New I was driving approximately 30 mph and the craft was in front of me.

"I definitely could see partitions between the windows but I could not see any creatures or whatever behind the windows since they seemed to be stained."

"The craft had no effect whatsoever on the performance of my police car. But I can say that I was scared to death and I couldn't explain that."

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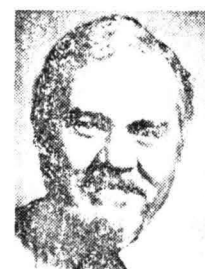
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We don't want to turn this into a flying saucer column, but some things you can't ignore. I don't want to say I believe in these things. Still, you've got to consider the evidence.



McAllister

by Billy Osborne who lives with his wife and daughter between Woodruff and Gray Court.

Last Tuesday evening Billy and the family went shopping at Westgate Mall near Spartanburg. They started home about 7:30, drove down Interstate 26 and were turning off onto Highway 221. That's when they first saw it.

"It was hovering over a field about 200 yards away," said Billy, who is a design engineer at a plant in the area. "It wasn't more than a couple of hundred feet off the ground. At that time we couldn't see any shape to the thing. All we could see was lights. It had one very strong light, and while we were sitting there it shined this light right in the car window. I turned to my wife and said: 'What is that thing over there?'"

### Moved with him

Billy made his turn onto Highway 221 and the thing moved right along with them. It appeared to be traveling over the woods a couple of hundred yards away. "At that time we could see two white lights and between them and above was a little red light. The red light wasn't nearly as bright as the other lights. As we began to get close to Woodruff it moved off into the distance. We live about six miles outside Woodruff toward Gray Court and it stayed right with us until we got home."

He parked the car and went inside to get his binoculars. Then he and his wife and daughter went up on their sun deck and continued to watch the thing. They were fascinated by the fact that the craft had the ability to stand perfectly still and then move off at right angles, either straight up or straight down.

"We watched it hover for a long time in the same spot. I'd say it was a mile or so away at that time. It was just about due east of us most of the time. When it moved around, the relationship between the two main lights never changed. I'd

say we watched it for about 30 minutes and then it moved toward the southeast. All during this time there was a very strong light that moved about and shined down toward the ground. Sometimes it would shine straight toward us."

### The good part

Now Billy moves into the good part of this story.

"Then the light shined right at us and the thing moved right toward us. It came right across our house, not more than 500 feet up. We all saw it and couldn't believe what we were seeing. As long as it was off in the distance there was no sound, but when it got within a hundred yards of the house we began to hear a sound. It was unlike anything I have ever heard. The only way I can describe it is to say that it sounded like an old wind organ with a sprung reed. It made a noise like a piston engine, but it didn't reciprocate, if you know what I mean. It was just a steady humming noise."

"The thing changed speeds about three times, but that sound never changed. It appeared to be going much faster before it got to the house. Just before it got to the house it slowed down to what I would say was about 200 miles per hour. After it passed over the house it picked up speed again."

They got a pretty good look at the thing when it passed over the house, even though it was a dark night. "My wife described it as looking like a big badminton birdie, only the big end was going first. I would estimate its size at between 80 and 100 feet long and 25 to 30 feet wide. Right where the real strong bright light was shining out the end it appeared to be a gray metallic color. It looked like the surface had been sandblasted. If there were any windows in the thing, we couldn't see them."

### A blue light

"I looked at it with the binoculars and could see that there was a blue light on the opposite side from the red light. None of these lights blinked on and off. They all stayed on constant. The big searchlight moved about all the time. I kinda had the feeling they were looking at us. When it came right over the house, the strong white light was shining on the woods near the house like it was searching for something. The whole place was lit up as bright as day."

Because of his work, Billy is very familiar with high intensity lights. He says this light was much stronger than anything he knows about.

Up until this night, you could call Billy Osborne a doubter. He didn't believe in flying saucers. Thought maybe people who said they saw them were a little bit looney.

"I still don't know what I saw. I've thought about all kinds of aircraft, but it wasn't like anything we've ever heard about. It could stop dead still and then go straight up. I know it wasn't a helicopter. And I've never seen anything that large that could move at such a slow speed. I couldn't tell if it had wings."

"Once it passed over our house and decided it wanted to leave, it accelerated tremendously. Absolutely fantastic. If there were people in there, they would have had to be strapped down. I tell you, I had the feeling that the thing could have gone as fast as it wanted to go. As Dave Gardner said: 'It would out-drag a Chevrolet.' It gave me the strange feeling of being very inferior. I'm sure that if it had wanted to destroy me, it had the power."

ISLAND REPORTER, Sanibel Island, FL - March 30, 1979

### UFO flickers, flits away

An unidentified flying object remained unidentified, even after Sanibel Police took a look. A Loggerhead Cay resident reported seeing a round disc with lights all around it hovering in the sky over the golf Saturday just before midnight. Three Sanibel Police officers and an auxiliary policeman arrived and watched the object for about eight minutes as it moved slowly southward and finally disappeared below the horizon. The object appeared to pulsate and change colors, according to police.

# UFO sightings reported in Oconee

By BECKY GILLETTE

OCONEE COUNTY — Reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) may be easy to shrug off when they are reported in far away places such as Australia, but what about when they are reported locally? Not just by one crazed nut, but by a dozen individuals including an Oconee deputy sheriff and a well-known Westminster businessman?

Although descriptions varied somewhat, The Journal has received a number of reports of sightings of an unusual and unexplainable flying object Tuesday night, March 6. Persons in Greenville County also reported seeing the hovering craft, which reportedly had the ability to travel at an incredible speed with little or no sound, according to reports in a Greenville newspaper.

Oconee County Civil Defense Director June Black said he first heard about the UFO from Westminster insurance agent Ben Chastain, who saw the object Tuesday shortly after dark while he was working in his yard. Chastain reported seeing much the same thing that was reported in Jim McAllister's column in the Greenville News Thursday, but Black says Chastain reported the UFO before the News' article came out.

"He told me the same story before the article came out," Black said. "And Ben Chastain isn't the type of person to exaggerate. If he said he saw it, he saw it."

Black has contacted the UFO center in Washington state, which has promised to investigate the sightings.

Oconee County Deputy Sheriff Jimmy Roach also reported seeing the object, along with three or four other individuals who requested their names be withheld. But it appears that Chastain had the closest view of Oconee County's newest mystery.

"I was a doubter before this happened," Chastain said. "I watched Project UFO on television two or three times and then stopped watching it because I thought it was a bunch of bull."

"I sure never thought I'd be the one to see something like that."

Chastain said he was working in his yard at about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday when he looked up to the north and saw a bright light coming over the trees near a field by the Chastain's home. At first he thought it was a plane, but then realized that the light was too bright to be a plane (Chastain knows because he's a pilot himself).

The round-shaped object, which Chastain estimates was about 12 feet in diameter, was moving very slowly and making no discernable sound. The UFO trimmed the tops of the trees and then disappeared out of sight. Although he was somewhat alarmed, Chastain said he would have gone back into the house but then his dogs "started raising a fit." Chastain looked up and saw the object again, this time coming in from a more easterly direction. At this point the object was less than 50 yards away, and Chastain said the light was so bright that it lit up the entire area.

"Usually its pitch black out there," he said. "But the light was so bright I could see the limbs on the bottoms of the trees."

"It scared the tar out of me, I don't mind telling you."

Chastain said the object's light on the flat, red-colored bottom flashed on and off, as though the object was looking for something. The light seemed to be located inside the red area. The UFO was also able to move upwards and downwards with ease to transverse the uneven terrain near the Chastain home.

After the object had circled the second time, Chastain said it moved away and appeared to land at a nearby electrical substation. Chastain immediately ran to the neighbors, where his wife was, and after Chastain caught his breath, they drove down to the area where it appeared the object had landed. But nothing was there.

Chastain doesn't believe the UFO meant him any harm.

"My son asked me if I called on the Lord," he said. "I told him I didn't need to. I don't believe whatever it was even saw me."

Oconee deputy sheriff Jimmy Roach, his wife and a neighbor also reported seeing the object, but from a further distance.

Roach, who lives just off the Westminster highway near Walhalla, said the object had a very bright light, and was moving too slow to be an airplane. He also said there wasn't any noise. After three or four minutes, the object disappeared from sight.

At about 8 p.m., the Bill Osborne family reported seeing a similar object on Highway 221 in Greenville County. Osborne said the hovering craft had a very strong light that penetrated into the car.

"We watched it hover for a long time in the same spot," Osborne said. "I'd say we watched it for about 30 minutes and then it moved toward the southeast. All during this time there was a very, very strong light that moved about and shined down toward the ground. Sometimes it would shine straight toward us."

Osborne said he and his wife were fascinated by the fact that the object had the ability to stand perfectly still and

then move off at right angles, either straight up or straight down.

The craft apparently "followed" the Osbornes about six miles to their house, and then came in closer.

"As long as it was in the distance there was no sound, but when it got within a hundred yards of the house we began to hear a sound. It was unlike anything I have ever heard."

Osborne believed the object was much larger than described by Chastain — about 80 feet long and 25 feet wide. But the large searchlight and other items including the time, coincide with Chastain's sighting.

The columnist who reported Osborne's sighting also stated he had received similar reports from two other Greenville families during the past two or three weeks.

And Civil Defense director June Black said the recent sightings aren't the only of their type reported in Oconee County. He said about a year ago two local doctors reported seeing a similar object in the mountains near Walhalla. However, the doctors never made public their sightings because "people might think they were crazy."

Chastain said he has also talked to local people who have seen UFOs, but didn't report them because they didn't think they would be believed. But that doesn't bother Chastain.

"I don't care who believes it and who doesn't," he said. "I know what I see when I see it once, and when I see it twice, I'm twice as sure."

NEWS, Westminster, SC - March 14, 1979

At Least They're Punctual

## UFO Sightings Reported Throughout S. C. Piedmont

By Charles Nelson

WESTMINSTER - The half-hour between 7 and 7:30 on Tuesday evenings might well become the "skywatching hour" in the Piedmont region of South Carolina if reports of sightings of unidentified or inexplicable flying objects continue to occur during this same time span.

Last week Ben Chastain, a Westminster insurance agent, told the News he had seen a red, oblong-shaped "thing" flying and hovering in the air near his home between 7 and 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6. Chastain said he had gone out on the patio of his home and looked up and saw the object which he said made two flights over the area by his home.

Chastain lives just off Anderson Avenue next to Hall Subdivision. he said the object first appeared to be in the northern sky at a point that seemed to be over the baseball park adjacent to Westminster Elementary School. He said the object moved across a wooded area and an open pasture as it

came by the edge of his yard.

Then it moved in the direction of a Duke Power electric substation located about a half mile from the Chastain's home. But he said it stopped short of the substation and came back by the house again.

After the final pass by his house, the object seemed to be going in lower toward the substation as if it were going to land, according to Chastain. This is when Chastain went to get his wife who was visiting at a neighbor's house. However, when they returned the object was no longer visible. Chastain said he and his wife drove a truck down into the area behind their house but did not see anything more.

What Chastain said was most unusual about the object was that it had a searchlight which shone out from the bottom of it and came on and swept over the ground area. He said it was also strange that the object maintained a constant altitude in relation to whatever was near it. He said it went up a little higher over areas with trees and came

down lower over open land.

Apparently, Chastain is not the only person who saw the same or a very similar thing that night. After Chastain had already described what he saw to several friends and county civil defense director June Black, a Woodruff man told Greenville News columnist Jim McAllister that he and his wife and daughter saw something that same night about a half-hour later. The description given by the Woodruff man closely matched most of what Chastain described.

The odd thing is that Chastain did not know about the Woodruff sighting until after it was published.

Since Chastain first talked to the Westminster News, several other persons have reportedly said they too saw something that night. These people include a county deputy sheriff, from above Walhalla, a Westminster woman and her daughter, a man who lives outside Westminster on the west side, and

an Oakway man and his daughter.

### Second Sighting

As if last week's sightings were not enough, last night (Tuesday, March 13) a motorist coming into Westminster on Highway 123 reported seeing a hot metal-looking red object race across the sky from the south end to the north end of Westminster at about 7 p.m. He said he saw no search light as Chastain had.

The motorist said he might have a possible explanation for his sighting. He said there were scattered clouds across the sky and that the moon was rising in the northern sky. Perhaps, he said, the light from the moon was reflected off the clouds, given a reddish color by prismatic separation of the colors of the light, and made to seem like a moving object as the light reflected rapidly off one cloud after another.

That theory might hold up for the March 13 sighting, but it runs in to a problem for March 6: the moon was not out that night.

INDEX, Davison, MI - March 14, 1979

## UFO sighted in Davison

By Ken Grayzel  
Index Staff Writer

A UFO over Davison? Well, yes and no.

Yes, three people in different places, but at approximately the same time, saw the same strange and huge object in the sky last March 6. So they did what any normal person would do if they saw a strange object in the sky. Not report it.

Well almost no one. At the constant prodding of a friend, one female Davison area resident phoned in a report of her sighting to the Davison City Police.

"Well, I'll take the report," said the night dispatcher. "But I'll phone the other police departments instead of putting it on the scanner. With all the civilians who have scanners, I'd be getting calls all night."

It was huge, according to accounts by all three witnesses. Its shadow covered the entire width of a city street, one of the sighters said. It had lights all around it, but you couldn't make out the actual shape of the vessel.

Two of the witnesses said they saw a triangle of lights in what they thought was the object's front side. All agreed that the UFO made no noise. All agreed that it moved at a slow pace and was only about 500 to 600 feet in the air moving toward Flint.

Well, the FAA observation tower in Flint neither spotted anything nor received reports of any unusual sightings.

The police, receiving only one formal report of the mystery ship, had not enough testimony to further their investigation.

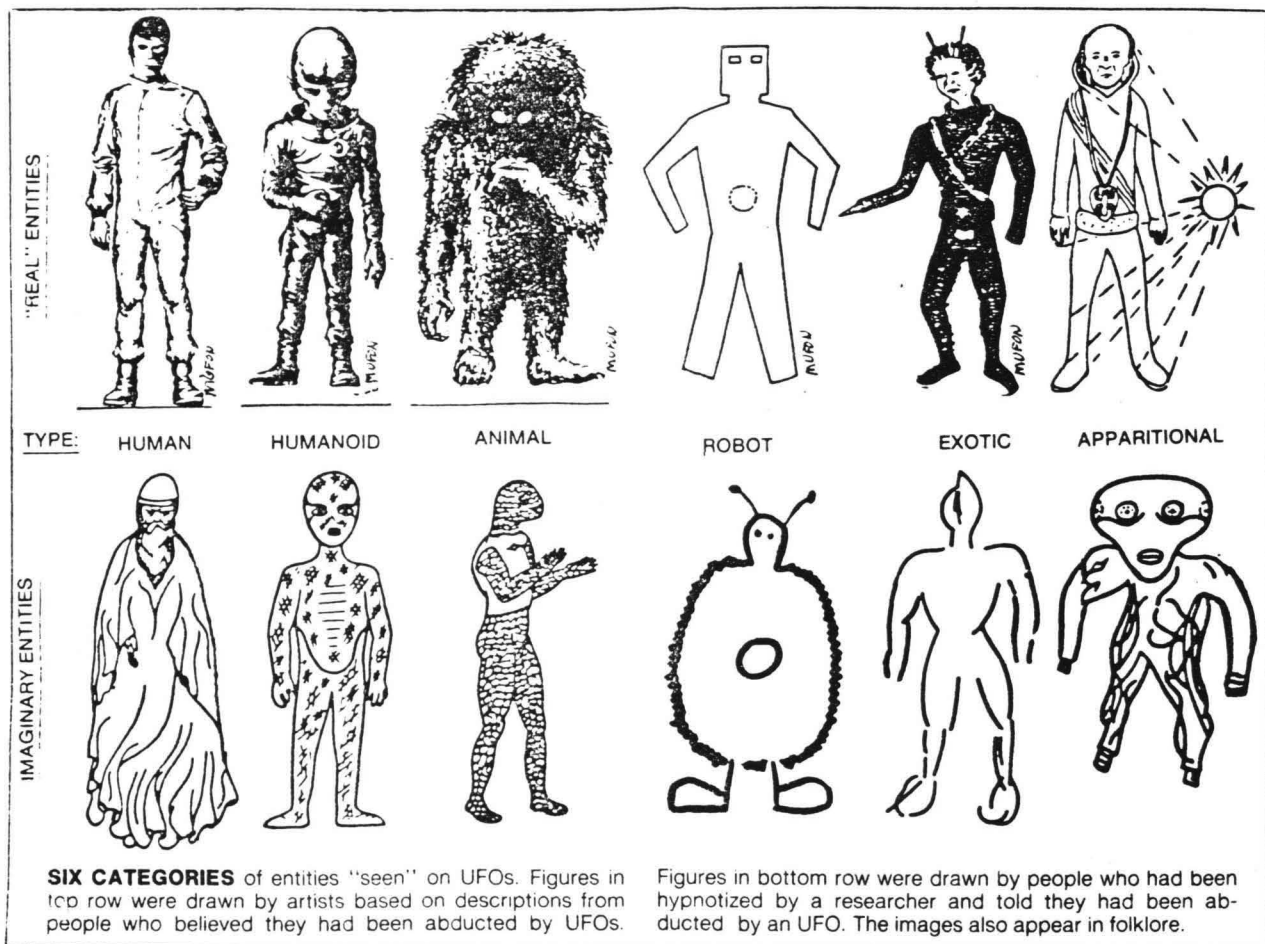
None of the witnesses were able to take pictures of the UFO and none really cared to report the findings to any official source.

So ask them off the record if they saw a UFO in the sky. Yes, they all agreed, it was a strange thing indeed.

But ask them officially what the UFO looked like. "What UFO?"

Sows there a UFO over Davison in the evening hours of March 6. Yes or No.





## Professor finds common reservoir

# UFOs, mental phenomena linked

By Dick Howland  
Staff Writer

Since the early 1940s, UFO investigators, like police artists probing the memories of witnesses to crime, have drawn images of spectacular creatures described by people who claim to have been abducted by UFOs.

Now a professor at Long Beach State University has found that volunteers with no particular interest in UFOs, when asked under hypnosis to imagine that they are taken aboard a UFO, drew sketches of their imagined abductors that are very similar to the creatures described by UFO witnesses.

Professor Alvin Lawson says that UFO experiences are similar to a wide range of mental and psychic phenomena, such as drug-induced hallucinations, religious conversions and deathbed experiences of afterlife.

He suggests that all are linked to a common reservoir of imagery deep in the human consciousness, which surfaces under hypnosis in the same way it surfaces on those lonely highways said to be visited by UFOs.

Lawson has identified six categories of entities found aboard UFOs by both hypnotized volunteers and "real" abductees. The categories are: human, humanoid, animal, robot, exotic and apparitional (transparent or ghost-like).

"The sketches provide the most compelling evidence of the extensive in-depth parallels of imagery between imaginary and 'real' abductions," adds Lawson, an English professor who teaches an unusual course on the rhetoric of UFO literature.

He says the same six categories of entities also appear in mankind's literature throughout history. An example is "The Wizard of Oz," which features Doro-

thy (human), the Munchkins (humanoid), the lion (animal), the Tin Man (robot), the Straw Man (exotic) and the wizard (apparitional).

"Folklore and mythology are loaded with this type of imagery," Lawson points out. "The only category absent until modern literature is the robot, although knights in heavy armor can be substituted in this category in early folklore."

Lawson concludes that there is a "deeply human and culturally consistent pattern of images" which, today, finds expression in UFOs.

Another parallel is the image of a bright light and a beckoning tunnel, which are recurring images in various types of mental phenomena, he says.

Many people who report they have been abducted by a UFO say a bright light focused on them and the light beam levitated them aboard the extraterrestrial craft through a tube.

Patients who have been clinically dead but were revived have reported that they saw their bodies float away through a tunnel toward a bright light, Lawson adds.

He says the same light/tunnel imagery appears in mystical experiences and religious conversions.

"It's reasonable to hypothesize that a similar mental process is occurring in each case, but in response to an unrelated stimulus, such as a drug in the hallucinations or deterioration of the body

in the deathbed cases," Lawson says.

The similar mental process may stem from a collective human consciousness, and some mechanism in the central nervous system may be the source of the common patterns of imagery, he adds.

Lawson says another common image is that of an examination, either physical or oral, or a personal review of one's past.

UFO "abductees" frequently say their extraterrestrial captors performed a complete physical examination, taking blood tests and so forth.

Deathbed survivors often report undergoing some sort of moral examination, answering to spiritual beings who question their moral character.

A review of one's life is also common, Lawson says. Deathbed survivors and near-drowning victims report seeing episodes of their lives rapidly passing through their minds.

UFO "abductees" have related seeing events of their past portrayed on television screens in consoles aboard UFOs. Hallucinating subjects also frequently observe such screens bearing autobiographical data.

"The imagery from hallucinations and close-encounter reports is often so similar as to be nearly interchangeable," Lawson says. He cites similar colors and geometric pat-

terns, such as the honeycomb interior of UFOs compared to the network of diagonal lines in hallucinations.

Since early 1977, Lawson has observed more than 20 volunteers given imaginary UFO abductions by a clinical hypnotist, Dr. W.C. McCall of Anaheim, who specializes in controlling obesity and smoking through hypnosis.

While under hypnosis, the volunteers were asked to imagine that they were at one of their favorite recreational places, such as the beach or mountains. Then the idea of a UFO was suggested, and the volunteers were asked to imagine that they were taken aboard a UFO and examined.

The descriptions of the hypnotized volunteers were compared to documented accounts of "abductions" related by UFO witnesses who believe they have really seen UFOs.

"Although we expected major dissimilarities, an averaged comparison of data from four imaginary and four 'real' abduction narratives showed no substantive differences," Lawson says.

The significance of his conclusion is not that UFO abductees are necessarily the victims of their own imagination, but that their experiences are as valid as dreams, deathbed visions and psychosis.

"We have never before

been able to say that UFO abductees are reliable," Lawson observes, speaking with conviction. "Now we have evidence that they really perceive the images they report. They report the experiences subjectively but truthfully."

"Their sensory experience is real. They are not loony. We should treat them with enough respect to find out why they have these experiences."

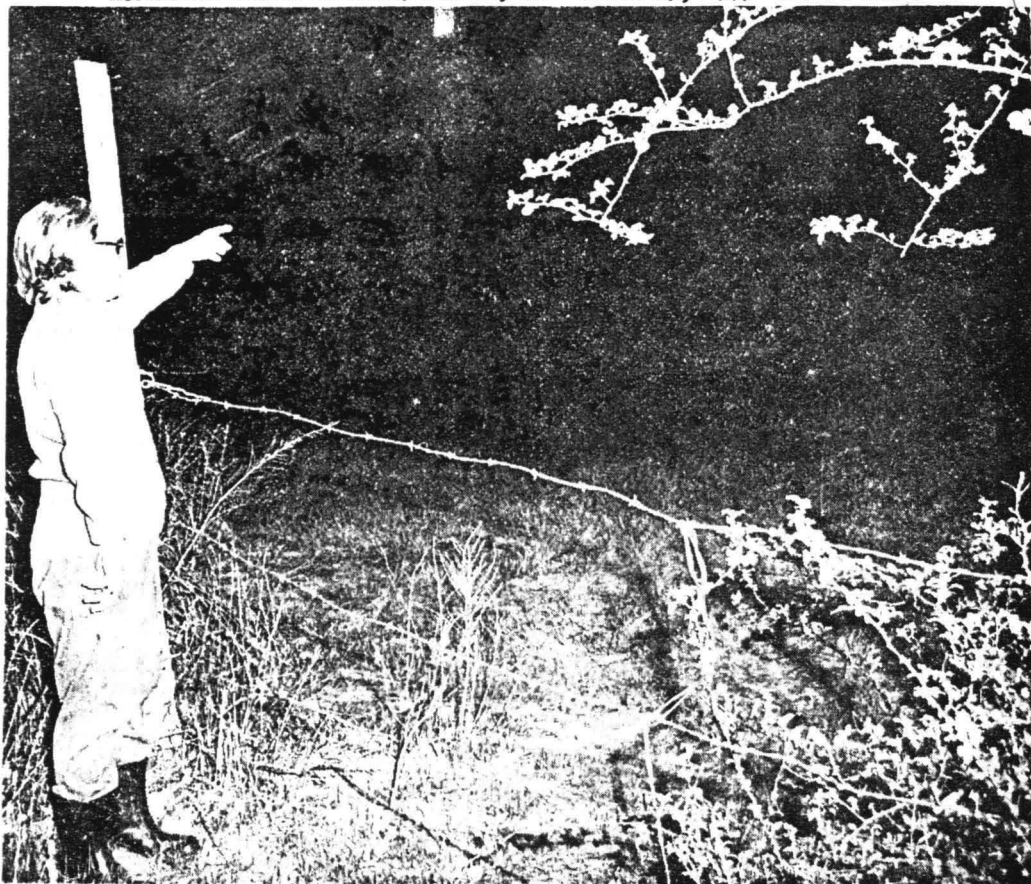
Moreover, there is still the mystery of what stimulus prompts the UFO imagery.

"A brush with death, a dosage of drugs or suggestion under hypnosis can stimulate this imagery," Lawson says. "But we don't know what stimulates a spontaneous UFO experience out in the boonies on a lonely highway."

If UFO experiences are psychic or hallucinatory, why is there sometimes physical evidence, such as the imprint of a spacecraft on the ground, disturbed vegetation and photographs, he asks.

Sometimes UFOs are witnessed by more than one person, and there is little evidence that multiple hallucinations occur spontaneously or for extended periods, he adds.

"There is a need for serious research on the physical aspects of UFO reports," he says. "People other than English professors need to be involved."



POINTING TO THE AREA where she says she saw an unidentified flying object early Friday morning is Mrs. Polly Anderson. The Smithville woman, 79, later reported her story to the Broken Bow Police, who investigated.

Although they found nothing unusual, the police said Mrs. Anderson apparently was telling the truth as she saw it. (Gazette-News Photo)

## Smithville Woman Tells About Sighting UFO

By Bob West

SMITHVILLE — A 79-year-old Smithville woman reported Friday she saw an unidentified object with "real pretty amber lights" that pulsed as the object hovered in a field about 75 or 80 yards from her house.

Authorities who investigated said she seemed sincere and unshaken. The time of the eerie experience was about 3:30 a.m. Friday.

Mrs. Polly Anderson, a widow who lives alone in a rent house near the banks of Eagle Ford Creek about three miles northwest of Smithville, told the Gazette-News:

"I wasn't sleeping, and I heard the dogs barking and barking. I thought someone was into my chickens again and so I picked up my shotgun from beside the door and stepped out onto the porch."

"It was like a great big ball of fire. I said to myself, 'Oh no, it can't be the end of the world. It's something else.' It was one solid amber color, right there between those two trees," she said, pointing to the end of a field about 80 or 90 yards from her house.

The brightness was not enough to light her house and yard as she looked out but mainly illuminated around the object, she said.

"I seen that thing and it scared me to death," she recalled. "But I said I'm going to watch it." She stayed on the porch. The dogs kept barking but didn't venture far from the house, she noted.

Mrs. Anderson, who has been a widow for five years, formerly operated a cafe at

Cove, Ark., with her husband. She said she has lived in the Smithville area for seven years.

She said she likes the place because Eagle Fork is a good fishing stream and she likes to go hunting. She said she had been working hard that day with Mrs. Ben Roberts (she rents from the Roberts) preparing for painting and fixing up the inside of the house. She also cuts firewood and does other physical chores.

She described the light at first as revolving or whirling, and then becoming stationary as a series of lights came on and began "blinking on and off". It remained an amber color, she said.

"It stayed there a couple of minutes. Then it went up, maybe 10 feet, and stopped and then went up again and on out," she said, pointing in a southeasterly direction. She watched the light until it disappeared behind the horizon, then went inside.

Mrs. Anderson said she was dumbfounded, but decided it was what she had read about and heard about before, and she wanted to see it.

"I got nervous after it left. I said, 'Oh Lord, I hope I don't come back' and went and drank some coffee." She said she didn't get any sleep that night, and then she called the Broken Bow Police station Friday morning.

What prompted her to call authorities? She said, "Because it was something to see. I wanted them to know something was landing up here."

The object never touched

the ground, she said. "I was praying it wouldn't land because I didn't want any of those funny creatures coming after me."

Asked if there was any sound, she said she only heard a slight whirling sound like wind in the trees as it was lifting up and leaving.

An investigation of the spot she described as where the object hovered showed nothing out of the ordinary.

The story she told this reporter about 7:30 p.m. Friday was consistent with the accounts given to Larry Zier, Broken Bow acting police chief, and Edie Price, Broken Bow police dispatcher, who she called Friday morning and to Truman Jefferson, McCurtain County sheriff's deputy from Bethel, who came and talked to her shortly after noon.

Jefferson talked to neighbors, who were asleep and did not see the object or lights.

"She seemed to be telling the truth," Jefferson said. Zier, who received the call from Mrs. Anderson about mid-morning on Friday, also said that in his conversation with the lady "she seemed to be making good sense in what she said, although I don't believe in UFO's."

Zier said she didn't seem frightened at the time she called.

Some of the neighbors, in the Octavia area, told the deputy they were doubtful that a "flying saucer" had visited their neighborhood. However, the woman was emphatic in her story of the bright object hovering and then leaving, making no sound.

It is not the first report of unidentified objects or lights hovering in McCurtain County night skies, or being seen along highways. About three weeks ago, two Glover area families reported seeing a light which moved across the night sky from east to west, then turned south, disappeared momentarily behind a treeline then reappeared about five minutes later.

"I thought it was a helicopter," said the informant. "However, there was no sound, I checked with the airport in Broken Bow to see if they had contact with any planes or helicopters in that area and they didn't."

The light was bright, moved and changed directions, and at one time was stationary for about 45 minutes. At that time, members of the two families looked at the object through a gun scope and saw flashing or pulsating red and green lights.

The household head then drove in his car to try to find the object or discover where the lights came from, but could find nothing. His wife and a neighbor watched the object from their front yard as it faded out of sight in a southerly direction.

Reports from a number of other people include sightings at night on highways, in which a bright lighted object would hover near their cars. An Idabel area couple was awakened by a bright light in their home one night, to find the pulsating object was in their garden, then left.

Similar sightings have been reported all over the

country, going back for many years. Many people asked their views by the Gazette-News expressed skepticism, and thought the stories were imaginary. However, a number of others said there are too many sightings of such objects to be completely imagination or fiction. Many pilots have reported similar objects in the sky.

## Mysterious aircraft seen over ranch

A mysterious aircraft thought to be connected with a series of cattle mutilations was being sought today by the New Mexico State Police.

State Policeman Gabe Valdez said he saw the "unidentified flying aircraft" three miles east of Dulce about 2:10 a.m. Sunday.

A JICARILLA Apache police matron, who was patrolling the area, radioed Valdez that the craft was hovering over a portion of the Manuel Gomez ranch.

"She called me on the radio to go to the area right away," Valdez said. "She said there was this strange flying aircraft."

Valdez said he stopped during the three or four minutes it took him to get to the spot and he saw the craft hovering about 100 feet over the ground.

"IT HAD RED and green lights," he said. "I couldn't tell the size and there was absolutely no noise."

Valdez said the craft "had to be" some type of helicopter because it went straight up as it left the scene.

The area where the incident took place is a mixing plant with a nearby gravel pit. Valdez said about 100 head of cattle are kept there during winter.

He said Gomez has lost eight cattle this year. were unexplained "mutilations."

"THERE HAVE been about 16 mutilations in the Dulce area this year," Valdez said. "But his (Gomez) is the biggest loss."

The craft reportedly headed west toward Farmington after it left the scene.

"It was really a coincidence," Valdez said. "The matron got really close. She had her lights off because kids use the area."

"But they (the fliers) left when they heard her on the radio."

VALDEZ SAID he believes the aircraft is connected with the cattle mutilations.

"I think so definitely," he said. "It had to be."

He said the latest area mutilation was March 28 in Mountainair, and some type of aircraft was seen at that time.

VALDEZ SAID the spot near Dulce was searched immediately after the sighting and again at daybreak, but there was no evidence that anyone had been on the ground.

"A lot of people are trying to help us," he said. "You never can tell when they're going to hit."

"We can sit out there for six months and never see anything."

Valdez said Denver radar picked up an aircraft in the area about an hour later, but it was believed to have flown out of Durango.

NEWS, Albuquerque, NM - April 10, 1979 CR: R. Candall





## Residents report UFO in Greenbrae

Several Greenbrae residents reported seeing an unidentified object rotating slowly as it moved through the sky Friday about 10 p.m.

Claudette Josephson of the Greenbrae Boardwalk said she was in her house when she heard "an incredible shriek" from her 17-year-old daughter.

She ran out to see the object, which she said was intermittently lit up by a searchlight being used to attract customers to the nearby Cast Plus store. The round or oval object was about the size of a large house, she said, and moved slowly.

Larkspur police said they also received a call about the object from some youngsters living on Riviera Circle who said that whenever the searchlight hit the object it seemed to "pop."

At Cost Plus, however, assistant manager Scott Pace said he saw nothing, although he had gone outside several times to check the light.

By ED MOORE

Two unidentified flying objects fell to earth with a "bright flash" early Sunday morning in the South Shore area, officers are saying today.

The two orange objects were seen by two on-duty South Lake Tahoe policemen and citizens falling out of the sky and hitting with a flash somewhere between Fred Peak and Echo Summit.

El Dorado County sheriff's deputies say they're studying the reports before deciding whether it's worth seeking the mystery objects.

Sgt. Warren Smith, search and rescue coordinator with the sheriff's department at South Shore, said this morning he's reviewing reports from police and citizens who saw the 1:15 a.m. event.

"We're looking into it. We'll search if the facts warrant it," Smith said.

In a sheriff's department report filed Sunday, several witnesses say they saw the objects fall in the general Heavenly Valley Echo Summit area.

Two on-duty South Lake Tahoe police officers are quoted in the two-page sheriff's report as seeing the objects, "which didn't appear to be falling stars. They had no tail."

"When the objects hit the ground,

there was a bright flash," the two officers are quoted as saying.

The plot thickened Sunday morning as El Dorado County sheriff's received more sighting reports.

At 1:20 a.m. sheriff's deputies contacted Reno International Airport and were told that residents of Lovelock, Nev., reported two green lights were falling to the ground north of the town.

At 2:15 a.m. Shingle Springs resident Richard Kert said he saw the two UFOs while traveling on Highway 50 near Sugarloaf at 1:15 a.m. Kert told deputies the objects looked like falling stars, but when they hit ground there was a bright flash.

At 2:54 a.m. Heavenly Valley crews working on the upper slopes of the mountain telephoned the office and said they too saw the orange objects falling at 1:15 a.m. The crew said the two objects hit ground in the Fred Peak-Meyers area.

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COURANT, Hartford, CT - April 16, 1979 CR: G. Earley

## UFO Changes Life Of Cheshire Couple

By STEPHANIE SEVICK

Stanley and Gaylen Troski and their five children lived quietly and routinely in their Cheshire suburban ranch home, until one night in March 1975 when, they say, they saw an unidentified flying object.

Life has not been the same for the Troskis since.

Mrs. Troski had gone to the back porch of their home about 8 p.m. to call in two of the youngsters when, she says, she saw a large disc-shaped craft fly overhead and land in a distant field.

One of the children ran into the house and got Troski.

"It was about 70 feet across. The dome of it was luminous silver and there were three large portholes at the bottom, with a dark, dark, red light on top," the 32-year-old communications worker said.

They said they watched the object for three hours before it left — but the impact of the experience lingered.

"Things are just about getting back to normal. It's been very hard," Mrs. Troski said.

The Cheshire couple claim they were interrogated, hypnotized and tape recorded by an investigator for an organization checking on their sighting. They have gone to court to demand the recordings and other items back.

The couple say in their lawsuit that their privacy was invaded by the investigator.

The Troskis, who have been reluctant to discuss the experience with anyone, said that they don't want people bothering them or their neighbors.

Troski, who nervously paced around his kitchen for the first 15 minutes of an interview said, "Look, we don't want the publicity. We don't want the notoriety or money. We just want our tapes back."

Despite their reticence, the couple seem sure of what they saw.

"It was no airplane," the 24-year-old housewife said. Her husband added, "You can't take away from people what you see."

Troski said the occupants of the craft had "greyish looking skin" but were "human-like" in appearance.

The Troskis reported sighting the unidentified flying object to the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization Inc., of Tucson, Arizona, on March 20, 1975, the legal papers filed by Hartford attorney Igor I. Sikorsky Jr. say. The same day, says the suit, James P. Barrett of 130 Ballard Drive, West Hartford, contacted them about the sighting.

Barrett, a defendant in the suit, would not comment on the case. He did identify himself as a former field investigator for the Tucson-based organization, which is also a defendant in the Troskis' suit.

During a period between the fall of 1975 and October, 1977, Barrett took "extensive statements" from the Troskis, says the suit. He also took photographs, diagrams, tape-recorded conversation and handmade sketches as part of his supposed data collection duties for the research organization, the papers say.

During this period, says the suit, the Troskis "were often hypnotized."

The couple said Saturday that during the two years of contact with Barrett they continued to be questioned and offered him information because they believed they would get their tapes, drawings and the photographs back.

"I asked him for them back, and I even offered him money," Mrs. Troski said.

The suit claims Barrett's investigations became so personal that it amounted to an "invasion of the privacy of the Troskis."

"I'm not the type to go into court. It would clear the air up. We just want our tapes," Troski said.

Troski says that at first he blamed his wife for the disruption in their lives. "It's been very hard to live with. All of a sudden there is this investigator — he comes and you remember (the experience)."

The couple said that one of the biggest problems they have had in dealing with the experience is "Why us? Why not someone else? Now I've come to the realization that maybe there is no reason why," Troski said.

The Troskis are asking for the return of the material collected from them by Barrett and an injunction against his destruction, alteration or dissemination of that data. In addition, the couple is asking for an accounting of all profits Barrett or the research organization made from the materials, and money damages from the defendants in excess of \$7,500.

LEDGER, Lakeland, FL - March 27, 1979

## Auburndale Policemen Report UFO Sighting

By JOHN DRUCKENMILLER  
Ledger Staff Writer

AUBURNDAL — Auburndale police Officer Guthrie Knorr says he now believes in the "possibility of other life forms" after he and a fellow officer spotted five brightly colored, disc-shaped objects streaking through the skies early today.

Knorr says he definitely saw "unidentified flying objects," shortly after 2 a.m. today.

"They weren't shooting stars," said Knorr. They were in an old V-formation with two on one side and three on the other. One of them was bigger than the others.

Knorr and Officer John Knapp spotted the "rapidly moving" yellow-orange objects east of the city moving along the horizon "real fast" in a northwest direction, Knorr said. He says they objects didn't make a sound.

The officers said they were amazed at speed of the objects. "They were really moving," said Knorr, who saw the objects for three seconds. Knapp, he said, saw them "for 10 seconds."

Checks with the Polk County Sheriff's Department and Winter Haven and Lakeland police failed to turn up other sightings over Polk County last night.

Shortly after the sighting, a citizen told police he spotted five streaking objects near the city, Knorr said.

The two had parked their patrol cars and were talking when Knapp yelled, "Get out of the car," Knorr said. Both men then looked up to see the five streaking discs.

"I've always heard of this," Knorr said. "I took it with a grain of salt. The possibility (of life on other planets) always exists." He says he now believes in "the possibility of other life forms."

Knorr said Knapp called the UFO Sighting Center in Seattle, Wash., to report this morning's sighting.



# Lights in the Sky Have Southwest Memphis Buzzing

By ORVILLE HANCOCK  
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

CR: J. Clark

Hundreds of people in Southwest Memphis were still buzzing today over sightings of unidentified flying objects in the area of Coro Lake and Rob-Co Lake last night which were reported to be "red balls and objects resembling stars."

Those who saw from one to four "extremely bright red lights" included pilots, Federal Aviation Administration air traffic controllers, doctors, boaters and some persons knowledgeable in celestial navigation.

PRESS-SCIMITAR, Memphis, TN - April 19, 1979

The sighters were not reluctant to talk about their experience, as some have been in the past. At one sighting, 14 persons were together when they watched the objects.

Taylor L. Blair Jr., 4707 Lakeridge Drive, was having a meeting of the Memphis Power Squadron (boaters) at his house when the lights were spotted. Two of those present at the meeting are versed in celestial navigation.

Blair, himself a pilot, said: "There was one red light when we first saw it. It looked a lot like a railroad flare. It was

stationary when we first saw it.

"It was just sitting there. Then three others seemed to come in and join it in a formation. Just all of a sudden they were there. We don't know where they came from. The four would alternately go on and off. You would see one, then two and then three and four.

"Sure was strange. The darndest thing I ever saw. My wife, Bonnie, called the FAA control tower and the man she was talking to told her that... he had them on radar."

Robert Ingram, assistant chief of the control tower, said he saw the objects.

"I can't honestly say that I had them on radar, but I thought they appeared for a few moments."

Ingram said he received calls from about 15 people, the first coming around 8 p.m.

"I was in the radar room and I asked the guys in the cab if they saw anything over in the southwest and they said that they did see some red lights," Ingram said. "I then went out and took a look and I saw the four red lights. We directed a police helicopter to the area and we could detect it on radar. You can detect balloons and even smoke on radar, but if objects move only vertically, they are canceled out," Ingram said.

"We checked with Little Rock, where weather balloons were supposed to have been released, and they told us that the balloons didn't come in the Memphis direction, and besides they were not lighted."

"There was some flickering as the lights disappeared after we watched them for about 15 minutes. The flickering could have come as they moved through the clouds," he said.

"The helicopter followed them but Ron Houston, the pilot, told me that the lights stayed about the same distance from the helicopter as it followed," Ingram said. Some residents in the Coro Lake area

who were watching reported that the helicopter shined its spotlight at the objects at one point.

Ingram, who is trained in observing aircraft, said: "In all the aviation activities I've seen, nothing ever acted like this."

He estimated the objects were at an altitude of about 4,000 feet. Blair estimated them at about 6,000 feet and others estimated them at about 2,000 feet.

With Blair at the Memphis Power Squadron meeting were his wife and two daughters, Ann and Nancy; Frank Wedge, new commodore for the Memphis Yacht Club; Ed Lasarus; Dr. Ben Moeller; Roy Howell; Larry Jenkins; Fred Kesselman; Bill Field; Dr. Carl Sabelius; Stu Pierson; and Ann Wedge.

"We just stood and watched the things," Blair said. "We were rather awed. It broke up our meeting."

Arny Stubert, 16, of 4900 East Shore Drive, said four lights turned into three, then two and then one and then turned white like a star.

Margaret Gibson, 23, Berna Hillary, 37, Emma Rice, 62, and Odell Crump, 21, all of 4329 Sewanee, watched the lights.

Mrs. Gibson said the lights "seemed to join up together and go out of sight. As they disappeared, they looked like stars. We saw them Saturday night, but didn't say anything until we knew someone else had mentioned it."

Others reported the lights descended slowly, stood stationary and then later zoomed away.

One caller to *The Press-Scimitar* today said that as the lights merged and disappeared "they seemed to join with the other stars."

The sightings were reported to the UFO center in Seattle.

It was the second night in a week that sightings have been made of UFOs over Memphis.

NEWS, Indianapolis, IN - May 7, 1979 CR: C. Jones

## UFOs Created By Mind Manipulators: Scientist

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — It may be that UFOs are not unidentified, not flying and not objects.

They may even have been created by sophisticated mind-manipulators based on Earth, says Dr. Jacques Vallee, a French-born scientist and one of the world's leading experts on the UFO experience.

"There is a real potential for manipulation of people's minds," says Vallee, a 39-year-old astrophysicist and computer consultant. "Human technology could produce a UFO experience."

In his book "Messengers of Deception," Vallee explores UFO sects and cults and recounts the experiences of witnesses and contactees. In researching the book, he studied French air force records of sightings as well as records kept by the U.S. Air Force.

He contends UFOs need to be seriously researched "because it's not all nonsense, and people who see them are not necessarily crackpots."

But Vallee worries that a dangerous myth is spreading.

"The expectation of actual contact makes people hope for the realization of that age-old dream: Salvation from above, surrender to the greater power of some wise force, and that is the danger of the UFO movement," he says.

Ironically, Vallee reportedly was the model for the character of Lacumbe, the French scientist played by film director Francois Truffaut in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" — a movie Vallee believes added fuel to the UFO craze.

But the tall, lanky, green-eyed Frenchman admits he enjoyed the movie.

Vallee's interest in UFOs began in 1961 with his own experience as an astronomer at the Paris Observatory.

He and other astronomers were tracking the paths of satellites when something streaked across the sky.

The astronomers tracked it and tape-recorded the coordinates.

But their supervisor decided to erase the tape, a move that surprised Vallee because the supervisor was "a good astronomer and good astronomers don't throw away data that doesn't fit a model."

Until then, Vallee had scoffed at UFO reports because of a lack of sightings by astronomers and experts.

After four years of research, Vallee found that three of four reports of UFO sightings could be attributed to weather balloons, gas, cloud formations or airplanes.

But that left him with more than 2,000 unexplained cases since 1947 with witnesses able to supply detailed information. UFO sightings are reported in Africa and South America, as well as in the U.S. and Europe.

As a whole, UFO group members were "sincere, intense, stable and very happy," Vallee notes. "One man I met was so happy, he has telepathic communications from Jupiter at 4 p.m. every day, he doesn't need the evening news."

From reports of witnesses, the scientist learned:

- UFOs appear circular in shape and usually are about 15 feet in diameter.
- They leave some physical trace of their existence, such as an imprint on the ground.
- They create some electromagnetic interference — witnesses report stalled cars or radios developing static.
- They transmit a tremendous amount of light, often illuminating the whole countryside, and vibrant colors.

"I would be disappointed," says Vallee, "if UFOs were simply dumb spacecrafts from another planet."

CITIZEN, Key West, FL - April 24, 1979 CR: J. Clark

## Deputy, Ramrod Residents See UFO Hovering Over The Lower Keys

By JIM TUCCI  
Citizen Staff Writer

"I believe in UFOs; I am now convinced we are being observed by outside beings."

No, these are not the words of some starry-eyed cultist waiting to shake hands with a Martian. Rather, they are the conclusions of a trained observer and monitor of local happenings — Sheriff's Department Deputy Mike Young, who recently, for the second time, sighted a UFO hovering over the keys.

As Young described events, the sighting occurred at about 9:30 p.m. on April 17 as he and Auxiliary Deputy Bill Thomas were patrolling on U.S. 1 near the Boca Chica bridge.

Thomas spotted the object first but he concluded that whatever the object was, it was not flying, but hovering.

"No, it's just a light craft," replied Young, explaining that because the car was traveling at 50 to 55 mph, the aircraft just looked as if it was standing still — an optical illusion.

"I thought it was a plane from the Naval Air Station," said Young.

But when the "plane" shifted to a spot almost directly above the car at approximately 600

feet, Young said, he could see it had strobe lights in a perfectly triangular shape.

The craft continued to keep pace with car, compelling Thomas to explain, "Mike, the damn thing is still hovering."

### Dead Silence

Young stopped the car and rolled down the window and said that what shocked him was the lack of sound.

"It was dead quiet," he said.

"No nothing."

As Young and Thomas began to show interest in the UFO, it apparently lost interest in them. The object started to pass the car.

Young said he turned his vehicle around and in the 15 seconds it took to do so, the UFO was 30 miles away and appeared as nothing but a distant red light in the sky.

Simple mathematics Young notes, says that if it takes 15 seconds to go 30 miles, an object is moving at 7,200 miles per hour.

"No plane I know of could have moved out like that," Young said. "The more we talked about it, the more impossible it was."

He said a few minutes later he was relieved to hear a call on the

radio that a woman in Marathon had reported a sighting just after the object had left his area.

### Other Sightings

In addition, other sightings were reported that night, one from Ramrod Key and one from the Naval Air Station. A spokesman for the NAS, however, could not supply any details about the alleged sighting, though, on the grounds that the station tower was closed at the time and no one was monitoring the radar.

However, Mrs. Berry Larsen of Breezeswept Beach Estates told Sheriff's deputies that she, her husband Earl and a neighbor, Mrs. Howard Hoyt, watched a large circular object hover over an area west of their home for about 25 minutes on the night of April 17.

"It was fantastic; I've never seen anything like it," exclaimed Mrs. Larsen, who admitted being frightened at the sighting. "It was a huge circular object and the bottom had pulsating green and red lights."

She said her husband saw it first at low altitude, the she got a pair of binoculars and watched it hovering at a higher altitude. Mrs. Larsen said the UFO was about as high as an Air Florida plane it is making its approach

to Key West over Ramrod Key.

She said it was much larger than an airplane and the bottom of one side also had a brilliant white light which shone brightly just before the object abruptly veered off to the southwest toward Key West.

Mrs. Larsen said the object moved away at a smooth rate of speed — about as fast as an artificial satellite moving across the sky — but her husband said he saw it fly away very quickly.

Young's and Thomas' reports were forwarded to the Center for UFO Studies at Evanston, Illinois where they have received more than 75,000 UFO reports from 133 countries, according to UPI.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an astronomy professor at Northwestern University who operates the center said in a UPI report that he cannot understand why scientists and the government seem so apathetic about getting to the bottom of the UFO mystery.

"UFOs exist and persist," he said, adding that most reports come from highly responsible people including pilots and radar operators.

## Reports of two UFO sightings being probed

Two UFO reports Wednesday are being investigated by Joan Jeffers, field researcher for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research.

Ms. Jeffers said one sighting was reported by a woman driving on Route 6 between Kane and Smethport. She saw what she first believed to be two headlights coming out of woods. She said it was a noiseless object, with colored lights.

The second sighting occurred between Port Allegany and Smethport as a woman watching television at 10 p.m. felt as if she were being watched. When she turned and looked out her front window, she saw two white lights shining toward her house. The object, from 150-200 feet away, was hovering, noiseless and had white lights. When those lights went out, colored ones came on, illuminating some of the body of object which appeared to be rectangular. It quietly took off in a westerly direction.

Ms. Jeffers said that there were military maneuvers in the Emporium area but she has not been able to verify that military planes were still in the area at that hour of the night.

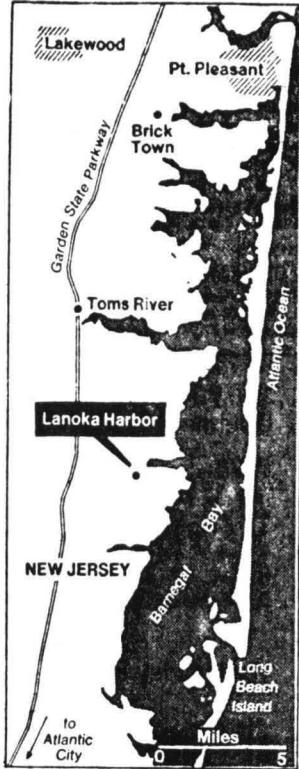
She can be reached at 368-8558.

ERA, Bradford, PA - April 28, 1979 CR: J. Jeffers

**By MARTIN WALDRON**  
Special to The New York Times

**The Talk** of Barnegat Bay.

A search found nothing. But six days after the "sighting," two clambers from Lanoka Harbor, came across a big "rock" partly buried in the bottom of Barnegat Bay, there nine feet deep,



Without attempting to explain Frank Forka's sighting, some authorities have suggested that since there are no native boulders of that size in the area, the big rock in Barnegat Bay might have fallen from a barge hauling construction material along the Intracoastal Waterway.

A high-contrast, black and white photograph showing a man in a military uniform, likely a sergeant, leaning over a desk and looking down at a document or object. The image is grainy and has a stark, dramatic quality.

**Sgt. Richard Groch, seated, and Officer James Tierney of the state marine police charting sightings of 'meteorite' that reportedly fell into Barnegat Bay.**

After rearing about them so many times in this newspaper the wife of an Estacada school teacher said she was "a little freaked" last week when she and her husband finally saw a UFO themselves. Like many of the previous persons reporting sightings the couple said they were returning to Estacada on Highway 224 late at night when a brilliant light appeared at tree level. While numerous colors of lights have been reported on UFOs the woman said this craft appeared to have been white lights. Also like previous sightings, the object was seen roughly in the area where the high power transmission lines cross the highway.

During the month of June Chickamaug County News Publisher Ray Horn will organize a UFO vigil in Eagle Creek. Two-member teams will observe the sky from 10:30 pm to 1 am each evening because so many of the sightings have seemed to occur during these hours. Horn says he's like to borrow a 400 mm screw mount telephoto lens if any reader has such a lens.

CR: G. Fawcett

clusters of white lights in a triangular formation with a blinking red light near the rear. At about the same time, three teenagers, traveling west on U.S. 74 between Monroe and Indian Trail, saw an object traveling southeast near Kendrick Brock and The Co. with white lights in a triangular shape with a red light at the rear. Between 9 and 9:15 p.m., Union County building inspector Steve Morton was traveling toward his home in the White Oaks subdivision with his family and several neighbors in the car. Morton and his family reported seeing

The first sighting came at about 8:30 p.m. when a Charlotte couple heard a helicopter fly the sound and went outside to see two white lights and a red light in a triangular shape traveling toward Monroe.

At 8:55 p.m. a Matthews woman said she heard a noise like a tornado and Mrs. Neida Bahr said she saw three people outside with her daughter.

12 reports the night of March 9, in-  
volving at least 35 people.  
"On closer investigation, it appears  
that five of the sightings, involving 16  
people, were of a flight of Army heli-  
copters on a night-training flight from  
Pope Air Force Base," Laporte said.  
A report on the local sightings, com-  
piled by Laporte and other UFO inves-  
tigators, shows a silent mystery object  
left Charlotte about 8:30 p.m. and trav-  
eled 42 air miles southeast to Pageland,  
S.C., and a similar object was spotted  
again in Charlotte at about 10:45 p.m.  
"There was nothing spectacular  
about these sightings in that the object

MONROE — There's no earthly explanation for some unidentified flying objects spotted in the area March 9, and descriptions of the local sightings match those given in other parts of the country, UFO investigators say.

Five sightings in Mecklenburg and Union counties and Chesterfield County, S.C., have been identified as Army helicopters, but seven others, witnessed by 19 people, will go on the record books as UFOs.

UFO investigator Wayne Laporte of Indian Trail said there were a total of

News Staff Writing  
By BOB GLENNY

NEWS, Charlotte, NC - May 9, 1979

# Monroe UFO reports match national sightings



# Out of the known...

**DID SCHOOLGIRL** Gaynor Sunderland meet two creatures from outer space while on a cycle ride in the hot summer of 1976?

She claims to have seen the two silver-clad persons in a field in Flint. And watching through a gap in a hedge, observed them making soil tests.

She heard them talking, and shortly after, watched them take off in a cigar-shaped spaceship. It's an amazing story, and one that Gaynor of Flint, Close, Flint, kept to herself for 18 months. She feared people would laugh at her.

But now—thanks to the most unusual interview ever conducted by the Daily Post—Gaynor has agreed to be named publicly. For the interview proved fairly conclusively that Gaynor was telling the truth.

She did see a space-ship, and she did see two of the occupants.

Throughout the 45-minute question and answer session, Gaynor was in a deep hypnotic trance. And leading the man who put 11-year-old Gaynor in the trance—said later it would have been impossible for her to lie under those conditions.

"I can only say that what Gaynor told us she saw, she did really see," said Keeton. However, Mr. Keeton did warn that she may have had

## PHILIP KEY probes one schoolgirl's amazing space story

an hallucination on that hot day. And what she was recalling was nothing but a day-dream.

IN FAVOUR of that theory, is that under hypnosis, Gaynor admitted she had watched a programme on television about flying saucers just a few weeks before the incident.

AGAINST it, the fact that her story had her spotting the space craft while still on her bicycle. If she had drifted off into a dream, would that not have happened after she'd got off?

There is no doubt the incident was very real to her. Twice under hypnosis she recalled running away. And on both occasions, burst into tears at that point in her story.

Certainly her story has created huge interest among Britain's UFO experts. Jenny Randless, an expert with the magazine Flying Saucer Review, told me: "It is rare for people in this country to be questioned under hypnosis after having a close encounter of the third kind."

"What interests us about this case is that Gaynor's descriptions are among the most detailed ever recorded. And they tally with other descriptions in other parts of the country.

tot off my bike now and walked towards the field. (The space ship) is just on the ground, not making a noise. Someone's coming round the back. A sort of man. He's walking funny, not bending his legs. He's tall and he's talking round the space ship. I feel funny. He's got a suit on—a silver suit. There's a glass ball on the top, a white thing by his side. There are black boots underneath the silver. His face is very pale. He's got big eyes and a little thing in the middle (of the eyes) like a dot. His nose is flat.

"He's feeling the grass. He's got a gun, like a square, only two sides. He's firing at the grass, making holes. He's firing, then feeling it, and walking on."

"I'm cold and frightened. He's stopped. I think he's looking at me. I snapped a twig. His suit is all-in-one, a white thing on his side. He's got four fingers and they're all pointing. The thumb is bent."

"Now he's walking on. I can see a silver thing with a red top in a field. I've

He's listening. There's a funny sound—a murmuring. It's coming from the ship. The man is going to it. There's a door—it's opening up and a hand is coming out and waving. It's like his hand only smaller. "He's speaking and there's a funny noise. I can't understand what he says. I think he's talking about me. He saw me. He's going round the back now."

"It's coming! Someone else. It looks like a lady and she's walking round. She's got a wavy sword."

"She's pointing it at the ground and dipping it in where the holes are. She's turning it round and looking at it. She's doing it with some of the holes. She looks angry."

"Now she's standing there, looking at the sun. She's got thin lips, and long. Her face is pink with a flat nose and big round eyes. No eyebrows and no hair."

"I'm cold and frightened. She's going in I'm running. At this point Gaynor began to cry. Mr Keeton took her

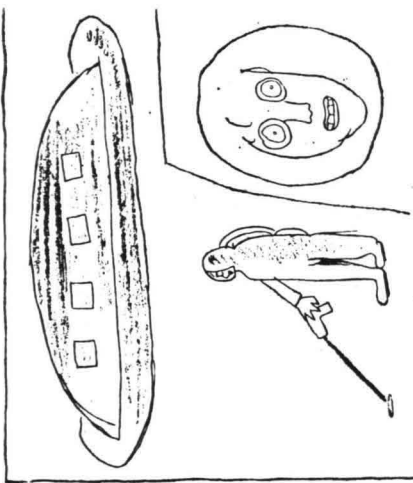
back to a few weeks before when she watched a Nationwide programme on flying saucers. She described a television picture of a saucer spotted by two boys as "like a cigar, silver with a rim. Nothing on top." The boys had apparently run away. Mr Keeton then tried to trick her by suggesting: "You were braver than the boys, then?"

Gaynor replied: "Why?" At that stage, of course, she would not have known about her own sighting a few weeks later.

Gaynor was then taken over the whole incident again. She described it in exactly the same way, adding a little more detail on questioning.

The "white thing" on the man's side, she said, was like a bag and a tube went from it to the man's helmet. There was no noise when the gun was fired. "A red colour comes out, all way."

The woman, she said, also wore a helmet, and twisted the sword when she poked it into the ground. She had



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"funny, pointy elbows. She bent them a little when she went down." The space-ship, she said, took off "sideways" and it made a "humming" sound. Underneath the ship was "a hole—all black inside." She began sobbing again as she described her running away. She wasn't going to the police station because: "I'm scared—no one will believe me."

Asked finally about a Dr Who programme featuring creatures not unlike those she recalled, she said she thought the TV creatures were "silly".

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ESSEX COUNTY STANDARD, Colchester, England - March 2, 1979

## 'Strange lights' over Essex

SCIENTISTS have scotched rumours linking the geese deaths with a flood of UFO sightings in the area.

All this week, the Standard office has been inundated with callers reporting seeing "strange lights" in the skies to the east of Colchester.

Among those who say they saw the UFO is assistant borough planner Mr Ted Gittins.

Like all of the spotters, Mr Gittins, who lives in Francis Street, Brightlingsea, made his sighting on Sunday evening at about 8 pm.

"I was just going into a restaurant in Colne Road with my mother and son when we saw it," he said.

"It looked like four medium bright stars in a diamond shaped formation moving fairly slowly from the east."

"Whatever it was it could not have been an aircraft. As well as myself and those who were with me, at least four other people stood and watched it. I have never seen anything like it before."

Mr Michael Hester, of Luxton Road, Alresford, was driving home with his wife and children that night when they caught sight of the UFO.

"We were driving along the Colchester bypass when I saw two fairly large white coloured brightly lit objects moving over Greenstead towards Clingoe Hill," he said.

"It seemed quite high up in the sky and appeared to follow us before we lost sight of it."

And observant schoolboy, 12-year-old Julian Appleton, made a diagram of the object after he saw the lights from the window of his Drury Road home that Sunday evening.

The drawing shows two large lights and two smaller lights in a diamond shape which he says was moving "in an easterly direction."

Many more reported sightings have come in from members of the public including amateur astronomers and aviation fans.

Mr Roger Diggings, of Colchester, saw the object with his wife Christine while on his way to a dinner engagement in Brightlingsea.

"I have studied aviation as a hobby for many years and it certainly was not any conventional type of aircraft," he said.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said: "These things can usually be explained by odd meteorological conditions or civil aircraft activity."

SUNDAY SUN, Toronto, Ontario, Canada March 18, 1979 CR: G. Duplantier

## UFO still up in air

In June of 1978, Cliff Crocker stood outside his Kimberley Street home and snapped two pictures of a UFO lighting up the night skies.

One picture showed a large circular white object visible between the leaves of a large tree and the roof of a neighboring house. It's stationary.

The other picture showed the object in motion, which Crocker felt was "the precise moment of acceleration" of the intriguing UFO.

Crocker did nothing with the pictures until last month, when he decided to mail them to the Sun's open forum on UFOs. His story was told Feb. 4.

Today, he wishes he had kept quiet. Why? Not because of doubt—computer analysis by Ground Saucer Watch suggests "an unknown light source coming from an unknown aerial object."

The Phoenix-based UFO research organization examined all the details of the film and eliminated the moon and a hoax as the source of the light. No, it was the reaction of others.

"I didn't anticipate the mixed reaction from neighbors and friends, not to mention the mixed reaction my three school-aged sons received from their friends," Crocker says today.

"I don't mean to imply that it was a bad reaction, but perhaps more the effect of leaving a question mark in certain peoples' minds."

The GWS computer analysis should help erase the question mark. Still unanswered is what did Crocker photograph that night?

## Mass Sightings Of UFOs Reported

MANILA, Philippines — Hundreds of residents in five remote Central Philippine villages saw brightly colored unidentified flying objects last week, a military report said Monday.

A brief dispatch from Gen. Emilion Narcise, a constabulary regional commander, said villagers in Baang, Maitom, and Bauan saw the UFOs at 4 a.m. Thirty minutes later the UFOs were spotted hovering over adjacent Ubay and Batuan in the island province of Bohol, 400 miles southeast of Manila, the report said.

"The UFOs were more or less 200 feet above in the form of mercury light emitting particles following a big light with the size of a ball," was the only description the report gave on the sightings.

Similar UFO sightings were reported by the military after hundreds of residents of a town in the nearby central Visayan province of Masbate saw a strange object emitting colors of blue, red, green and white before vanishing into the air.

# I saw a spaceship

## land says man in quarry search



DID an alien spacecraft land in a remote Bacup quarry early on Saturday morning. The question may remain unanswered, but...

At least a dozen people, including two policemen, saw an inexplicable bright orange-white light moving through the Rosendale sky.

One man saw the UFO, which stopped, changed colour and then descended into a quarry high on the hills.

Mr Mike Sacks of 11 Miles Avenue, Stacksteads, could not believe his own eyes when he spotted a brilliant white oval-shaped object in the sky above his bedroom window.

He said: "It was a brilliant pulsing white light with a slight orange tinge. It looked about the size of two double-decker buses. It was really weird."

What made it even more so, was the fact that it was Mr Sacks's second encounter with a UFO in recent months.

He said: "About four months ago at exactly the same time and travelling in the same direction, I saw it. That time it passed over Lee Mill Quarry, but this time it stopped."

"I woke my wife Mary and our eight-year-old daughter Melissa and as we watched the brilliant white light went out and a red undercarriage lit up dull red and started spinning round."

"As it spun round brighter red flashes were emitted. In the space of about three seconds it descended vertically down."

Sensing a world scoop picture, he went for his brother Ray, an amateur photographer living in Crawshawbooth. After informing Rawtenstall police of what he had seen, they set off up to the quarry.

As they approached the quarry along Cemetery Lane, two policemen from Bacup met them. They had seen an orange light in the

sky and were sent to investigate after Mr Sacks had contacted the police.

Armed with torches, the two brothers and two policemen climbed up to the edge of the quarry.

Mr Sacks said: "I was very excited. We all thought we were going to see what ever had landed. Apart from lights on the quarry warehouse, it was pitch black."

"It was somewhere in the quarry, I knew. We searched for ages, but after two hours the policemen left Ray and myself with a torch and returned to their car."

"We searched for a couple more hours, but could not find anything. I eventually returned the torch to Bacup Police Station about 6.30 am."

Mike, a 38-year-old tailor, feels lucky to have witnessed such an amazing event, but is apprehensive about making his experience public.

He said: "My reputation is at stake, especially as I saw the same type of object four months ago. If someone else tried to tell me they had seen a UFO stop over a quarry, change colour and land, I would find it very hard to believe."

"But I saw it."

Lorry-loader Tony Gansley, aged 17, of 5 Prospect Terrace, Stacksteads, also saw it. He was walking home at the time.

He saw a bright white light in the sky above the quarry.

He said: "It seemed to stop and then went down behind the quarry. Then I saw the policemen and went in because I was cold."

A group of six people travelling through Weir, Bacup, also reported seeing a bright light moving

through the sky. They described it as looking like Venus, and thought it hovered for a few seconds before disappearing.

Mrs Hilda Regals of Helmshore has been studying UFOs for 15 years now. She admitted the shape described by Mr Sacks was typical of one type of UFO frequently reported.

She asked anyone who saw it to let her know if they get inexplicable headaches or other illnesses, as can sometimes happen to people who encounter UFOs.

Nothing unusual has happened at Lee Mill quarry in recent weeks, according to Mr Geoffrey Thorpe, area manager for Eskett Quarries who are presently extracting gritstone from the quarry.

But he confirmed that warehouse lights were left on accidentally last Friday night.

Mr David Tarry of the Direct Investigation Group into Aerial Phenomena (DIGAP) said he would certainly be investigating the sighting.

He said: "It could be quite an interesting case with it being the second sighting at the same time and same flightpath and the possibility of a landing."

Superintendent John Clark, head of the Rosendale Sub-Division, said two policemen did see an orange light in the sky.

"It was very high up and it certainly did not land or move closer to the earth. Similar sightings were reported in Blackpool."

"It did seem to be moving slowly. There is nothing more than that."

MIR SACKS' impression of the UFO. The broken line represents what he thought was a further structure underneath, but it was not bright enough to be precise.

EVENING EXPRESS, Aberdeen, Scotland  
March 28, 1979

AN ABERDEEN van driver today spoke of his spine-chilling experience at the dead of night on a bleak North-east road.

As he bailed his way north in the darkness he thought he was the sole traveller until he claimed to have seen a dazzling stream of light pierce the swirling snow that lit up his cab "like a hundred electric lights."

Robert McAlley (51), said he was too scared even to get out of his cab to see where the beam was coming from.

Mr McAlley was making his nightly bread delivery from Aberdeen to Elgin and Inverness when he said the blinding light first appeared in the Glens of Foudland.

"It was early in the morning, about 3.30 am, on Tuesday when I first saw a fierce light in the sky, travelling very slowly."

"I slowed down and looked out of the windscreen and it disappeared towards my left. I never thought any more about it."

"I lit a cigarette and carried on driving. About 10 minutes after this a very bright light came on at the

passenger side of my vehicle. It was shining through the trees so brightly that I didn't have any focus in my own lights."

"This light disappeared and a vertical light came on shining directly on to my cab. It was at the rear of me and also about 10 feet in front. The beam was so broad you would have thought I had a hundred electric bulbs inside my own cab."

Mr McAlley, 57 Manor Avenue, Aberdeen, said the light stayed with him for about 10 minutes before

# Chilling encounter on a lonely N-east road

it disappeared again leaving him hardly able to see.

He said he carried on again towards Forchabers when the light re-appeared about 100 feet up in the sky, continuing north towards the Inverness area.

"I could not hear anything until the light was above my cab and then I heard a noise like an electric generator humming and dying down again."

"I don't believe in UFOs because there are so many people seeing things like this. I could not even see the object and I was too scared to get out of my

vehicle to see where it was coming from."

"I was really scared. I have never experienced anything like this in all my life," he added.

At first Mr McAlley thought the light may have come from a helicopter but the Civil Aviation Authority say they had no planes flying in the area then.

Police at Huntly said they had no reports from anyone else who witnessed Mr McAlley's weird encounter.

## DRAMATIC PICTURES OF U.F.O.

PHOTOGRAPHIC experts have been called in to examine dramatic pictures of a U.F.O. taken by a Crewe man.

The man, whose name has not been revealed, took three snapshots of a large, oddly-shaped object as it travelled over his house.

And Mr. Tony Pace, Research Director of the New-chapel-based British Unidentified Flying Object Association, said today: "If genuine they will be very exciting indeed."

"There is no doubt that they would be the best photographs of an unidentified flying object ever taken in Britain."

The man took the three colour snaps with an ordinary cartridge camera.

But they have been put on the "top secret" list by officials of B.U.F.O.A. until they can be carefully analysed by scientists.

Meanwhile, researchers are trying to track down other witnesses to the early-evening sighting last August.

Said Mr. Pace: "I would like to urge anyone who saw it to come forward."

"At this stage we want to keep some of the details of the sighting to ourselves to make sure that anyone who comes forward with information is genuine."

Mr. Pace can be contacted at his home at 18 Churchfields-road, Eccleshall (Tel: Eccleshall 850744).

EVENING SENTINEL, Stoke-on-Trent, England  
March 6, 1979

TIMES, Oxford, England - March 23, 1979

## I definitely saw wings and fuselage

by Adam Curtis

Was it a bird? Or maybe Superman? No — what I saw was, in my opinion, quite definitely a plane.

And this particular craft was beaming down in the direction of rural Oxfordshire as if it had just been shot out of the sky.

The funny thing is, there were no reports of aircraft being shot down in rural Oxfordshire last Sunday. (See story below).

I was half way along Marston Ferry Road at 7.50 p.m. looking north up the river, when suddenly I saw this thing plunging down in flames.

It was some way away, but near enough for me to see the outline of fuselage and wings. The whole thing seemed to be on fire.

But after diving earthwards for two or three seconds it disappeared, still several hundred feet above ground.

There was no sound, no explosion or flash of light. There could be only one explanation — I must have had a "close encounter." And what a classic setting for a UFO on an empty stretch of road in fading light.

But a few minutes later there was the sound of sirens as emergency crews raced along the by-pass.

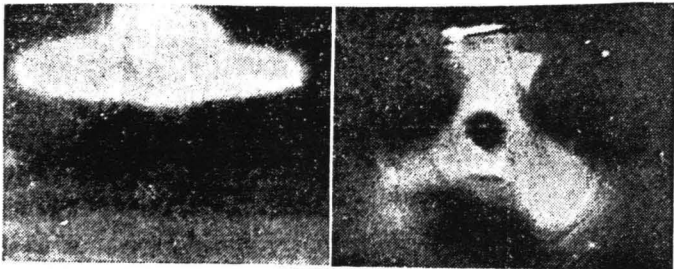
I rang the fire brigade as soon as I got home to ask what was going on.

"We've been quite funny really. We keep getting reports of a plane coming down in flames. We've had three fire engines out looking for something, but there's nothing there," they replied.

A call to Thames Valley Police headquarters at Kidlington revealed the same thing. They had received half a dozen calls. There had been similar reports from all over the country. One even from Belgium.

One theory is that it might have been a meteorite that I saw, or a satellite burning up. But a satellite with wings...





● An unidentified object photographed over Leigh by investigator Stephen Balon.

● Another close encounter? This object in the sky was snapped over Leigh by a schoolboy on an arts project.

### ON a lonely road, just around midnight, a car takes a wrong turning . . .

Dapper hero David Vincent had millions glued to their TV sets for the opening of each episode of "The Invaders."

But a similar, real-life setting was the start of a disturbing incident that baffled police and UFO investigators.

At a crossroads on an old coachroad across desolate moorland exactly at the spot where Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Lancashire meet, driver Geoff Hales headed home with three friends, all in their early 20s.

In the open country the featureless surroundings look the same in each direction. Geoff Hales, understandably, turned right instead of left.

Suddenly the car skidded and landed in a ditch. It was then that the passengers saw what Hales had picked out in his headlights.

About 25 feet away — the details vary only slightly — stood what can only be described as an entity, seven feet tall in a white space suit that faintly glowed. On its chest was a rectangular box with two red lights flashing rapidly on and off.

The figure saw them, took three or four steps in the car's direction and hesitated. Inside the car there was panic. Geoff Hales collapsed with an asthmatic attack. After a frantic struggle they got the vehicle back on the road. The four pounded on the door of a local farmer, who called the police.

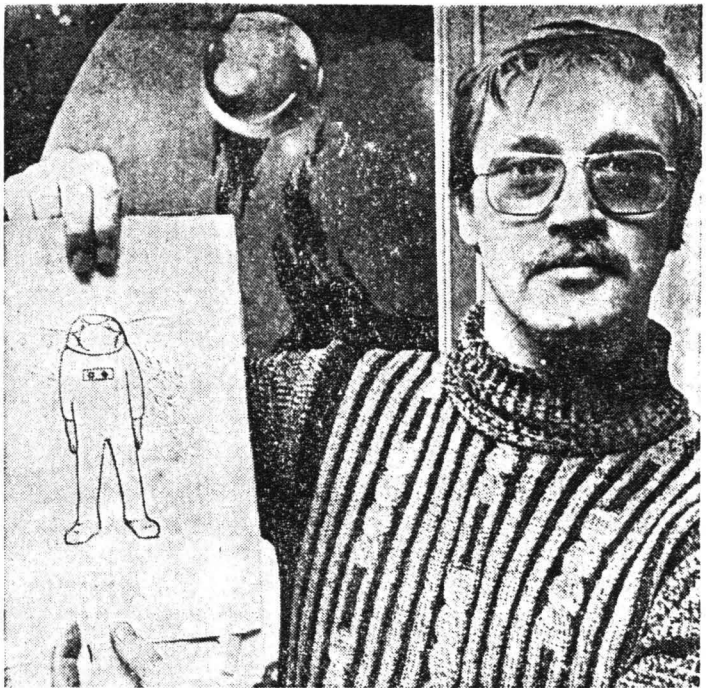
Later the farmer said: "Those lads were really scared. They were not messing about."

Three policemen arrived to investigate. One, PC McCluskie, said: "There was no doubt that they were scared, both visibly and physically. I think they definitely saw something. The lad who was asthmatic was sat in the back of the car when we arrived. His knees were shaking, he was white and he couldn't speak properly."

"When we got to the spot I took the road to the right and I locked my car doors. I wouldn't have gone there on my own without a car radio."

Stephen Balon, a UFO investigator, searched the area, took geiger readings, ran tests and held detailed interviews with the witnesses.

The case is still unsolved — along with many others



● Investigator Stephen Balon with an artist's impression of the entity on the old coach road.

# What was the strange white figure on the old coach road?

By GRAHAM NOWN

in a thick file at his home in Rydal Street, Leigh.

Investigators cautiously label such close encounters as incidents of "high strangeness."

But, unknown to the four witnesses, the happening on the old coach road at Rainford was part of a pattern of intense UFO activity that peppered a huge triangle of the North West.

## Genuine

Balon, with 12 years of investigating experience behind him is used to a deluge of phone calls after UFO sightings. The most recent, witnessed a week ago in Wigan by police, a security guard, a housewife and a coachload of girls, brought 40 calls from the public in one evening.

His approach is thorough and detached — even when the entity of the old coach road made two more bizarre appearances.

An identical figure was

spotted late at night by a service engineer returning home through Risley in his works van.

He stopped the vehicle after an odd feeling of being powerfully forced down into his seat. Outside, a tall helmeted figure stood near the van. The helmet rotated completely and the figure turned to walk up a 10 foot grass embankment.

At the top it faced the perimeter fence of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Research Establishment and "appeared to walk completely through it."

But the incident had a stranger sequel. The circuits of the engineer's van radio were found to have completely burned out and the driver, despite detailed questioning, has a total mental blank as to what happened for 45 minutes after the experience.

The strange figure, rapidly beginning to sound like a folk tale, was again spotted on a slag heap at

Higher Fold, Leigh, by a woman walking with her daughter.

A quarter of a mile away at Wilford Park a schoolboy photographing clouds for an arts project suddenly spotted a UFO and managed to catch it on film.

Stephen Balon says: "These witnesses are all very ordinary, genuine people. We have reached a point where glib explanations begin to wear a bit thin."

"I have no doubt that these people have seen what they claim. Many are reluctant to talk about it, or even give their names and addresses."

"After each incident we still find ourselves back at square one. I have a strong personal feeling that there must be people in higher authority who know more than they are prepared to say. Why they should want to hide anything I simply don't know."

Balon, who works for the British UFO Association

and the UFO Investigation Network, a group now taken seriously enough to have been offered the use of computer and laboratory facilities in Nottingham.

He's seen one or two himself, too. An interest in astronomy and some unexplained personal sightings originally led him into investigation.

"Some of our computer findings indicate, for a peculiar reason, that many sightings occur near activity such as construction work or power stations."

But the silver-suited spacemen on the coach road and events surrounding it remain unexplained.

## Remote

The day before the sighting, four people at Shevington, just north east of Rainford, saw something in the sky.

A husband and wife, their lodger and a neighbour, who all requested anonymity, had just finished watching TV. Outside they saw a bright red disc, about 10 inches across at arm's length, moving slowly in the direction of Rainford. It appeared to be illuminated from within and lit up the

surroundings with a glow as it passed overhead.

As it passed over Orrell, about two miles north east of Rainford, several independent witnesses contacted the police, who were to be drawn into things deeper than they expected.

The day after the coach road incident PCs Lowe and Roberts were on traffic patrol on the M62 motorway near Rainhill.

They saw a brilliant white light in the sky hovering above Bold Power Station. After about 10 seconds it began to pulsate and then move across their path at a fantastic rate to hover above Fiddlers Ferry power station.

The object pulsated again and was by now clearly seen to be an inverted "T" shape. After a total of about 20 seconds it streaked away vertically and disappeared.

Stephen Balon: "The chances of any of these incidents being a hoax are very rare and police I interviewed view this only as a remote possibility."

All the cases on Balon's files remain open. If anyone has seen anything similar he invites them to contact him at Leigh 678347.

EVENING COURIER, Halifax, England - March 26, 1979

## Bright lights in sky startle staff

THREE bright lights in the sky have startled staff at Halifax General Hospital.

Maintenance department worker Mr Trevor Wood said with a colleague, Mr Tom Knowles, he watched two UFOs come together and disappear at 5.10 am.

Last month, about four of the department's staff had seen a similar object hovering over Siddal, Halifax, at exactly the same time as the new sightings. It had then moved off.

Mr Wood said one of the "stars" came from the Siddal direction. It had a red flashing light but it was not a plane.

It moved towards the hospital, fairly low, and in a straight line.

The second, similar to the first but without the flashing red light, appeared from the Norton Tower, Halifax, direction.

The two met and vanished, said Mr Wood.

"It was a clear night and they were not shooting stars or planes," he said.

"I didn't believe in UFO's, but you have to believe your own eyes."

UFO expert Mr Trevor Whitaker, of Well Head, Halifax, said the sightings were puzzling, particularly the February one when the object had hovered and then moved off.

The red light certainly indicated a plane, he said. Venus was often confused for a UFO early in the morning at this time of year.

On February 27, lorry driver Mr Milo Puttaert saw a white light moving in a circle in the sky from Denholme.

The sighting was at 4 am and lasted for about a minute.

SIDCUP & KENTISH TIMES, England - March 15, 1979

## Mystery noise 'is like UFOs'

Mrs Iris Smith, of Honeyden Road, wrote to the Sidcup Times: "I also heard this sound at 9.30 p.m. I opened my curtains and saw a white mist rising from the ground."

"This white substance slowly rose up into and across the sky completely obliterating the brilliantly clear sky and stars."

She went on: "I was thoroughly scared by both incidents and rang Sidcup police but cut the call off before they answered, feeling sure they would think I was either hoaxing or out of my mind."

Another reader, 28-year-old GPO engineer, Mr Dave Pink, of Frinton Road, Albany Park, said he has heard the "warbling" noise for a year.

"It seems to come from everywhere; you just cannot get a bearing on it."

Mrs Alice Bullock, of Maldstone Road, Sidcup, was another with information. Her husband and son heard the noise recently. She heard it a few weeks before.

SPECULATION was rife this week concerning the inexplicable noise reported recently by residents around Fooks Cray and likened to UFOs in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

As a nearby factory expressed doubt it was responsible a reader reported spotting a bizarre white substance on the same night as the strange whining noise heard by Ellenborough Road residents.

# Russians Enjoy Saucer Mysteries

By KEVIN KLOSE  
Times-Post News Service  
(Washington Post)

MOSCOW — The Leningrad University graduate had never met an American before. He said cautiously that he wanted to ask a few questions, "which you don't have to answer if you don't want to."

"Go ahead," said the American, thinking wearily of those favorite topics of Soviet propaganda — the neutron bomb, unemployment in the West, or perhaps the accords reached at Camp David, Maryland.

"My first question is about the flying saucer that followed the American astronauts to the moon and landed nearby. Why did the Americans suppress this, and can you really tell me about it?"

THERE WAS silence, and then the surprised American said that, to his knowledge, there had been no such episode.

The Russian objected. He and his young friends, he went on, knew that Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin had reported both a lunar landing by another craft, simultaneous with theirs in 1969, and a meeting and conversation with the extraterrestrial creatures. They had it on videotape, the Russian said.

When the American demurred, the young Russian replied with disgust: "I see I know more about this than you!"

Soviet intelligentsia lacks any fare such as "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," "Battlestar Galactica," or "Star Wars" to fire their imaginations. Nevertheless, the Soviet younger generation seems powerfully drawn to

the romance of the saucers and other UFO's that reportedly have visited many capitalist countries in the past 30 years.

STUDY OF THE occult, of astrology, of zodiacal influences — which the official Soviet press increasingly has scolded as "pseudo-science" — seems to be on the increase here and, as elsewhere in the industrialized world, flying saucers are in the vanguard.

Interest in UFO's has been spurred by circulation of the text of a lecture, allegedly given and officially suppressed, by a man said to be a reliable scientist, Leon Zigel, who described the lunar meeting and added: "In the U.S.S.R., there exists a ban on all kinds of publications about UFO's."

That sentence alone is enough to ensure belief in celestial visitors, even though the samizdat (self-published) lecture has been denounced by various respected figures, including the science-fiction writer, Yermey Parnov.

NEVERTHELESS, this vast country, with its sparsely populated interior, has produced over the years other mysteries analogous to Western fixtures such as the Loch Ness Monster and "Big Foot," the legendary humanoid of the Pacific Northwest.

Last year, for example, an official Tass News agency reporter suggested that the Abominable Snowman, or "yeti" of the Himalayas, might have a distant relation alive and well in northern Siberia. The Russian cousin

is called "Chuchunaa" in a Yakutia dialect, which means "fugitive" or "outcast." Tass reported that Sergei Bulantsev, citing numerous reports from matter-of-fact natives of the Taiga, suggested that Chuchunaa was a paleolithic humanoid remnant who was driven into the wilderness by more aggressive tribes.

According to the descriptions, Chuchunaa stands about six and a half feet high, is shaggy but wears a reindeer skin against the Siberian cold, eats meat and berries and has "a very dark face" the size of a human's, but with a broad chin and a small forehead that protrudes above the eyes "like a cap."

ELSEWHERE, THE search goes on for proof of the existence of an Aidakhor, a 50-foot Soviet version of the Loch Ness Monster. A Soviet geographer and his son reported seeing the monster one day in 1975, in a small lake called Kok-kol in the Dzhambul region of southern Kazakhstan. Soviet media, which exorcise the notion of the Loch Ness Monster as a circulation-building fabrication of the Western press, have paid some attention to their own creature from the depths. Unfortunately, the geographer was so frightened he forgot to take any photos.

As if there were not enough problems with these home-grown creatures, Soviet scientists have argued publicly over the mystery of the Bermuda Triangle, where the disappearance of many ships and planes over the years has been attributed to occult forces by some well-read Western authors.

ALL OF THESE sightings and beliefs, fanciful or not, pale in comparison with the "Tunguska Enigma," one of the modern world's truly stupendous celestial events. On the night of June 30, 1908, a vast fireball from space streaked into the atmosphere over Siberia and exploded about four miles above the wilderness in a flash that was seen 750 miles away and whose concussion was recorded by barographs in London.

The marshland of the Tunguska River, where the thing exploded, was devastated: Trees were shattered in an area of more than 800 square miles, wildlife was killed instantly and villagers hundreds of miles away were knocked down by the concussion. Debris from the blast rose into the stratosphere, and the dust altered sunsets in northern Europe for weeks after. Soviet scientists have estimated the blast at 40 million tons of high explosive, the power of a hydrogen bomb.

Soviet scientists and field researchers have studied the area of impact for more than 50 years. There is no crater; whatever the body was, it was vaporized without striking earth. In recent years, researchers have recovered from the tundra tiny spherical particles that are rich in sodium and silicon in combinations not found either on earth or in lunar soil samples. The Russians think that the fireball was a stray comet that exploded from the effects of its own shockwave as it plunged toward earth at supersonic speed.

MERCURY, Leicester, England - March 7, 1979

## ENCOUNTERS WITH UFOs RECOUNTED

MEMBERSHIP of the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation of Leicester is rising.

Addressing the Toc H luncheon club in Leicester, Mr. R. J. Shepherd, of 24 Webb's Way, Stoney Stanton, gave an account of sightings in the county, including the one at Thurmaston in May, 1977, which resulted in the foundation of the organisation.

Whenever a UFO sighting is reported, said Mr. Shepherd, investigators are sent out to interview people and make reports.

Detailed accounts of local sightings are given in the latest newsletter of the Leicester organisation.

The most recent was in Northamptonshire on November 22, 1978, when a Mrs. Oakensen, head of the Daventry Teachers' Centre, observed two bright lights in the sky ahead of her while driving home to Church Stowe, Northampton. The object appeared to be barbell-shaped. A green light began to flash, and she realised that although her foot was flat down on the accelerator pedal, the engine was not revving and her car was slowing down. She changed into first gear and the car began to go again.

After the incident she found herself driving home again, but could not remember re-starting the engine. The trip home took 10 minutes longer than usual.

In addition to the Leicester research organisation there are similar societies at Hinckley, Coalville, Melton and Nuneaton, and another is to be formed at Market Harborough.

# RUSSIANS ORDER A UFO ALERT

RUSSIA has become the first country to order an official UFO alert.

People have been asked to report any sightings directly to the Soviet Academy of Science.

A leading Soviet UFO expert, Professor Aleksei Zolotov, said: "This is the first admission by the academy that secret UFO research is being conducted on this level."

"The academy is calling for help. The matter must be urgent."

The high-level Soviet action was set off by spectacular sightings over the city of Petrozavodsk — sightings which have led at least one scientist to conclude that space creatures will contact humans soon.

Soviet space lecturer and author Aleksandr Kazantsev revealed: "Exciting new information has been

seeping through from Petrozavodsk concerning a spaceship that visited the area recently."

The first space encounter over Petrozavodsk came in September 1977.

### Sightings

A UFO was reported to have beamed down light that made holes in paving stones.

There have been frequent UFO sightings in the area since then. And just recently came the most spectacular of all.

A journalist in Petrozavodsk, Nikolai Milov said: "The UFO hung in the night sky for at least two hours at an altitude of 60 miles."

"It was the centre of great activity as much smaller bodies appeared to dart away from it, while others seemed to approach and disappear into immense portholes."

### Reported

Soviet physicist Dr Vladimir Azhazha commented: "In my view, it was a mother ship from outer space."

"Its appearance seems to indicate that an extraterrestrial civilisation is in the final stage prior to direct communication with earth."

A spokesman for Britain's Defence Ministry said that a Russian-style alert to report sightings directly to the Ministry was not planned.

REVEILLE, London, England - April 6, 1979



# A close encounter

ABERDEEN man Stanley Shearer is still scratching his head over the strange sight which marked the start of his 52nd year.

For Mr Shearer is sure he spotted a UFO as he gazed out of the window of his 17th floor home early on Sunday morning.

At first he thought it was a helicopter, but a closer look through a telescope revealed what he said was an oval object with a dome on top and shrouded in an orange pulsating light.

"I went to bed early, but I couldn't sleep. I was 51 on Saturday but I hadn't been drinking at all," said Mr Shearer.

## RED LIGHT

"I got up about 1.30 a.m. and made a cup of tea. I was looking out the window to the west, just knocking in a bit of time, when I saw this red light.

"I thought it was a helicopter but when I looked through my telescope it was obviously nothing of the sort."

Mr Shearer, an unemployed fish filleter, observed the UFO for about 15 minutes before it disappeared.

"I noticed a thing like a steel helmet sitting on top of the oval shape. Then it seemed to tilt over and show its underside.

## STARS

"I was trying to get a better fix on the object when it disappeared."

## STANLEY

## CLAIMS

## A UFO

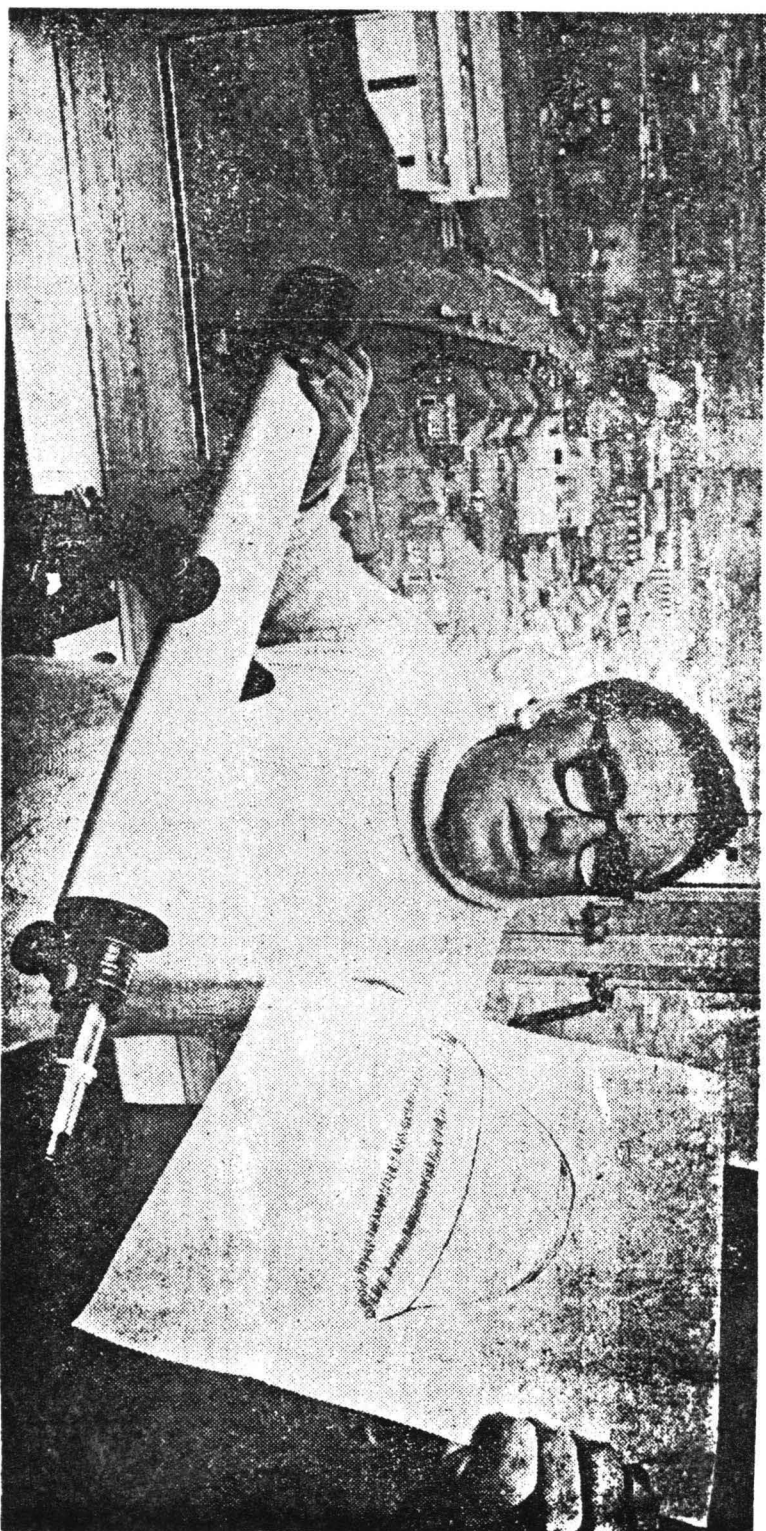
## SIGHTING

RIGHT — Mr Stanley Shearer and his drawing of what he saw above Brimmond Hill—shown on the horizon of our picture.

Mr Shearer is not a fanatical astronomer but likes to pass the time looking through his 'scope at the stars. "This was not a cloud," he said, "because there were stars around it."

Mr Shearer, who stays at 103 Linkfield Court, is quite certain about his sighting. "I'm quite adamant and I was hoping that someone else may have spotted it as well."

Spokesmen for the Aberdeen and District Astronomy Society and the air traffic controllers at Aberdeen Airport said there had been no reports of any strange sightings.



EVENING EXPRESS, Aberdeen, Scotland - March 7, 1979

UFOs "CRASH" CARNIVAL ("EFE," Spanish News Agency). A squadron of flying saucers joined the festivities during the recent carnival in northern Uruguay, leaving the citizens in a state of great perplexity. The last apparition occurred on Sunday morning, March 4, in the city of Treinta y Tres, on the border of Brazil and was witnessed, among others, by the Rivero family from their home in a remote suburb. They saw a large craft shaped like a saucer. It was sky blue "with a wonderful luminosity that does not exist in terrestrial objects". The flying object suddenly stopped in the air and began to emit lights of different colors. In the upper part of the craft there was a conical cabin that girated ceaselessly. The unidentified flying object remained visible for an hour before disappearing. Then, a few minutes later, it reappeared together with two formations of six smaller saucers. The first saucer in the formation was red and at times turned green. Mrs. Rivero, who was interviewed by a Spanish correspondent, described what followed: "Soon a white, very luminous umbilical cord issued from the main craft, extending itself to the smaller saucers." On the previous day (Saturday, March 3), a festive crowd which had been watching the last procession of the carnival week in Rocha, a city 180 miles east of Montevideo, witnessed the flight of three mysterious craft moving in the direction of the Atlantic and emitting intense lights that shifted from yellow to intense red. Queried about the strange flying objects, the authorities at the nearby airport reported that no aircraft had passed through the zone during the hour in which the party-crashing "unknown squadron" was observed.

SPOTLIGHT, (City & Country Unknown) - March 26, 1979

UFO's sighted over Negros, Bohol, Zamboanga

THE MANILA JOURNAL, Manila,  
The Philippines (U.S. Edition)  
- April 30/May 6, 1979 CR: J.  
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UNIDENTIFIED flying objects were reportedly sighted last April 19 in different parts of the Visayas and Mindanao.

In Bohol, residents of the towns of Catubigan, Ubay and Batuan reported seeing mysterious objects flying about 200 feet above sea level. They said that after traveling along the coastline, the flying objects flew in formation over the sea before disappearing into the clouds.

It was the second such sighting in Bohol. The first time was in San Pascual last April 9.

In Pagadian city, Zamboanga del Sur, residents said brightly lighted disc-like objects hovered at an altitude of 25,000 to 35,000 feet. The

UFO's were reportedly also seen over the city by Antonio Villamor, observer of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration.

Negros sighting

About a hundred residents of Talisay, Negros Occidental, including members of the Integrated National Police, reported having seen an unidentified flying object (UFO) hovering over the town for several minutes starting about 4:22 a.m. last April 19.

Talisay INP station Commander Felix de Asis, submitted an official report on the sighting to the Philippine Constabulary headquarters in Bacolod City.

Among those who saw the fiery phenomenon were members of a police patrol who had just come in and were resting at headquarters.

Joggers, too

Another group of joggers, headed by George Donesa, also stopped running and gazed at the "unknown object" that hovered for some time over the town, about seven kilometers (five miles) north of Bacolod.

The UFO sent also scores of jeepney drivers and Talisay public market vendors to the streets to view the multi-colored phenomenon, according to De Asis.

Most, however, scampered for safety "fearing possible trouble,"

according to the official police report

First sighting

The first sighting was reported by Nellie Malvas, a 25-year-old lady operating a cafeteria inside the Talisay-Silay Milling Company compound.

"I thought at first it was an airplane taking off from Bacolod going from south to north. It was low, about 250 to 300 feet. But then I noticed that it was sparkling, different colors - blue, green, yellow, red and many others," Nellie told police investigators.

"I've never seen anything like it," she added.

When it was over TASIMICO, Negros Island, and their families saw

the saucer-shaped object hovering over the mill.

Description

Based on their description, the flying object initially was streaming multi-colored flames from its underbelly. It was either saucer or cigar-shaped, exuding multi-colored lights, very fast and suddenly remaining stationary.

Later, over the mill, flames spurted out from the left and right sides of the object which then became organized into a V-shaped formation with "big one" leading them toward the north.

Afterwards, according to those from the TASIMICO compound, the fiery UFO's disappeared leaving in their wake smoke in the same formation.

TERRIFIED and shocked, a young Lancaster couple last week drove straight into an unforgettable encounter with a UFO.

"We weren't drunk, we saw what we saw," said Mr. David Tobbell, a man whose previous belief in UFOs was only confirmed by his startling experience near the Morecambe golf course last Thursday night.

David, his wife Lesley and their two young daughters were driving along the promenade on their way home from Carnforth.

At 6:50 pm strange things began to happen, according to the couple.

FLASHING

"We were driving past the golf course when I saw two red flashing lights above the bay, about four to five hundred yards from shore," said Mr. Tobbell.

"I thought it was a boat."

Minutes later Mr. Tobbell's premise was dramatically proved wrong.

"I looked up and saw this thing above my car. It was massive."

The "thing" was dome shaped, with a silver underside framed by a rotating ring of silver light. Four large red domes flashed from the bottom of the object.

TERRIFIED

Mrs. Tobbell was shattered. "I was scared stiff, terrified." Her husband's initial shock calmed to curiosity, he said.

He could not give an accurate indication of the size of the object, but said it easily engulfed his Hillman Imp car and would have contained six average size terraced houses with no problems.

There was no noise. It

was raining heavily. That plus his vehicle's engine noise probably muffled any sound the object could have made, Mr. Tobbell said.

The object came to within 100ft above the car, then moved slowly off in the direction of the golf course. Mr. Tobbell said it was so low above the course he was expecting it to land.

"Then suddenly, a flame shot from it, and it was gone, so fast I couldn't even see in what direction."

"I have never seen anything move as fast as that moved."

Mr. Tobbell was so interested he would have gone to investigate had the thing landed. But his wife was determined that she never

wanted to see it again.

Morecambe police said they had no other reports of UFOs in the area at that time.

ERRATIC

However, a 13-year-old Lancaster girl, Joanne Coupe, saw some unexplainable objects above the city at 6:40 pm last Wednesday.

She described them as three bright, white slightly pulsating lights moving somewhat erratically while changing formation.

A keen astronomer, Joanne is familiar with most things that shine from the night sky. She said the lights were too large and moved too erratically to have originated from aircraft.

SUSAN ANDERTON

Close encounter with a flying saucer ...!

THOSE little green men from outer space might just as easily be blue or purple, according to a new study of what to expect in the shape of extra-terrestrials.

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The simple demand of balance mean more than four legs are unlikely, and grasp-

ing appendages likewise should be roughly similar to our own. For maximum efficiency, there are unlikely to be more than 10 or less than four fingers.

Two eyes and ears seem probable, though there is the possibility of bat-like acoustic systems or built-in infrared sensors similar to the rattlesnake's.

Though some believe high gravity would mean heavy

squat figures and low gravity tall spindly creatures, Mr Spall points to the wide range of heights on earth and thinks creatures could vary from 4ft. 6in. to 7ft. high.

VIDEO

A startling possibility is that aliens may have developed levels of knowledge which would allow them to free their minds from their bodies. In that

case we might never discover their original appearance.

The chances are the very first close encounters will be via radio telescopes and video pictures will have to suffice for many years before face-to-face contact is made.

Writes Mr Spall — "These images of the extra-terrestrial will not shock us. They may surprise and intrigue us — but it is unlikely that mankind will find the aliens fearful in physical appearance."

ARE 'LITTLE GREEN MEN' HUMAN-LIKE?

By TOM McARTHUR

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Balloon-like UFO Lands In Philippines, Frightens Natives, Scientist Says

DAVAO, Philippines (UPI) — An American scientist said Sunday that he and 600 villagers saw an unidentified flying object that was emitting flashes of light soar over the Philippines' highest peak and land near their huts.

Ron Kruppa, 36, of the American-based Film and Research for the Endangered Environment, told Davao officials he saw a round, balloon-like object moving over Mount Apo, at the edge of Davao, 600 miles south of Manila.

There have been hundreds of reported UFO sightings over wide areas in the Central Philippines since April, and military authorities are investigating them.

In View 20 Minutes

Kruppa said the UFO appeared at 8 a.m. (7 p.m. Saturday CST) and was in view for 20 minutes as he, two Filipino assistants and 600 residents of Upper Baracatan village watched.

The village is at the bottom of the 10,311-foot mountain where Kruppa has been living for two years observing the lifestyle of a rare monkey-eating eagle.

Eagles' 'Eerie Sound'

"As I looked into the sky to find out why the eagles were making an eerie sound, I noticed an unusually bright starlike object in the north but almost directly overhead," Kruppa said.

The object was "perfectly

round like a big balloon" and gave off a strobe-like effect similar to one produced by a camera flash, he said.

He also said he noticed objects moving inside the UFO with his binoculars, as if pictures of the surroundings were being taken.

Landed Near Trees

The UFO landed in an open space behind a cluster of trees at Upper Baracatan, and the frightened villagers ran into their huts, he said. Twenty minutes later, the object took off and disappeared in the sky, he said.

One reported UFO landing in the central province of Negros Occidental already has sparked an investigation by the military.

Officials said they are still studying Kruppa's story and were undecided whether it should be investigated further.

GUARDIAN, Morecambe, England - March 16, 1979



# TRANSLATIONS

## FRANCE -- Credit: Jean-Luc Rivera

City and country of incident: Pleven, Bulgaria  
Date of incident: December 29, 1978  
Name of paper and date of clip: LE REPUBLICAIN LORRAIN, January 25, 1979  
City and country of paper: Lorraine (?), France

UFOs in Bulgaria.

The UFOs are spoken of in Bulgaria this time. The fact is rare, as the eastern countries usually keep the most absolute silence on this matter. Nevertheless, the Bulgarian press, while showing a series of pictures of the phenomenon and relating the witnesses' declarations, doesn't make any commentaries, leaving "the experts to draw their own conclusions."

Even the militia.

First sighting: an industrial poultry-raising firm employee, near Pleven. December 29, at 5:25 a.m., he takes the bus with half-a-dozen persons. He notices, in the south direction, a luminous source. "It was not a star," points out the witness. "The object came down at the eye level on the Lovetch road, at a few hundreds meters, going before the bus for several minutes...At the station, near my firm, I stopped...I saw the object hovering above a field...It emitted a blue and yellow light...I called immediately the militia for alerting them...Around 8 a.m., a second luminous object passed nearby the first, which was still stationary. A few moments later, the first one went to Pleven and stayed above the city until 11 a.m....It was ovoid in shape, slightly jagged on the sides."

A non-perfect egg.

Alerted, the underchief of post of the Pleven militia tells: "When I looked outside, I saw the object. I called the nearest military section, asking them if they saw it; they answered positively, but told that this object didn't give a radar echo. At 10 a.m., I could see this object with binoculars, above the city of Pleven. It looked like a non-perfect egg, with white, blue and green colours. Then it left towards the south-west...." The following days, similar sightings were made and a series of pictures too with a sophisticated camera and a 300 millimeters focal distance telephoto lens.

City and country of incident: Gréasque, France  
Date of incident: February 14, 1979  
Name of paper and date of clip: LE PROVENCAL, March 8, 1979  
City and country of paper: Marseille, France

A UFO in Gréasque?

The UFOs seem to flourish in the provencal sky. After the testimony of Mrs. Martin-Rey who saw a luminous shape above Arles, Mr. Guy Sanchez, 31 years old, living in Gréasque, reports to us a phenomenon no less unexplainable. It was February 14, at 9 p.m.: Mr. Sanchez was coming back home, arriving from Gardanne where he works at Pechinor, when he saw, at tree level, a white light coming from an apparently rather big shape. He thought it was the moon, but soon, making a turn, he saw the moon in front of him, and the luminous object on his side, as he saw it turning his head. Then the light diminished and the object became a green ball which left, disappearing little by little with a noise like the sizzling of a battery plugged in the earth. (\*)

Not very cheerful, Mr. Sanchez opened the door windows for having some air. A little further, he met some miners who told him to have seen some kind of lightning. He went to report this strange phenomenon to the "gendarmerie" of Gréasque. The mystery stays. Better, it becomes thicker.

(\*) In French: "grésaillement d'une batterie branchée à la masse."

City and country of incident: Arles, France  
Date of incident: March 5-6, 1979  
Name of paper and date of clip: LA PRESSE DE LA MANCHE, March 8, 1979  
City and country of paper: La Manche (?), France

An inhabitant of Aix, Mrs. France Martin Rey, saw a UFO in the sky of Arles. In the Monday to Tuesday night, around 1:30 in the morning, coming from Aix in a car and on the verge to reach Arles, she was puzzled by a huge orange luminous crescent. At this time, the car radio started to have interferences, beginning to be inaudible, then the crescent took the shape of a cone and the object went away with a great speed, disappearing in the night in a few seconds.

City and country of incident: Grand Canary and Tenerife Islands  
Date of incident: ?  
Name of paper and date of clip: L'UNION, March 9, 1979  
City and country of paper: (?), France

A UFO, very luminous and flying very high, was seen by numerous persons from various points of the Grand Canary Island and of the Tenerife Island (in the Canary archipelago). It was detected too by the alert and control service of the air some of the Canary Islands.

The UFO was visible for ten minutes, more especially as a strike in the city power helped its sighting, before disappearing in a pink halo.

City and country of incident: Mîmes, France  
Date of incident: March 8-9, 1979  
Name of paper and date of clip: LA DEPECHE DU MIDI, March 10, 1979  
City and country of paper: Toulouse, France

Mîmes: is it a UFO?

Mîmes. In the Thursday to Friday night, while they were riding in their car, 4 citizens of the Gard department saw, in the vicinity of Mîmes, high in the sky, a luminous object shaped like a disc (UFO) which global shape recalled two plates put one on the other. The witnesses stopped their car for better watching the phenomenon. The object stayed motionless a few minutes. "It looked," said one of the motorists, "as big as the moon and we got the impression that it was no further than one kilometer."

Such an apparent diameter could give an actual diameter of 9 meters. Then the object disappeared suddenly. Was it a UFO? The question still remains unanswered.

City and country of incident: Chalon, France  
Date of incident: March 12, 1979  
Name of paper and date of clip: LE COURRIER DE SAONE-ET-LOIRE, March 13, 1979  
City and country of paper: Saône-et-Loire (?), France

An inhabitant of Chalon has seen for almost five minutes 15 luminous spots in the sky.

Chalon. Around 6 p.m., yesterday, an inhabitant of Chalon saw in the sky some UFOs.

This person (whose name we shall keep silent on his request) lives in Rempart Saint Vincent in Chalon. At this time, towards the east of Chalon, near Crisey, he discovered from his window a multiplicity of luminous spots (in total 15) which seemed to dance an imaginary ballet, but in a very organized way.

This whirl disappeared behind a blanket of clouds, then reappeared after about one minute. The phenomenon lasted almost five minutes. Some other persons have certainly seen at this time this "UFO" and can corroborate this testimony.

City and country of incident: Atlantic Ocean  
Date of incident: November 25, 1978  
Name of paper and date of clip: MONTRE, March 14, 1979  
City and country of paper: Paris, France

The UFO of the Rhum Race.

(Paris). Guy Delage is a person who participated in the Rhum Race. He crossed the Atlantic Ocean in 649 hours 49' 25" and arrived in the 9th position with his boat christened "Salamandre." If you followed closely this sport manifestation, you certainly know that; but what you certainly ignore is that this skip-

per has seen a UFO during his ocean crossing. It was last November 25th and, on his log, he noted: "A very shining white disc came to stop right above the boat. Its brightness was blinding and unendurable. I saw electrical lightnings coming on my mast antennae. The colour evolved from a green-blue to a yellow-white. When the disc disappeared, its speed was astonishing..."

City and country of incident: Brest, France  
Date of incident: March 18, 1979  
Name of paper and date of clip: LE TELEGRAMME DE BREST, March 21, 1979  
City and country of paper: Brest, France

A UFO above the express-way Brest-Morlaix.

A petty-officer from the air and navy base of Landivision, Mrs. Moellie Kiffault, asserts to have seen Sunday night, a UFO like a grey coloured grid, while she was riding in a car with her sister on the express-way Brest-Morlaix.

In her testimony at the base "gendarmerie," Mrs. Kiffault specifies that the flying object appeared a first time at 9:15 p.m., at a place located above the express-way, about five kilometers from the control tower of the Brest-Guipavas airport. It was then, according to her, shaped like a rocket and, according to her sister, shaped like a fish.

"I first didn't pay any attention, because I never believed in UFOs," said yesterday, Mrs. Kiffault. "But when I returned from Brest, half an hour later, the object was still motionless at the same place, 2 or 3 meters above my car. It was shaped like a flying dark grey grid, with the geometrical outline, well drawn, of a square about 3 meters by 3."

## ARGENTINA -- Credit: Jane Thomas

City and country of incident: Tucurú, Brasil  
Date of incident: First week of February 1979  
Name of paper and date of clip: Crônica, February 27, 1979  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THREE METERS TALL GREEN MARTIANS IN BRAZIL

Racife, Brazil, 6 (DPA) - The residents of the local town of Tucurú, some 180km from this capital, claim that men some three meters tall, green, with antennae on their head and square legs, are seen daily leaving a cave. The cave was found last week, when agriculturist Gerardo Cordeiro dreamed he would find a treasure if he looked in a certain place.

In spite of gold and jewels, Cordeiro found the cave with nine connecting tunnels and strange inscriptions on the walls.

The place is now being visited by hundreds of persons from that town and nearby localities, who expect to find the "treasure" or see the "martians" who according to witnesses, resemble enormous "portable radios".

## SPAIN -- Credit: F. Cerda Guardia (Translator: Richard Heiden)

Location of incidents: Cieza, province of Murcia, Spain  
Dates of incidents: Jan. 13, 19, and 23, 1979  
Name and date of paper: LA VERDAD ("The Truth"), Jan. 26, 1979  
City of paper: Murcia (Murcia), Spain

Several EGB teachers in Cieza  
THEY CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN SEVERAL UFOS

CIEZA.—(From our correspondent, J.L. CARRILLO)  
This correspondent has heard much talk about the presence of UFOs in Cieza, but he never took it too seriously. But this time, after the testimony of several EGB teachers and other people who recently claim to have seen them, he has begun to have doubts.

Teacher José Lucas Sánchez, at 7:30 a.m. on the 23rd, saw, on the Drive of the Martyrs, a strange light crossing the sky in a north-south direction. In his judgement it could not be an airplane because of the tremendous speed and the complete absence of sound, nor a falling star because of the brightness of the light, being formed by two luminous points and an enormous arc. Likewise, on the 19th, while watering the yard of her house, at about 11:00 p.m., EGB teacher Carmen Mías saw to the southeast a luminous source with intermittent flashes; she called her husband, who also saw it for 15 minutes. She phoned a colleague, and she also saw it. Another teacher, Josefa Candel, at 11:00 p.m. on the 23rd, observed three lights that were bright and were going in a straight line; she called her family in case it was the product of her imagination, and they corroborated the event.

Finally, another teacher, Manuela Abellán, at 9:00 p.m. on the 13th, saw to the south, on her farm at Almochón, an intense light with green and red colors, flashing, that went up and down; the phenomenon —she indicates—lasted an hour.

Together with the testimony of these teachers there are others by adults and children who have agreed with what was said above. In Cieza there are several photographers who keep watch with their cameras to try to photograph these UFOs.

Location of incident: between Tejeda de TiSTAR (40°01'N, 5°52'W) and Valdeffigós, province of Cáceres, Spain  
Date of incident: c. Jan. 20, 1979  
Name and date of paper: Hoy, Jan. 26, 1979  
City of paper: Badajoz (Badajoz), Spain

Tejeda del TiSTAR [sic]

A UFO seen by two of the Civil Guard  
"It was a very intense yellowish green color, and when it approached the car we had to decelerate"

TEJEDA DEL TIETAR.—(Correspondent, Feliciano Campos Montero.)  
In order not to be an exception, those strange devices that so much excite the imagination of human beings have let themselves be seen around this town. Are they beings of other planets that visit us, or are they only the product of the imagination? In either case, there is no doubt that their presence arouses curiosity.

Not many days ago, while the two Civil Guard men stationed in this locality, first corporal Carlos Corvacho and second guard Andrés Simón, were returning from rendering a service and were on the local road connecting this locality to the town of Valdeffigós, they saw in the sky, at about 8:00 p.m., a strange luminous phenomenon that seemed to them to come from the west and travel toward the east. They declared this to us themselves. The phenomenon was of a very intense brightness and yellowish green in color, and when it got near their vehicle, a touring car belonging to one of them, the car suffered a great deceleration, to the point that they were forced to slow down. Once the phenomenon had disappeared, after a few seconds, they could continue on, not without talking about the strange feeling that the vision gave them.

Location of incident: Carmona, province of Seville, Spain  
Date of incident: Jan. 27, 1979  
Name and date of paper: ABC, Jan. 30, 1979  
City of paper: Seville (Seville), Spain

A POSSIBLE UFO, OBSERVED BY SEVERAL PEOPLE IN CARMONA

"In some areas of the Aljarafe [area northwest of Seville, straddling the provinces of Huelva and Seville--trans.] a phenomenon with similar characteristics was seen

A possible UFO was observed in Carmona by several people at 11:00 p.m. last Saturday night, our correspondent reports. One of the eye-witnesses, Francisco López Rodríguez, was returning home when he saw a strange light, located at a height of 25 or 30 meters [80 or 100 feet --trans.], that was heading toward him. Frightened, he ran away, without the strange light stopping chasing him. Thus he travelled, approximately, some 500 meters [550 yards--trans.] until reaching home. On reaching his home he could see that the light was coming from a circumference some 6 meters [20 feet--trans.] in diameter, which disappeared suddenly. The next morning the event was reported to the Civil Guard in this town, according to our correspondent in Carmona. It is also known that another person living in Carmona, who has not wanted to be identified, could observe the same phenomenon from the yard of his house. Furthermore, rumors reaching the office of ABC indicate that the same night a similar phenomenon was observed in several places in the Aljarafe.



KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Hopkinsville, KY - March 3, 1979

## Officials Skeptical Of 'Bigfoot' Reports

By LOWELL ATCHLEY  
NEW ERA Staff Writer

A "Bigfoot" in Christian County? Spokesmen for both Kentucky State Police and Christian County Sheriff's Department say they have received calls from persons who claim they've spotted a "beast" wandering around. "They've described it as a beast, 7 or 8 feet tall, covered with hair," a sheriff's department spokesman said. He added the callers said the animal walked upright and was dark in color. "We had four deputies who went out last night but didn't see anything," the spokesman said.

Most callers have placed the animal between the 12- and 20- mile markers on Pennyroyal Parkway in north Christian County.

A dispatcher with Kentucky State Police headquarters in Madisonville said state police have received calls

about the beast the last three evenings.

"From the information we've received, it's nothing to get excited over... So far, no one with substantial evidence has shown us that anything is there," the dispatcher said.

One state policeman, R.N. Ferguson, said he checked out a report from someone who said he spotted a man running across the highway wearing a guerilla mask.

One spokesman theorized the reports are a hoax being passed by CBers. All caution, however, that they check most of the reports out.

The NEW ERA was unable to contact state fish and wildlife officer Jason Sams on the reports.

TIMES, New York, NY

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## Booms in Rockland

PALISADES, N.Y. (AP) — Two loud booms that shook houses in a section of Rockland County were detected here at 11:55 A.M. by Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory. William Donn, a geophysicist at the observatory, said the booms, recorded six to seven seconds apart along an east-west line from Stony Point to Suffern, were not the result of an earthquake.

"But it was not a Concorde, either," he added. The scientist called it an "atmospheric disturbance," which could have been caused by "a couple of explosions or a sonic boom from a military plane."

## Rumblings explosions remain a mystery

Associated Press

ORLANDO — The source of a series of rumbling explosions which rattled windows and shook foundations in Central Florida Tuesday remained a mystery on Wednesday.

"We had nothing to do with it," was the recurring response by officials of a number of agencies and armed forces units queried about the blasts which prompted scores of telephone calls to police departments throughout a two-county area.

The explosions began rattling the nerves of residents in Orange and Seminole counties about 10 a.m. And there was still a smattering of calls to police about 5 p.m.

No property damage was reported.

Navy planes conducted routine test bombing at a bombing range near Ocala, but a spokesman for the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville said the chance of the 500-pound bombs being heard in the Orlando area was "remote if not absolutely impossible."

The Kennedy Space Center has been conducting a series of dynamite explosions to test sound waves under different weather conditions, but a spokesman said no testing was carried out Tuesday.

Calls to the Federal Aviation Administration and civilian and military airports in Orlando, Tampa, Cocoa and Jacksonville cast doubt on a theory that they were aircraft sonic booms.

Several officials theorized that rare atmospheric conditions could have carried the rumblings over unusually long distances.

One woman in Winter Springs, an Orlando suburb, said her house was shaking "and I'm scared — aren't you?"

CHRONICLE, Spokane, WA - March 6, 1979

## Professor Says Yes, Sasquatch Does Exist

By DODIE M. WAGNER  
Chronicle Correspondent

PULLMAN — Mention Grover Krantz's name on the Washington State University campus and people either laugh as if you've just told them the funniest joke in the world, or they express their support for a man who has spent 10 years hunting Sasquatch, or Bigfoot as it is commonly known. Few persons say they've never heard of Krantz.

An associate professor in the anthropology department, Krantz has taught physical anthropology and human evolution and races at WSU for 11 years.

He heard of Sasquatch while a high school student in Salt Lake City many years ago, but it wasn't until he attended the University of California at Berkeley in the 60s that his curiosity was peaked.

"I was interested in Sasquatch, but did not necessarily take it seriously until I was here in Pullman for a year, and then I made some serious contacts," he explained.

As a result, he said, he spends about \$2,000 in personal funds in his search for Sasquatch. He said that no WSU money is used in this venture.

"Our ancestors separated from the apes about five million years ago when they became bi-peds," Krantz explained. "One species, man, got smarter. The other, Sasquatch, got bigger."

January through March are months of low reported sightings, the rest of the year is fairly constant. "This could indicate people aren't around in the winter or the Sasquatch is doing something else. How to choose between those I do not know," Krantz said.

Sightings usually occur two to three times per week. And what do people seeing Sasquatch report?

"Some people say he eats roots, ferns, or steals apples from orchards. Logically, he eats what bears eat — whatever he can lay a hand on. Sasquatch is not designed to bring down game animals like deer. He is primarily a vegetarian," Krantz added.

Adult Sasquatch is up to eight feet tall and weighs about 800 pounds. Young Sasquatch, from four feet on up, have been sighted. Younger, smaller big foots have not.

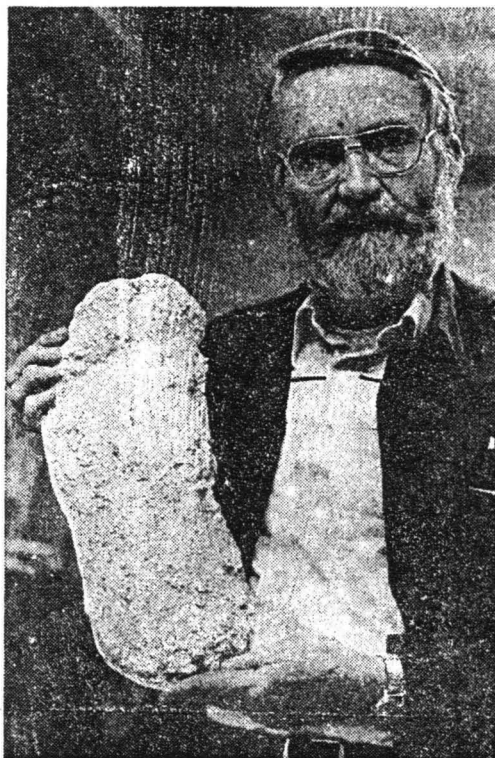
What does Krantz want from his work? "I want to prove they exist and find out what they are," he said.

"Sasquatch are not hiding. They avoid people like any animal does. There are very few of them, maybe one Sasquatch for every 100 bears," he explained.

"He is primarily nocturnal, active between midnight and dawn. He has eyesight as good as us or, probably, better. By seeing us they usually can avoid us. They probably can see us at 500 feet, where we couldn't see them."

More than anything, Professor Krantz would like to get a piece of Sasquatch.

"Sighting, photos, hair samples are not proof Sasquatch exists. The only proof is to get one. Anyone who doesn't want to get a piece of one does not want Sasquatch to be found," he insisted.



—Wagner photo

### Grover Krantz holds a Sasquatch footprint.

The same type of ammunition that would bring down a grizzly bear would bring down Sasquatch. "I am in business to kill one," Krantz admitted. "I have the weapon."

"The only way to get a Sasquatch other than shooting one would be to locate one that already died. That would be my overwhelming preference," he said.

A limited number of Sasquatch sightings are reported to Krantz. "I don't encourage them. John Green in British Columbia is the clearinghouse; I'm the informant," Krantz said.

Green is a newspaper publisher who has written two books, "On the Track of the Sasquatch" and "Year of the Sasquatch."

Krantz said he has not seen a Sasquatch, although he has seen footprints on the ground on two different occasions. One footprint was several weeks old; the other, only two days, he said.

Sightings are reported from Northern California to Canada. The last footprint Krantz examined was 40 miles northwest of Portland, but in Washington State. It was approximately 18 inches long by nine inches wide.

Krantz said he is "absolutely satisfied" that Sasquatch exists. "Several thousand have been seen," he said.

Its anatomy and behavior is close to a gorilla, while biologically it's close to human beings.

How come a dead Sasquatch has yet to be found? "No one has ever found a bear which died from a natural death," Krantz explained. "When a bear, or Sasquatch, is dying, it hides so it can protect itself while it's in bad shape."

"You'd find one dead Sasquatch for every 100 dead bears, but as I said before, to the best of my knowledge that first bear hasn't been found," he added.

Krantz looks for Sasquatch whenever he's passing through the forest areas of the northwest. "It's like hunting for a needle in a haystack," he admitted.

"About one-third of all seen are sighted while the person is in a car. Sasquatch appears on a back road, in the car's headlights," he said.

"Chances are good that people have shot and killed a Sasquatch before and have hidden the bones, thinking they killed a valuable animal or a peculiar human being. They think they are in trouble," Krantz explained.

"While it's valuable, it doesn't belong to anyone, and it's not human. Therefore, shooting a Sasquatch is legal because legally it does not exist," he said.

Krantz said he hopes that anyone who thinks he might have killed a Sasquatch will either call or write him or send him the bones.

"But if you don't have bones, don't tell me about it," he stressed. "The bones are all I want."

Several years ago Krantz wrote a paper on how to tell real Bigfoot footprints from the fake. "I gave five characteristics and talked freely on the subject," he said.

"But there are two other characteristics that were not included in the paper," he said. "I think I am the only person who knows them and I haven't told them to anyone. But I can look at a footprint and easily tell if it is real."



# Velikovsky, At 83, Pushes Controversial Planetary Theories



**AUTHOR IMMANUEL VELIKOVSKY WALKING ON BEACH**  
Area Is Several Miles From His Home At Princeton, N.J.

By FRANCIS X. CLINES  
N.Y. Times News Service

New York — Immanuel Velikovsky was up at 5 o'clock on a Monday morning in a quiet house on an island off the New Jersey shore, rising as if in tune with Venus, working on another book.

He is 83 years old now, with two new books ready for publication beyond the one he resumes work on every morning in bed, in longhand. One book is about his old friend, Albert Einstein. The other is on his lifework thesis that regularly infuriates large parts of the scientific community — that history and evolution have been marked by planetary ramblings and cataclysmic collisions that literally upended the earth at one point and still keep mankind fairly traumatized.

It is a rainy day on the earthly island where Dr. Velikovsky seeks anonymous retreat from his Princeton home. It is so overcast that the day's partial eclipse goes unnoticed. The all-too-predictable lunar shadow is not missed, for Dr. Velikovsky is in his fourth decade of labor on some of the most controversial notions imaginable about the solar system.

**TIME IS CROWDING** the man. But there seems no way to stop the spelling-out of his grand explanation of who we are and what has happened to us: That only thousands of years ago Venus was not yet a planet but was a cometlike body that brushed the earth with global catastrophes that are recorded — literally, not fancifully — in various religious and mythical tales. He theorizes, for example, that the manna that saved the biblical Jews was carbohydrate fallout from the tail of the Venusian comet.

He has been condemned in his time by various reigning scientists, but his ideas go on and his supporters rally round his books, asking for the latest, writing him long letters, cheering him on. He welcomes a visitor and sits down, a tall, lean, white-haired man with a direct stare and long angular facial features that have been lovingly reproduced in sculpture by his wife, Elisheva, a pioneer violinist with the Palestine String Quartet.

There is a sense of peace and culture in his living room that is entirely at odds with the planetary collisions he has been theorizing in vivid detail all these years. Surprisingly, he has very little to say about the latest fascinating word from Venus.

**THIS WORD IS** the space-probe report, enormously puzzling and exciting to many experts, that Venus's atmosphere has a very high amount of argon-36, a gas that scientists consider a primeval marker of a planet's origins. By contrast, the earth has far less than the surprising amounts in the Venus findings, and scientists now must ponder this discovery's implications for Venus and the rest of the solar system.

"I expected it, of course," Velikovsky

said. He added that "these confirmations are not random things" but "fallout from one central idea."

As the data came in from Venus last December to scientists waiting in California, one expert found the puzzlement fantastic enough for him to invoke — only jokingly — the name of Velikovsky. That scientist insisted that various factors, such as Venus's almost-perfectly circular orbit, still rebutted the Venus-comet thesis. But his choice of allusion once again made the point that Velikovsky's ideas never quite go away. His books still sell in paperback among a fresh generation of college students, even if in the official textbooks, as Velikovsky says, "they try to ignore me."

**THERE WAS A** symposium of experts gathered to rebut him five years ago, and they had to track his ideas across various disciplines, from mythology to chemistry to religion to astronomy, rejecting his challenges to basic tenets. The controversy seems stirred not only by his separate contentions but by the breadth of scholarship attempted by this man, who began as a physician and psychoanalyst but found his life work along an ever-lengthening tangent that proceeded out of research on Freud's analysis of Moses.

Velikovsky claims encouragement with each new space probe, and his supporters stress how he was correct in foreseeing such phenomena as high temperatures on Venus. He carefully points out that he made no such "advance claim" about argon-36, but he clearly feels that this discovery bears out his case for a relatively youthful Venus.

Last Monday Velikovsky talked more of the earth than of Venus. "I read the political news in the newspaper and I am aghast," he said. "I feel myself as somebody who has not yet performed his mission."

**HE WAS TALKING** about the tensions among China, the Soviet Union and the United States, of the folly of the renewed Asian warfare. He feels war, too, is catastrophic, and he contends that it is a form of re-enactment of the planetary catastrophes he has theorized — a re-enactment motivated, he says, by humanity's suppressed collective memory of past heavenly chaos.

This was a startling idea to hear quietly uttered in a pleasant, mundane, split-level house, aromatic with the baked apples Mrs. Velikovsky had in the oven. But Velikovsky lifted his new manuscript and said, "If you read this, you will not question." This latest progression of his catastrophic theme is covered thoroughly, he promises, right down to what is for him such telling detail as the coincidence of the five-pointed star on the war uniforms of the three superpowers. This is the pentagram, he says, "the star of Venus."

The issue is not Velikovsky, the doctor says. "The main issue is the human race. Does it want to face its past?" Outside, the weather continues foul, and the heavens stay low.

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# Century-old mystery of Arctic 'Wild Man' is believed solved

**YAKUTSK, U.S.S.R. (AP)** — A Siberian schoolteacher believes he has solved the century-old mystery of the "Wild Man" of Yakutia, a shaggy-haired, shrill-voiced creature of the north.

According to the findings of I.E. Grovich, a teacher in the Soviet Republic of Yakutia, the Wild Man was a tragic victim of tribal law and pagan cruelty among the Chukchi, a tiny band of Siberian natives who have inhabited the Arctic coast for hundreds of years.

Soviet scientists acknowledge the existence of the Wild Man, known as "Chuchuna," which means outcast in Yakutian dialect. They now accept that more than one stalks the frozen tundra here, but they are referred to in the singular, Wild Man.

But Grovich's book, based on 50 years of interviews and research, is the first concrete theory to explain how the Wild Man came to be.

Old and young Yakutian residents still talk with fear about Chuchuna, and the legend is passed down from generation to generation.

Ever since the Wild Man was first sighted in Yakutia in the late 1800s, the descriptions given by witnesses have all been similar in details of his appearance, manners and behavior.

According to witnesses, the Wild Man is tall and thin, standing more than six feet with arms hanging below his knees.

Wrapped in bear or reindeer skins, his body is covered with long, shaggy hair, in the parts observed.

The creature feeds on raw meat, can run well, use a bow and arrow, and throw a spear with ease. Sometimes he reportedly sneaks up on hunters' camps or settlements to steal food, or even kidnap women.

Only rarely has Chuchuna attacked a hunter or reindeer breeder who unexpectedly encountered the creature in the North. Most times, the Wild Man would run away, emitting a shriek.

There has never been a report of Chuchuna killing a man, woman or child here, indicating he has a gentle streak.

When Grovich arrived in the Siberian settlement of Olenyok in the 1920s, he was amazed at the local people's fear of Chuchuna. They would not venture out alone at night, afraid of an attack by the Wild Man.

The Evenki tribesmen, who most frequently sighted Chuchuna, told Grovich that the creature was inhabited by evil spirits and it meant certain death to cross its path.

Fascinated by the tale, Grovich soon gave up his teaching post and began traveling throughout Yakutia to collect more information. After 50 years, he gathered enough data to write a book on his findings.

According to Grovich, the Wild Man was once a member of the Chukchi tribe, a people of hunters who fed on sea animals and polar bears and who plied the Arctic Ocean in rough-hewn kayaks.

Because of Siberia's climate, the cold northern wind would shift suddenly during some trips, Grovich said, and blow some of the kayaks out to sea. Since the Chukchis did not know how to swim, a wind change usually meant certain death.

But, in some instances, the wind would shift back again and a few tribesmen would be blown back to shore. When they returned to their village, however, they were driven out by their friends and relatives, who believed them to be the devil in disguise. In pagan culture, no one cheats death.

Without food, clothing or weapons, the tribesmen were forced to fend for themselves on the tundra. According to tribal law, they had no right even to speak to their relatives.

Grovich estimates that more than 100 Chukchi tribesmen were cast out from their homes in this way. Because of the isolation and intense cold, many took animal-like instincts in order to survive and came more and more to resemble beasts than human beings.

Others became deranged, fleeing when they saw strangers and unable to appeal for help because only the Chukchi tribesmen spoke their dialect. If caught alive on the tundra by the Chukchis, the Wild Man would be killed, since he was believed to be the devil.

Grovich's theory explains many oddities about the Wild Man: why only men were sighted and never women; why they knew how to use spears or bows and arrows; why they never killed anyone and chose to run away; why they communicated only in a shrill scream.

The last "trustworthy" sighting of the Wild Man dates back to the 1950s, on the Adych River in Yakutia's Verkhovansk — one of the coldest inhabited areas of the world where temperatures hover between minus 40 and minus 65 degrees centigrade in winter.

In the latter half of the century, schools were established in many tribal settlements in Yakutia and natives placed in large collective farms in accordance with Soviet plans.

SCOTSMAN, Edinburgh, Scotland — April 4, 1979

# Film fails to uncover mystery of Nessie

By ERIC MCKENZIE

Was it a duck, a seal or — maybe Nessie? That was the question put to viewers by the BBC last night when they screened their much-publicised film of the Loch Ness monster.

News of the BBC camera team's scoop on Monday reached the rest of the media before the higher echelons of Broadcasting House in Glasgow had time to digest what they had.

The weight of Press inquiries all day yesterday at Queen Margaret Drive prompted the BBC to invite the media to a special screening of the film before it went out on "Reporting Scotland."

For almost ten minutes, reporters and photographers screwed up their eyes at the screen in an effort to see the beast. What I saw was a blob in the water moving from left to right and

then coming towards the camera leaving a V-shaped wake. At one point the camera zoomed into a black dot — a seal or an otter? — then zoomed out.

The film, taken by cameraman Peter Leddy was edited to 90 seconds for screening.

A BBC spokesman explained: "We are not claiming anything. Peter Leddy has 20 years of experience in news filming and he has said what he saw was something extraordinary. Unfortunately he did not have the lenses to get in close enough to make out sufficient detail."

The BBC, however, will not be cutting the film so that scientific investigators will have an opportunity to examine it.

At the Press preview one sceptical reporter suggested helpfully: "It's not a monster at all. It's an E-type duck."

## Hoax suspected

# Police doubt 'creature' tales

By NANCY LANDIS  
Staff Writer

Spring has been given credit for turning a young man's fancy to thoughts of love...to unidentified flying objects...to hairy monsters...and things that go thump in the night.

This springlike weather has brought on the usual reaction...and area law enforcement officials have the usual doubts.

The spring weather syndrome started this year with the reported sighting of an ape-man creature in Christian County last week.

Yesterday, Hopkins County Sheriff's Office deputies investigated unusual footprints in the Hsley area, which a resident suspected to have been made by the "Bigfoot" creature reported in Christian County.

Hopkins County deputy sheriffs Steve Morgan and Ron Eastwood agreed the footprints probably were a hoax, and the resident who found them a victim of a prank.

Kentucky State Police public information officer Stan Jones said there is no evidence to support the idea that there is a Bigfoot creature in the area.

"The state police haven't discounted any possibilities," Jones said. "However, the possibilities of it really being a Bigfoot are very limited."

Only one person reported a siting directly to the state police, Jones said. The person was a truck driver from Alabama who claimed to have seen an ape-man creature at 10:30 p.m. Friday by the Pennyville Parkway in Christian County. The siting was around milepost 17.

Two other sitings have been heard of by the state police, Jones said. Both of those sitings were heard from CBers. The sitings were supposed to have been between milepost 14 and 17 on the parkway.

There are several theories about the sitings, Jones said. One theory is about as good as another.

About 20 miles from where the sitings

of a Bigfoot were reported last week, in the Hsley area, Morgan and Eastwood investigated footprints found by county resident Bobby Johnson.

Eastwood said he and deputy sheriff Harmon Epley had been to Johnson's house Sunday to investigate a footprint the man had dug up and put in the back of his truck.

Yesterday, Morgan said Johnson pointed to some tracks in a strip pit, and outside and inside a cave.

The deputy said Johnson also pointed to some hair he had found and to a dead dog hanging in a tree.

Although the man said the dog wasn't hanging in the tree Sunday, it appeared to have been dead for longer than three days, Eastwood said.

Morgan said it is possible that someone is playing a prank on the man.

Both Morgan and Eastwood said the prints could have been made by someone

making a triple-wide footprint with a shoe and then making toes on the print.

The deputies took photographs of the prints they found.

However, Eastwood said there should have been more footprints, if there really were a creature which made the prints.

"There would be more tracks," Eastwood said. "It's just odd that you find tracks in one place and you don't find where they came there or where they leave there."

While the deputies saw footprints inside and outside a cave, they said there were not footprints leading to or from the cave.

A year ago, in the spring, a single large footprint was found in White Plains.

Years ago in Hopkins County, there were organized hunts for a creature called the "varmint" which was alleged to have made large tracks.

The "varmint", if there was such a creature, was never found.

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## Nessie-hunt season opens

by ROBERT CHAPMAN

AS DAYLIGHT broadens over Loch Ness tomorrow a motor boat will move across Urquhart Bay.

Aboard a group of scientists will listen for sounds from the depths, and yet another search for the elusive Loch Ness Monster will have started.

Several expeditions with sophisticated research apparatus are being mounted, and tomorrow the men in the motor boat, though hopeful of an encounter with Nessie, have another interest in the loch. They want to discover just how deep it is.

Naturalist Mr. Adriana Shine, leader of the Loch Ness

and Morar project, told me: We are going to check Urquhart Bay with a powerful echosounder ready for a big expedition in July.

"Officially Loch Ness is said to be 754 feet at its deepest but recent soundings have suggested that an area of the bay goes down at least 200 feet more."

### Sonar

Mr. Shine's expedition plans to search the loch on a continuous round - the year basis with apparatus that includes sonar devices on the bottom.

Among prominent "loners" will be author-investigator Mr. Tim Dinsdale, making his 40th visit to Loch Ness. He said: "I have been going there for 20 years, trying to

get definite pictures of the monster. It's great fun."

But the most spectacular expedition is likely to be that of American Dr. Robert Rines, patent lawyer with Boston Academy of Applied Science, who hopes to use two specially trained dolphins called Susie and Sammy.

Dr. Rines has spent the last 10 summers hunting Nessie. It was his underwater cameras that reproduced the fuzzy picture which in 1975 led to the monster being christened Nessiteros Rhomboides by Sir Peter Scott.

Dr. Rines hopes that his dolphins will be able to spot and follow Nessie, and photograph the monster with cameras and lighting equipment strapped to their backs.

## BBC ducks out over 'Nessie' exclusive

HOPES for a BBC Television scoop of film of the Loch Ness Monster taken by a professional news crew quickly submerged last night — the "monster" turned out to be an otter or a duck.

The film was developed at the BBC's Glasgow headquarters, but it showed only an indistinct, fast-moving blob leaving a long V-shaped wake on the surface.

The BBC team — a reporter, Mr. Bill Hamilton, and a cameraman, Mr. Peter Leddy — were on their way to cover a routine story in Glen Affric, Inverness-shire on Monday, when they saw the mysterious object in the loch.

Mr. Hamilton said in Inverness yesterday "It left a triangular wake and eventually it just disappeared."

"It was jet black and did not bob about. It was moving steadily. We watched it for about 15 minutes. I am not committing myself — but it was certainly pretty strange."

But last night Mr. Bob Miller, a senior television producer for the Glasgow-based regional programme "Reporting Scotland," said "We were very excited when we heard about the photographs."

"The team... were very experienced, and they were enthusiastic about the film."

"But the eye can lie, and the camera does not. We rushed the pictures back to Glasgow by despatch rider, but when the film was developed it was obvious that the object was not a monster but an otter or a duck."

"The magnifying effect of the mist over the water made the object look much bigger than it was."

"We have been besieged by calls all day from the Press and other interested people, including geologists. In view of the interest we will be showing the film, possibly in Scotland only. It may be networked but possibly won't be."

"We don't really give much credence to the pictures."

TIMES-DEMOCRAT, Tunica, MS - March 15, 1979

# Bigfoot in Tunica?

TUNICA, Ms.—The Tom Goffs reported a large creature roaming around their residence out by Flower Lake this weekend and investigation of the area showed numerous 16 to 18 inch footprints.

Was it a bigfoot?

"I don't know what it was," said Jeanette Goff, "but it sure did stink and scared us to death."

She said the whole event began Friday night with a large ruckus in the middle of the night. A foul odor appeared about the same time.

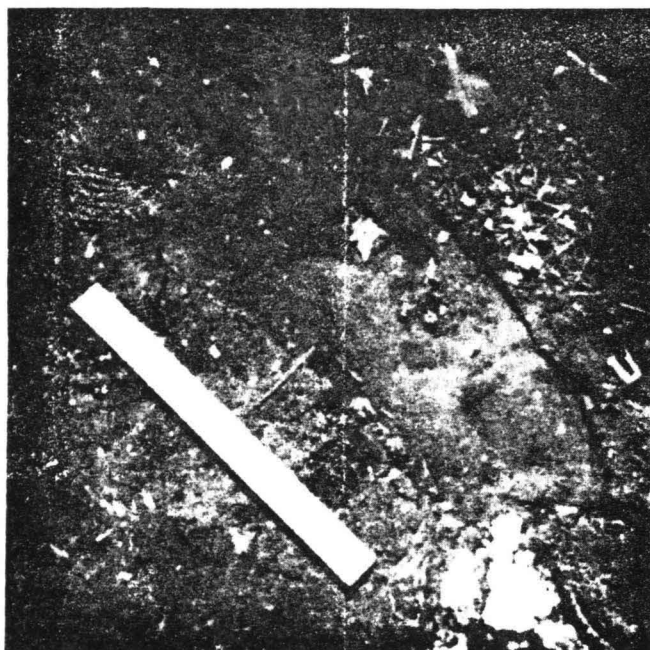
Then Saturday night about 2 a.m. a black dog living nearby set up a howl. The Goffs spotted the creature running around the house and back toward the levee.

"I guess we should have called someone then," said Jeanette, "but we wanted to be the ones to capture it."

So Sunday night when the noise started up again, Tom, his son Rodney and a friend were armed and ready. The creature went to the front of the house and the men went out the back door. Coming around the corner of the house they saw the creature and Rodney took a shot at it with a .22 rifle. The creature appeared to be hit and ran behind a hedge along the side of the house and disappeared.

Later that night, after the Goffs were back inside, the creature returned. It pushed on the front door shattering the frame.

"That's when I turn and ran," said



Is this a Bigfoot track? Plenty of them were found near Flower Lake.

Jeanette after describing how she was following Tom into the living room. Apparently the creature tired of the

front door for it left the house once more.

The next morning, as the hoopla of

the events started making the rounds of Tunica, flecks of blood were found around the door.

Is it a hoax?

Certainly the Goffs don't appear to think so. People out analyzing the evidence point to the tracks and how they are perfectly flat thought penetrating dirt about half inch. They also cited the lack of tracks anywhere but in grassless dirt.

Stories about bigfooted creatures are frequently cropping up here and there. Such creatures have supposedly been sighted near the Arkansas and Louisiana line. But no reports have placed such creatures in this region before.

The Goffs never got a good view of the creature, they said, but it appeared to be about seven or eight feet tall.

Talk about the events had folks speculating the high water along the river forced the creature over the levee. Others noted the moon was practically full this weekend.

Another speculator thought it might be a large brown bear, saying they have been spotted frequently on the Arkansas side of the river.

Monday a group of Tunicians staked out the area. They did smell a foul odor but spotted nothing. The odor and the anxiety of the wait was sufficient to send at least one of them scurrying home.

Whatever it was, though, it certainly caught the attention of most Tunicians.



# Tunnel monster of Cabbagetown?

By LORRIE GOLDSTEIN  
Staff Writer

There's an eerie city lying beneath the streets of Metro, a city none of us knows much about.

Ernest has been a visitor to that silent world of sewers, drainage pipes and the ruins under old houses, and the memory of what he saw there will haunt him for the rest of his life.

"I wish you'd never come here," he says as he sits in his small, neat Cabbagetown apartment with Barbara, his wife of 19 years. "If I tell you what I saw, people will think I was drunk or crazy, they'll never believe me."

On a summer day last August, Ernest, 51, firmly believes he saw some kind of "creature" while crawling into a small cave near his Parliament Street apartment looking for a kitten from a litter he'd been caring for. But about 10 feet inside he says he saw a living nightmare he'll never forget.

"It was pitch black in there...I saw it with my flashlight. The eyes were orange and red, slanted...it was long and thin, almost like a monkey...three feet long, large teeth, weighing maybe 30 pounds with slate-grey fur."



ENTRANCE to the mysterious tunnel.

Ernest speaks reluctantly of what happened next...

He is convinced the thing spoke to him.

"I'll never forget it," he said. "It said 'Go away, go away,' in a hissing voice. Then it took off down a long tunnel off to the side...I got out of there as fast as I could. I was shaking with fear."

Ernest didn't come to the Sun with this story. The Sun found him after hearing about his experience from a reliable contact who works with a relative of Ernest's, one of the handful of people to whom he has confided the experience.

He would agree to talk about it only if his last name was not revealed.

"I'm in the phone book," he said. "I couldn't stand being called by a bunch of cranks."

"I believe Ernie saw exactly what he says he did," said Barbara. "He was terrified when he came back to the apartment and he doesn't scare easily. Look, he's been known to have a drink in the past — like most people, and to occasionally tie one on, but he's not a drunk and he wasn't drinking at all that day."

Checks with friends, relatives and acquaintances in the neighborhood supported Barbara's evaluation of her husband.

I accompanied Ernest to the spot where he said he had seen the creature.

It is at the bottom of a narrow passage between the building where he lives and the one next door. The only way to reach the tunnel entrance is to clamber 15 feet down the wrong side of a fire escape, which had once served as an exit to the street but today simply leads to a narrow chamber with walls on four sides.

The tunnel entrance runs under a slab of concrete at the foot of the chamber. Inside, there is a narrow passage-way, branching off to the left about 10 feet back.

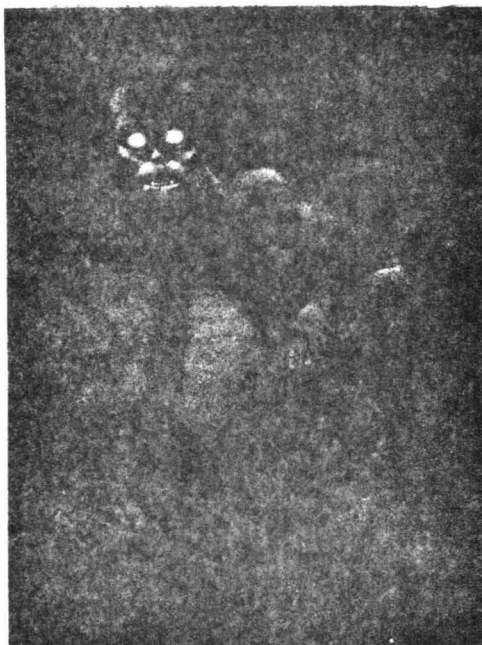
The corpse of a cat lies half-buried in the tunnel, reminding Ernest of the "strange noises, like animals in pain," he heard coming from the chamber last summer.

The concrete slab has collapsed on one side during the winter, making it impossible for even a small adult to get inside.

"I saw it where the tunnel turns," Ernest said. "The last I saw, it was heading off into the dark. The passage-way seemed to drop down very quickly and go a long way back."

Ernest believes the tunnel leads to the sewer system that runs beneath Metro and that the entrance beneath his apartment may have been only an access point used by the creature to the surface.

Metro's sewer department agreed to inspect the tunnel since it could be a safety hazard. Children might try to enter it.



ARTIST'S rendering of cave "creature."

A long-time sewer worker told the Sun it was possible, although not probable, that the tunnel led into the sewers.

He said the tunnel was probably the result of poor drainage over the years which has caused erosion underground, hollowing out the passage.

"Who knows where it leads, or how far it goes?" he said. "You'd have to get in there and the way it is now, it would take a lot of work."

Despite the strangeness of Ernest's story, the workers did not scoff at the tale.

"People who work on the surface just don't know what it's like down there," one said. "It's a whole different world. Who would have thought a few years ago that people would live in sewers, and yet that's what they found in New York a few years back. Even in Toronto, we've occasionally had to pull mattresses from the chambers beneath the manhole covers where the winos have been sleeping."

Another worker said he'd heard of animals like beavers and raccoons occasionally getting into the system but never anything like that described by Ernest.

"I don't know what he saw down there," he said. "But I'll tell you one thing. If we could get in there, I sure as hell wouldn't want to go down alone."

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## Is secret band of ranchers responsible for mutilations?

By Bob Klein

In an effort to solve the continuing mystery of the growing number of cow mutilations in northern New Mexico, the federal government, at the behest of Senator Harrison Schmitt, will launch an investigation into the incidents with a conference Saturday, April 20, at the Main Library, Fifth and Copper.

A press conference will immediately follow the day-long confab.

Participants at the meeting will include the New Mexico State Police, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the New Mexico attorney general, the FBI and representatives from Colorado and 15 other states.

Colorado cattlemen have in the past offered a reward of \$25,000 for any information on the mutilations. There have been no takers.

The conference's morning session will discuss the circumstances accompanying the mutilations, according to Senator Schmitt. In the afternoon, the meeting will take up federal jurisdiction and the possible role of federal and other authorities in the investigation of the mutilations.

"We'll caution them [the participants] about the evidentiary nature of the material," Schmitt said. "If they're too explicit, it might compromise any future court cases."

"I avoid the trap of knowing anything of an evidentiary nature," he added. "I'm not a lawyer."

While law enforcement officials in nine states have puzzled over the causes of the mutilations, some observers have attributed the outbreak to alien beings.

Claims of spacecraft moving at high speeds and performing maneuvers unattainable by conventional craft have been made on several occasions just prior to or immediately after the discovery of a mutilated animal.

Cattle, frequently bulls, have been found apparently ritualistically slaughtered, often with tongue, eyes and sexual organs removed. Often there are no marks on the ground indicating how the culprits gained access to the animal.

Other explanations include some kind of biological/chemical experimentation by military authorities, predators and, even, youngsters' pranks.

However, *The News* has learned of another possibility, one so far not made public.

According to anonymous sources, a powerful group of ranchers in the state has banded together to force out subsistence or marginal ranchers whose large land holdings would add substantially to the power and wealth the larger ranchers have already accumulated.

In this theory of a modern day range

war, this group of ranchers is alleged to use scare tactics when more conventional methods of acquiring the land fails.

According to these theorists, one of the ranchers involved lives in the Belen area. The ranchers are said to fly jet-powered helicopters with engines muffled to virtually eliminate the sound, similar to the craft sighted last week over a ranch which has experienced several mutilations. Using infra-red detection

devices at night, they could hover over the selected cattle, lift an animal onto the helicopter via a sling and fly the doomed beast to a safe place where its body parts are surgically removed.

Skilled surgeon-veterinarians could then work relatively unhurried to excise portions of the dead animal's body, giving the appearance, when the animal is found by its owner, of having been operated on by super-human experts in cramped field quarters not conducive to precision surgery.

Returned to a spot on the ground some distance from where it was removed, the animal lies stiffly awaiting its, owner.

One explanation given for the lack of flies or predators around the carcass is that with its blood drained at a relatively high altitude in the helicopter, there is no blood or immediate smell — to attract parasites which normally live off carrion.

The sources further suggest that authorities should check the size of the dead animal, claiming that they are usually young animals whose weight makes it easier to lift up to, and work with inside, the helicopter.

In addition to this pattern, they suggest an inspection of county land transaction records will reveal that a powerful group is forcing out marginal ranchers whose herds have experienced mutilations.

Observers also point out that many mutilations go unreported. One reason given for this is the fear that talking about them would further increase the likelihood of losing valuable livestock to mutilators.

Senator Schmitt himself refuses to conjecture.

"I'm pretty sure it's of human instigation, but for what reasons I wouldn't want to speculate."

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## Cattle mutilated on reservation

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) — Oglala Sioux Tribal Police are investigating three incidents of cattle mutilation.

"What was reported involved cows being found dead with four feet in the air and their sexual organs removed," Anthony Whirlwind Horse, Bureau of Indian Affairs agency superintendent, said Tuesday.

The incidents were reported near Kyle, Pine Ridge and in the west end of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

"However, the incident at Kyle was the third reported in the same area northwest of the town by a rancher who checks his cattle every morning," Whirlwind Horse continued.

"About three weeks ago Friday, he reported finding a cow with its sex organs and udder removed but with no sign of blood. And, a few days later he reported finding another in the same condition but with its tongue also cut out," Whirlwind Horse said.

# Youth says Bigfoot shot

BARRIERE, British Columbia (UPI) — Dozens of persons trudged through the woods near the small mountain community of Barriere Sunday investigating a youth's claim he shot a Sasquatch — the legendary and elusive "Bigfoot."

Tim Meissner, 16, said he and three friends were fishing on Dunn Lake about 40 miles north of Kamloops last Saturday when they heard a high-pitched screech that lasted about 30 seconds.

Meissner said he looked toward the opposite bank in time to catch a glimpse of a creature about 300 yards away, standing with its arms raised before it

turned and ran into the bush.

The youths crossed the lake and found the body of a deer, its neck apparently broken, camouflaged by a blanket of branches and moss.

Two days later, Meissner and his friends returned to the site and Meissner again spotted the creature staring at him from about 50 feet away.

"He was about 9 feet tall, black and hairy," Meissner said. "He had a human-like face with great big, glaring bright eyes and shoulders 4-feet wide."

The two stared at each other for a few seconds, then a "very scared" Meissner

fired his Remington rifle.

"I was aiming for, right between his eyes and he went down on one knee and one hand. At first I thought he was dead, but I guess I only grazed him, because he got up and ran away at about 30 miles an hour."

Meissner said one of his friends had a camera, but was below an embankment and couldn't see the creature.

The high school student said he had no doubt that what he saw was a Sasquatch, the man-animal said to roam the wilds of British Columbia and Washington state.

"It couldn't have been any other

animal and it wasn't a human, because no human can run that fast, especially straight up an embankment."

His reports drew dozens of people to the bush around Barriere in search for the Sasquatch, but not all the local residents are convinced.

NEWS REVIEW, Roseburg, OR

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## Strange booms make house no longer a home

By HARRY COOK  
Free Press Staff Writer

A mysterious noise that sounds like a sonic boom is driving a Woodhaven family out of its home.

Since 8 p.m. Sunday, Alfred and Pat Belanger say they have been bombarded by the ominous, floor-shaking sounds they claim have left a three-by-four-inch hole in the

living room wall. They pointed out the hole to a reporter Monday.

Experts have checked out the problem and have heard the sounds, but they have been unable to find a reason for them. Officials from Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. ruled out the possibility of a gas leak, and a Woodhaven building inspector ruled out

plumbing problems or a build-up of sewer gas.

"I have in no way ever seen nor heard of a thing like this," said Woodhaven building inspector Glenn Eichelberg, who visited the house.

The Belangers, who live in an attractive, middle-class neighborhood, say they hear the booms about every half-hour or 45 minutes. A reporter who visited the home heard

the sound, which vibrated the living room floor.

Mrs. Connie Pearcy, who lives next door, said she heard the sound "about 30 times" Sunday night while she was in the Belanger house.

After she went home about midnight, she said, she heard the same sound, muffled, inside her own home.

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Alfred Belanger, who is a millwright at the U.S. Steel Corp., moved his family out of the house at 2 a.m. Monday to escape the noise. "We're gonna leave again tonight if this thing doesn't stop," he said.

"All I want to do is get rid of these sounds."

CR: M. Hall

## FBI Agent Heads Probe Of Mutilations

By THOMAS DAY  
Of the Journal's  
Santa Fe Bureau

SANTA FE — Kenneth M. Rommel, an FBI agent for the past 28 years, will direct a Santa Fe-based investigation of cattle mutilations that have puzzled ranchers and law enforcement agencies for years.

Rommel, who is retiring from the FBI and expects to begin his new job May 29, said Thursday he'll be able to use the FBI laboratory in Washington, D.C., and hopes to use laboratories in New Mexico, in carrying out the investigation.

Rommel, 54, was named to the job by Santa Fe District Attorney Eloy Martinez, who on Tuesday received a \$44,170 grant to coordinate investigations into the mutilations. Additional money from the DA's Office will bring the total for the one-year project to about \$50,000.

Martinez said some of the money will be used to contract with veterinarians and others for assistance.

Rommel, senior resident agent in Santa Fe for the FBI, said he's approaching the cattle mutilation investigation "without any preconceived notions."

Rommel said he was drawn to his new job partly because of "the intrigue that has gone with it."

He said "I think we're going to find many different causes" of mutilations.

Between 8,000 and 10,000 mutilations have been reported in the nation since 1970, according to the DA's Office.

Rommel said "I hope we will be able to get successful prosecutions" in criminal cases arising from the investigation.

He said he hopes that by the end of the project "if we haven't come to a logical conclusion" about the causes of the mutilations, there will be "at least a central repository of information."

Rommel said, as others have, that the project is the first effort in the nation to pull together information about the mutilations.

Rommel said he hopes to receive the cooperation of other law enforcement agencies including the FBI and the New Mexico State Police.

Rommel said it is his understanding that the grant to Martinez's office is for a statewide investigation "and provides for liaison with other states."

Martinez said he expects Rommel to work from the Rio Arriba County office of the DA's Office, at least for a while. The First Judicial District includes the counties of Santa Fe, Rio Arriba and Los Alamos.

Speculation about the causes of mutilations has ranged from coyotes to cults to the federal government.

Common characteristics of mutilations include severed sexual organs, a cored rectum, a removed tongue and sometimes an ear cut off.

There have been suggestions that some of the animals have been airlifted from pasture, mutilated elsewhere and then returned.

Rommel, an FBI agent for five years in Santa Fe, said previous assignments have been in San Juan, Puerto Rico; New York City, where he specialized in investigations of bank robberies and counter-espionage; Chicago; Cincinnati; and San Francisco.

He praised the FBI and said the FBI lab in Washington is the best in the world.

He said his new assignment will be "a nice way to end the 28 years I've truly loved with the FBI."



Kenneth M. Rommel  
Intrigue Attracts

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CR: W. Greenwald

## Drug Found In Mutilated N.M. Animal

By FRITZ THOMPSON  
Journal Staff Writer

A tranquilizing drug and an anti-coagulant have been detected in the blood of a mutilated bull, according to the findings of a chemist at Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory.

The information was disclosed in a brief report Tuesday by State Police-man Gabe Valdez of Dulce, N.M. The mutilation occurred in Torrance County Feb. 15, but details of the incident have been withheld during an investigation.

It is the first time New Mexico authorities have found a drug in a mutilated animal. Valdez said the tests were facilitated when the mutilated bull was found about three hours after death.

Dale Spall, who tested the animal blood at the laboratory, said it may be somewhat misleading to list an anti-coagulant per se, as the substance might have occurred naturally in the mutilated bull.

"We are trying to find out now if the substance was in a quantity in excess of what might be found in a normal animal after death," he said. "On the face of it, it appears that the levels are higher than what you might expect to find."

The tranquilizer was identified by its generic term as chlorpromazine, a depressant which is used primarily in the treatment of schizophrenics. Spall said it lowers the motor response time in both humans and animals.

The anti-coagulant has been isolated as citric acid. Spall said citric acid is

"an old-fashioned type of anti-coagulant."

He said the tests have not yet determined the levels of the two substances, nor have they defined the necessary doses to materially affect animals.

"There were bruise marks on the neck, indicating the animal had been injected with the drug," Valdez said. He said the animal also left "skid marks," as if it had been dropped from a height.

The mutilation was first investigated by Torrance County Sheriff Bobby Chavez. Valdez assisted in the investigation and collection of blood samples. The mutilation occurred near the community of Duranes.

Valdez said recent tests have shown the existence of chemical compounds in the blood of mutilated cattle in Arkansas.

He said veterinarians and zoos use

chlorpromazine in the treatment of animal livestock, but it is not used in doses large enough to cause death.

No conclusions have been drawn from the current tests.

"The question is still one of identity," Valdez said. "This drug is supplied to thousands of outlets, and it is virtually impossible to trace."

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ARKANSAS GAZETTE,  
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## 40 Students Become Ill; Classes Closed

MAYNARD (AP) — Classes in the fourth through sixth grades in the Maynard School District in north Randolph County have been closed until state Health Department workers can determine why 40 children became ill Wednesday.

Superintendent Harmon Sewell said 40 of the 150 students in the building housing those grades became extremely nauseous and a few fainted Wednesday afternoon.

### All Recover

All reportedly recovered after a few hours.

Sewell said food poisoning has been ruled out, since all students ate the same food. No painting or construction was going on in the building at the time the children became sick, and no noxious fumes were found, he said.

The state Health Department was to investigate today, and Sewell said the building would remain closed until the cause of the illnesses has been determined and corrected.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE,  
Little Rock, AR  
April 24, 1979

## School Opens, Illness Mystery

MAYNARD (AP) — The middle school at Maynard (Randolph County) reopened Monday, but school officials were still baffled about what caused the illness of 54 students Wednesday when the school was closed.

School officials said that the water had been tested and it came out safe, but that one water fountain was shut off where a metal test wasn't made.

One-third of the school's 150 students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades showed symptoms of nausea, abdominal cramps, dizziness, headaches, weakness and vomiting while at school.

Health officials were unable to pinpoint any pattern, such as drinking from the same water fountain or eating the same food, among the students who became ill.