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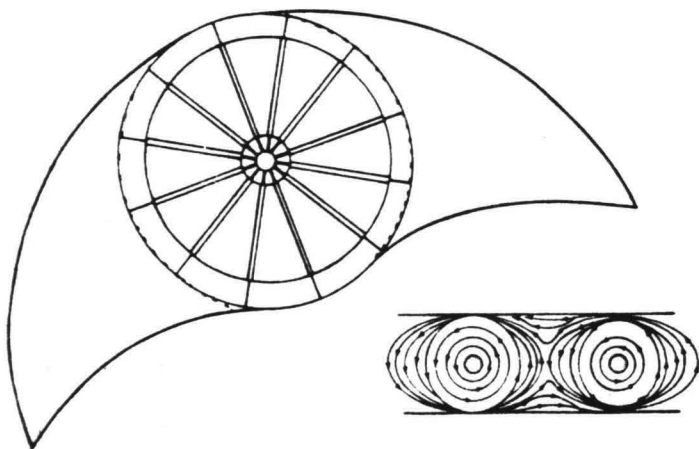
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Science fiction becomes fact after five



Top view of Holt's spacecraft; lasers in center

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Cass Deputy Sights UFO

A Cass County Sheriff's deputy has drawn a picture of a puzzling unidentified flying object (UFO) seen flying at treetop level near Cass Lake.

Deputy Melvin Dick reported seeing a glowing red, green and yellow object Saturday night moving slowly at treetop level near Cass Lake. Dick saw the object about 9:30 p.m. while on routine patrol, according to Sheriff Louis Chalich.

Chalich said Dick described the UFO as a large aircraft-type object, with red, green and yellow lights.

The object, flying at treetop level, was spinning and moving slowly, Dick reported. It was headed west, but then made a 90-degree turn and flew north.

Other witnesses also saw the object, Chalich said.

Dick radioed ahead to Beltrami County, and the object was also seen there, Chalich said.

Chalich said he heard rumors that the object was followed as far as Red Lake.

Some people have written off intergalactic travel. We're stuck on this physical plane, they say, and who wants to spend 800 plus years on a spacecraft? Ideas are tossed around such as astronauts in flight raising children who would in turn raise their children, generation after generation, until the craft arrives at say Galaxy NGC-289.

Or astronauts could freeze themselves, snoozing along in suspended animation on auto-pilot. The onboard computer could wake them when they reach their destination, like in the movie *Alien*. And look what happened to them...

So we've been concentrating on our own solar system, and maybe Alpha Centauri four and a half light years away. But even the distance to Saturn seems prohibitive. Who wants to spend six years in a space capsule?

Well, Alan Holt, CG6, thinks he has developed a "propulsion" concept that may lead to a solution. A crew trainer by day, Holt has been working nights on physics theories that involve magnetic field line merging and the effects of hydromagnetic waves on the process. He finished a master's thesis on this topic and then, he says, "It appeared possible to me that this theory could be used in conjunction with laser-generated magnetic fields of a million gauss variety to create electromagnetic field patterns with special space-time relationships."

What Holt envisions is a spacecraft that would propel itself to distant stars and galaxies in short travel times. A pilot tunes in a specific location in the universe the same way you tune in a specific radio station or frequency.

Zip. Flash. You're hovering over Cygnus X-1 finding out the truth about black holes.

His theory is based on the assumption that Einstein's unified field theory is true: that there is a relationship between magnetic and gravitational fields. It also proposes that each location in the universe of space and time has associated harmonics which manifest themselves as electromagnetic wave forms.

"The key to the whole thing," Holt says, "is the ability to artificially generate this coherent, or special, electromagnetic wave form. If a resonance is established, the spacecraft would then jump from its location in space and time to a distant location where the artificially generated fields are a harmonic."

How do you find the harmonic, for example, of Sirius-B?

"That will be the result of an extensive research effort," Holt says.

"Everything has a gravitational field

exerted upon it. We know that throughout the universe there is a hierarchical pattern: The Moon orbits the Earth, the Earth orbits the sun, the sun orbits the center of the galaxy, our galaxy orbits around the center of the local group of galaxies.

"There is a hierarchy of gravitational fields that goes along with it.

"If enough research is done, it won't be that hard to figure what the harmonics will be at a certain point. The key would be to determine the relationship of an electromagnetic harmonic to the structure or curvature of space-time."

Of course, before NASA starts building spacecraft and training crews, the theory will have to be confirmed. Holt emphasizes that he's publishing the theory now with the sole purpose of stimulating further research in related areas.

In his plan, Holt has even allowed a margin for error, to prevent landing in the molten center of a distant planet. "You aim for a point a few hundred thousand miles away from a star or planetary body," he says. "Then using a holographic display, the pilot operates a joystick to fly to nearby locations.

"It would still require skillful pilots," he adds.

Holt sees field resonance intergalactic space travel as being possible within his lifetime. "I'm working now on an in-depth technical paper that describes experiments that could be done in a lab to confirm the theory: essentially building small scale models, then generating strong magnetic fields and pulsing them to change the wave configurations. The paper also elaborates on the astrophysics involved.

If the theory is confirmed in the next two years, and if feasibility studies are conducted in the 1980s, and if developments continue in free-electron lasers that generate megagauss fields—"Depending on those first big 'ifs' we could have a test flight by 1990," Holt says.

His ideas don't violate Einstein's laws, but rather add to or transcend them. "You transcend space-time by going through a kind of hyperspace," says Holt.

Strap in. The commander is starting pre-resonance procedures. Consulting his flight plan, he determines which electromagnetic wave form will put the spacecraft 200,000 miles above the planet SB-5. He enters the required laser frequencies into a computer, adding in magnetic field ripple wavelengths and the electron beam energy, and then programs the lasers for the sequence of pulsations required.

Stand by residents of SB-5, you are about to see a UFO.

POST-ATHENIAN, Athens, TN - Oct. 19, 1979

UFO is reported

A local resident reported the sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) north of Athens shortly before noon Thursday.

The witness, who asked that his name be withheld, said he was working in the vicinity of the United Parcel Service building off Congress Parkway when he noticed what appeared to be a "perfectly round, clear" object hanging motionless in the air.

He said his first impression was that the object was a weather balloon. But he said the object began to turn and he observed that it was actually flat and "as thin as a wafer."

After turning, he said the object suddenly sped off through the sky in a northern direction at an extremely high

rate of speed. "I would say that it was going faster than a jet," he said.

He briefly lost sight of the object but then noticed that there were actually two of the crafts.

The witness said he could not estimate the size of the objects because there was no reference point in the sky to measure them against.

He added that he wasn't sure if any other persons witnessed the incident and that he was reluctant to report it to the authorities. "It's so hard for me to believe in a UFO," he said.

There have been occasional UFO sightings in the local area in recent years, but a spokesman for the McMinn County Sheriff's Department said that no reports had been received Thursday.

Suffolk Woman Finds Few People Interested In Probing Sighting

By MARIANNE ROBERSON
Staff Reporter

SUFFOLK — On Oct. 12 Mrs. Eleanor R. Jones saw something in the sky over Bower's Hill which frightened her.

The object, which she described as the size of a small house, only circular with revolving lights, also frightened her two daughters, 9-year-old Tamela and 14-year-old Violette, who were in the car with her.

Mrs. Jones decided to report the incident and called the FBI, NASA, and the Air Force.

No one, she said, was interested.

"They treated me like I was some sort of freak and I know I'm not," she said with a frown. "I didn't appreciate the way I was treated at all," she said, adding the only interested people were at a local radio station.

"They said they'd had several reports of the same thing, but they had no idea what it was," she said.

The mysterious object, which she refused to call a "flying saucer" as her youngest daughter did, was flying at tree-top level near the intersection of Route 1-264 and Route 58 about 9:45 p.m., she said.

The family saw the object as they were returning to their Suffolk home from a shopping trip.

"There was a lot of traffic and I was getting ready to pass the car in front of me which had slowed for no apparent reason when I saw this thing in the sky as he must have done and I slowed too to look at it and I almost hit him in the rear," she said.

The "thing" as she described it is about 25 feet in diameter and about 8-feet tall with rotating lights around the outer edge. It also had a light on top.

The object appeared to be hovering at tree-top level until another conventional plane approached.

"And then this thing just took off sideways at incredible speed," she said, shaking her head as if she still didn't believe what she was saying.

The incident, plus the fact she couldn't find anyone interested in pursuing it, disturbed her so much she took her lunch hour from work Monday at Newport News Shipbuilding to call more people and try to get them to investigate.

After another trip back to Bower's Hill, where she talked to a service station attendant who confirmed seeing a "similar object", she came to the newspaper.

"It could have been some sort of strange Russian plane for all I know," she said. "Why isn't the government interested in finding out about it?"

Maj. Robert W. Nicholson, Public Information Officer for Langley Air Force Base, described the government's position.

"From 1948 to 1969, the Air Force conducted an investigation of unidentified flying objects which was commonly known as Project Blue Book," he said.

During that time 12,618 reported sightings were investigated. Of that number, 11,917 were found to have been caused by something convention such as satellites, weather balloons, weather conditions, and hoaxes. During the 21 years of investigation, there were 701 cases that are unexplained.

Ironically, Nicholson was an assistant investigator for Project Blue Book for two years, so he has some additional insight.

"Project Blue Book," he said, "ac-



(Staff Photo By David Bowman)

Mrs. Jones

cumulated untold amounts of data which was turned over to the University of Colorado for analysis. The university in turn produced a three volume, 15,000 page report which was then given to the National Academy of Science for further analysis and summary.

"The National Academy drew its

own conclusions, which basically agreed with the Colorado analysis. The bottom line is that no UFO reported, investigated and evaluated by the program ever gave any indication of being hostile or a threat to the national security.

"And in addition to that," he said, "there was no evidence that the sightings characterized as unidentified related to extraterrestrial beings. In fact, in light of all the data accumulated, the least likely concept to explain the phenomenon would be that of extraterrestrial visitation."

So the government, in the interest of saving money and keeping the Air Force in areas relating to national security, stopped investigating UFOs.

Many people don't realize this, Nicholson said, and are dismayed when told to call their local police departments if they feel threatened by a sighting.

But Mrs. Jones' concerns for national security, Nicholson said, are misplaced.

"Through a very complicated system relating to air defense and the North American Air Defense Command," he said, "nothing enters into the United States air defense zones without the government knowing what it is."

A part of the Tactical Air Command, he said, there are F-106 Delta Darts armed with air-to-air missiles always on alert to handle unknown air breathing vessels, like some Russian Bear bombers which strayed across the Air Defense Intercept Zone.

These planes can be airborne in less than five minutes and can intercept any vessel well away from the continental United States.

And the Air Defense Command, he

added, tracks all space objects and would know immediately if a missile were launched.

"There are currently 4,496 objects orbiting the earth which are monitored by NORAD and anything which enters the earth orbit, they will know about," he said.

To make his point, he said once NORAD tracked an astronaut's glove lost during a space walk.

But as secure as he believed America's national defense to be, Nicholson said he understood Mrs. Jones' concern to talk to someone about her experience.

Since the dissolution of Project Blue Book, he said, a number of private organizations continue to investigate the phenomenon.

Gale's Encyclopedia of Associa-

tions, he said, lists these organizations and is available at most libraries.

Using this resource, Leon Whiting, the state investigator for the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena and the Mutual UFO Network was contacted and he expressed great interest in Mrs. Jones' account.

They talked at length on Thursday and Whiting, who lives in the Washington area, is sending Mrs. Jones a series of forms to complete on her sighting.

A field investigation, Whiting said, will also be conducted.

And so Mrs. Jones finally found someone who was interested in investigating her account.

"I'm relieved," she said with a small smile, "cause I know I'm not crazy and I know I saw that thing."

CR: J. Brill

Report Sighting Kite-Shaped UFO

Several Kirkville residents reported to the police Department Tuesday night that they spotted and observed a large, kite-shaped object travelling across the city.

Kelly Barger, Kirkville High School student, said she and her brother, Dave, were travelling on Route 11 east, heading toward the city at approximately 9:45 p.m., when they saw a large object in the sky approximately 2,000 feet from the ground. She said they did not realize the object was moving through the sky until they reached their residence at 1201 E. Washington Street and observed the object from the back yard.

Miss Barger said her parents and two small children also observed the craft. She said she observed the craft with binoculars and followed it as it travelled east out of the city. She described the craft as being kite-shaped and very large, comparing the size to a commercial jet-liner, and said the craft had a blue light and a red light on the sides. The craft also had a group of white lights at the extreme back end on the underneath of the object. She said the altitude of the object remained constant at around 2,000 feet, and that it was making a low humming sound.

Miss Barger also said that as the object left the city limits on the east end of town it passed

very closely with a small airplane that was travelling from the northeast across the city. She said it first appeared as if the two craft might collide, but the small airplane was at a higher elevation as it appeared to her.

Officials from Clarence Cannon Memorial Airport in Kirkville said the last plane to land at the airport Tuesday night was earlier in the evening and that the only other craft in the area was a mail airplane that regularly travels through the south edge of the city coming from St. Louis with a destination in the northwest area of the state. The mail plane usually passes through the area at 9:50 p.m., according to airport officials.

A resident north of Kirkville in the Greentop area apparently also sighted some type of craft in the sky before the Kirkville sighting. Local conservation agent Bill Otten said it was possible an aircraft from the State Department of Conservation may have been in the area observing hunting activities, but officials from the state department said there were no airplanes from their department in the northeast Missouri area Tuesday night. The conservation department officials also said the craft used for this purpose were twin-engine aircraft, six or eight seat planes.

UFO sightings spark investigation

By JACK CROFT
Staff Writer

An investigator for the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. arrived in Dover Tuesday morning to check out the recent rash of UFO sightings in downstate Delaware.

Meanwhile, despite cloudy skies and rain Tuesday night, strange objects were again reported seen over Delaware Bay near Bowers Beach and in the Ellendale area.

Bob Pratt, a staff reporter with the *National Enquirer*, was assigned to check out the sightings for the weekly tabloid newspaper.

Pratt, however, says he is also on the advisory board of the Center for UFO Studies, and is investigating the

sightings for that organization as well.

The Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization, based in Tucson, Ariz., also expressed interest in the sightings, and plans to contact a Millsboro man who last month said he and four others saw a bluish-gray, disc-like object hovering over a field in broad daylight.

And the *National Examiner*, which, like the *National Enquirer*, is a big seller in supermarkets throughout the country, was contacted about Delaware's sightings by APRO and is considering doing a story on them.

While the national spotlight begins to focus on the numerous reports of unidentified flying objects over downstate Delaware, two more sightings were made Tuesday night.

Steve Edward Newman and three

friends were driving from Bridgeville to Milton Monday night on Del. 16, when he said he saw something strange.

At the Ellendale town limits, Newman said he saw two, rectangular-shaped objects with flashing lights flying just a little higher than tree-top level.

"They were about four or five car lengths, and had lights all the way around. Green, white and red ones," Newman said this morning.

The two objects were flying very close together, and made no noise as they passed overhead, he said.

It was about 8:30 p.m., and the skies were just starting to cloud over, but Newman said the objects "were flying below the clouds."

He and his friends watched the ob-

jects through binoculars he had in the car until they disappeared, he said.

When he tried to use his CB radio to check if anyone else was seeing the same thing, Newman said the radio did not work.

"My transmission was backing up. It jammed my CB," he claimed. "But as soon as it got out of reach, my CB worked just fine."

A driver-salesman at Milton Sausage and Scrapple Company in Milton, Newman said he called Dover Air Force Base and talked with a radar operator there.

"He said, 'We don't do nothing but monitor planes,'" Newman said. "So I asked him if there were any planes or helicopters in Ellendale area at 8:30

and he said, 'No, there weren't.'"

Doran and Elsie McFadden, who live north of Milford off U.S. 113, also reported seeing strange lights over the Delaware Bay.

At about 7:45 p.m., the couple said they noticed a revolving light, going from right to left, with the same red, white and green colors most of the sightings have claimed.

The object hovered about 40 degrees above the horizon in the same area, they said, until clouds covered it up.

When the clouds lifted at about 9:30 p.m., though, the object reappeared at about 25 degrees above the horizon, they said.

Pratt, who has chased UFO reports around the world for the past three years at the *Enquirer*, said the sightings that report quick movement or distinct, different-colored lights are probably something other than a star.

"I'd say you're seeing something that's not an astronomical object," he told three Woodland Beach residents Tuesday night who had seen strange lights almost every night for the past week.

However, he said bright stars will appear to flash red, green and white, especially when viewed through binoculars, and that observers must be certain the lights are separate.

COURIER, Chatham, NJ - Nov. 15, 1979 Two women report sighting of UFO

MADISON — A report of the sighting of a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) in Madison was recently reported by a local resident, Mrs. Marcia Cuva.

Mrs. Cuva said that about 20 minutes before midnight on Tuesday night, Oct. 30, she and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Reggie Cardella of Kenilworth, were driving on Cook Ave. when they saw two white lights above in the sky. They stopped the car to get a better look at it.

The fact that it was stationary and that there was no noise coming from it, as would have been from a helicopter or airplane, puzzled them. As they approached Ridgedale Ave. the object started moving toward them and they saw a green light on the right side and a red light on the left, as it faced them and a curved row of white lights under the center. The height of the

property.

The two women reported the sighting to local police and also to an area representative of an organization which investigates UFO sightings. They are interested in learning whether any other residents happened to view the object. Anyone who did is invited to call the Madison Eagle, 377-2000.

UFO Sighting Latest of Sussex County Mysteries?

By STEVE HOENIGMANN

It comes at a time mysterious footprints are found in Ocean View, an unknown, black-colored animal about four feet tall is observed jumping across roads near Concord and the infamous Patty Cannon ghost haunts Sussex Countians astir.

But on September 11, about 5:40 that afternoon, five level-headed Millsboro residents and their offspring observed an unidentified flying object. Two weeks later, when news of the sighting reached the *County Post*, the five residents still can't believe what they saw.

The story begins about 5:30 p.m. two weeks ago Tuesday. Donald Schultie, owner of Duck's Service station on

Route 113 and Wilson Highway, was preparing to close for the night. Schultie was leaving through the back door of his station when something caught his eye above the field where the Houston-White Company used to

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stand before giving way to an apartment complex.

"It was a bluish-gray and it just floated over the field," Schultie admitted reluctantly. "There isn't any ifs, ands or buts about it—I saw it and I still can't believe it."

Schultie described the object as

round and in the shape of a disc. "It wasn't any airplane or anything I've ever seen," he added. A light seemed to circle the craft at regular intervals during the five to ten minutes it was observed before drifting in the direction of the town's new water tower and disappearing from view.

Millsboro councilwoman Dorothy Gray, whose husband Donald operates a barber shop on Wilson Highway, saw the commotion and was the next one on the scene. Schultie was joined by his son Jeff.

"I hate to say it, but that's what it looked like," said Gray last week, confirming Schultie's description of the large "M&M" shaped object. "It just hovered over the field then kept get-

ting farther and farther away."

Mable Hough, who lives in Sandy Landing, was in the barber shop with her son who was getting a haircut. She came out at Dorothy Gray's calling and was also bewildered by what she saw. About the same time, Donna Campbell of Oak Drive, was leaving the shop to take her two children and her neighbors' home to get ready for dinner.

"I had no idea what that thing was," said Hough Monday afternoon. "My first reaction was that it was one of those remotecontrolled airplanes, but it was too big for that. It was about the size of one of those private airplanes."

Donna Campbell echoed that assess-

ment. "When I first saw it it was floating back and forth. My son thought it was a parachute, but then it leveled off and just hovered over the field," said Campbell. "It didn't look like any airplane, but I didn't stay that long—I had to go home to get dinner on."

As Campbell was leaving, Millsboro patrolman Rick Chamberlain was making his rounds when he saw the group gathered at the end of Wilson Highway. Chamberlain got there as the object was drifting away, but managed to get a look through a pair of binoculars that one of the children in the barber shop had.

"I saw it and I didn't know what it was," said Chamberlain Monday. "I

know it didn't look like an airplane."

All five residents say the only possible legitimate description of the object was that it was a errant weather balloon—a device that has been the source of UFO reports in the past.

However, both Salisbury and Georgetown Airport officials said they did not know—or could not retrieve the records—of any aircraft that might have been in the area. A Dover Air Base sergeant in Operations thought the whole idea was rather humorous.

The NASA facility located on Wallops Island, Va. is the closest station to send up constant weather balloons and rockets.

"We launched a Nike-Orion two-stage, sounding rocket about 4:30 p.m. September 11, but residents of Delaware would not have been able to see it according to our technicians," said Joyce Milliner in public affairs of the the Wallop Flight Center.

Milliner said that the Center launches weather balloons every 15 minutes during certain times of the day, but that the balloons are "very small and in the shape of a tear drop."

"What those people saw doesn't sound like anything that would have come from this base," she added.

Milliner directed the *County Post* to the Committee for Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal—UFO Sub-committee headed by Robert Shaffer in Silver Springs, Md. Shaffer could not be reached for comment, but efforts will continue in that direction.

In the meantime, Sussex County adds another mystery to the history books.

THE TIMES-HERALD, Newport News, VA - Nov. 17, 1979 CR: F. Whiting

'Object' appears in sky

By TERRY CARTER
Times-Herald Staff Writer

"Look, I'm not crazy but ..."
But they both say the same thing—there was something peculiar in the skies over Newport News late Friday night. It glowed dull, it glowed bright, it floated up and down from roof-tops to 1,500 feet. It appeared to drift about 10 miles from Hiddenwood past Denbigh. And it exploded in a blinding flash over the city reservoir.

"It looked like a single headlight up above the trees," says Micki Cochran, 40, who saw a light in the sky as she and her 16-year-old daughter were standing outside their trailer in the 1500 block of Warwick Boulevard about 11:15 p.m.

"It came close to tree level and then went pretty high up in the sky when it exploded," she says. "It got extremely bright before it exploded."

"Then it nose-dived and had that same whistle that an airplane has when it falls. It panicked me to the point that I wanted to grab my children and run down the street away from it."

"I was so convinced that it was an airplane that I called the police to report a crash."

A police spokesman this morning said they'd found nothing. Officials at Langley Air Force Base said they've heard nothing about it. Neither had Fort Eustis, which is near where Mrs. Cochran saw the mid-air explosion. Nothing from NASA, either.

About an hour and a half earlier, about 10 miles away near Hiddenwood, 63-year-old Maynard Trull and his wife saw "what looked like a home-made rocket with a fire or a light in the bottom of it" float slowly, steadily from roof-top level to about 1,500 feet.

"At first it looked like a piece of burning paper that had blown out of somebody's chimney," Trull says. "When it got a little higher, and turned to one side, it looked like a round tube, a cylinder a few feet long. And it had a top on it, an inverted cone like a dunce's cap."

"What was funny was that it rose real slow, steady, straight up. Not like a kid's balloon, getting caught in the wind."

Trull says another car stopped where he was on North Madison Lane, the car's driver apparently watching the same thing.

He figures he was about 150 yards from the object when he first spotted it. When he drove away after a few minutes, it was still climbing.

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No fairy tales up in Oceana

By MICHAEL LEWIS
Chronicle staff writer

HART—For Marlene Frontiera, 23, it was her second encounter.

About 10:30 p.m. Sept. 16 her mother-in-law, who lives about a mile away in Elbridge Township, called and told her to look out the back window.

"We could see it really close, just over the next hill," said Mrs. Frontiera, who lives on 128th Avenue. What was it?

Whatever it was, it prompted her to call the Oceana County Sheriff's Department. The subsequent entry in the sheriff's log reads, "It may sound funny but there is a UFO over Russell's Ridge."

Unidentified flying objects have been reported again in Oceana County, a year after a rash of sightings were reported from Silver Lake and Ludington. The reports drew wide attention since they came from credible sources — Oceana County Sheriff John Simmons and two of his deputies, Ludington policemen and U.S. Coast Guardsmen stationed at Ludington.

Much of the interest stemmed from a photograph of one of the UFOs taken by Chief Petty Officer Scott Richardson. Interest increased when Richardson's film was reported lost in the mail to Coast Guard Ninth District Headquarters in Cleveland.

Congressman Guy Vander Jagt, R-Luther, requested an investigation into the "lost in the mail" theory. Richardson even speculated that his film "was disposed of."

U.S. Postal Service tracers failed to find the 35 mm film, which was supposed to have a single frame of the UFO Richardson said was over Lake Michigan.

The night was Oct. 1, 1978, and two Oceana County deputies were dispatched to Silver Lake to investigate "mysterious lights" in the sky to the west. The deputies and the sheriff,

who lives in the area, observed what appeared to be a large craft with rotating or blinking lights a couple of miles west of the Lake Michigan shoreline. It appeared to hover for awhile, then move, then hover again.

"It was definitely a UFO," said Deputy Dave Waller. "There's no way a helicopter could be up that high or stay up that long."

They called the Coast Guard for confirmation. They got more than they had asked for.

Richardson confirmed their Silver Lake sighting, and said he was observing two similar objects — one west of Pentwater and one west of Ludington.

Richardson and three crewmen described very rapid vertical and horizontal movements. The objects appeared as very bright white lights, with a red light above and a green light below. The objects were reportedly visible for some four hours.

The Coast Guard was involved in another eerie incident July 27, 1978. A long, brilliant silver cylinder was reported hovering by Rocky Gap, near the St. Joseph Coast Guard station.

Two Ludington seamen spotted a UFO the same night. Richardson said they saw it off U.S. 31, behind the Consumers Power Pumped Storage plant. The white strobe light reportedly flew out over the plant and up to Big Point Sable, then disappeared over the western horizon.

The Ludington crewmen called the Coast Guard station in Two Rivers, Wis., and alerted personnel there. The Two Rivers crew immediately looked in the air and saw the object flying erratically at least 2,000 feet above them. The UFO then turned north and was sighted by guardsmen at the Green Bay Harbor Lighthouse and the Sturgeon Bay Station.

Two Rivers Seaman Gary Randall, who guessed the UFO was larger than a B-52 or 747, shot 10 photographs of it. Cleveland headquarters asked Randall to send the film there for processing, but he instead had it developed by a private company.

Randall is no longer at Two Rivers, but Thom Aiella, a reporter for the Manitowac-Two Rivers Herald Times Reporter, saw three of the photos. Aiella recalled last week that the dark pictures showed landmarks close to the station and colored lights in the upper right corner.

Mrs. Frontiera said the UFO she

saw last month would hover and then move up and down. It, too, flashed red, green and white lights, she said.

She and her husband got into their car with their children and another couple to try to get a better look, but they never saw it again. But the incident brought her recollections of a similar sighting six or seven years ago.

She said she was driving home from work in Ludington one night when she saw a UFO hovering about 300 feet directly above a house. Pulling off the road for a better look, she said she saw a disc-shaped object with a bubble on top and bottom. It was larger than a helicopter, she said, and its lights were rotating very quickly.

She also could plainly hear a humming sound, but decided she had seen and heard enough when it appeared to start moving at her. "I couldn't believe it," she recalled.

Dr. Richard Teske has a hard time believing it, too. A professor of astronomy at the University of Michigan, Teske said in an interview last week, "I'm a scoffer. I think UFOs are people's mistakes."

Teske described a phenomenon that is common at this time of the year. "The atmospheric refraction phenomenon is one astronomers are quite familiar with and quite distressed by because it does make a star appear as if it's dancing around," Teske said.

He explained that light from bright stars, such as Vega and Sirius, passes through convection currents and differing patterns of atmospheric density, causing the star to appear to flash red, green and blue colors. He said a similar affect can be achieved by shining light through a diamond.

"It's not a flying saucer but it does generate an enormous number of UFO reports," Teske said.

Both Richardson and Mrs. Frontiera doubt Teske's theory applies to their sightings. Richardson said atmospheric refraction would not explain flights across Lake Michigan.

Mrs. Frontiera said she is positive the sighting she had several years ago was a UFO. "It stood out so good it was like something you'd see on TV," she said.

Television has not been around for many years, but apparently mysterious lights have. As Teske observed, "It's what the old Mother Goose guys had in mind when they said, 'Twinkle, twinkle, little star. How I wonder what you are.'"

HERALD, Provo, UT - Nov. 4, 1979

Provoans Claim Seeing UFO

Several Provo residents reported seeing a UFO late Friday evening which slowly passed beneath the moon as its lights flickered on and off. It then reportedly disappeared from the sky.

One witness, Sandi Williams, a Brigham Young University student from Washington State, said she and a group of friends, including Charlene Christiansen and Steve Campbell, were walking outside at about 10:10 p.m. when they spotted a solid yellow craft of some kind moving high in the southern sky.

She discounted any possibility that it could have been a satellite, helicopter, plane, or meteor, because it emitted no noise.

The Herald checked with the Utah County Sheriff's Department, Provo Police and the Utah Highway Patrol about the incident, and their offices had received no calls about any UFO's cited.

Salt Lake City Police and the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Department also reported no UFO calls.

UFO Spotted

A UFO was reported in our area last Friday night by several of our area residents.

They describe seeing a large, round, blue object with red lights and another object under it.

The object was seen along Hwy 70 and it moved toward Draper and then returned to the Bass Lake district and then back toward Draper.

Joe Paulick of Loretta along with three or four other people stopped their vehicles to observe the object near Hwy B and 70.

If any of our readers saw this object please let us know, we are sure that Joe and the others would be interested in your description of the U.F.O.

SAWYER CO. GAZETTE, Winter, WI
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Lab Tests: No UFO Evidence At Lake City

LAKE CITY — Laboratory tests of plant and soil samples from a farm near here have produced no evidence of a UFO landing according to investigators, but did not explain what caused damage to field corn at the site.

Samples of corn, weeds and soil from the Curtis Olson farm in West Albany Township were tested by the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., after speculation arose that a UFO may have landed there.

On Sept. 16, Olson discovered two large circles of downed field corn on his farm. He reported the damage to the Wabasha County Sheriff's Department after failing to find any reason for the damage.

Shortly after the damage was reported, Bradley E. Ayers of the UFO Center and Wabasha County Extension Agent Matt Metz inspected the field. Ayers collected the samples for the Center.

According to a Center spokesman, the laboratory analysis included checks of chemical components, magnetism, radioactivity, biological factors and thermoluminescence. None of the tests produced evidence that a UFO had landed, the spokesman said.

In addition, the spokesman said, reports from Metz indicated that such damage to field corn was not so unusual that it had to have been caused by an object landing in the field.

CR: M. Hall

Memories of UFO still vivid

By DON BROADUS

The nightmares have stopped but the memories are as vivid as if it had happened yesterday.

This is the assessment of Charles Hickson, a 47-year-old Pascagoula shipyard worker who claims he was taken aboard a UFO five years ago and examined with a football-shaped instrument by robot-like creatures.

The incident, real or imaginary, projected Hickson from an obscure welder into the international limelight of UFO chasers.

Hickson receives hundreds of letters and telephone calls each year from all over the world. His telephone number is unlisted and he changes it every two or three months.

"I don't mind talking about it, but the calls come at all hours of the day," Hickson said. "I guess they don't know the difference in time zones. I hope I can answer the letters some day but I have to make a living."

One thing has not changed for Hickson. He is still a shipyard worker. He is putting the final touches on a book, "The Pascagoula UFO."

Hickson, who underwent several months of hypnosis regression, says the book will reveal many previously unreported aspects of the incident.

Hickson and Calvin Parker, then 18, were fishing from a pier on the Pascagoula River at an old abandoned shipyard at dusk on Oct. 11, 1973.

"There was a strange sound like air escaping from a hose," Hickson said. He turned around and saw pulsating lights. They were blue or greenish blue. There was a craft hovering about 10 feet above the ground. I don't know if the craft were cigar-shaped or round. The craft was about 10 feet at its widest point in the center and tapered to about three feet at each end."

Hickson said a door suddenly appeared in the center of the craft "as if an eye were opening."

Four human-shaped creatures, which Hickson describes as about five feet tall with elephant-like skin, floated from the craft toward the fishermen some 40 feet away. Their hands, he says, resembled pinchers or a lobster claw.

"They took us by the arms," Hickson said. "Calvin fainted and at that point I lost all control of my body. I could see but I couldn't move or feel anything."

Hickson said he later found small puncture wounds in his arms where the creatures had grasped him.

"The creatures floated me into the craft," he said. "I just floated with them."

"There was a bright, white light inside the craft. I don't know where the light came from. It just seemed to come from the walls, floor and ceiling."

"The creatures placed me at a 45 degree angle. I was just suspended there in the air. I was aware of a football-shaped instrument with what resembled an eye on the end of it passing over my body."

"I don't know how long I was there, a few minutes or several seconds. Then they floated me back to the pier. I don't know if they took Calvin aboard. I didn't see him and he doesn't remember."

"Calvin thinks he died and they brought him back of life."

"Calvin was on the pier when they put me down. I tried to run but I couldn't get up. I started crawling. There was that hissing sound again, like air escaping from a hose, and the craft was gone. I don't know where it went or in which direction. It was just gone."

No one reported seeing the UFO landing except Hickson and Parker. The reported landing site was on the west bank of the Pascagoula River between the U.S. 90 and L&N Railroad. There were bridge attendants on both the highway and railroad bridges.

There were several reports of UFO sightings in the area on the night of Oct. 11, 1973.

About the same time as the Pascagoula River encounter, Raymond Broadus, a parole officer, and then Pascagoula City Councilman E.P. Sigalas were driving on U.S. 90 near the Gautier-Vancleave Road.

They saw a light traveling at a tremendous speed on a collision course with the earth.

"That plane is going to crash," Broadus said with alarm.

But the light suddenly stopped its descent a few hundred yards above the ground and began weaving its way toward the Pascagoula River.

"I guess it is one of those UFOs," Sigalas joked and both men laughed.

"It was a peculiar sight," Broadus would recall later.

They didn't report the incident until Hickson and Parker's story appeared in newspapers the following day.

Hickson and Parker went to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and reported the incident.

"I thought they were joking," Capt. Glenn Ryder said, "but there's no doubt they were terrified. We tried every trick to break their story but they stuck with it."

One trick was to leave Hickson and Parker by themselves in a room with a hidden tape recorder.

"My God," Hickson said on the tape, "I never saw anything like this in my life. I got to get out of here."

Parker began to cry and pray.

For three weeks following the incident, hundreds of UFO sightings were reported in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee and Indiana.

Two youths in the Helena community said they fired a shotgun at a cigar-shaped craft which hovered over them in a corn field.

A Biloxi taxi driver reported that he was chased by a UFO but later admitted the story was a hoax to cover up for lost time in a bar.

A Mobile seer predicted that UFOs could be seen from Interstate 10 between Mobile and Pascagoula. Hundreds of motorists jammed the highway, causing a major traffic problem.

A few days after the Pascagoula River encounter, Dr. James Harder, professor at the University of California, and Dr. Allen Hynek, professor of astronomy at Northwestern University in Chicago, came to Pascagoula to interview Hickson and Parker. They placed them under hypnosis and interviewed them for four hours.

"They are not unbalanced people," Hynek said after the interview. "They're not crackpots. There was definitely something here that was not terrestrial."

Hickson and Parker also underwent a series of lie

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Evening Chat

Compiled By The
Editorial Staff

THE UFO'S are back in this area.

A Shelby County couple, enroute to their home shortly after midnight last Saturday night, reported a glowing, egg-shaped object followed their car for about six miles and then hovered outside their house for a few minutes before soaring off in an eastward direction.

The couple reported the incident to the Shelby County Sheriff's Department. They described the object as between 10 and 12 feet tall and about 25 feet long. It was noiseless and pulsated with a brilliant white light. Two dim yellow lights marked the front of the thing, they said.

The deputy who investigated said the couple had not been drinking and that he was convinced they were "dead serious about it."

No other reports of people having seen the object were received in the Shelbyville area.

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detection tests.

"They believe they are telling the truth," said the polygraph operator.

The lives of Hickson and Parker have since taken opposite directions.

Several days after the incident, Parker was admitted to a hospital in his hometown of Laurel for treatment of a nervous condition.

Parker shuns the limelight which Hickson seems to enjoy.

Parker never returned to Pascagoula and is now working in the offshore oil industry in Louisiana.

"I talk with him sometimes," Hickson said. I don't know where he is and I couldn't tell you if I did. He still doesn't like to talk about it."

Hickson talks of the Pascagoula River UFO in a soft but firm voice. It is like he is speaking on a religious issue.

Did the incident change his life?

"No, not really," he said. I am the same person but it changed my way of thinking about a lot of things.

"I never thought much about UFOs before then. I didn't believe or disbelieve in them. It just never entered my mind.

"The incident broadened my knowledge, my way of thinking. I have thought of a lot of things that I never thought about before. I have met a lot of people with ideas that I never thought about before."

Hickson has appeared on two national television shows and has attended several UFO conferences.

"I don't attend all the meetings because I have to make a living," he said, "but I enjoy going to them."

Asked if he believes other UFO reports, Hickson said, "I don't know. I don't disbelieve them but I don't have all the facts, just what I read."

Hickson hedged when asked if he had encountered other UFOs since the event.

"It won't be long before people know about UFOs," he said. "After it happened I couldn't sleep, I couldn't eat, I was looking up every time I walked outside.

"But I'm not afraid anymore. I would try to communicate with them if it ever happens again. I think they wanted to communicate with me.

"I think they know where I am right now. I think they know everything I've done since then. I asked a doctor if they may have implanted something in me but he said he wouldn't even know what to look for.

"I am a Baptist and I have always believed in God, but it has changed my way of thinking of God. I believe there are other people out there on other worlds and God controls all of us."

Asked if he thinks he was picked up because he was Charles Hickson or he happened to be on the pier that night, Hickson said:

"I would like to think it was because I am me and they have a purpose for me.

"I have known fear as an infantryman in the Korean war but that was nothing compared to that. Maybe they knew I was conditioned to fear and could take it. Calvin couldn't take it.

"I had nightmares for months after it happened. I'm not afraid anymore but I still remember it as if it had happened yesterday."

There are classifications of UFO sightings and sculptures of entities reported in various encounters. Included was "Oscar," the life-size bust SBI commissioned an artist to create. The entity appears in many abduction cases, according to Lowenski.

The classifications of UFO encounters include CE-1, an object seen within 500 feet which is of normal appearance or identifiable; CE-2, the same as CE-1 except there is interference with the environment such as depressed, burned patches or electromagnetic effects; CE-3, sighting a living entity involved with a UFO situation; and CE-4, an abduction case where an entity has exerted some control for a period of time over a human.

Demonstrations were given using a miniature UFO scene mock-up. Designed by Lowenski, it consists of a graduated compass layout complete with figures, buildings, trees, vehicles, aircraft, people, roads, etc.

Intended for training, it can also be used to reconstruct a UFO encounter. Lowenski said such a reconstruction aids the investigator in determining whether a sighting was a UFO or a misinterpretation of natural or man-made phenomena.

A simulated UFO landing site was created to allow investigators to become familiar with procedures and equipment. A seven-foot area of ground was depressed in a circle and some weak radioactive material was planted.

The investigators cordoned off the area and checked it with geiger counters. Plaster casts of the indentations were made.

Methods of taking core samples were also demonstrated and the investigators were shown how to magnetically map a car to see if it had been affected strongly by a magnetic force.

At night, the investigators visited a small private observatory where a large telescope and astronomical binoculars were demonstrated.

Lowenski said the ability to separate UFOs from identifiable flying objects was stressed throughout the seminar as one of the most important for the UFO investigator.

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UFO Unit Formed—

Local Team Learning to Stalk Life from the Stars

By JIM HINKLE
Gazette Reporter

GLOVERSVILLE — It's been a year since the Indian Lake UFO incident and the investigation is still continuing. An area man involved in the case from the beginning recently led a seminar to teach others how to research and document UFO phenomena.

Dan L. Lowenski, a city patrolman and now chief investigator in Upstate New York for the Scientific Bureau of Investigation, based in Staten Island, was called to the Moose River Plains area to investigate the tale of two New York City men who had reported an encounter with a UFO. It was Lowenski's responsibility to objectively gather data on the incident.

In outlining the case, he explained the two men were camping at the Moose River Plains reservation. Early in the evening one of the two went to the car trunk to get some food and saw a flashlight out of the corner of his eye.

What allegedly appeared was a large cigar-shaped metallic object which glowed softly. There were red and white lights on either end.

The two men looked at it, decided it was getting too close and left the campsite. They drove fast over the 15 miles of logging road leading to the campsite. Lowenski said a second object had appeared and kept pace with the car's maneuvers.

At the gatehouse, the keeper was getting a lot of interference on his television and went to fix it when he saw the car come speeding through the gate area. Lowenski said the gatekeeper saw a bright light upend itself and go behind a mountain.

The men went into the gatehouse and were described as noticeably upset. They then went to the state police barracks and told their tale. They refused to return to the site and slept in their car in the barracks parking lot.

Lowenski said he was called in by the state police and told an officer went to the campsite and found the lantern on and other signs which indicated the two had left in a hurry.

A check was made with other campers the next day, and one said he saw bright lights near the gatehouse about 7:30 p.m.

Lowenski said Indian Lake residents saw a lot of things in the sky that night. Once the word was out, the residents kept an eye on the sky for a week but nothing was reported, he said.

The two men returned home to Staten Island. There they became physically ill with what appeared to be a bright red sunburn on their faces. They had trouble sleeping and experienced nightmares, suffered nausea, headaches and irritation of the eyes and sinuses.

Lowenski said there was a possible time loss involved in

the incident and plans for hypnotic regression are being made to determine what actually happened.

Training investigators to conduct a UFO probe was the purpose of Lowenski's course. It was held for the newly recruited upstate investigations unit of the Scientific Bureau of Investigation, a private research group actively engaged in researching UFO incidents. The course is taught at the old school house in Auriesville.

The new investigators are Warren G. Bundy of Schenectady, professor of police science at Schenectady County Community College; Michael O'Brien of Northville, a Gloversville police officer; Allen LaSalle, a private contractor in Stamford; and David E. Waters of Ballston Spa, an electrical technologist.

Also attending were Peter Mazzola and James Fillow, international directors and originators of the SBI. Mazzola is a New York City detective and an expert in polygraph and psychological stress evaluation, Lowenski said. He noted Fillow has been researching UFOs for 15 years and is an expert photographer.

Peter Spangler, SBI regional director, and Thomas Dawickowski, state director, also attended. The SBI officials attended as observers and additional instructors.

The seminar consisted of audio-visuals, records, tapes and lectures.

Unexplained night lights near Baldwin part of increasing UFO activity in area

First of two parts

By Tim Zgonina
Leader-Telegram staff

BALDWIN — Scott Sieracki was watching the 10:30 movie Oct. 19 at his farm home 8 miles south of Baldwin, a 1973 film called "Westworld."

He was alone in the living room.

His brother was asleep upstairs.

The movie wore on, and Sieracki, an average ninth grader at Baldwin-Woodville High School, felt hungry.

He got up from his chair and headed through the archway into the dining room, on his way to the kitchen to get something to eat. But as he passed by the window on the north wall, something shining above a pasture caught his eye.

Sieracki stopped and looked closer. It was a light, but not from a late-working tractor in a neighbor's field as he had supposed. He sat on a chair by the window and watched.

Two shining lights

There were two of them, one a little larger than the other, bright and uncolored, hovering above the ground. They appeared to be about 1,000 feet away, at the corner of an unharvested sunflower field, flashing on and off as if they were pivoting around an axis, first shining and then hidden from view.

Sieracki watched a few seconds, then ran up the steep steps to wake his brother. He couldn't raise him.

He ran back downstairs and looked out the window again. The lights were still there.

Sieracki went to the back door, opened it and looked out. He heard only the crickets chirping in the darkness and the wind rustling the leaves, no sound of an airplane or motor.

The lights continued to rotate, and Sieracki saw that they cast beams, like a spotlight in a war movie, as they went around. At times they even illuminated the granary in the yard.

Locked the door

Sieracki closed the door and locked it. Going back to the window, he watched the beams a short time more.

Then they were gone.

Sieracki finally made it to the kitchen to get his snack, then went up to bed.

He didn't tell anyone of what he'd seen until the following Sunday, when he mentioned it to his mother. But he did go out to the spot the lights seemed to be above, and the grass was a little browner in the shape of a circle in one place.

The next Wednesday, although the lights weren't seen again, the family collie howled all night, and one of two pet hamsters in a cage attacked and killed the other.

Called UFO center

Mrs. Sieracki told some of her friends at work what her son had seen. They told her she should report it.

That's when Mrs. Sieracki called Bradley E. Ayers.

Ayers is not a man with a mundane profession. He's a field investigator for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., and works out of his Lakeland, Minn., home. He's investigated nearly 200 reports of unidentified flying objects in the past five years in western Wisconsin and eastern Minnesota, many involving nocturnal lights such as Scott Sieracki saw.

Ordinarily, a sighting such as Sieracki's with just one witness seeing distant lights at night wouldn't get detailed attention from Ayers, but the incident south of Baldwin two Fridays ago occurred in an area of high UFO activity this fall, so Ayers decided to investigate personally.

Last Saturday, Ayers drove from his home on the bluffs overlooking the St. Croix Valley to the Sieracki home. Equipped with note pad and tape recorder, he sat down at the dining room table with young Sieracki and his mother.

Youth hesitant

Ayers reassures Sieracki, telling him to relax and not be afraid because many others have had the same experience.

He asks Sieracki questions about what he was doing that night, why he walked past the window and what he saw.

Sieracki's mother shows Ayers a pencil sketch her son made of the twin lights, and they talk for more than an hour. The youth is hesitant to speak of what happened, but Ayers presses on.

Sieracki sits at the chair in front of the window recreating his actions the night of the sighting. He tells Ayers how the lights hovered above the pasture below the top of the distant treeline.

Then Sieracki retraces his steps to the door and tells Ayers how the lights beamed hit the side of the building. He holds an ink pen at arm's length to show the lights were about the size of the tip of the pen held that distance from the eye.

Not first sighting

Mrs. Sieracki tells Ayers that Scott's sighting was not the first made from the farm.

She relates how in 1974, driving home in her pickup, she spotted a light above the horizon. She dismissed it as being a helicopter, but later it was still there. Then it began gliding in her direction.

The craft was crescent shaped with a beam in front and in the rear was what appeared to be exhaust in the colors of the spectrum. The craft passed into the distance.

Ayers, Sieracki and his mother then drive through the pasture to the point over which the Oct. 19 UFO appeared to hover.

As the Sierackis said, the grass at the spot is a little browner than the rest of the surrounding pasture.

Is there a connection between the dryness and the lights?

To say yes would be speculation, Ayers says, so he takes a kit from the trunk of his car and fills sample bags with bits of vegetation from the spot and another area.

The samples are later sent to the Center for UFO Studies and analyzed in laboratories to see if they have been subjected to unusual amounts of light or chemicals.

Ayers drives back to the Sieracki house with the woman and her son. He tells them he will contact them before he sends his report to the center.

Then he asks Sieracki what one detail of the sighting stands out most in his mind. "The beams like a spotlight," he replies.

Part two of this article will run on Friday's regional page.

FROM OUTER SPACE TO INNER REALITY

UFO aliens step into the limelight of probing minds

By ANN EHRENBURG

In the film, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," aliens from outer space were portrayed as fragile, childlike creatures with large foreheads and immature bodies.

That wasn't a figment of the director's imagination.

Not only are these space creatures real, but their bodies are being studied secretly in major medical centers, a UFO symposium was told in San Diego during the weekend.

Walter H. Andrus, Jr., international director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), told the seminar at the Royal Quality Inn that doctors in the United States are performing autopsies on 30 bodies of space aliens whose ships crashed.

"There are at least 30 bodies in about seven medical centers at the present time," said Andrus. "They've been preserved for years." The ships have been crashing since the 1950s, Andrus added.

He said the government has kept the entire affair secret, but several doctors involved have talked to UFO researchers.

"These doctors are coming to us confidentially. If they talked openly, they would lose their positions," Andrus said.

According to the doctors' reports, the most common kind of extraterrestrial being is a dwarf-like humanoid, under 4 feet tall, with a slim body, long arms, abnormally large forehead, and deep piercing eyes, Andrus explained. Autopsies show the creature has no blood, no male or female organs, no digestive system.

Andrus said reports from the doctors, whose names and hospital affiliations must be kept secret to protect them, correlate with descriptions given by persons abducted or confronted by space aliens.

The MUFON director, whose offices are in Seguin, Texas, reported that a woman in Berryville, Ark., who had two encounters in 1973 and was afraid to come forward until this year, gave a description of creatures similar to those whose bodies are being studied.

"She had never seen the doctor's reports, but they were very similar. She told us things about them the doctor's don't even know."

According to Andrus, the woman thought the slim creatures were undernourished and tried to feed them. They told her, via mental telepathy, they only wanted juice. But they wouldn't drink.

"Their mouths do not lead to a digestive tract. They can't eat or drink. We believe, that if they do need nourishment, it comes in the form of intravenous liquids."

According to MUFON research, which includes interviewing more than 1,800 persons with UFO experiences, there emerge four types of aliens:

Small, human-like creatures (most common); regular-sized humanoids, animal-like creatures resembling gorillas, and robot-type beings.

MUFON, he added, is investigating the case of a Spanish airline pilot who reported Nov. 13 he was forced down by UFOs.

"We don't have all the facts yet, but it seems that it will bear out," he said.

"That's a good case. It sounds very impressive. To have a pilot so worried, to have picked the objects up on radar, to have passengers and crew who saw it, means there is a lot of evidence that can be tested."

Dr. James A. Harder, professor of engineering at UC Berkeley, discussed, "Do UFO Aliens Communicate with Humans?"

He said many people who accept the existence of UFOs have "snorted with disdain at the idea that UFOs are occupied by intelligent aliens who have the means, if not the motivation, to communicate with humans."

"They could not see the logic of the conclusion that if UFO aliens are smart enough to construct spacecraft that can make it across interstellar distances, they are smart enough to learn English from watching television."

According to Harder, most encounters involved communication through mental telepathy, but there are some reports in which aliens were able to speak English or another Earth language.

"In some instances it appears that the communication is via some sort of synthesized speech" such as a system compiled by a computer.

Harter said the question often is asked: "If there are intelligent occupants of UFOs why have they not communicated with our leaders?"

He said all indications are that "there is little intention that humans be given information of a technical sort." Members of an advanced civilization may be watching us to learn as much as possible without revealing anything, he said.

Or, "they perceive that we are not yet at a level to understand the wisdom they could offer. Perhaps they hope that we can discover this level ourselves."

James J. Dilettoso, scientific consultant from Scottsdale, Ariz., told the group about new techniques for computer analysis of UFO photographs.

He said the method can uncover hoaxes "such as trick photography, dark-room techniques, taking a picture of a Frisbee" and also discover properties in the film altered by exposure from spaceships.

"We look for types of energy fields in the photographs. We can detect radiation and other obscure information. These energies from the craft will change the property of the film crystals. It's a test I developed and invented."

He said starships "due to the nature of their propulsion systems can bend and manipulate light or absorb light. This can be seen with the computer."

Dilettoso said a number of photographs "appear to be real photos of flying saucers. We can't ever say something is an alien spacecraft, but we can tell the size of the object photographed, and we can detect that an electromagnetic propulsion system is being photographed."

Cleve Backster of San Diego, nationally-known polygraph expert and discoverer of "the emotional rapport between plants and animals," advised UFO buffs that lie detector tests might be used in certain circumstances on persons who reported being abducted by UFOs.

"It would be appropriate if a person had a clear memory of the event. But it might not work on those who blacked out during the experience or felt they had been hypnotized into forgetting," Backster said.

He suggested that such polygraph tests be done by

"an examiner who is not prejudiced one way or another on UFOs."

Backster said he was "open-minded — I haven't seen anything to make me believe or disbelieve UFO encounters."

He said UFO researchers face the same problems he has with his theory of the communication or emotional rapport between plants and animals.

"I've been studying this for years, and all work to date shows there is a special attunement or ESP between plants and animals. It can work even if a man and his plant are 20 miles apart, but this communication has been overlooked by the scientific community."

UFO scientists asked Backster if nonverbal communication between plants and animals could be similar to mental telepathy between aliens and humans.

"It certainly could be the same thing," he said. "We have an attunement with other beings."

Stanton T. Friedman, called the "flying saucer physicist," said the United States already has the capability of producing propulsion systems of the caliber used by aliens who come to earth.

"The question of traveling to the stars is a political question," he said. "Do we want to spend the money? We know how to do it."

Friedman added he was pleased that speakers at the UFO symposium were professional people.

"The popular myth is that nutty people believe in flying saucers," he said. "In fact, the Gallup Poll shows the greater the education, the more a person is likely to accept UFO reality."

According to the 1979 Gallup Poll, 69 percent of those who had an opinion on UFOs said they "definitely or probably" existed.

Letters from Lodi

by Dave Skoloda

A bright glow in the wave that curled away from the bow of the ship as it cut through still waters at night was a familiar sight to me from my days in the Navy. Watching it provided a pleasant diversion from the dull prospects of a four hour watch while the ship steamed back and fourth in a station in the South China Sea.

The phenomenon is known as bioluminescence, referring to the organisms that give off the light when stimulated in some way, such as by a ship passing through their midst. The

of a material produced by the organisms. At least 40 different orders of animals and two groups of plants contain luminous species, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Because seeing a glow in the water was not uncommon to me, I wasn't particularly surprised by a greenish light at the end of a dock jutting into Leech Lake in northern Minnesota. My friend, Jay, and I had visited the dock to get a look at the great display of stars in the clear northern air. Our families were having a reunion at his



Dave Skoloda

cabin on the lake last summer.

We both saw the glow and were commenting on it when it suddenly rose out of the water and streaked across the beach and into the trees. Now that was something we didn't see in the Navy, or anyplace else for that matter. Either it was a Mach II flying fish, a lightning bug with scuba gear or I will have to concede that it falls into the category of Unidentified

ENTERPRISE, Lodi, WI - Nov. 21, 1979 CR: R. Heiden

Flying Object.

The reason I mention this now rather than then is that UFO reports are becoming more commonplace and, after all, we don't like to sound, uh, um, eccentric, now do we? There is some comfort in numbers.

And, the numbers are adding up—the pilot who was chased by a UFO, the "green ball" seen on the east side of Madison recently, the sheriff's deputy in southwest Minnesota whose car was battered by a UFO last summer.

It would be nice if bioluminescence

were the answer to what we saw last summer. But it appears that may not be the solution. Not only are creatures rare that inhabit both the water and the air, but it is chiefly land or marine—not fresh water creatures that are luminous.

Whatever it was, it was, thankfully, small. A larger "glow" might have sent us scurrying for shelter, but as it was we continued gazing at the stars speculating on the cause of the speedy glow and, perhaps, wondering if something in the stars was looking back.

A strange light

GAZETTE, Gastonia, NC - Nov. 28, 1979 CR: G. Fawcett

Stanley housewife and policeman report seeing UFO

By DAVID COWAN
Gazette Staff Reporter

STANLEY — Although Stanley is not known as a tourist mecca, some unusual visitors might have passed overhead late Monday night.

At least two people, a housewife and a police officer, saw a strange light moving through the sky between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. Although similar to a star, it seemed to change in size and brightness; moving up, down, and sideways.

Neither reported anything overtly spectacular — no cosmic death rays, apocalyptic bursts of Technicolor, or Coneheads from France — but both are

convinced what they saw was something out of the ordinary.

The woman asked that *The Gazette* not reveal her name, for fear of annoying questions from the curious. She first glimpsed the object about 11 p.m. while looking out a window in her house.

"It was a beautiful night; the sky was clear and full of stars," she said, "I thought it was a plane at first, but I kept watching it, and it would just move and then stop. It would drop down, then go back up, then brighten and then get dimmer."

The changes weren't obvious, she said, and could only be determined by watching for periods of several minutes. The most

dramatic maneuvers came when the object dropped straight down and then stopped. Fascinated, the woman continued her vigil for about two hours and stopped watching when the object slowly headed for Charlotte.

Aviation officials at Charlotte's Douglas Airport said today that they monitored nothing Monday night that could account for the light.

"It wasn't scary," the woman said. "It was just very interesting. I could have watched it all night. It was just like a real bright star at times. It was white, but at times it looked like beams were shooting out."

"I didn't think about it being a spaceship. I think it might have been gasses."

Once she was satisfied the object was actually moving, the woman called the Stanley Police Department. When patrolling officer Daniel Hawley heard the news from a dispatcher, he came back to the station to look for the light himself.

"All I saw was something that looked like the North Star," Hawley said, "Except that it wasn't the North Star, because it was in the Southeast."

But the light was also at least twice as big and twice as bright as the surrounding stars. After watching for a brief time, Hawley went inside the station for about 10 minutes.

When he returned, he said, "it had moved straight up from where it had been."

UFO investigator George Fawcett of Lincolnton, who teaches a course on the subject at the Lincoln branch of Gaston College, had no ready explanation for the sighting.

"The last three months have been real quiet in North Carolina," Fawcett said, "Most of the reports have been in other states."

To Fawcett, the Stanley object "doesn't sound too spectacular," but he was unwilling to write it off as a misinterpreted natural phenomenon.

Regardless of the explanation, the Stanley observers are not alone. In Fawcett's class, which contains 26 students ranging in age from the 20s to the 50s, 12 had seen UFOs.



DAILY POST, Liverpool, England

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Mother in bid for UFO information

A FLINT mother has appealed to anyone in North Wales who may have seen a UFO or other unexplained psychic phenomena to reveal their experiences.

Mrs Marion Sunderland's own daughter, Gaynor has had an amazing "sighting" and claims to have seen in Flint a spacecraft and two silver suited figures.

Her story was told in the Daily Post and Gaynor submitted to hypnosis.

She was regressed by the hypnotist and recounted her story in vivid detail.

Mrs Sunderland, mother of five, says that about the same time Gaynor had her experience she discovered a couple in a car at Ewloe had been confronted with a silver suited figure, almost identical to the figure Gaynor had described under hypnosis.

And a young man walking his dog in Connah's Quay, had also seen a similar figure, but had run off home in a 'state of shock'.

Now two men, a researcher and a psychologist



AN alleged UFO sighting over the Kaikoura area of New Zealand in January this year.

have started a magazine called Strange Phenomena and are taking a serious interest in Gaynor's "sighting" which took place three years ago. They want to hear from anyone in North Wales who may have had similar experiences but have kept silent about them.

The magazine address is at 19 Oaks Crescent, Chapel Ash, Wolverhampton.

WHO SAW THIS UFO?

FURTHER witnesses of a UFO, which was spotted in daylight from Clifton and watched through binoculars, are being sought by Nottingham UFO Investigation Society.

Society organisers believe that because it was afternoon when the ball-shaped black and silver object was seen, other people in the Clifton and Ruddington areas will also have watched it and may now come forward.

The object in the clouds was moving from east to west in "a very erratic manner" when it was seen by Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Beck, of Clifton, says the society.

Through Mr. Beck's binoculars he could see that it was "fluttering," showing first the black lower section and then the silver upper section.

During the five or six minutes he watched the object, an aircraft approached from the opposite direction and passed it, said Mr. Beck.

And just before the UFO went out of sight, another couple joined him and his wife, and thought the object looked like "a dark ball."

The sighting was on Tuesday, October 16. Anyone who can help the society with more information is asked to ring Nottingham 250316 or 874615.

**EVENING POST,
Nottingham, England**

Oct. 24, 1979

POST, Birmingham, England - Oct. 8, 1979

Russians set their sights on flying saucers

THE POST ABROAD

When Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space, returned from his historic flight in April 1961 he declared there was no God because "I didn't see Him."

The line was par for the course and consonant with the Russian commitment to atheism.

Last week two other Russian cosmonauts, Aleksandr Ivanchenko and Vladimir Kovalyonok also adopted the "if-we-don't-see-it-we-don't-believe-it-exists" line of argument.

They were referring to UFOs.

Speaking at the International Astronautical Congress in Munich, they said: "No Soviet cosmonaut has ever observed a flying saucer in space. They're illusions."

Judging from a hefty brochure making the rounds at the meeting, however, Ivanchenko and Kovalyonok are not quite following the party line and are at odds with scientists in their own country.

Entitled *Anomalous Phenomena in the Atmosphere*, it carries the official imprimatur of the Academy of Sciences and describes 256 sightings of unidentified objects over the USSR.

Observations

The document, moreover, makes comparisons between Russian observations and those in France and elsewhere and concludes that there are striking similarities.

For example, the durations of the observations are almost the same — usually up to 19 minutes.

The Russian paper offers no explanations for the sightings which, according to Russian representatives at the meeting, are still being analysed by the Academy of Sciences. However, the Russians indicated that they hope to have a report ready for next year's congress, the 31st, which will be held in Tokyo.

The Russian attitude toward the possibilities of extraterrestrial life and UFO phenomena has been ambivalent over the years.

For example, long before Erich von Daniken began writing such books as *Chariots of the Gods*, Russian authors were toying with the idea that earth may have been visited by beings from space, that church spires and Moslem minarets represented rockets on launch pads, and that ancient religious frescoes in both Western and Eastern Europe depicted astronauts at the controls of space vehicles.

But this kind of speculation has been decried as pseudo-science in the USSR and in more recent years the trend has been to be highly sceptical of any discussion of extraterrestrial intelligence and to belittle UFO sightings.

What the Munich conference revealed was that the Russians

have actually pressed ahead with their research over the years, but largely in silence with little fanfare or international publicity.

They have pursued radiotelescopic search for signs of life in the universe both from the ground and from space itself.

Ivanchenko and Kovalyonok, who last year spent some 140 record-setting days in space aboard Sal-yut-6, reported that during their orbit a radiotelescope measuring almost 35 feet in diameter had been installed on the platform. It was used for scanning into deep space in the hope of picking up signals.

According to the Russian delegation, future Russian research plans call for launching a series of platform-based radiotelescopes, and synchronizing their recordings and observations.

The US is scheduled to begin such research from space next year.

Prof. Rudolf Pesek of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, chairman of the congress committee on communication with extraterrestrial intelligence, reported that signals have been received on earth for which scientists have no explanations.

He stressed, however, that none of these signals could be construed as evidence for extraterrestrial life. They contained no discernible message or information.

Reality

The Russians, usually very secretive and uncommunicative about their space research, were surprisingly forthcoming at the Munich meeting, though Western observers were reluctant to speculate how much the Russians were telling them was wishful thinking and traditional Russian planning, how much reality.

According to the two cosmonauts, the USSR "soon" plans to launch a space platform that will have at least five docking locks and that the next long-range Russian space experiment will call for cosmonauts to spend a year in orbit.

They are also developing a US style reusable "space shuttle."

Asked whether the USSR is considering manned flights to the planets and orbital near-earth manufacturing, the two replied with a categorical "yes".

"Our recent flight", they said, "was a small step in both those directions".

Among the experiments they conducted were 150 attempts to raise crystals under conditions of weightlessness.

JOHN DORNBERG

Man speaks of UFO 'terror in the sky'

MARCH man Ken Crowson this week told the Advertiser of how he was "paralysed with fear" when an unidentified flying object flew alongside his car and then hovered above him.

Ken's recent sighting came when he was driving from Christchurch to March with his wife Barbara.

"As we came to Bedlam Bridge we suddenly realised that there were a series of very bright lights which seemed to be flying along side us," he said.

"I stopped the car and got out and saw what looked like a very large aircraft coming down low over a field of stubble. It was a dark cloudy night and I couldn't make it out very clearly.

"Then it came towards the car and hovered above us at about 500 feet. It was obvious then that it was not a plane."

All this time, Ken's wife had stayed in the car. "I was too scared to move," she said.

"I couldn't move — I was paralysed with fear," Ken continued. "I got back into the car and drove on. But it was still with us."

Ken — who is 58 and lives with his wife and four children at 27 Norwalde Street, March — said he drove on for another quarter-of-a-mile.

ABOVE — Ken points to sky where the UFO hovered.



reported it to the police the next day, but they couldn't do a great deal.

"Until now I thought flying saucers were all a lot of rubbish. But I can tell you I don't now. I certainly will never forget it and I never want to see anything as frightening as that again."

lights of all colours. It was like looking at the sun.

"Then, suddenly, there seemed to be a burst of rockets and the object disappeared up into the sky at an incredible speed.

"When I got home I could not sleep because I was still so frightened. I

"I stopped the car again. We were on the Upwell Road, about two miles out of March. The UFO had flown out over Wimblington Church to the South West.

"It was huge—about 20 yards across — and was shining very brightly with

CR: C. Jones

Experts Baffled Over Rash Of UFO Sightings In Europe

DAILY TELEGRAPH, LONDON

London — The scientific world is finding difficulty explaining the present rash of unidentified flying object sightings now being reported over Western Europe.

The most popular practical explanation has always been meteorological phenomena, especially electrical effects. Present weather conditions in Western Europe do not support this view.

The only unusual weather feature is excess dust being transported from North Africa because of a deep anticyclone along the Western European coastline. It appears on satellite pictures as a very

thin grey haze but is most unlikely to appear as bright glowing objects to visual observers. Electrical storms sometimes provide an explanation such as ball lightning or St. Elmo's fire, which produces dancing lights on the outlines of trees and buildings.

SIGHTINGS WITHIN the last few days have included an object reportedly flying high over Madrid and seen by hundreds of people and a claimed landing near Paris where a young Frenchman is said to have disappeared completely.

In other incidents, a cigar-shaped object was seen in the sky and reported by Hertfordshire (Britain) police. In Spain,

also, an emergency landing was made at Valencia by an aircraft flying from the Canary Islands after alleged pursuit by two unidentified objects.

A possible explanation of some sightings could be one or two survivors of the huge weather balloons set off last December as part of a World Meteorological Organization investigation of the upper atmosphere some 10 miles above the Earth.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE sighting was reported under instructions by the police to RAF West Drayton, the services arm of Air Traffic Control in the Heathrow area. There such reports are checked for appearances on the station's extensive radar array.

The ministry only investigates sightings to see if they have a bearing on national defense. The spokesman said no further action had been necessary in the past, nor was any likely to be needed now.

AMONG THOSE who believe that at least some of the sightings represent genuine visitations from space there is some concern at the apparent growing concentration. The Earl of Clancarty, the author of a number of books and instigator of a House of Lords debate on the subject last January, believes that extra terrestrial beings could be carrying out some kind of inspection.

He suggested that these beings, who may have placed life on Earth in the first place, were becoming worried about nuclear and other pollution both on Earth and elsewhere via satellites, space probes and space voyages. The visitors could be using advanced techniques far beyond earthly comprehension to pay these flying visits.

'Spinning top' seen in sky!

THE UFO spotted over Westbourne last Thursday evening was also seen by two women in the Wherstead area of the town.

Mrs. Nora Squire, of Glamorgan Road, and Mrs. Gail Dersley, of Rectory

Road, were at work at the Electricity Board at Wherstead when they spotted the UFO.

Mrs. Dersley was the first to notice the "spinning top" shape object, with red and green lights and a glow

around it.

"At first we thought it could be a helicopter as it seemed to be hovering, but when we stuck our heads out of the window we realised it wasn't," said Mrs. Squire.

She said that the object was not making any noise.

The incident happened at about 7.45 p.m. and the two women watched it move very slowly towards the town.

Mrs. Squire said that when she and Mrs. Dersley told their workmates what they had seen, they thought the two women had "had one too many" — but they assure me they hadn't been drinking at all!

IPSWICH EVENING STAR, Suffolk, England
Oct. 25, 1979

Australian Town Has Its Own UFO

From Australian Illustrated Features

BRISBANE, Australia—What appears to be the world's most persistent unidentified flying object has been terrorizing a small town in Australia for 10 years—and no one in authority will take any notice of it.

The residents of St. George, Queensland, in Australia's arid outback, have complained to the Queensland Parliament, the police, the air force, civil defense authorities and even the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration, but still the unexplained sightings occur almost as regularly as clockwork.

Over the years, the people of St. George have shot at their UFO, thrown stones at it, cursed it and hidden from it but nothing, it seems, will make it go away. Some of them finally have become used to it.

The sightings in St. George—a farming town of about 1,000 people, 350 miles west of Brisbane—were first reported 10 years ago when strange glowing objects began appearing in the sky, chasing people and affecting the electrical systems of cars.

Since then, the local newspaper editor and many of the town's leading citizens claim to have seen the UFO and St. George has registered more

unexplained airborne sightings than all the rest of Australia.

The most recent incident, and one of the strangest, involved three youths—Murray Beardmore, 19, Tony Wilson, 18, and William Strofield, 19—who were driving at night on a farm owned by Beardmore's father.

"We suddenly became aware of a bright orange shape which descended quickly and hovered a few meters from our car," Beardmore said.

Frightened the three headed for home, but "the thing followed along and every now and then it swooped down in front of the car so we had to brake to avoid it," he said.

"The thing was still following us and as we opened the last gate to get into the home paddock, I grabbed a rifle and took a shot at it. It spun around very quickly and took off at great speed to the west."

John Beardmore, Murray's father and a former town alderman, said he rushed outside after hearing the shot.

"I saw this orange ball receding in the west and I got in the car and chased after it. The boys didn't want to come with me; I had to talk them into it.

"We lost sight of the light several miles from the house but picked it up

again later in the east. It disappeared altogether about 11 p.m."

A number of other St. George residents say their cars have been pursued at about tree-top level by glowing orange objects.

Max Pringle, editor of the district newspaper, the Balonne Beacon, said he was driving home from work with his wife when, on the edge of town, he noticed an orange-red glow following his car.

"I saw the thing several times during the following few weeks, once through binoculars," he said. "Through the glasses it seems to be covered with red and green blotches."

But Pringle's most chilling experience with the UFO came one morning about two years ago when a young couple burst into his office shaking, gibbering and ashen-faced.

"They said they had been sleeping in their van outside town when they woke and couldn't open their eyes. When they did finally force them open, they said, the area around the vehicle was illuminated with a painfully bright white light, coming from above."

"These kids were absolutely terrified," Pringle said. "They had been to the police station and the sergeant, understandably enough, had searched

their van for drugs. He found none."

Pringle said the couple told him that their van had coughed and spluttered badly when they tried to drive into town after the incident. Finally it had given out altogether and they had waved down a passing truck, which towed them to a service station. But when the mechanic, a friend

of Max Pringle, checked the van over he had found nothing wrong.

The couple went on their way and Pringle thought he had heard the last of the matter.

"A couple of weeks later the truck driver who helped the couple told me he had been having real headaches with his truck ever since he had

TIMES, Los Angeles, CA

Nov. 22, 1979

towed them into town.

"He thought it was electrical trouble but three separate experts had checked the wiring and found nothing wrong. He was stumped—and he firmly believes the UFO is to blame."

BARNET PRESS, Herts.,
England - Nov. 9, 1979

UFO

sighting

A UFO was sighted in Boreham Wood on Tuesday morning by Jeff Benjafield, of Crown Road, Boreham Wood.

It appeared at 6.45 a.m. in the sky above Stirling Corner. "It was a very bright, white light and looked like an elongated saucer," he said. "A loop of light came from one side and went underneath the saucer, and then the light dimmed and the whole thing disappeared."

He maintained that the object was definitely not an aeroplane, although he thought it was when he first spotted it.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - Dec. 4, 1979

3 Tell of Ball of Light After Disappearance, Return of Teen-ager

CERGY-PONTOISE, France (AP) — Authorities in this small town northwest of Paris are trying to decide whether to charge Frank Fontaine and his friends with criminal mischief or begin a search for a mysterious glowing unidentified flying object.

"This is just too fantastic," Police Chief Roger Courcoux said after listening to the testimony of Fontaine, 19, and his two friends, Jean-Pierre Prevot and Salomon N'Diaye, both 25.

Fontaine, who had been the object of a police search for a week, reappeared Monday in the exact spot where he disappeared a week ago, his friends reported. They said he was wearing the same clothes and had exactly the same amount of money as the day he vanished.

Stick to Account

The police said the three have consistently repeated this same account under long questioning.

At 4 a.m. November 26, the three young men had just finished loading a station wagon with clothes they were going to sell at an open market when they saw a brilliant light about the size of a tennis ball.

The ball became larger and larger and came to a rest on the hood of the car, causing their eyes to burn. From that moment, until his reappearance this morning, Fontaine remembers nothing.

Prevot and N'Diaye left Fontaine to watch the car as they ran home to get a camera. When they returned, their friend was gone. The car was there with the door open and a halo of light surrounded the car. The halo suddenly disappeared.

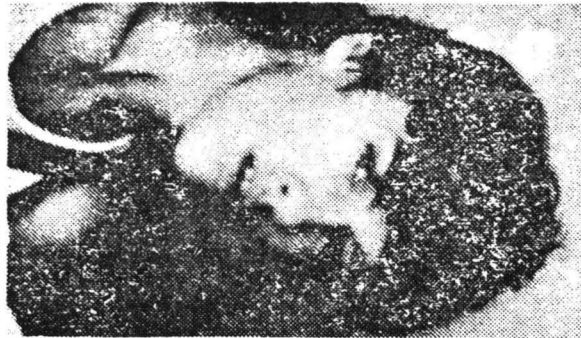
Just as mysteriously as he vanished, Fontaine reappeared at 4:30 a.m. Monday, in exactly the same spot, the story went. When he saw the car was gone, he thought it had been stolen and rushed to the house of N'Diaye.

Seeing his friend in his pajamas, he said, "What are you doing in your pajamas? Five minutes ago you were ready to leave for Gisors."

Check Clothes

The police checked the young man and the spot where he supposedly disappeared with a geiger counter but found no trace of radioactivity. Nor was there any trace of mud on Fontaine's clothes or shoes.

Courcoux said Fontaine has not varied his account one bit and his version conforms exactly with the testimony of his two friends. But the police remain skeptical and have called in experts from the Group for the Study of Non-Identified Aerospace Phenomena, a section of the French National Space Agency.



FRANK FONTAINE
Remembers Nothing

—UPI Telephoto

WITNESSES BACK HIM; FILMS REPORTED

Pilot's UFO sighting supported

MADRID, Spain (UPI) — Whatever a government investigation decides, a reported UFO sighting in Spanish airspace must be one of the best-documented on record.

The case involves a pilot who diverted his plane with 109 passengers and seven crew to make an emergency landing, claiming unidentified flying objects were buzzing him and threatening collision.

An airport director, among others, says he saw the UFOs.

Air force jets were reportedly sent up to film them. And Spain's transport minister, ordering an investigation, said: "It is clear that UFOs exist."

Francisco Lerdo de Tejada, 34-year-old pilot of the Spanish Caravelle jet, broke his silence on the weekend incident yesterday to explain why he plunged the aircraft 14,000 feet and put his chartered payload of German and Austrian tourists down in Valencia on Spain's eastern Mediterranean coast rather than in the Canary Island beauty spot of Tenerife.

"I've never been in danger like it," Lerdo, a pilot with 15 years experience, told reporters.

"What I saw was a UFO."

Lerdo said two "intense red lights" streaked across the sky toward his Caravelle jet shortly before midnight Sunday as he flew at 24,000 feet after taking off from the Mediterranean island of Majorca.

Within minutes, the objects closed in to a half-mile from Lerdo's plane and he ordered his passengers to fasten their safety belts, he recounted.

After the UFO made two apparent attempts to buzz the plane, the pilot dropped his aircraft into a sharp dive and diverted the plane to Valencia.

Lerdo claimed sophisticated radar in Madrid picked up the UFOs and saw them plunge 12,000 feet in 30 seconds — "something no plane I know can do" — in an attempt to follow him down.

The director of Valencia airport said later he saw the mysterious objects hovering over the airport. A local newspaper reported an air force Phantom had filmed them.

Some of the Caravelle's passengers, whose dramatic flight began with a four-hour delay, claimed Lerdo detoured to a quick landing in Valencia because his aircraft was not airworthy.

But technicians who checked the plane after it landed in Valencia declared it in "perfect condition."

OTAGO DAILY TIMES, Dunedin, New Zealand

Dec. 4, 1979 CR: M. Stott

Police In England Join UFO Spotters

Daily Times Resident Correspondent

LONDON.—People who are convinced there are such things as flying saucers are rubbing their hands.

In the latest reported sighting in Britain, no less reliable witnesses than four police officers — three men and a woman — chased a cigar-shaped, lighted object across Hertfordshire in three patrol cars.

Police first spotted it hovering over Rickmansworth at 3.25 a.m. on Thursday, brilliantly lit and moving silently about 500 feet.

It then turned up above Chorleywood, and was logged by police there as well. When last seen it was heading towards Oxhey.

The Hertfordshire police asked the air traffic control centre at West Drayton whether there were any aircraft in the area. The answer was negative.

According to a police spokesman, the officers did see something. "They are very genuine types," he said.

A spokesman for the British UFO Society said he was delighted about the police sightings.

For too long members of the society have been branded as cranks, he said.

The sightings come hard on the heels of a report from Paris which said a young man

loading a van with two friends just before dawn in Clergy-Pontoise saw a large luminous cloud descending.

Two of the men ran home for a camera, but the third moved in to take a closer look and has not been seen since.

Earlier this month an experienced airline pilot made an emergency landing at Valencia after claiming that his Caravelle aircraft was being followed by two UFOs.

From Madrid last week it was reported hundreds watched an object hovering high for several hours. Two late night radio shows devoted almost their entire programmes to the mysterious object.

The most colourful report comes from the UFO Society spokesman who was not to be upstaged by Continental sightings.

He said only last week a Scotsman reported coming across a spacecraft. As he watched, a robot-like creature got out, walked towards him and tapped him on the shoulder.

At this point the hardy Scot fainted. When he came to the robot had vanished.

CHINA POST, Taipei, Taiwan - Nov. 10, 1979

CR: R. Barry

UFO sighted in Taipei

Huachung Bridge linking Chungho town and Wanhua District in Taipei, Tsai Hsien-chang, director of the observatory, said.

A Miss Hsu yesterday morning called the Taipei Observatory, reporting that she sighted an unidentified flying objects (UFO) at about 10:30 p.m. while she passed the

of visibility, have reportedly mentioned to Tsai's friends their experiences of sighting the UFO. The time, place and situations they described were similar to those of the Waishuanghsi resident.

The object stayed in the sky for about one minute before disappearing, the newspaper quoted them as saying. A young couple also reported they saw a similar object around 9:30 p.m. last Wednesday while walking

It has been urging Taipei residents who spotted something like the saucer to jot down specific descriptions of the object in order to determine the nature of the UFO.

Tsai said that the lady told him the UFO's shape changed from round to flat shapes. Tsai judged that this might happen when it changed flying angles. The observatory has made records of Miss Hsu's narrations.

Earlier, a resident at Waishuanghsi, Shihlin, phoned the observatory, saying that he witnessed a huge, saucer-shaped flying object with small holes on its rim beaming red lights flying from south to west and has stayed in low altitude for a couple of minutes, it was reported. The informer said he saw the UFO at about 0:10 a.m. Oct. 29, 100 minutes after Miss Hsu sighted it.

In addition, several staff members at Grand Hotel, which is located nearby the observatory with a clear range

Did you see a UFO?

Nov. 9, 1979

MRS Rosina Pickering is convinced she saw a UFO over Clacton on Wednesday evening.

She said she had been at her home in Ellis Road when a great bright light, brighter than the moon, appeared about 9.30 pm. She watched it moving in circles for about 20 minutes. "Clouds seemed to open — to let it pass," she said, "and then it disappeared as suddenly as it had come."

Mrs Pickering said she had told other people in the house and they also saw the object, but had been scared.

She was not frightened, she said, just fascinated. It was the first UFO she had seen.

CR: J. Brill

FAST FLYING (EFE, Spanish News Agency). What are the fastest aircraft in the world? UFOs, according to the Spanish air force. On November 11 a Spanish airline pilot saw two luminous objects pursuing his craft at a fantastic speed as he flew from Majorca to Madrid. He made an emergency landing at the Albacete airfield and radioed the air force headquarters in Madrid, where one of the most sophisticated radar stations in the world is located. They spotted the two objects as they converged toward Albacete, and sent out two fighter planes, an American-built Phantom and a French-built Mirage. The two fighters caught on their cameras the diaphanous images of the mysterious flying objects, which were traveling faster than any known aircraft.

TRANSLATIONS

ARGENTINA - Credit: Jane Thomas

City and country of incident: Sicily, Italy
Date of incident: July 1978
Name of paper and date of clip: La Opinión, Oct. 22, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

EUROPE EXPECTS A NEW UFO WAVE

Rome

A new UFO wave might be near in Europe, claim some UFO experts.

Some of these unidentified objects were sighted this year in the old continent and this enables experts to deduce that Europeans will be witnesses in the forthcoming months, to a new series of experiences of this kind.

194 UFO encounters were registered in Italy alone during 1978. But ufologists believe that there were more people that saw flying discs overhead or having encounters with alleged crewmen, but dared not divulge it for fear of ridicule.

One of the most remarkable cases registered in Italy in 1978 was the one that occurred in July at the foot of the Etna. Two Air Force sergeants and the wife of one of them saw three red flying objects from their car.

One of the three objects emitted an intermittent light that seemed to descend and disappear behind the mountain. Once the observers reached the landing place, they saw a disc of some 10m diameter with a dome that projected a strong yellow light.

By the disc stood five or six beings dressed in what seemed a divers suit, with blond hair and features similar to those of human beings. Two of them approached the witnesses who were paralyzed without being able to react, and pointed at the disc which at that moment was projecting multicolored lights. Shortly thereafter the disc and its occupants flew off and the witnesses regained their mobility.

This sighting was confirmed by witnesses located in other places of that region. Sicily was visited again by the flying saucers in 1979. Do extraterrestrials prefer the island of the sun and the good wine?

As to the rest of Europe, the latest news is the increasing diffusion of the subject in countries of Eastern Europe. Hundreds of people saw UFOs in Bulgaria in 1979. The same happened in the USSR. Before, these events were buried by the states' top secret policy. But times seem to change, at least in ufology.

City and country of incident: Concón, Chile
Date of incident: September 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica - Nov. 9, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

COME ON! A YOUNG CHILEAN GIRL PHOTOGRAPHED FLYING SAUCER

Santiago, Chile, 9 (ANSA) - A young medicine student who is also an amateur photographer, photographed a UFO last September, which "watched" in front of the Chilean central coast, near the Concón seaside resort, hundred and twenty kilometers West of this capital.

The photograph, which was published in the paper "La Tercera" of this capital, was commented on by writer Hugo Correa, who stated it was made by a person "who is worthy of his full confidence" and "any photographic trick in it must be considered out of the question".

Science fiction writer Hugo Correa, referring to this event, claims that "considering the perfection of the image, it might be concluded that the object was motionless when the lens was focused on it, and remained so the whole time of exposure".

Looking at the photograph, the artificial origin cannot be questioned, "that of a craft manufactured by intelligent beings", states Correa, who is an expert on the subject.

The photograph does not help to determine the UFO's size, although the paper's comment is that it is a craft "hundreds of meters, or at least, of large proportions".

The almost incredible conclusion Correa arrives at, him being a serious and respected writer in Chile, is that the photograph corresponds to "a clearly designed flying machine which that night remained hovering over the sea for several minutes, maybe contemplating the lights of the seaside resort. It was not aware that a camera, innocently handled, registered its silhouette watching who knows what".

POLAND - SOUTH AFRICA - Credit: Joe Brill

City and country of incident: Lodz & Warsaw, Poland
Date of incident: August 20, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: GAZET VAN ANTWERPEN, August 25, 1979
City and country of paper: Antwerp, Belgium

UFO'S OVER POLAND

A number of people in Poland have informed the authorities that on August 20th at about 21:00 hrs., they observed several "unidentified flying objects."

An air force officer drew a sketch of the objects he observed and it appeared in the "Express Wieczorny." The sketch shows ten balls of light moving through the sky and leaving a whitish trail behind.

From the Lodz airfield, another sighting was reported. Four light radiating objects were observed for about ten seconds, flying in a triangular formation.

That same formation was observed by an engineer in Warsaw. A pilot of the LOT company also spotted an object, however it was not detected by radar.

City and country of incident: Kynsna, South Africa
Date of incident: June 7, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: COURANT, September 19, 1979
City and country of paper: Oudtshoorn, South Africa

MY EXPERIENCE WITH A FLYING SAUCER

KNYSNA: The terrifying object hung quite still in the sky and the beautiful colors certainly altered from a flame red to a clear orange. Then again, it would glisten a pure white. All the time I had the strange feeling that whatever it was, it was not something of this Earth. It was definitely a phenomenon such as had never been seen before in the environs of Knysna.

I was on my way home that night after I had been visiting a friend. It was the 7th of June. The night was clear and quiet. It was still quite early, about nine o'clock.

There was a small hill which I had to climb and suddenly, I had this feeling that I should look up.

In disbelief, I looked up and saw a strange glow which radiated out of the dark sky from an oval-shaped object. At first I thought that perhaps it was the evening star, but quickly realized it was something very unusual. When I arrived home, I told the members of my family about the phenomenon and they also saw it.

According to them, it was the first time they had ever seen anything like that.

For a long time we stood and watched the spectacle and with surprise noticed the systematic alteration of the color and form. At first it was a flaming red ball, larger than anything else except for the moon which only gave off a dull light in comparison with the intense glow. After about 10 minutes, the red gradually began to take on an orange color.

All the time it remained in exactly the same location in the sky. To be certain, I asked a couple of our neighbors to look and they were also astounded. I must add that at first everyone was very sceptical until they saw the change of color and shape.

The orange color again gradually changed to a true silver white glow. It was so unnatural that the naked eye began to burn from this. In the meantime, the form changed from a ball to an oval shape and became larger.

At the sides of the object, there were noticeable marks which were similar to portholes on boats and aircraft.

The complete color alteration and changing of shape took place at least twice. The final glow was that strange, terrifying red. It is indescribable.

With the gradual metamorphosis, streams of light beamed out of the 'portholes' as though very strong electricity inside the interior of the object was switched on. At the same time a strange anxiety and intense uncertainty gripped hold on my whole body.

Suddenly, abruptly, the object simply and with puzzling speed, began to move and disappear. It was just gone, without any hint or particular warning or change of direction. It was about 10:30 p.m. then. Thus it was a period of about one and a half hours we watched it.

Afterwards, a number of people in the neighborhood told their own stories about seeing this same phenomenon. Children had also reported seeing it during the daytime.

A woman I know said that at one period, a formation, just like a group of stars bound together, appeared at one end as though fastened there.

The thing had a pair of what looked like headlights behind it. One of my brothers, a sober and very sceptical person, is keen on fishing. He and two others went angling about a week later, from the rocks near Coney Glen and were unsuspectingly waiting for the fish to bite, when they noticed the object close by, observing them, hanging very low above the surface of the earth.

This time it was the terrifying red color. The men very quickly collected the basket of fish they had caught and sprinted to the police station to report the incident.

Even to this day, no-one has been able to give us a satisfactory explanation as to what they believe it could have been.

One night, this same brother of mine, on the way to see us, had a similar experience. He and his small son saw the object hovering above their station-wagon, as though it was engaged in following or leading them. He put his foot down on the gas accelerator and arrived breathless. His wife and the two distressed infant boys had to be revived with sugar water.

For those who think this is a far-fetched tale, it is the absolute truth and nothing else. I wouldn't just make this up. People are inclined to treat this type of matter with contempt but I am certain that beings from outer space are much more developed intellectually than we are.

Renee Talmaggies

(Translation credit: Cynthia Hind)

SWEDEN - Credit: Tommy Helmer

City and country of incident: Landvetter, Sweden
Date of incident: November 17, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: DAGENS NYHETER, November 19, 1979
City and country of paper: Stockholm, Sweden

UFO MANIFESTATION STILL UNEXPLAINED

Two points of light appeared above Landvetter airport on November 17, moving rapidly right across the area, that is under surveillance constantly.

Mr. Lars Ake Hedin of the airway-traffic patrol, reported having them within his range of vision for three seconds, while talking by radio. He had to check two planes, preparing for a take-off. Then seen fading away without being recorded by radar. However, a large number of people were calling on the telephone, reported seeing the spots zooming over Gothenburg. One of the pilots spoke of something flashing upon him.

Considering actual bank of clouds was passing at an altitude of one thousand m /meters/, we may preclude the possibility of conventional objects, Sture Wickerts said. He does represent the National Investigations Bureau of Military Affairs. Five per cent of all reports being received, labelled: "UNKNOWN," Mr. Wickerts declared freely.



Vantown is 'Bigfoot' home

Little crossroads is near where sightings are claimed

VANTOWN — Tiny Vantown is one of those places most people are not even aware of.

Unless you live near it, have seen the little (almost invisible) spot on the county map, or have traveled through it when driving on Dietz or Howell Roads, you probably did not know it existed.

But Bigfoot could put the tiny crossroads community on the national map.

So far most of the publicity surrounding the huge, hairy creature that several people claim to have seen wandering through the less populous areas of Ingham County has pegged the location as Dansville.

VANTOWN IS actually much closer to the exact location. The most recent activities of the creature, which many believe to be Bigfoot, have occurred within two miles of Vantown, about five miles northeast of Dansville.

The owners of the Vantown Store, which along with a church and a 4-H clubhouse make up the bulk of the town, have tried to rectify the confusion.

A lighted portable sign outside the store reads: "Welcome to Vantown. Bigfoot Country."

Area people will tell you they think there is something strange living in the area, but most refuse to say outright what they think it is.

They concede it might be Bigfoot — but that it also might be something else.

ONE WOMAN who claims to have gotten a glimpse of the creature was quoted as saying, "I know a deer and I know a cow when I see 'em, and this wasn't either."



New sign identifies Bigfoot's stomping grounds

Strange odors have been detected and strange sounds have been heard in the area.

A print of what appeared to be a

huge hand was found on the side of a parked vehicle. One farmer said something had gotten among his pigs but was gone before he could investigate.

Rains wash away evidence of Bigfoot

BEULAH — Wayne King, famed Bigfoot authority from Millington, said today that attempts to check out footprints of the fabled creature near here Saturday and Sunday were foiled by heavy rains.

He spent three hours with Benzie sheriff Zane Gray discussing recent activities of the creature in the county.

King said that nine witnesses, none of whom wish to be identified, were bow-hunting in the Woodcock Lake region of Almira Township when they heard piercing whistles.

"It sounded like a wild ape or a woman in pain," one witness said. All direct witnesses were in sight of each other.

They said there was a loud breaking of branches as the creature retreated. Shortly afterward the sound of a vehicle could be heard leaving the vicinity. The area was in sections 32, 33 and 34 of Almira Township.

King said the cries have been identified as similar to those previously tape recorded of the elusive creature.

Gray this morning confirmed that

King had dropped by his house with a friend Saturday evening to pay a social call. He recalled that he and King spent about an hour and a half chatting.

Gray said King has kept in touch periodically ever since the time more than two and a half years ago when gigantic footprints were found around a construction site south of Lake Ann where Gray's son Dave was building a house.

Gray said he has both pictures and cast impressions of the prints, which appeared to have been made by someone walking barefoot. The prints were about 19 inches long.

"I'll say this," Gray recalled, "if someone went out and made those tracks as a joke, they did a mighty good job."

Gray said he has kept an open mind on the Bigfoot stories. "I was never satisfied one way or the other," he said.

"I never claimed it was impossible for something that big to be running around. On the other hand, with all the hunters and hunting dogs we have in this area, it's strange that no one has ever seen this thing — whatever it is."

GLOBE AND MAIL, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
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Calf is latest of 5 mutilated in Alberta area

EDMONTON (CP) — A dead calf found near Airdrie has been confirmed as the fifth cattle mutilation discovered since Saturday in Alberta.

Two animals were found mutilated on the same farm near St. Albert over the weekend, one was found near Nanton and another near Caroline.

Veterinarian Dr. David Green of Airdrie said the Airdrie case was a classic mutilation. The others he called "copy-cat mutilations."

Bigfoot believer

Millington-area man claims to hold pile of proof

By ED CONAWAY
Journal Staff Writer

Wayne King says he has the real poop on Bigfoot. The alleged stool of the legendary sasquatch sits in a rectangular glass case and is one of the most prominent displays that clutter the walls of King's Michigan Bigfoot Information Center.

The center is in a corner of King's basement outside Millington. But the hunt for the sasquatch is no hobby for the 43-year-old Flint autoworker. King has been pursuing Bigfoot for more than a decade and has become Michigan's authority on the state's most elusive ape.

Leaning back from his basement desk, King describes Bigfoot in clinical terms. Indians first sighted and named the sasquatch in Michigan three or four centuries ago, King avers. More recent sightings provide a composite description of the animal.

Bigfoot is 8 feet tall and walks erect, King says. It weighs, say, 800 pounds. Despite its bulk, its quick reflexes and power of reasoning make it as responsive as a deer, King says. It has green and red eyes and a thick dark coat of hair, he says.

KING HAS more about Bigfoot: It avoids human contact like the plague. Although omnivorous, it lives and feeds in the bush country. It's most striking feature is the mammoth hand, three times the

size of a homo sapien's, but with the same configuration — four fingers and a thumb— according to King.

The thumb, however, is prehensile, located too far below the fingers to work in opposition to the index finger, one of the physical attributes that separates humans from apes. The sasquatch is classified by King as an ape, specifically *giganto pithecus* and thus, says King, is one of the evolutionarily links between monkey and man.

In Michigan, it is known as Bigfoot. King says there are 300 to 500 in Michigan and about 1,000 sasquatches in the United States. It has been reported in areas where food supplies are similar to Michigan's, such as Florida, the Pacific Northwest, the Soviet Union and Tibet, where the animal is called the yeti, or the abominable snowman.

King claims that witnesses have seen Bigfoot throughout rural Michigan, but especially near Grand Traverse Bay, around Mt. Pleasant and in Ingham County. King has collected written and taped accounts of the witnesses. He also displays photographs, drawings and casts of alleged sasquatch footprints.

YET SCIENTISTS do not give much credence to the Bigfoot legend. Earning recognition from them and the state for the uncaptured primate has become King's obsession.

The attitude of scientists is a "form of negativism," King insists. "They claim they have to have a

bone, or a specimen," King explains. "They're trying to force us, the independent researchers, to gun one down."

"They can't take a chance on the ridicule and criticisms" scientists would encounter if they hunted the sasquatch, King says. "They can't take a chance of losing their jobs."

"That also is why law enforcement is so noncommittal. But in the last three years in Michigan, there have been about 200 Bigfoot sightings."

The Bigfoot hunt, usually under the direction of the publicity-loving King, has gained intensity in the last few years. King and associates now make regular forays into the Michigan bush.

King pays for travel expenses and the operation of the information center from income earned at Chevrolet Metal Fabricating Plant.

Fellow employees listen sympathetically to King's tales, he says. "We have many believers. Hundreds contact us every year."

King's conviction that Bigfoot lives was strengthened by a nocturnal encounter in 1977, when he says he saw a female sasquatch tending her young in the bush near Kingston.

BUT THE BEST available biological evidence, King says, is from a more recent sighting near Lake Ann in Benzie County. King says Zane Gray, a retired state police lieutenant, was building a house in an uninhabited gorge and found fresh

evidence that a sasquatch had relieved itself nearby.

The sample of Bigfoot feces was sent to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, which conducted a preliminary analysis. A DNR biologist inferred that the fecal sample is from a horse because it has horse hair in it.

But it also contains some deer hair. King says that it is not unreasonable to suppose that the omnivorous Bigfoot had eaten a horse or a deer.

"The scales weigh heavily in favor of it being from a sasquatch," King insists.

Some may think such speculation strains good sense, but no one ever has directly told King that he is crazy, King says. "We rely on evidence — not speculation — depositions and footprint casts and photographs," King says.

King recently created a stir when he announced plans to shoot the next sasquatch he meets, to provide a specimen for his critics. Some conversationalists express concern that the rare species, if it exists, would be shot merely for its carcass, King says.

That poses no dilemma for Bigfoot's most avid fan. King says he still intends to shoot the next Bigfoot that dares cross his path.

"I'm the predator," King says. "The sasquatch is my prey."

EVENING TRIBUNE, San Diego, CA - Dec. 13, 1979

BIGFOOT BODY REPORTEDLY FOUND

MILLINGTON, Mich. (UPI) — Bigfoot hunter Wayne King said today a carcass of the legendary creature has been discovered in Northern California. King, head of the Bigfoot Information Center, said he and a group of supporters plan to head for the site where the carcass was discovered in 1967.

"This was just brought to our attention three months ago," King said. "The witness is reliable. We have verified her story through affidavits and depositions."

King said the woman, a 23-year-old Washington state resident, and a friend were walking along an abandoned fire trail in Northern California when they came across the Bigfoot carcass.

The woman described the carcass as 8 feet long, with apelike hands and copper-colored nails. The animal's chest had been ripped open, exposing off-white colored ribs.

King said he and his associates would go to the site as soon as possible and try to recover the animal's bones as proof.

The Bigfoot, or Sasquatch, is a huge, hairy, manlike creature with long arms, reputed to have lived in the mountains of North America.

King refused to disclose the location of the carcass find, saying that if he did that, others might go after the remains.

Scientists Dismiss 'Ape-Man' Report By Russ Explorers

Moscow (AP) — Claims by a group of amateur Soviet explorers that they found a huge human footprint in a mountain snowfield have been pooh-poohed by a biologist, who says "abominable snowmen" are just "myth or legend."

"Many of my colleagues believe, as I do, that anyone who talks about some kind of ape-man living in the snow is not thinking logically," Dr. Nikolai Vereshchagin told this week's Moscow News.

The explorers — led by factory worker Igor Tatsl — said they found the traces of a man-like creature last summer in the Gissar Mountains of Soviet Tadzhikistan's Pamir region in central Asia.

THEY TOLD THE newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda that the footprint was 13.6 inches long and 6.3 inches wide at the toes. The length of the creature's stride was 47 inches, roughly twice as long as a human's.

They said it appeared similar to "Bigfoot" tracks reportedly seen by hunters and climbers in the western United States. Two sets of tracks reportedly seen in Washington state measured 18 inches and 15 inches in length, with stride lengths between 42 and 72 inches. Other reports from British Columbia in Canada indicate that alleged "Bigfoot" tracks are commonly about 15 inches long.

But Vereshchagin is skeptical.

"I can go only by a photograph, which was of a hazily defined cast of a naked human foot. You can't say anything conclusive from looking at the cast. The cavity (in the snow) could have been formed naturally since no consecutive footprints have been found."

THE BIOLOGIST said believers of the existence of an abominable snowman have "no idea whatsoever of how hard life is up there in the mountains . . . how difficult it is to find food there."

"My opinion is that while legends about trolls, demons and witches have lost their credibility with modern Europeans, travelers and mountain climbers have probably fallen hook, line and sinker for similar legends and myths current among the people of the Himalayas and the Pamirs, giving enthusiasts the fuel they desire."

Tatsl, the factory worker, spends every summer vacation trying to track down the snowman, usually in one of the

gorges of the upper Varzob River region.

"Why is this search being carried out by enthusiastic amateurs, and not by specialists and research institutions?" asked the Komsomolskaya Pravda in its report.

"UNFORTUNATELY, there is no scientific institution ready to tackle this job. At the same time, reports coming in from various places about encounters with mysterious two-legged creatures not only kindle keen interest in the problem, but also appeal to devotees to join in the quest."

One local hunter, Gafar Dzhabirov, told Tatsl's group that he once saw a "wild, hairy man of almost black color" in the region.

The natives call it the "odami-yavoi," or wild man.

On Aug. 15, the explorers said they found four incomplete barefoot tracks, two leading toward their camp and two away from it.

But no complete footprint was found until Aug. 21, they said. Then, the explorers fixed it with lacquer and poured plaster of paris on the ground, getting a good mold of the oversized track.

ATTEMPTS to find the legendary abominable snowman have been made in the Himalayas, North America and the Soviet Union.

In the 1950s, Mt. Everest climbers claimed to have found traces of a wild ape-like creature in the Himalayan snows. In 1954, London's Daily Mail newspaper organized a special expedition to Nepal to look for the beast. No evidence was found.

In the summer of 1958, the USSR Academy of Sciences sent an expedition to the Sarz Lake area in the western Pamirs. Again, no evidence of an abominable snowman was found.

In 1960-1961, a group of Australians, New Zealanders, Indians, Britons and Americans formed a "Yeti party" and spent the winter in eastern Nepal. Automatic cameras poised in the gorges caught nothing on film that resembled a yeti, or snowman.

One of the expedition members did photograph the tracks of huge unshod feet in the snow, but Vereshchagin dismissed them as having been made by animals or barefoot humans, explaining their size by suggesting the sun had melted the edges of the tracks.

CR: C. Jones

'Big Foot' spotter tells of sighting

"I was just plain dumbfounded," says 48 year-old Bryon Davis. Davis, a local native, told authorities Friday morning that he had spotted what he figured was the creature called "bigfoot" while stalking coon tracks in the woods north of Webster City.

"He was about 18 feet away when I first saw him," Davis relates. Davis, an avid hunter, says he was trekking the wooded area along the Boone river around 3:30 a.m. Friday checking out raccoon tracks prior to the season opening when he heard a noise in the bushes.

He says he aimed his three cell flashlight in the area of the noise and saw what he says he think was a Big Foot animal getting up from a place where Davis figured he had been sleeping.

"I was about 10 feet off the river," he remembers now. "He was 10 feet off the river, too." It took less than a minute for the creature to depart from the scene with what Davis estimates were five foot strides through underbrush.

"He was about seven feet tall with reddish brown hair, long from the shoulders down with finer darker hair on his head," Davis relates. Long arms, covered with the same reddish colored hair were also a part of Davis' description.

"I absolutely did see it... ! I'm willing to take a lie detector test," Davis repeats, impelling those who listen to believe his story.

Although the creature made no noise as it left the area near what is known as Brandrup's cabin, Davis said he did hear the sound of branches popping. The next day, accompanied by Sheriff's Deputies Dennis Linna and Robert Farley, several downed limbs were found in the area Davis described. They had been freshly broken, it appeared.

"I'd be glad to hand this thing something to eat," Davis swears, adding that he was not scared during the incident, but "just plain dumbfounded."

"Big Foot" has now become the talk of the town with an ample share of scepticism floating around.

Kervin Cook, of Des Moines, head of the Iowa Bigfoot Association and another authority, a Mr. Albert from Kansas City, are expected to arrive in this community this evening in order to check out the area where Davis says he saw Big Foot and hopefully shed light on the elusive subject.

FREEMAN-JOURNAL, Webster City, IA - Oct. 19, 1979

STAR, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
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Cattle killers tracked

EDMONTON (CP) — Extra police night patrols have been ordered around farm fields near Naman, Alberta, in an effort to find the person or persons responsible for killing and mutilating in the area. A dead calf found near Airdrie has been confirmed as the fifth Alberta cattle mutilation discovered since Saturday and the 33rd since August.

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Cattle killings hit 15

EDMONTON (CP) — The heart of a cow may have been removed in a new twist to recent cattle mutilations, now at 15 cases in Alberta in two months. Royal Canadian Mounted Police say. A yearling steer was also found south of Calgary, with its own organs removed.

Convinced Davis saw 'something'

The "man was sincere" says Irwin Alpert, Director of Research for the Sasquatch Research Group.

Alpert, of Kansas City, Kan., and free lance writer Turner Lake, also of Kansas City, together travelled to Webster City last night to gather information on one of the nation's most recently reported "bigfoot" sightings.

What they found was certainly not conclusive evidence, but both men left the city this morning, following an investigation of the area where Byron Davis says he saw the creature, convinced that Davis saw something.

Footprints, broken branches and bark taken off trees at nearly seven foot heights were some of the signs Alpert says are customary in searching for the Sasquatch creature. The two men did find a number of large branches broken in the area where Davis says around 3:30 a.m.

Friday he sighted the "bigfoot," but no other sign.

Davis had reported that he was scouting a coon hunting area when he heard a branch crackle and saw the creature getting up off the ground and walking away from him in the light of his three cell flashlight.

The area where Davis says he saw the creature is very similar in characteristics to areas where previous sightings have occurred, according to Alpert, who is a 14 year veteran at tracing down leads to the "bigfoot" mystery.

Perhaps its only a coincidence, but it was revealed today that approximately a year ago, a local man was hunting in nearly the same area and heard the sound of branches breaking. He saw nothing, but smelled a characteristic odor, which is believed to be a defense mechanism of the creature, and described the odor to researchers. That description matched to a "T" the description that had accompanied sightings around the nation.

Davis did give a very authentic description of the creature according to Alpert. The reddish color he reported seeing has been sighted in at least one previous incident, although not in Iowa, Alpert added. Davis had told the two men and others upon first reporting the incident, that the creature had long reddish hair from its shoulder which covered its body, but had finer, darker hair on its head. He also said the "bigfoot" has extremely long arms and wide shoulders and walked with an estimated five-foot long stride.

It should be noted that in no instance of sightings have there ever been reports that the "bigfoot" of Sasquatch creature has ever harmed a human being.

Alpert says the diet of the creature is thought to include field mice, grubs, wild berries and tree bark, he added that in some cases they have found bark eaten off trees with partial footprints being found near the tree. "Sort of like eating popcorn while at the movies," Alpert added a trifle jokingly.

Is Bigfoot making tracks back into Iowa terrain?

Ottosen residents recall terrifying visits last year

By JACK HOVELSON

Of The Register's Waterloo Bureau

OTTOSEN, IA. — The kids are back out in the streets at night in Ottosen.



the doors.

A year ago parents in this Humboldt County community were gathering in their youngsters at sundown and locking

The reason was Bigfoot, a big hairy beast that some folks around here said they saw. Others thought it was all a joke. Most didn't know what to think.

Just over a year has passed since the Bigfoot sightings — five or six of them, according to a tally by Humboldt County Sheriff Marvin Andersen.

Bigfoot raised the fear level back then to a fever pitch, but the memory of him today scares up only an over-the-counter comment at Twig's Grocery.

"The whole thing has pretty much died off," said Marilyn Schumacher, proprietor of Twig's. "People joke about it now, but these days, most of the talk around here is about picking corn. [Bigfoot] did one thing, though. He made a lot of strangers aware of this town."

Beginning in July 1978, a lot of people in northern Humboldt County reported weird screams in the night, broken fences, stampeded cattle, and maimed and fatally injured animals.

Then came the sightings.

- Anna Dodrill said "it" stared at her through a kitchen window.

- Robert Newell said he saw it go into a barn, look for food, then wander off into a cornfield.

- Jan Henkins and her two daughters spotted the animal in Ottosen.

- Mark Thompson said he saw Bigfoot in a soybean field.

- A group of high school students building a homecoming float near Renwick reported they saw two creatures.

- And there were other reported sightings.

"The whole county was spooked for awhile," Sheriff Andersen recalled last week. "There were people with loaded guns sitting behind their doors. It was dangerous. I kept thinking that I could run out of gas some night out there and have to walk up to one of those doors."

The sheriff is inclined to believe the

sightings were for real; but like other folks, he doesn't know what they were. He is convinced, however, that Bigfoot wasn't a hoax.

"Anyone doing that would have been taking too big a chance," he said, recalling that the reports attracted armed Bigfoot hunters by the carload. He is convinced of the authenticity of the sightings "because too many reliable people were involved in them."

Kevin Cook of Des Moines, who established a "Bigfoot Information Center" in his home, says he thinks the creature, or possibly more than one, seen last year in Humboldt County may have been migrating from South Dakota to the Mississippi River.

"My theory is that it came down the Missouri River, then crossed over in northern Iowa to the Des Moines River and followed it south," he said.

There have been no confirmed Bigfoot sightings this fall in Iowa, Cook said. He has investigated some reports of possible Bigfoot activities in the state, but none appeared valid.

Although it's difficult to predict what the creatures (whatever they are) will do, Cook said, he believes it's a good bet there should be another round of Bigfoot sightings in Iowa in the next couple of years.

Should that happen, it's likely that the youngsters in Ottosen again will be back behind locked doors at night.

But "that didn't hurt them any," said Marilyn Schumacher.

The information found this morning by Alpert and Lake will now be submitted to another researcher, Kevin Cook of Des Moines, who, it is thought, will travel here to make his own observations of the area where the sighting reportedly occurred.

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Is 'Big Foot' in the area?

By BOB MOONEY

Public Opinion Staff Writer

RAUVILLE — Another sighting of a strange 'ape like' creature has been reported, this time in the Rauville area about six miles North of Watertown.

But, according to those who claim to have actually seen the creature, it's almost twice as big as 'the thing' observed earlier in the Bruce area.

A search of the creature's suspected hiding place earlier this morning (Monday) by Dave Wicks, conservation officer in Codington County; Don Brownell, Codington County sheriff's deputy, and two men who said they have seen the creature, proved fruitless.

ONE OF THE witnesses contacted Wicks and Brownell earlier today and said he believed the animal was hiding in a barn on an abandoned farmstead about one mile north of Rauville.

The creature is reported to be between four-and-a-half and five feet tall and dark black in color. One of the witnesses said that when he first saw it he thought it might be a man.

"It was about five feet high but had dark red eyes," he reported. "My wife and I were driving along the highway (U.S. Highway 81) when we saw him sitting down with his legs spread out and it looked like he was eating grain."

THE SIGHTING was about 10:30 at night last week and the witness said the creature was dark black, 'monkey-like' in appearance and big enough to stride across a windrow.

The second man reported seeing the creature last Monday around 8 a.m.

"I don't know exactly what it was I saw. It was about three-quarters of a mile away and running on four legs. At first I thought it was a deer but it was

dark black and I never saw a deer that color before. If it was a deer, it's the fastest one I ever saw."

What apparently led the witness to believe that the creature may be hiding in the abandoned barn, was a series of strange sounds reported coming from the barn recently.

"IT SOUNDED like something was walking around in there. There was a hell of an odor all around the farmyard and you just couldn't believe it. I had my dog with me and it won't go near that yard or barn now unless I call him.

"He (the dog) used to go in that barn all the time and chase mice and just run around but he won't go near there now," said the man who preferred not to be identified.

The smell in and around the barn was described as being like a strong urine or body odor smell and stronger than the odor of a skunk.

CHRONICLE, San Francisco, CA - Nov. 19, 1979

Obituaries

Immanuel Velikovsky, Controversial Scientist

Princeton, N.J.

Immanuel Velikovsky, Russian-born author of "Worlds in Collision" who spent his life developing unorthodox theories about colliding planets, died at his home Saturday. He was 84.

His wife, Elisabeth, said he was still working on theories that combine science, the Bible, mythology and Sigmund Freud.

Basically, his theories stem from the belief that a fragment of the planet Jupiter — later identified as Venus — lightly touched the earth around 1500 B.C. as it careened through the universe.

As a result, Velikovsky theo-

rized, the earth's rotation was interrupted, causing a series of geological catastrophes that he said earthlings have tried to forget.

His now-famous book was published in 1950 and has since appeared in 50 hard-cover editions with paperback sales in the millions of dollars.

Velikovsky was immensely popular with the public, and his followers claimed he was accepted by such authorities as Albert Einstein.

But Velikovsky rejected conventional scientific knowledge in the areas he touched, and had many critics among professional scientists.

"There is nothing we as historians can do about Dr. Velikovsky's work other than smile and go about our business," said Carl Kraeling, director of the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute.

In 1974, at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dr. Carl Sagan, an astronomy professor at Cornell University and well-known author, led a field of scientists who rejected his notions.

But many of the theories Velikovsky advanced in the 1950s were



IMMANUEL VELIKOVSKY
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borne out by space exploration, including his assertion that Venus was much hotter than was generally conceded.

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