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## UFO Sighting Shocks Tylerites

By PAT RECORD  
Staff Writer

The Americans in Iran will never forget being held hostage, but David and Kathy McBurnett, of Tyler, can't remember if they were hostages and are considering the aid of a hypnotist to help them remember.

The McBurnetts feel they may have been abducted onto an object from outer space three years ago as they were driving back from a craft show in Dallas.

"We were returning from a craft show in Dallas on Nov. 26, 1976 and got in Tyler about 8 p.m.," said David McBurnett, a 31-year old self-employed carpenter. "As we came over a hill on Highway 64, we saw a bright white light hovering over the trees about a mile ahead of us. I asked my wife if she thought it was a UFO and she said, 'It sure is. —, let's get out of here.'"

The couple described the object as triangular, grayish in color with a bright white light in the middle and with red lights on either side.

"The white light was flashing on and off, but around it, it was transparent and you could see the stars right through it," Kathy, 30, said.

The object started to move along the road when the McBurnett's truck approached it, they said.

"As we began to speed up toward the object it moved toward us and the two red lights on either end of it started to blink on and off. It seemed to float down the highway like a balloon," said Mrs. McBurnett.

The object, only 20 feet away from the truck, was about 20 feet above the ground, made no sound, and at one point, hovered over the truck, McBurnett said.

The couple returned to Tyler, noticing their watches had not lost time, but said they felt like they were in a state of shock.

"We were white and shaking," said Mrs. McBurnett. "At times we want to just forget that it happened, but we can't do it. It has changed our lives."

McBurnett added they did not believe they had been abducted at the time, but now feel information might be revealed if he and his wife undergo regressive hypnosis.

"We were probably in shock then and we just want to know if something else might come out," he said.

The McBurnetts canceled one appointment with a Houston doctor who was to conduct regressive hypnosis because of a change in plans, but said they were ready to reschedule another appointment. However, the couple said they could not remember the name of the doctor in Houston and would be looking for a doctor closer to home to help them.

Not just the McBurnetts claim they saw the object on Nov. 26, 1976. McBurnett says, he brought his brother, Mark, and a friend, Randy Baker, back to the location and saw the object a second time in a field.

"It came out of the trees and circled back around about 200 yards away from us. We flashed our headlights to try to communicate with it, but it started to go down the highway very slow," said McBurnett.

Later, the three men chased the object down the road at a speed of about 90 miles an hour, he said.

"I'm not too afraid of anything, but I was of that," said McBurnett.

Mark McBurnett said his own reaction to the sighting was not as "enthusiastic" as that of his brother David.

"It was a big thing on David's mind. It was a priority thing with him. He had a deep, deep reaction to it, but I don't care if I ever find out about it. I don't want to know," said Mark.

Mark admitted he was skeptical when his brother came to his house and asked him to come see this "white light" in the sky.

"It was over in the direction of the airport, but when it stopped dead over the trees, my mind went into a blank," said Mark. "My mind was searching for a logical answer and when it couldn't find one, it just went zip. It ran to the end of its tape."

Mark continued that while David had to know what the thing was, he himself, "could care less if I saw another thing like that in my life."

Mark said he discouraged his brother and sister-in-law from going through with the first scheduled regressive hypnosis.

"I tried to talk them out of it. I have a spiritual belief about hypnosis. I talked to my preacher about it and he said it was a latent power of the soul. It's not supposed to be there,

it's not right," Mark said, adding he realized he might be of the "ignorance is bliss" attitude.

The McBurnetts said they contacted both the sheriff's office and the police, but neither department seemed interested. Contact was also made with Pounds Field for radar assistance, but the airport was not equipped with radar, McBurnett said.

The Sheriff's office did put them in contact with a Washington phone number to report their sighting, they added.

The couple said they contacted the UFO Reporting Center in Washington, which later turned the case over to the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, Inc., based in Tucson, Ariz.

The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, Inc., was originally founded by Coral Lorenzen in 1952 and is staffed with scientific consultants with representative in 51 countries around the world, Mrs. Lorenzen said.

Field investigators are sent to the different areas of the sightings and compile the information which is read and analyzed before being fed into a computer system for future reference, Mrs. Lorenzen said.

The McBurnetts said they were contacted by a field investigator from the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, about three weeks after they reported their sighting.

All the McBurnetts and Randy Baker were asked to do was fill out a form requesting information about the sighting.

However, the forms were never completed because all four were asked to write separate forms, said the McBurnett brothers. David, however, said he would probably send his form in soon, some three years since the sighting reportedly took place.

Mrs. McBurnett added, "Even our own relatives kinda doubt us. I don't think they appreciate us bringing up the subject around the kids. It's kinda scary."

She said she and her husband find themselves always looking to the sky.

"When we travel late at night, we always are looking at the sky because there is a possibility now," she said. "I'm scared and shaking just talking about it."

PHILLIPS CO. REVIEW, Phillipsburg, KS

Jan. 31, 1980

## Unexplained light in sky is sighted

Undersheriff Scott Griffiths of Phillips county reported observing an orange light in the western sky on the Speed road east of Logan last Thursday night at about 7:30 p.m.

Griffiths said he observed the light for about 15 minutes and estimated it to be less than a mile above earth in a stationary position. Griffiths said he got out of his car, but was unable to hear anything. He left the scene and returned about 45 minutes later to find the light gone.

"It was too low to be a star and I'd never seen anything like it," he said.

A similar sighting had been made by Logan city marshal Jim Morrison during what was described as a meteor shower nearly a week before. However, Morrison reported seeing the orange light moving about.

ALABAMA JOURNAL, Montgomery, AL - Feb. 19, 1980

## 'Large, Bright' UFO Seen Near Base

An unidentified flying object was reported hovering near Maxwell Air Force Base around midnight Sunday by a base security guard and three other observers.

Security Sgt. James Hall and other persons described the object as "one large, bright light" with flashes of red and blue.

Hall said he first saw the light around 11:40 p.m. Sunday and it remained visible until around 1:45 a.m. Monday.

The light was moving "kind of erratically" in the sky north of the base, Hall said.

He said he listened for sounds, except for the light.

"When they first called, I had just gotten on duty at 12 (midnight). Between 2 and 2:30 I observed a target about two miles west of Maxwell

planning, "I wanted to be sure it wasn't an airplane." He said there were no sounds.

The light was bobbing up and down diagonally, east to west, he said.

At times it was slow and at other times fast, Hall added.

John Bolender of Maxwell Flight Control was manning the radar screen at the time. He began getting phone calls from people who said they had spotted the light.

"Then they first called, I had just gotten on duty at 12 (midnight). Between 2 and 2:30 I observed a target about two miles west of Maxwell

approach lights were on at the Prattville Airport, but nobody was there to confirm a sighting, an airport spokesman said.

Bolender described the movement on the radar screen as about 115 mph, "what a helicopter would look like on radar."

"Then I watched it as far as about one mile south of the (Prattville) airport, and then I lost radar contact."

moving northwest toward the Prattville Airport (on the radar screen).

# In Eastern Loudoun UFO's Are Spotted

By Clayton Roberts  
Times-Mirror Staff Writer

Unidentified flying objects have been sighted by several eastern Loudoun residents during the past two weeks, and authorities say they have no explanation for the peculiar phenomena.

At approximately 7:15 p.m. last Wednesday Cecelia Wall of Sugarland Run reported seeing a bright light hovering above Sugarland Run Drive. She said the light was emanating from a "very large craft" with a cone-shaped protrusion beneath it.

Wall said the cone-shaped portion of the craft was "paneled like a blimp, but much more narrow than a blimp, and it was hovering about 200 feet from the ground." She said it might have been a helicopter but added, "it was much bigger than a helicopter — I got the impression it was a very large craft — and I distinctly saw the cone-shaped portion below the body of the craft."

Wall also said that about three minutes after seeing the strange craft, she saw a helicopter, "and I distinctly recognized it as a helicopter. I could tell very readily what it was."

She said the unidentified craft had no noise associated with it.

Last Tuesday evening Sandy Behrs of Sugarland Run saw a similar light hovering over Rt. 637 near her home.

"At first I thought it was an airplane, but I took a double look because I saw only one bright light," she said.

"It looked like a big spot light, and gee whiz it was bright. And it was huge — as though the entire front end of an airplane was lit up." But Behrs said she is accustomed to seeing airplanes fly over the area and she is quite sure the craft was not an airplane.

"And it couldn't have been a helicopter because I would have heard the noise. But there was no noise associated with the light," Behrs said.

Pamela Franznick of Sugarland Run also saw a similar craft recently. She said she saw something in the air with only one bright light. "Airplanes fly over here all the time," she said, "and they always have multiple lights. But I saw only one light — a very bright light."

She said the craft did not seem to be moving "because the light didn't get any bigger or any smaller." But as she watched, the light veered off and eventually went out of sight.

Franznick said she heard no noise coming from the peculiar light but added that she may not have been close enough to hear a noise if there was any.

Robert Logan, head of the Dulles control tower, said he has heard about the recent sightings, "but we can't pick up a light on our radar screens." Logan said there are a great many objects

visible on the Dulles radar screens "but we have no way of knowing whether an object on the screen is the same object being sighted in any given place."

A spokesman in the Dulles operations office said, "We have been getting a lot of calls about people seeing strange objects in the sky, but we don't have any information on it." He said the control tower personnel have not been able to detect anything unusual on their radar.

Logan noted that some police helicopters have a single light used for searching the ground at night. "It could be a police helicopter spotlighting in the area," he said. "But I know nothing other than a glider that is noiseless, and a glider would not be flying that close to the ground, and gliders don't hover."

The Virginia State Police, Maryland State Police and the U.S. Park Police all reported Tuesday they have not had a helicopter anywhere in Loudoun County during the past two weeks.

Loudoun Deputy Leonard McDonald said the sheriff's department has received several calls recently regarding the unidentified objects. "The extent of our investigation is simply to refer callers to the Federal Aviation Administration. That is the only way we have of tracking these things," McDonald said.

"It was weird. And I was scared!" the statement came from Shirley Chandler, a teller employed at the Ernie Turner Branch of the Citizens Bank of Jackson. Mrs. Chandler, along with four other employees of the bank, had seen what they believe was truly a UFO unidentified flying object.

The remaining four employees of the Citizens Bank, Marjorie Clements, of the bookkeeping department, Paul Weaver, proof operator, Ray Ella Pitts, teller, and Beth Ann Charles, secretary, who were all interviewed told substantially the same story: An oval-shaped object

with white, red, blue and green lights floated from the top of a steep wooded hill, crossed the highway in front of their automobile and disappeared.

The incident occurred Tuesday night, Feb. 12. It apparently shook up the five bank employees. All of them said that they had never believed in flying saucers or UFO's. They had always looked upon stories about them with doubt. Some of the employees said that in the past they had scoffed at such stories. But Paul Weaver said that he was positive the object they saw was not a helicopter or an airplane. It made no noise or a sound

of any kind. Just floated along in complete silence! The remaining four agreed. The five witnesses to the strange flying object were driving along State Highway 205, near Lee City, in Wolfe Co., when they saw the object. Four of them were passengers in Beth Ann Charles' 1978 Ford Granada. The automobile was headed in the direction of Jackson, Ms. Charles said. She said that she first saw two lights which she thought was from a truck backing off the steep wooded hillside on their right. The other passengers saw the same thing, and

thought it was a truck or car, Ms. Charles said. Someone then wondered how a truck or car could be on a wooded hillside with no visible road. But suddenly the lights moved faster. Then other lights came on. There were red, green and blue lights. None of the lights flashed or flickered. They remained steady. Then accelerating to a high speed, the lighted object passed over the highway in front of the car toward the opposite hillside. The witnesses could then see that the object had an oval shape. But suddenly, the object — lights and all — disappeared as though into

nothing. Paul Weaver looked at his watch. The time was 9:43 p.m. The five bank employees were reluctant to give out the story. They were afraid people would laugh and disbelieve the story. None of them attempted to explain the object they saw except to say that they were sure it was no helicopter, airplane or balloon. They didn't know what it was. "I'm still scared," one witness said.

## Five local bank employees sight UFO on Hwy. 205

TIMES, Jackson, Ky - Feb. 14, 1980

NORTHERN VIRGINIA DAILY, Strasburg, VA - Jan. 25, 1980

### In Tidewater

## More UFO Sightings Reported

BY DONNA PUGH

On a clear night, you might see more than you reckoned for over a Tidewater sky.

Recently, reports of mysterious lighted objects have been coming into police stations from citizens, as well as from patrolmen, who say they've seen something unexplainable overhead.

Two Virginia Beach families reported seeing unidentified bright lights early Wednesday morning. Both the Suffolk and the Portsmouth Police Departments have had similar reported sightings.

While on patrol along Route 58 in the area of Whitley's Truck Stop 4:30 Monday morning, two separate patrol units radioed in reports of something unusual hovering, then moving slowly across the Suffolk sky. Both Sgt. G.A. Barrett and patrol officer H.J. Wright say they saw a brightly lighted, large, box-shaped object approximately 800 to 1,200 feet from the ground. Taken by surprise, the men say they still are curious to know what they saw that morning. Two calls concerning the lights came into the station from private citizens.

Portsmouth police say they have had similar instances concerning encounters with lights. Gary Smith, public

information officer, said the department has had some unconfirmed sightings within the past couple weeks. One sighting came from policemen within the department, and one sighting came from a policeman's wife. "We had a few others reported by citizens," he said.

While Smith said he personally believes in the possibility of UFO's, he thinks these recent spottings may have something to do with the Planet Venus being in the western sky. "Venus is quite bright right now," he explained.

Whatever it is people are seeing in the Tidewater sky is still a puzzle. The Federal Aviation Administration had not had any reported sightings of unusual objects in the sky as of Friday morning. Both the Suffolk and the Chesapeake-Portsmouth Airports say they haven't seen or heard of anything out of the ordinary.

And as for the Goodyear blimp being in the area? A spokesperson for Mickey Kramer's Goodyear Tire Company in Norfolk said the blimp has definitely not been in the area anytime lately. "And if the blimp was in the area, Mr. Kramer would definitely know about it," she said.

## Woman says she saw object in western sky

A woman who lives near the North Rim addition of Redmond said she watched a bright light in the western sky the same night that Don and Edith Winters claimed they saw an unidentified flying object.

The woman, who asked to re-

main anonymous, contacted *The Spokesman* after she read the Winters' account in the Feb. 13 paper.

Winters said he saw an object overhead while he was standing in his back yard at about 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 5. His wife reported

watching it from a window. The couple lives at 8367 S. Highway 97.

Winters said the object "looked like a big wheel that had a stripe down the center of it that wiggled back and forth with lots of colors coming from it."

The couple said they watched the "drifting" bright object until it disappeared in the west near the Three Sisters.

The North Redmond woman said she spotted an object to the west about 8:20 p.m. on Feb. 5.

She said the bottom part was pinkish-red and the upper part was yellow, but at times it appeared the whole thing was blue.

"It wasn't an airplane and it wasn't a star. It was a brighter light than normal," she said. "I watched it with my binoculars. It

got fainter and then it got brighter.

"I called my kids to the window to watch it and when I looked up again it was gone."

She said the object went out of sight south of Black Butte.

"I knew it was a UFO," she said. "There was no question in my mind."

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# UFO Burgers

## —Out of This World?



Gazette Photos by LAWRENCE PIERCE

The Sandwich Hut has been the center of the sightings.

*Since Dec. 5 there have been dozens of sightings of strange lights over Ansted. Are the objects craft from outer space or common airplanes?*

By Chris Knap  
Staff Writer

**A** LONG with the Mexican Wow Pizza and the Hutburger, Ansted food merchant Norma White now sells UFO Burgers and Space Dogs. The new sandwiches were prompted by numerous sightings of what Ansted residents say are unidentified flying objects. They say the objects resemble a large mother ship and many smaller scout craft.

The rash of sightings in this Fayette County community began Dec. 5 and has continued into the new year, with the most recent occurring about a week ago. The UFOs have become the talk of the town.

Interested residents contacted the National Enquirer, a weekly tabloid, sold in grocery stores, and the paper sent a reporter to Ansted. Following an Enquirer story, the Charleston Daily Mail and then the Beckley Post-Herald printed stories on the mysterious happenings. City Police Chief Jim Hall said he has also been contacted by several radio and TV reporters.

But Hall says the story has become exaggerated in the telling. Although he has received 50 to 75 reports of unidentified craft, recent news reports placed the amount at more than 200.

And Hall said most of the sightings reported by sky watchers occurred in the direction of two especially bright stars which can usually be seen over Ansted.

The UFO flap appears to have originated with Mrs. White, owner of a carry-out sandwich shop on the outskirts of town.

Mrs. White said her children first spotted an object the night of Dec. 5 in the sky northeast of the Sandwich Hut. "They said, 'Mama, there's a UFO out here.' I went out and looked and told them it was a star.

"I had to go back inside to make a sandwich, but after a while I heard the kids start screaming that it was moving. I went back outside and it had moved almost right above the shop.

"You could see lights on it, mostly a white light. When the lights went off you could see that it was Y-shaped, with a bunch of red lights and a green glow.

"All of a sudden it started shooting off things. It shot off a total of 12 red objects, then it disappeared. They were zig-zagging back and forth across the sky. That's when I got scared and called the police."

Mrs. White said another bright object appeared to the west of Ansted later on and shot off six more red objects. "There were 18 of them all together. They flew down, like they were going into the woods. You'd see them: come together, then break apart."

Her husband, Bob, said a white object later returned and seemed to pick up the red objects. He said he was trying to photograph the craft with his wife's Instamatic when it "shot straight up and disappeared."

SINCE THAT NIGHT the Whites have spotted objects in the sky numerous times. Most of the objects are small, like the scout craft they first spotted. Bob says some are yellow instead of red.

"One night I saw one that looked like it was partitioned," he said. "When I looked at it through the binoculars it had a green glow like the whole inside was lit up with instruments. I followed it from one side of the sky clear over to the other side. Then I had to go make a sandwich."

Mrs. White says she has been a sky watcher for a long time, and remembers seeing UFOs in Summersville in 1953 and in Delaware in 1959. She has passed along her recent experience with the objects to many of the people who stop by the sandwich shop, and told them to be on the lookout, too.

Judi Carmichael, who used to work part-time at the sandwich shop, said she saw a glowing object in the western sky after Mrs. White told her to watch for it. "Even with the curtains of the mobile home closed I could see a white light," she said.

"It started changing shape. It was round then it got longer then got round again. A few nights later I saw it again, farther away. It had little red lights shooting out of it. Looking at it with binoculars it looked like a diamond cluster on a lady's ring.

"Little things were flying around making little patterns in the sky. We could see them coming from the ground and going back up. Then when we looked back the bright light was gone."

Mrs. Carmichael says the bright light comes out every night, but "couldn't have been a star or planet because it was too bright."

JAY DEBORD, science teacher at Ansted Middle School, said he was at the Sandwich Hut one night and saw two yellow objects which were "unidentified to me."

DeBord said he saw them for about five minutes, and said they moved around and then disappeared. "They weren't stars and they weren't planes," he said. "They looked like they were rising out of the woods and then they were gone."

At the police department, clerk Mamie Beneventi says she's never seen the objects. "But these people that have seen them, they're reputable people. They're not making them up or anything," she says.

Chief Hall also has never seen the UFOs. "There's so many of them that's seen it there must be something to it," he said. "But I think the papers got carried away with it.

"We got two big stars over here. One is the evening star, it's west of here. The other is slightly northeast. It's a big star with a little red star that follows it."

HALL HAS A PICTURE drawn by Robert G. Koch, a resident of the Lovers' Leap section of town. It shows a saucer-shaped object rising and disappearing behind a shining object labeled "evening star."

Hall doesn't put much stock in the picture, but he reluctantly related a tale that happened on the same December night that Koch drew the picture.

"That night I tried to work the radar up at Lovers' Leap, but I couldn't get it to work," he said. "I turned it on and it went to 102. I pushed the clearance button and it went to 80.

"Every time I pushed the clearance button it went 80, 90, or 100. I figured it was broken and went on downtown. But when I got down there it worked. I went back up to Lovers' Leap and it was doing the same thing."

But Hall says the incident might mean nothing, since the radar has malfunctioned before.

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Dan Coehnour, one of Ansted's two police officers, said he went to the Sandwich Hut on Dec. 5, when Mrs. White first spotted the objects.

"(Officer) Crosier and I went up there and there were 12 or 15 lights in the sky. They were white and red strobe lights like you see on an aircraft. I said then that they were airplanes and I say now that they were airplanes.

"They were in the same area and at the same altitude as planes that normally fly over here.

Cohnour was asked if he ever saw the white object, the "mother ship."

"No, I haven't," he replied. "I'm like Jim Hall: I'd like to!

"What does 'unidentified flying object' mean?" Cohnour asked. "As soon as the letters UFO appear everybody says the objects are from outer space. But aircraft fly at 40,000 or 50,000 feet. At that height, you're not gonna hear any sound.

"I can't believe we're the only intelligent life in the universe. I'd like to see something that I could believe was from outer space."

## UFO sighting is reported

According to an Upland woman, Mervyn's Department Store almost

had an Encounter with the Third Kind Saturday night.

The motorist told police she and her young son pulled over to the curb when they saw an unidentified flying object hovering over the store on Mountain Avenue shortly after 7 p.m. It was circular and had lights around it which bleeped on and off, she said.

All too soon however, the UFO darted toward the San Bernardino Freeway and then in the general direction of Cal Poly until it disappeared, she told police.

There was nothing else to add, said the woman who asked to remain unidentified.

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CA - Feb. 10, 1980

# Couple reports sighting of UFO in night sky over S. Highway 97

By DAVE STAVE  
Staff Writer

Don Winters is convinced.

"I would say it was a flying saucer," Winters said after he spotted a wheel-like object flying over his home at 8367 S. Highway 97 Thursday night. "It drifted on toward the mountains and it disappeared like it was going to land."

Winters said he had taken his small dog, Lady, for a stroll in the back yard after 9:30 p.m. He and the dog spotted the object above them.

"It looked like a big wheel that was spinning around. It had a stripe down the center of it that wiggled back and forth with lots of colors coming from it (the stripe)," he said.

The object drifted west toward the Three Sisters mountains, Winters said.

He returned to the house and told his wife, Edith, who said she watched the object from a window.

"I was fascinated by the colors," Mrs. Winters said. "It was so very beautiful."

She concurred with her husband that the colors were coming from a wiggling stripe.

"There were lights coming from it — reds, oranges, yellows and other colors. It was very brilliantly lit up," she said.

"That wasn't a plane that I saw. I can't tell you what it was. Don was excited about it. Even my little dog stood out there watching it.

"It got smaller as it went west," she said.

The couple said they watched the object for about 15 minutes.

A few of the Winters' neighbors were interviewed Friday by *The Spokesman* but none reported seeing anything unusual in the sky.

A woman who lives across Highway 97 and has a living room window that faces west said her drapes were pulled during the time of the reported sighting.

A neighbor to the south said he and his wife were watching television Thursday night and saw nothing unusual through their sliding glass door which faces west.

Dean McKay, owner of the Bell Air Motel and Riding Stables on Highway 97, said he was in bed prior to working the midnight shift for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.

He said he would have enjoyed seeing the object.

"I've done some reading



Don Winters stood in the same spot where he said he and his dog, Lady, spotted an unidentified flying object drifting overhead Thursday night. The Federal Aviation Administration's flight service station has received no other sighting reports. (Photo by Dave Stave)

about that (unidentified flying objects)," he said. "A drifting UFO is a little unusual. Generally they will move quite quickly as they go."

McKay said there have been several sightings in the Lake Billy Chinook area of Jefferson County.

Mike Hammer of the Federal Aviation Administration at Roberts Field said there were no reports of sightings Thursday night.

He was not aware of any low-flying aircraft in the area of S. Highway 97 at that time.

The FAA's weather-reporting service reported a southwesterly wind of about 5 mph at 10 p.m. Thursday.

A spokesman for the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle said there were no sightings reported that night in Central Oregon.

When given the description of the object, the spokesman said he had not heard "that kind of description for a long, long time."

*Editor's note: The Spokesman wants to hear from anyone who might have seen something peculiar in the sky Thursday evening. Phone the newspaper's office at 548-3203 or contact the UFO Reporting Center by calling 206-722-3000. Anonymity will be protected.*

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CR: L. Whitehurst



# UFO: Are we getting visitors from outer space?

By Douglas Kreutz  
Weekender staff writer

**T**ucsonian Wendelle C. Stevens believes in flying saucers.

He believes flying saucers from outer space regularly land on earth, and that flying-saucer pilots have made contact with human beings.

He says he believes in these things because eyewitness reports and photographic evidence make it impossible for him not to believe in them.

To present what he considers the most impressive evidence of unidentified flying objects collected to date, Stevens recently published a volume of photographs and commentary entitled *UFO . . . Contact from the Pleiades*.

The book documents a series of supposed close encounters between a Swiss peasant named Eduard Meier and several female flying saucer pilots from a planet located near a far-away group of stars known as the Pleiades.

Stevens, a retired Air Force officer who has worked for 20 years as a free-lance UFO researcher, says Meier's first encounter with Pleiadian saucers took place on Jan. 28, 1975, in the Swiss countryside of Hinwel. In the five years since then, Meier has reported numerous encounters with Pleiadian pilots — including lengthy conversations and trips aboard their flying saucers.

Preposterous as this may sound, Stevens says photographs of the saucers (some of which accompany this article), movie footage, tape recordings, substantiating testimony from other residents of the Hinwel area and spacecraft landing tracks have convinced him and other researchers that "this is a real contact" from outer space.

Indeed, to those who aren't inclined to believe in flying saucers, the evidence offered by Stevens is almost too good.

The photographs in the book are as dramatic as any UFO pictures ever published. They clearly depict what could only be flying saucers hovering over the verdant Swiss countryside — unless, of course, the photographs somehow were faked.

Stevens insists, however, that extensive photogrammetric analysis and computer tests indicate that the photos are authentic.

"The negatives, transparencies, prints and color separations," he says, "were carefully examined for photo paste-up, models at short range, suspended on a string or tossed/propelled into the field of view, and improper focus, distance or size relationships. Edge enhancement proved that there is no string, filament or other support holding the craft.

"Close-up examination of the craft edges and those of other reference objects in the photographs," he continues, "always showed that the focus, distance and size relationships are proper, eliminating the possibility of small models at short range and paste-up techniques."

Stevens adds that Meier, who is now 42, is a "farmer with only a sixth-grade education, the poorest of the poor who lives in a one-room house and rides around on a moped." Such an individual, Stevens says, probably wouldn't have the knowledge or technical capability to perpetrate an involved UFO hoax even if he wanted to.

Stevens, 56, acknowledges that the story of Meier's encounters at first struck him as bizarre and far-fetched. But he says he was so intrigued by the photographs that he went to live with Meier in hopes of determining just what was truth and what was tall tale.

After spending a total of 11 weeks in Switzerland with Meier, Stevens no longer had doubts.

"He had two contacts (with the Pleiadians) while I was there," Stevens recalls, "but I didn't make either one of them. At the time of one of the contacts, I was in town. And the other time I was a few steps behind him and wasn't with him when they picked him up.

"He went out through the door of a shed . . . and by the time I got there, there were just three footprints in the mud and then nothing." It appeared, Stevens says, that Meier simply had vanished after walking out the door of the shed. "When we got a call to go pick him up, he was 18 kilometers away."

According to Stevens, there was no way Meier could have gotten into a vehicle such as a car without Stevens spotting him. And although it was a rainy day, "his boots were not muddy and his jacket and hair were dry when we picked him up.

"I had to believe that he had been picked up (by a spacecraft) even though I didn't see a damn thing," Stevens says.

He says extensive personal interviews with Meier have reinforced his belief that visitors from deep space have — for whatever reasons — selected Meier as a suitable earthly contact, but that they seem disinclined to meet and chat with just any human being. Numerous individuals, including Stevens, have volunteered to join the farmer in his meetings with the Pleiadians, but the Pleiadians always seem to thwart such group get-togethers.

How?

According to Stevens' account of Meier's explanation, the Pleiadians first made con-

tact through what appeared to be a subtle form of telepathic communication. That is, Meier merely acted on an unexplained urge to go to a place where a flying saucer subsequently appeared.

Further encounters supposedly were initiated in a similar manner. And, as skeptics might have guessed, the Pleiadians have taken care to initiate encounters only at times when Meier can get away to meet with them privately.

Therefore, although some other Swiss "witnesses" claim to have seen the flying saucers, Stevens says Meier is the only person with whom the Pleiadians have communicated extensively.

What have these so-called Pleiadians allegedly told Meier?

Plenty, according to Stevens.

Stevens says the Pleiadians, in personal conversations with Meier (using his German dialect) and through telepathic communication, have passed on a wealth of information and knowledge — ranging from data about their home planet to survival tips for Earthlings.

Meier, of course, has transcribed all this information as best he can. And Stevens says some of it will be made public in forthcoming books.

Here, according to Stevens, are some of the things Meier claims to have learned about his friends from outer space:

- Pleiadians look very much like human beings. Most of Meier's contacts have been with a Pleiadian woman known as Semjase, who is described as "appearing to be like a small Nordic girl with fine features, eyes that are slightly slanted but not Oriental, a slender figure, slender hands, skin that is very delicate and whiter than ours, thin lips, small straight white teeth and ear shells that are set slightly lower than ours and blend right into the neck."

- Semjase frequently is accompanied by two other spacepersons known as Nera and Pleya. They explained that they were selected for missions to Earth because Pleiadian research shows Earthlings are less threatened by women than men.

- The Pleiadians come from a planet known as Erra. The terrain of Erra is rugged — similar to that of the Alps — and the atmosphere is approximately the same of that at an altitude of 7,000 feet on Earth.

- Pleiadian lifespan is from 800 to 1,000 years.

- Pleiadians cruise around Earth in several different flying saucer models, ranging in size from 21 feet in diameter to 63 feet in diameter.

- Pleiadians mean Earthlings no harm.

- But they view Earthlings as the "town fools" of the universe. "They view us as an insane society rushing to our own suicide," explains Stevens. "But they say they're not empowered to interfere in the evolution of our society."

- Pleiadians evidently believe in a sort of Deity. According to Stevens: "They do not personify their God. They say the Universal Force cannot be personified. They say that everything lives, even rocks live, and everything is consolidated in the Deity Collective. And the Deity Collective controls it all."

- Pleiadians have warned Earthlings through their contact with Meier that the Earth's ionosphere is being destroyed by various man-made pollutants. They say that if pollution isn't controlled, the effects could be disastrous for us.

- Pleiadians don't mind if Earthlings take pictures of their flying saucers. But they prefer not to be photographed in person because, according to Stevens, "they sometimes get out and walk the streets" of Earth and don't want to be identified.

If there is such good evidence that creatures from outer space are visiting Earth, then why aren't government authorities and military UFO experts involved in an investigation?

Stevens says various European intelligence agencies are, in fact, investigating the strange alleged goings-on in Switzerland. The U.S. Air Force also is continuing its investigation of UFOs, he says. But he maintains such investigations are, for the most part, secret operations and therefore unknown to the general public.

Has Stevens, who has been a pilot since 1941 and who now makes his living writing UFO articles for magazines and flying on a free-lance basis, ever seen a UFO?

"No," he says. "But I'd like to."

He adds that he believes lots of people want to believe in flying saucers.

"Most people have a will to believe now because there are so many oppressive things in their lives . . . The idea that somebody else somewhere has solved some of these problems is uplifting."

Stevens says his flying-saucer book is available through a Tucson-based UFO club known as the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization and at several Tucson book stores.

Officials in this country attribute most UFO sightings to misperceptions of common objects or naturally occurring phenomena.

# A Close Encounter of Some Kind?

by Marcha Fox

A handful of Hyde Park residents experienced the sighting of a UFO this past week with the event culminating with a visit to area UFO expert, Frank Salisbury, a professor of plant physiology at Utah State University.

At least 10 persons saw the object which appeared twice, once around 7 p.m. and again between 8:15 and 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 10. Jerry Allen, 13, and his brother, Dallas, 10, were milking cows at their family's dairy barn about a mile north of Hyde Park when Jerry first spotted a large, orange illuminated form in the dark southern sky.

"I called Dallas to come and see it," he said. "We watched it as it headed south and saw a shaft of light drop to the ground that looked like it had a ball-like shape on the end. Then it just disappeared."

No one reportedly saw it again until about 8:15 p.m.

## Used Binoculars

"My husband had gone out to feed our horses and saw it coming from the

north," Gail Dalley, 365 E. Center St., said. "He walked back to the house and told me to look up at the sky. I saw it immediately and decided to go back in and get our binoculars. In the time it had taken him to come the 100 feet or so from the horses to the house it had come from what appeared to be Smithfield to the lot directly behind our house."

The object stopped for a few seconds then negotiated a square maneuver slowly in which it descended briefly, went east a short distance, returned to its former altitude then moved west to its original position.

"It remained there for a few seconds when we became aware that it was growing smaller. Closer observation revealed it was moving away from us in a northerly direction," Mrs. Dalley recalled, "until it disappeared." The entire sighting lasted 10-15 minutes.

Her 20-20 vision, enhanced with binoculars, allowed Mrs. Dalley a rather vivid look at the astronomical phenomena.

## One-Third Size of the Moon

"It was large, much larger than any of the stars or planets visible in the sky. It was about one-third the diameter of the moon and the color of hot, molten lava on the bottom. She could see a rounded form to the top. The dark part on the upper half was separated from the glowing underside by a narrow, orange band that looked similar to an electric stove element on high, she explained. "The intensity of its color seemed to pulsate three times before it finally disappeared."

She told The Citizen that she experienced no fear of the object, just fascination.

Kim Lamb, 15, and his sister, Tami, 13, weren't quite as cool.

"We were on our way to the neighbors with our Dad. He had forgotten his check book and gone back to our house to get it so Kim and I were just standing in the road waiting for him to come back," Tami explained. "Kim was teasing me about noises and a black cat had darted out, too. Then we both saw this big, orange thing appear up in the sky from no

where and it looked like it was coming right at us! We started running for home and met Dad on the way."

"I came out of the house from getting the check book and heard all this commotion down the street. Tami was saying, 'Is it still coming?' Mario," Lamb, the teenager's father commented. He also estimated its size in the heavens to be one-fourth to one-third the size of the moon and orange in color with the illusion of burning like a fire.

"We decided to go on down to Dennis Ray's where we were headed in the first place and have him take a look," he continued. "It was moving fast enough we figured we had better hurry or it would be gone."

The trio got to Ray's and waited for what seemed an eternity for him to open the door. When he finally did, he and his wife also observed the alleged UFO momentarily and then they all went into the house. When the Lambs' left, the object had disappeared.

## Definite Flame

Both Ray and the senior Lamb felt

there was a definite flame to the object raising the question of whether it was a hot air balloon. The Citizen contacted Stanley Spence of Logan who owns a hot air balloon to see if he was out that particular Sunday night.

"I don't ever fly on Sunday and definitely never at night," he told The Citizen. "All instructions, rules and regulations of balloon flying indicate that you should always set down before dusk. Otherwise there is the risk of becoming entangled in a power line, fence or other obstacle you cannot see after dark."

As an FAA license is required for ballooning there is also the possibility that one's license could be suspended or revoked for violations of the regulations.

"As the balloon moves along with the wind there is no wind chill factor so winter ballooning is not out of the question. However," he continued, "there would probably not be a steady, continuous light from a hot air balloon as they usually burn for about 20 seconds and then are out for a minute or so. Some people have a device

known as a meter valve that controls the fuel so that the flame burns steadily. One of these would cause a constant roaring sound that would be audible for quite some distance."

None of the observers of the UFO reported hearing any sound. Furthermore, according to Spence, the outline of the balloon would be illuminated by the flame and would be recognizable as a hot air balloon, especially with binoculars. Its size would also be substantially larger than the moon.

## Airport Heard Nothing

A brief check with Willard Saunders, Logan-Cache airport manager, revealed no reports of anyone encountering or seeing the object in question. The Cache County Sheriff's office had no official reports although the dispatcher on duty that evening did acknowledge a few calls. They had advised the callers that it was probably a flare.

## Expert Contacted

The Citizen then contacted Dr. Frank Salisbury at Utah State Univer-

sity. For a number of years, Salisbury had been into UFO study and has published a book on the subject, "The Utah UFO Display," which is now out of print. He was in Spain this past year serving on a panel with other UFO experts. The past four years or so, however, he has gotten away from it somewhat, although the possibility of a local sighting rekindled his interest.

"Most sightings of UFO's can be explained," he said. "Right now the planets of Jupiter and Mars put on a very spectacular show in the east. The planet Venus in the west is at its maximum elongation and brilliance of its cycle for the next two years."

"However, the movement described by the witnesses does not match the behavior of the planets in questions and the time span of 10 or 15 minutes eliminates the possibility of a meteorite, which would only last for 15 seconds or so for an extremely large one."

A central agency is in existence in Evanston, Ill., known as the Center for UFO Study. According to Salisbury, the "geru" of UFO's, Dr. J. Allen Hynek is its director. Located at Northwestern University, the organization maintains a toll-free telephone number for reporting UFO's. All law enforcement agencies are in possession of the number.

## Meeting Arranged with Witnesses

A meeting was arranged in which some of the witnesses of the event were to meet with Dr. Salisbury to explain what they saw in order to obtain the opinion of someone in a position to judge the authenticity of the sighting.

At 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16, Kim and Mario Lamb, Gail Dalley, Jerry and Dallas Allen and The Citizen met with Salisbury for a session preserved on tape. Salisbury interviewed each witness individually in his office and then met with them all collectively in a large room on the third floor of the Ag. Science building on the USU campus adjacent to his office. He then explained what he believe the apparition to be.

"The fact that all of you saw it is very interesting. Mrs. Dalley saw it in the northwest and the Lambs saw it in the northeast which really put it there between you. This means that it was probably pretty close, within three or four blocks or so. Therefore, it was not huge but fairly small. It looked large compared to the stars and moon but being that close it could have been the size of an amateur hot-air gas bag, which from what you have all described is what it sounds like you saw," Salisbury deducted.

## Quite Impressive

"A lady who was my secretary back in Wheatland, Maryland, while I was finishing my UFO book really wanted to see a UFO. She came in and told me one day how she had had this beautiful sighting, a real good one. She told me how she had seen it from one side of the school yard and then drove around to the other side and saw it again, this time right over the school. I went back

that night, all excited and waiting for a UFO to show up again. I was going to knock on doors and ask if they'd had any radio interference and see if anyone else had seen it," Salisbury said. "Well, there was a bunch of high school kids there sending up these hot-air gas bags. I immediately said, 'What were you fellows doing last night?' and they replied, 'We were sending up these same hot-air gas bags.' Well, that's what it was and I must say they are quite impressive. However, they are dangerous as can be!"

Salisbury refused to explain exactly how they are made but there is no way to control them and they could present a very serious fire hazard were they to descend into a home, hay stack or other building. In the summer the danger is even more severe.

## Description Fits

"The flame that you described fits perfectly," he told the group. "The bag is lit up by the flame so the round, top part is sharp. I suppose the red line Mrs. Dalley described like an electric stove element could have been a reflection on the plastic. The fact that there is more than one witness that saw it from two different locations pinpoints it rather nicely. Therefore, it gives us a chance to make an estimate of size would be about right for one of these amateur balloons."

He further explained that the object the Allen boys saw was not the same as it was seen at a different time. It could have been the same thing but a different bag and the object that was seen dropping by the boys could have been simply parts of the balloon falling apart.

Until physical evidence of the alleged UFO is found or someone admits to sending up a hot-air gas bag, Salisbury said a definite conclusion cannot be reached but qualified his conclusion that nothing described eliminated the possibility that a balloon was what everyone saw.

"The bag could have reached an inversion of the air currents causing the square maneuver described. The one my secretary saw rose straight up above the school and then hit an air current that made it move off rather quickly, like a UFO," he laughed. "She thought that it had moved 15 or 20 miles down the road in 30 seconds, but it was just an illusion as she didn't know the size of the object..."

"I suspect that the culprit lives somewhere between you, somewhere on the north fringes of Hyde Park!"

Salisbury does not totally discount the existence of UFO's, only that this particular sighting probably falls into the large percentage of observations that can be explained.

"I have interviewed several people down in the Uinta Basin and what they saw I cannot explain in any way," Salisbury related. "They described things that would come within 50 feet of their car, fill the entire windshield and be as big as a church... What they saw was a Close Encounter of the first kind. I'm not just a skeptic but the only thing you can do in a case like this is to see if you can understand it. I'd sure look for someone who was launching hot-air gas bags!"

## Several sightings of UFOs reported

BOISE, Idaho (UPI) — The Idaho State Police reports an unusually high number of telephone calls from citizens reporting UFOs in recent days.

Troopers said yesterday several Boise-area residents reported seeing "strange flying objects in the night sky" Saturday night.

Last week, Treasure Valley residents claimed they saw an unidentified glowing object and several Sandpoint-area residents reported what one man called "a circular, burning orb" in the sky.

"I'm not sure what it was," said Dr. Paul King, who lives near Sandpoint and followed the UFO in his car.

"I saw the ball of fire,"

he said. "I followed it until it dipped into the trees. I thought it might have been a flare, but I couldn't find it, and now I don't know what it was."

Dr. Roger Schubert, a Sandpoint resident, also watched the object for some time after his daughter spotted "a ball of fire in the sky." He said the object appeared to be 3 to 5 miles away.

In California, Sacramento Valley authorities reported a high number of alleged UFO sightings yesterday, but the Office of Emergency Services offered an explanation.

It said that Venus was sitting unusually low on the horizon, giving the impression of a mysterious flying object.

EVENING TRIBUNE, San Diego, CA - March 17, 1980

CR: D. Clements



From my desk

# Shy sighters tell UFO stories

By DAVE STAVE  
Staff Writer

"Hogwash" might be the response of some of our readers who read the stories in the last two issues of *The Spokesman* about unidentified flying objects.

Since the first article ran in the Feb. 13 issue, however, I've had a number of phone calls and visits from Redmond-area residents who claim to have seen UFOs at one time or another.

Unlike Don and Edith Winters, who said they saw a bright object on Feb. 7 near their home on S. Highway 97, the others have asked to not have their names disclosed in the newspaper.

Winters told *The Spokesman* that he had taken his dog for a stroll in the back yard about 9:30 p.m. when he spotted an object above his back yard.

He described the object as a "big wheel that was spinning around with a stripe down the center of it that wiggled back and forth with lots of colors coming from it."

Winters and his wife reported watching the bright object until it disappeared in the west near the Three Sisters.

The story brought a call from a north Redmond woman who said she spotted an object in the west the same night.

She said the bottom part was pinkish-red and the upper part was yellow, but at times the object appeared to change to blue.

A Redmond man stopped by our office last week and talked about a strange object he said he had seen on Highway 97 at Deschutes Junction in mid-December.

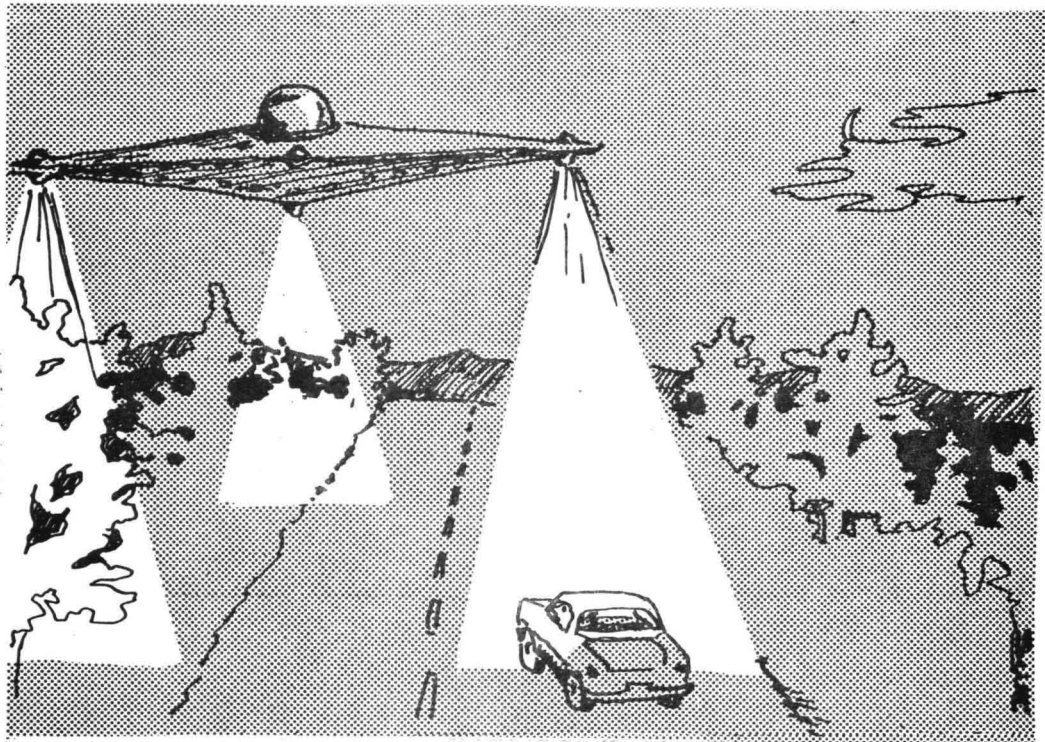
He said he was on his way to Mountain View Mall in Bend about dusk when he spotted an object resembling an airplane to the left of the highway. It had bright lights on what appeared to be a left wing and a right wing, and another bright light to the rear of the craft.

He stopped his car "in the middle of the highway" and another car stopped behind him, he said. Two northbound cars also stopped on the road.

"At first I thought it was a plane that was trying to land on the highway," he said.

But he rolled down his window and observed that the craft was silent as it hovered "about a telephone pole's length" above the ground. The object's lights illuminated the roadway like it was daylight, he said.

"I thought it was a small aircraft — but then I realized it wasn't — and that's when my skin began to crawl and I got out



A Redmond man on his way to Bend in mid-December said he saw a craft hovering noiseless over Highway 97. "My skin crawled and I got out of

there," he said. He and other Redmond-area residents have reported their experiences to *The Spokesman*.

of there.

"The other drivers expedited their departure out of there, too."

As he drove south, he looked up and saw a three-foot circle that resembled a door on the belly of the gray craft, he said. The circle had rivets around it.

He said he did not report the incident to authorities or to the news media because he assumed one of the other motorists would.

"I was afraid that nobody would believe me," he said.

Another Redmond man said he and several hundred other soldiers spotted an object in the sky while on maneuvers near Fort Lewis, Wash., 25 years ago.

He said the "lights were brilliant coming from it" and there was no sound except for a slight whirring noise.

After the object departed, the soldiers were speechless, he said. There was almost the feeling that everybody was to remain silent about the incident.

Another area man stopped by *The Spokesman's* office and said he had spotted two strange objects in the sky in the past six months.

He was intrigued by the bright objects and wants to see another one. He goes out at night and keeps his head up, carefully surveying the sky.

I received a phone call from a Crooked River Ranch resident who told me that she and her husband saw a saucer-shaped object hover about 300 feet away from their home on March 1, 1976.

"We watched it coming from the south for several minutes," she said. "There was no denying it was a UFO."

She said the shiny-silver craft, with a dome on the top and a larger dome on the bottom, appeared to be landing about 300 feet from their home in a grove of juniper trees.

"It's landing gear was down, but it never touched the ground. We went out on the porch to get a close look at it and it was just as though it sensed we were there," she said.

"It stopped and hovered for about five minutes. I was frightened at the time. I think they sense when you're afraid."

She said the craft had an "enormous" beacon that was brilliantly white. "We couldn't see any windows in it."

She and her husband keep a loaded camera in their house, but were unable to take their eyes off the object long enough to go after the camera.

She said the craft flew off and disappeared behind some knolls. The couple stayed outside for a

couple more hours to see if the object would reappear, but it never did.

"I'd just love to see another one," she said.

It's hard to know what to make of these stories.

But there are some characteristics of the objects that seem consistent in all the stories: noiselessness, a hovering ability and brilliant lights.

The people I've talked to in the past two weeks seem like normal human beings with no axes to grind. They are not publicity seekers or money mongers. They seem shy about disclosing their stories, thinking that their friends and neighbors might label them as "kooks."

The Fort Lewis soldier rarely talks about his experience.

Some of these people feel they have solid evidence for the existence of unnatural flying objects. The man on S. Highway 97 is unsure about what he saw.

There are many skeptics among us when it comes to UFOs.

The question remains: How do we deal with the reports of seemingly rational, normal human beings who describe their experiences with the same clarity and conviction as if they were talking about the trip they took to Europe last summer?

STAR HERALD, Scotts Bluff, NE  
March 8, 1980

## Close encounter at SB? Lawmen track down UFO

GERING — Tucked away in the yellow report sheets of the Gering Police Department is a simple report that says "miscellaneous service report, assist other agency," but it probably should read, "UFO, all other."

Officers from Gering and deputies from the Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Department had their eyes to the sky Friday night looking for an unidentified flying object.

THE INITIAL sighting was made by a Gering woman living on Pacific Boulevard. At 8:20 p.m. she reported that a very bright light was seen hovering over the Scotts Bluff National Monument. The light then broke into two large white lights then joined back into one light, she said.

HOPING FOR their own close encounter, a Gering officer and deputy sheriff headed to the monument and contacted a park ranger who said he had observed a low-flying aircraft near the monument at about 7:30 p.m.

A call was placed to the Flight Service at the county airport and it was discovered that a small plane had left a short time earlier on a flight to Torrington, Wyo., but the direction of flight should not have been toward the monument.

ANOTHER POSSIBILITY, that of a student pilot getting in some night flying and "having some fun," was also considered.

According to United Press International, the "evening stars" this time of year are Venus, Mars and Jupiter.

The combination of one of these planets and a low flying aircraft with its landing lights on may be the answer, but the Gering woman is probably still wondering.

# UFO sighted over Gladstone

Diane Y. Aaron

Four local law enforcement officials have no explanation for a UFO they sighted and followed over Gladstone early this morning.

The first report of the UFO came into the Gladstone Public Safety Department at 12:55 a.m. from a woman on N. 15th St., Gladstone, who refused to identify herself.

The department dispatched two officers, Dave Mariin and Mark Hager. Patrolman Mariin gave this account:

"We (he and Hager) went down to check out the report on N. 15th and saw a bright light from the south. It was real bright and directly above us. It banked left and we could see a green light on the rear and red lights on the sides. All we could tell was that it was very large and very high. It could have been the size of a football field or maybe four football fields.

*"I've never seen anything like it in my life" —Mariin*

"I have no idea what it was. I've never seen anything like it in my life," Mariin said.

"Then it went up and down and did zig zags; it was definitely not a helicopter. It was a UFO and no one will ever convince us differently."

The two Gladstone officers got out of the car when the object was still over the N. 15th St. area, shut off their car, but could hear no noise while the UFO "hovered" above them.

Both Mariin and Hager say they can not estimate what size the object was or how high it was.

"I hate to say it," Mariin relates, "but it was kind of round like a saucer and was definitely not shaped like an airplane. When it banked, I could see a metal substance on its sides between the red lights. The white light on the front was very bright and there was no beam coming out. It was three times the size of a normal star."

The UFO travelled past the Bluff area, so the officers pursued, but by the time they got to the Gladstone Sports Park, Mariin said, they could hardly see it. They did have the UFO under observation until nearly 2 p.m. when it took off in a westerly direction.

"I'm not a science fiction fan," Hager told the Reporter this morning, "and I didn't believe in such things, but I can't deny what I saw."

Mariin and Hager were in radio contact the entire time with Delta County Sheriff's Department deputies Max Steichert and Dave Huckstep who had also been sent to check the sighting.

Undersheriff Roger Good said his men observed the object on M-35 north of Gladstone for approximately eight minutes before it began moving, ascending and descending at rapid rates of speed. Then the deputies began to follow it for about 30 minutes before it took off in a westerly direction and disappeared.

*"All four of us can't be crazy, can we?"*

Good said K.I. Sawyer AFB had been contacted and reported they had no airplanes in that sector and didn't expect any until 6 a.m. today.

The UFO Centers in Chicago and Seattle, Wash. have been contacted and both are planning an investigation of this sighting.

One Perkins resident reported hearing this comment from one of the four officers while listening to their communication over a police scanner:

"All four of us can't be crazy, can we?"



GLADSTONE PATROLMEN Mark Hager, left, and Dave Mariin kept the UFO in sight until 2 a.m. when it disappeared in a westerly direction off North M-35.

PRESS, Asbury Park, NJ - March 15, 1980

## Four report UFO sightings in Monmouth Airport area

WALL TOWNSHIP — Police last night reported sightings of an unidentified flying object near Monmouth Airport and a nearby racquet club.

Patrolman Louis Wisniewski said four persons called between 8 and 8:30 p.m. to report a bright light hovering up and down over the airport.

Another caller 30 minutes later placed the UFO in the vicinity of a racquet club on Route 38.

"When I got the calls I went outside in the back of the police station to see if I could see anything," Wisniewski said. "I did see an object giving off light, but it was hard to identify. It could have been a star."

Carol Sheldrick, a travel agent working at the Monmouth Airport, said an Ocean Airways flight landed

at the airport at 8 p.m. She also said it is standard procedure for a plane to circle the airport once before landing.

A Wall Township resident called the Asbury Park Press to say he had sighted a UFO with binoculars at 8:30 p.m.

He described the object as "a large circular disc, 50 to 80 feet in diameter, and having a whitish-blue light in its center."

He said he was in his living room when he first noticed the light. He dismissed it as an airplane until he noticed it again in the same spot five minutes later.

"I went outside with a pair of binoculars to get a better look," he said. "The light on top of it would come on for a minute, go off, then come on again."

## This 'Close Encounter' Raises Questions

Weird phenomena seems to be the rage these days. With UFOs flitting about, close encounters occurring here and there and Amityville horrors fueling the public imagination, there's an interesting little volume recently published that merits passing mention.

If fact, it is remarkable. If fiction, it is clever, but mostly it is a curiosity and quite readable.

"An Account of a Meeting With Denizens of Another World 1871" by William Robert Loosley, with commentary by David Langford (St. Martins, 94 pages, \$7.95), is another of those would-be mind boggling except for a large credibility gap. Purportedly the account is a recently

out ever having publicly expounded on his eerie meeting — his reason being that it would have tainted his upstanding reputation in the community.

In brief, Loosley tells of watching a descending star one chilly October night and, upon investigating the next day, he is accosted in a small woods by little robot-like objects. At first fearful, he is later mystified and finally fatigued by the experience since he is subjected to a series of bewildering tests and experiments in what seems an unsuccessful attempt at communication.

THE SUPPOSED denizens employ photography, laser beams, jet propulsion, air streams, computerization and a bevy of other advanced scientific gimmickry

which leaves Loosley totally bewildered. It would be much like present-day scientists attempting to discern the intelligence quotient of a monkey.

At first fascinated, he soon becomes bored by the experiments and flees at the first opportune moment.

Enter now Langford to interpret the manuscript in the light of current scientific knowledge. One would have to be combined scientist, physicist, numerologist, Egyptologist, astrologer, metaphysician and sci-fi nut to follow Langford's logic.

One suspects that only Loosley — wherever he is — or Langford know if it is all simply a hoax. — REX REDIFER

By CAROLYN BELARDO Staff Writer

A Hamilton Square mother and daughter claimed to have spotted a strange flying object hovering over their home in the wee hours yesterday — a day after a similar incident was reported in Michigan.

The Mercer Street resident, who wished to remain anonymous, said she was driving about two blocks from her home at 12:25 a.m. yesterday when she saw a bright, glimmering oval object hanging low nearby in the pink sky.

Thinking it queer, but not believing in unidentified flying things, the woman left the car and went into her house to tell her mother of the incident.

Five minutes later, a loud "whirring" sounded and the two ran barefoot outside to see the object emerge from behind their house, twisting and the bouncing out of sight.

"I saw this green glow and a great white light in the center of the oval," said the woman yesterday.

"Around the edges were a couple red lights. And it was moving at a weird speed going down and making turns," she said.

"I don't really believe in them (UFOs)," she said. "I thought it was a kind of aircraft I had never seen before. Certainly it was unidentified to me."

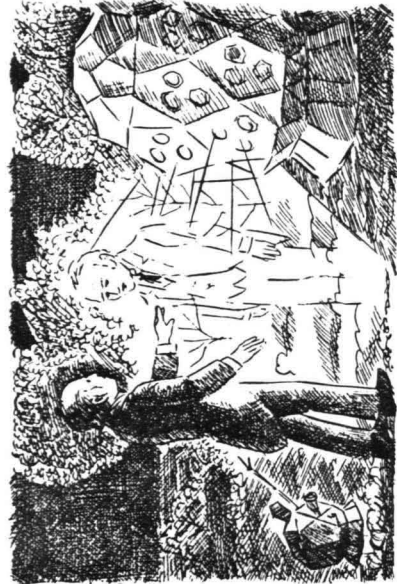
The woman said she saw no neighbors about and did not report it to the police.

Similar unexplained sightings were reported by numerous policemen in Michigan early Wednesday morning.

## UFO Seen Here

TRENTONIAN, Trenton, NJ - March 14, 1980

LOOSLEY SURPRISED BY HOLOGRAM OF HIMSELF  
Alleged Encounter From Long-Lost 19th Century Account



STAR, Indianapolis, IN - March 16, 1980  
CR: C. Jones



Though There's No Trace....

# Hunt for Spaceman's Body

AURORA, Texas (NEA) — There's almost nothing to do in this north Texas farm community. The nearest city is Dallas, 45 miles to the East, and the nearest beach is on the Gulf Coast, down towards Mexico. The only business in town is a service station — and it's not open much anymore.

Yet each summer, when Americans are touched by warm weather wanderlust, hundreds of tourists motor into Aurora. They bring their sun glasses, their cameras and their walking shorts, and they stay for a few hours, or a few days, prowling roads and observing natives as if it were Tampico.

They aren't looking for a good time, however.

They are looking for the man from outer space.

The tourists in Aurora are UFO watchers. They believe this wide spot in the road is a shrine to their convictions. Many years ago, they say a great space ship fell from the sky and crashed here; the pilot of the craft was supposed to have been killed and then buried for the ages in this place.

The tourists, then, come to find the body, or what's left of it. They search the reported crash site, on a hill behind the gas station, and they study the grave markers at Aurora's small cemetery. If even a bit of bone can be found, they say, it will change the course of human thought.

A bit of bone? Most locals snicker up their sleeves at the visitors. The opinion among townfolk is that the story of the dead spaceman is a hoax. At the same time, residents admit the hoax is founded on a vague fact; records indicate that something of this sort may indeed have happened here.

The year was 1897. And though the first flight of the Wright brothers was still eight years away, people across America were sighting propelled objects in the sky. For example, several Texans reported seeing a cigar-shaped vehicle, lighter than air, cruising low over cowboy country.

No one in Aurora paid attention to the sighting reports. This was a bustling region at the time, growing with the nation, and there was little pause for nonsense. Then, on April 9 of that year, reportedly at 6 a.m., a UFO allegedly slipped from the heavens and exploded in the middle of town.

The record of the occasion was compiled by a Dallas newspaper correspondent named F.E. Hayden. He apparently got most of his information from Aurora resident T.J. Weems. The latter told the former that the crash was observed and verified by numerous early risers in the

community. Hayden wrote that the UFO was a space craft, and smashed into property belonging to J.S. Proctor, a judge. He quoted Weems as saying the explosion lit up the morning sky, and left debris over three acres. Weems added there was a body among the debris, and it was "not...of this world."

The body was thought to be the ship's pilot. It was identified as being dressed in a blue uniform, not unlike a sailor suit. Weems told Hayden the corpse was badly mangled, but, happily, "The men of the community gathered it up, and it was given a Christian burial in the Aurora cemetery."

The grave is said to have been small and round. It is also said to have been distinguished with a hand-made stone which was inscribed with a drawing of a cigar-shaped object. Aurora residents say the marker was not really handmade, and that the inscription closely resembled the scrape of a plow.

The residents concede the crash of 1897 probably occurred. But that's as much credence as they'll allow the story of the dead spaceman. They believe the town was hit by a meteorite, and Weems and Hayden embellished the moment; they say Hayden

was a wellknown writer of satirical fiction.

This local opinion was bulwarked a few years ago by Dr. Alfred Krause, a Texas researcher; he dug at the crash site and found nothing more extraterrestrial than a 1922 license plate. As for the spaceman's grave, it's "officially" occupied by an itinerant named Carr who died of yellow fever.

True believers have their own side of it, of course. For one thing, some visitors have reported finding "odd metals" at the crash site. One piece of metal was aluminum, and the oddity is that it was said to be buried too deeply to be of modern origin. Aluminum was not in common use in 1897.

Additionally, the spaceman theory is supported by the only man in Aurora who personally remembers the crash. Charles Stevens was just a child then, but he says his father saw something fall into Judge Proctor's property; and, he adds, "There might have been two of three spacemen. I don't know."

No one knows. And it's unlikely that anyone ever will. The spaceman's gravestone was stolen years ago, and the grave itself has been eroded and lost. Rest in peace, whoever you are.



*UFO WATCHERS consider Aurora a shrine to their convictions. According to published reports, at the time, a spaceship allegedly crashed in the middle of town at 6 a.m. on April 9, 1897. There was a body among the debris. Townsfolk buried it in the town's small cemetery.*

DAILY DISPATCH, Moline, IL - April 1, 1980

## Mystery light seen in Silvis

By KERRY SCHMIDT  
Dispatch Writer

Some Silvis residents are at a loss to explain a bright, blinking white light that apparently hovered between Illini Tower and Illini Hospital before drifting out of sight Monday night.

Police think the light may have been a weather balloon — although officials at the Quad-City Airport told them their radar screens detected nothing in the area.

A woman who saw the UFO — and asked to remain anonymous — said she was sitting in the living room of her 11th Street home with a

neighbor when she spotted the light out her window at about 9:30 p.m.

She and the neighbor watched the light for about an hour, she said, as it flashed on and off. Once it even turned blue before becoming white again, she said.

The light was about "10 times larger than a star," she said, and remained stationary high above a field between the hospital and the elderly housing project.

Suddenly the light began moving in her direction and at a lower altitude. The woman called police, who arrived just as it began moving toward Moline and out of sight by about 10:30 p.m.

By that time, the woman said, several other 11th Street residents were outside their homes watching the phenomenon.

CR: J. Brill

FREE PRESS, Burlington, VT - March 24, 1980

# Strange Lights Dance in Sky, Police Report

By FRAN BROCK  
Free Press Staff Writer

One set of lights shone and shimmered more brightly than the stars in Saturday night's cloudless sky, mystifying stargazers and prompting reports of a UFO.

Among those who said they saw the lights were Burlington air traffic controllers and area policemen.

"The lights I saw were not like anything I had ever seen before," said Donald Kernan, a traffic controller at Burlington International Airport. He said he saw "a bright light that really played; it did a kind of dance."

Other controllers also said they saw the lights, and Richard Morris said they showed up on the airport radar screen.

"What I did see I really don't know," Morris said. "It was a radar target that was not identified."

The lights were seen between 10 and 11 p.m. hovering over Malletts Bay and then moving west and north toward New York.

On the radar, the target moved about four miles in two sweeps of the radar scanner, Morris said. That would translate into a velocity of about 1,500 miles per hour if it were an airplane, he said, two to three times faster than the signal of a Boeing 747.

"It moved west, just north of Juniper Island," he said. The radar screen showed small or faint objects, similar to three small aircrafts, joining a larger, brighter object and then breaking into four objects, Morris said.

Within minutes, the three small blips separated and moved east about one mile before disappearing, Morris said.

Morris and Kernan said aircraft were not scheduled to be in the area and the radar tracings moved too fast to be birds.

Morris said the radar signal left a faint shadow, similar to trails left by airplanes, Morris said.

Colchester and Burlington police and an amateur astronomer in Essex Junction reported watching the lights.

Colchester Patrolman Robert Stebbins said he saw a "strange series of flashing lights," purple and turquoise in color, through a pair of binoculars.

"I was surprised. I never saw anything like it before," said Stebbins, who said he first saw the lights from Church Road. He said he then moved to Turf Road when the lights moved toward Burlington.

Stebbins said he had another officer look at the lights "to see if I was just seeing things."

A Burlington officer viewed the lights from the P&C Supermarket parking lot on North Avenue. Stebbins said. A report was not included in the Burlington Police Department log.

Richard and Loraine Billups said they took turns tracking the lights through a telescope from their Jackson Heights home in Essex Junction.

Billups, an amateur astronomer since age 9, said the object was triangular in shape and flashed a sequence of colors, "green to blue to red with a bright yellow core."

At first, the object hovered over Malletts Bay, Billups said.

"It was not a star. It was not a planet," said Billups. When it started moving north, it took on the shape of a cigar, Billups said. "The colors changed faster as it moved faster."

Billups said his wife first spotted the lights. "It was 10 p.m. I remember, because TV last night was really boring and my wife decided to go to bed. We watched until about 11 p.m. when it was blocked by the tree line," Billups said.

Plattsburgh Air Force Base officials said they had no reports of the lights.

The national UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., received some reports and will investigate, a spokesman said.

Morris and Kernan said their sightings at the airport, made after the Colchester Police Department filed a report, were recorded in the daily log, but no action was taken to determine the object's identity.

The lights seemed to be floating between 2,500 and 4,000 feet above the ground, but they might have been as far away as 60 miles, Kernan said.

Kernan said the clear, crisp March night sky can cause bright stars to play tricks on a person's eyes. But after checking his vision on the stationary airport runway lights, Kernan said he knew the jumping lights were not due to an unsteady hand.

"It was something abnormal. It was an unusual sighting," said Kernan, admitting he might get a ribbing from some people who refuse to believe in UFOs.

"It was fun because it was strange," Morris said, doubting an explanation will ever be offered.

CR: B. Greenwood

NEWS-EXAMINER, Connersville, IN  
March 25, 1980 CR: D. Worley

YET ANOTHER report of sighting a strange and as yet unidentified object southwest of town early in the morning of March 11 has come to light. A note came in yesterday's mail from Mrs. Mary Crawley, R. R. 5, who lives not too far from the first lady who revealed she had seen a strange light that morning about 5 a.m., accompanied by an equally strange noise.

Mrs. Crawley says the thing she saw didn't make any sound but it had blue, yellow and white lights and appeared to be circular in shape. She says it appeared to "float" in the air and was quite low, hovering over a garden patch near her house. It split into two sections as it departed, her note says, heading south towards Laurel on the east side of the river.

She said she has heard reports it was also seen in the Laurel vicinity.



## More claims about UFOs

FOUR mysterious red UFOs were spotted hovering over Aldershot and Camberley on the same evening.

As one hung over Holly Road in Aldershot, a Camberley mechanic spotted three more moving slowly over a field behind his home.

Mr. Robert Godden (25), of The Mart, College Town, reported the sightings after reading in the "News" that another had been seen.

He was being driven home by Mr. Stuart Lowe (24), of Frimley Road, Camberley, on Saturday, December 29, when the UFOs were spotted.

"We stood outside my home and watched for about 15 minutes. There were three bright red lights in a line and they were very low moving slowly along without making any sound," said Mr. Godden.

He dismissed ideas that they might have been helicopters or planes because they moved so slowly and made no noise.

"I thought nothing of it but when I read the report it confirmed it," he said.

The first sighting had been by 18-year-old Nick Marlow, of Highfield Close, Aldershot, who watched a UFO on two evenings - December 29 and 30.

## Quirk of nature cause of UFO puzzle?

Nature, not alien beings landing in a spaceship, is considered the answer to George Ripley's recent strange discovery in dense bush near Peterboro.

The 400-foot wide swath of tall red pines collapsed to a height of 10 feet within a circle that the Toronto hunter and his buddy found was pictured in yesterday's Sun.

Explanations called in by readers included an isolated tornado; heavy ice; a gravity pocket, and a combination of wind and sudden heavy snow.

But there were no UFO believers.

"It's just a quirk of nature," said Richard Wood, a horticulture consultant in Richmond Hill, who saw a similar sight in dense bush near Aurora six years ago.

"The immediate conclusion is something saucer-shaped had to sit down on it, but after investigation, logic creeps into it. I'm satisfied now that it was nature."

While other callers agreed that nature was responsible, at least one caller still isn't sure.

Harry Berezowski of Ajax says he saw the same kind of "very peculiar" sight on a wooded property he owns near Lindsay five years ago. He is still puzzled by it.

"It gave me a funny sensation," he says. "I've been very curious to know what did it, but it has been part of the unexplained since then."

## Ayton UFO

RAF Staxton Wold is investigating a detailed UFO sighting in the East Ayton area last night.

They are checking on reports of a yellow object with a red dome on top seen hovering over the Forge Valley and Yedman-dale area at 9.30.

The object was spotted by Mr. George Rice and his wife, Audrey, due west of their home in Byfield Grove, East Ayton. The couple, who called police after making the sighting, watched the object through binoculars for nearly 15 minutes.

They said that it appeared to move up and down and swerve from side to side before slipping out of sight behind trees.

## UFO encounter a hoax—expert

By RIC WILSON

A TOP UFO investigator has dismissed the Krugersdorp flying saucer as "a hoax".

But the woman who claims she saw the spaceship and its alien occupants has strongly denied the accusation.

"I don't care what anyone else says... I know what I saw," insisted Mrs. Meagan Quezet, of Minda-lore, Krugersdorp.

Mr. Frank Morton, the Jo-

CR: C. Hind

hannesburg Planetarium's senior UFO investigator, issued his verdict after interviewing Mrs. Quezet and her son, Andre, 12, who both had a close encounter with the men from space on a lonely road near their home at midnight on January 4.

Mr. Morton, who has been

dealing with flying-saucer reports for 10 years, said: "I am not convinced by their story and I suspect it is a hoax, although some of my colleagues who also examined this case are undecided."

"The story told by Mrs. Quezet and her son is consistent and well worked out. But there is no corroboration from any other witnesses and there is usually at least one other person who saw or heard something."

"Also, there are no physical traces such as burn marks on the ground."

"My finding is mainly based on circumstantial evidence and my intuition which has developed over many years of investigating people who claim UFO sightings."

### Hypnosis

"One question which has no satisfactory answer is why Mrs. Quezet went home to bed and only told her husband by telephone when he was at work the next day."

"My experience is that people who see flying saucers either raise the neighbourhood immediately or they keep quiet and don't tell anyone."

In reply, Mrs. Quezet said that her husband, who has had a heart attack, had gone to bed late.

"He gets very tired and I didn't see any point in waking him up at 1 am just to sit around for an hour and talk."

"In the morning, he had already gone to work when I woke up. That's when I phoned him."

"I didn't see the point in waking everyone up when the spaceship had already gone and there was nothing to see," explained Mrs. Quezet.

Mr. Morton said he had asked the 37-year-old nursing sister to undergo a hypnosis test to verify her story, but she had refused.

Now Mrs. Quezet says she is "considering" taking the test. "I didn't like the idea at first because I don't like being hypnotised and put under someone else's power, but I will give it serious thought."

## Believe it or not, Ripley says he saw UFO site

By JOHN COSWAY  
Staff Writer

George Ripley, an avid Toronto hunter, says he couldn't quite believe what he saw in the woods near Peterboro yesterday—a possible UFO landing site.

The Brewer's Retail employee says he and fellow-hunter Wayne Gardiner, 28, came upon the baffling scene early in the day and spent two hours examining it.

Ripley, 26, of Queen Street East, says red pines up to 60 feet tall had been "compressed" to about 10 feet from the ground in a perfect circle about 400 feet in diameter.

"It looked like something had hovered overhead and then just came down and compressed the whole area," he said last night. "The bark looked like it had melted."

"We walked around the whole perimeter thinking maybe a plane or helicopter crashed, but we found nothing. I know lightning didn't do it."

"I'm no UFO expert, but it looks to me like something landed there, maybe on stilts."

When he hunted in the area in mid-November, everything was normal.

Now, Ripley wants some answers. He will ask UFO researchers in Toronto to investigate.

## Sparks fly in Ufo sighting

KIDD'S BEACH — The UFO, sightings of which have been reported from places in the Eastern Cape and Border, is still around, it seems.

It was sighted one evening last week by two Kidd's Beach farmers, Mr. Len Meier and his son-in-law, Mr. Basil Green, as they were driving to a meeting at 7.30 in the evening. The site of the sighting was close to the junction of the Kayser's Beach road with the national road from Port Alfred to East London.

NATAL MERCURY, Durban, South Africa Feb. 14, 1980 CR: J. Brill

## ...and at Bedford

BEDFORD — Mr. R. Barnes was interested to read about the sighting of a UFO by the Gallaghers, of King William's Town on Monday, February 4, because he and his wife, who were sitting in the garden, also saw it.

The description in The Mercury of February 7 is exactly as they saw it, excepting that twice in its flight, a number of sparks seemed to come from it. Mr. Barnes went indoors to check the time, and found it was about 7.45 pm.

### Star turn

An event of world importance, I can reveal, will take place in Rio de Janeiro State on Saturday, at least according to the Rio de Janeiro Interplanetary Society. To wit: The Jupiterians will land at 5.20 am on the farm of Our Lady of the Conception near the town of Casimiro de Abreu.

Some may wonder why denizens of the far-off planet have picked a backwater of Brazil for their first recorded visit to earth. The answer is simple, according to the Interplanetary Society's UFO-logist Edilio Barbosa. Inadvertently, it seems, Jupiterian space labs picked up a Brazilian Fleet Air Arm patrol helicopter three and a half years ago.

Barbosa says that the Jupiterians have now realised their mistake, and are dropping in to return the four-man crew of the helicopter absent without leave since August 1976.

Jupiter fever is only the latest instance of Brazil's extraterrestrial obsessions. Only last November, Brasilia, with its ready-made landing strip for unusual visitors, played host to the first international congress of UFO-logists.

Delegates learned that, on a regular basis, travellers on the road from the capital Belo Horizonte were "borrowed," car and all, by Martian saucers for a few hours of conversation with computers and flashing lights. It was also said that several nubile Brazilian ladies had enjoyed interplanetary relations on their rooftops with gentlemen who looked somewhat odd, but spoke excellent Portuguese.

### Australians to Search For Rocket-Like Object

PERTH, Australia (AP) — Authorities are planning an air and land search next month for the rocket-like object that slammed into a remote corner of southwestern Australia near the town of Salmon Gums about two weeks ago.

Phil Arlidge, Western Australia's coordinator of emergency services, said he has gathered reports from about 15 persons who said they saw the object and nearly a dozen others who said they heard it explode on impact.

From the data that has been obtained we believe it was a "stray rocket," Arlidge said.

CR: M. Hall





★ DARYL and his Great Dane which was turned into a quivering mess by whatever it was. . .

## ★ Our man in Adelaide PAUL TYSON gets a frightening first-hand account of a mysterious object that smashed a tree apart . . . and for hours after the splintered wood emitted huge amounts of infra-red heat. . .

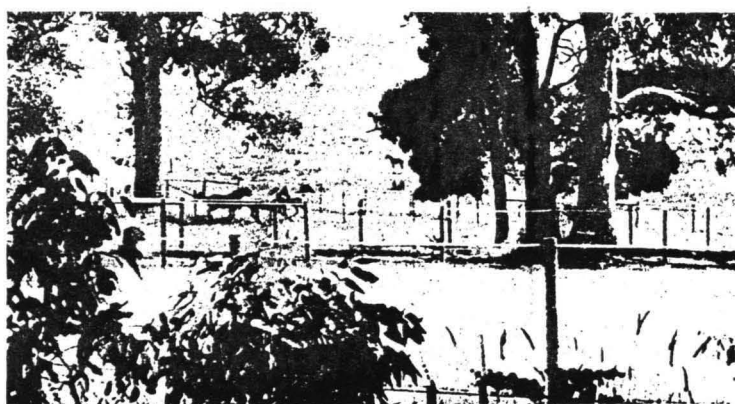
★ A UFO researcher searches the tree for clues as to what may have caused the devastation.



**"There's a UFO up my tree. . ."**

AUSTRALASIAN POST, (City Unknown), Australia

March 27, 1980 CR: P. Norman



★ IT was at this picturesque spot, the Glenalta Stud, near Adelaide that a UFO chose to visit in the dark of night.

★ UNIDENTIFIED flying object sightings are a dime a dozen. If we were to believe all that people say they saw, it would be hard to understand how commercial flights negotiate the skies with all the unscheduled traffic.

All that aside, things do happen that defy a simple answer and bring up that oft-repeated question: "Has our earth been visited by some extra-terrestrial craft?"

Daryl Browne, 21, is a young man who works at the Glenalta Stud in a very picturesque setting at Stirling, about 30 km out of Adelaide (SA).

"Though I believe that there is life

"Accompanied by the kids and with torch in hand, I went downstairs to see what had happened. As soon as I opened the door the dogs raced inside and sat down shivering and shaking. One of the dogs is a huge Great Dane that is not easily intimidated."

Daryl continued: "I went around to one side of the house but could find no sign of damage. As I was coming back, however, loud creaking and cracking noises were plainly audible from the cypress pine that stands close to one side of the house."

"I sent the kids inside and then went over to investigate with the torch." Daryl shone his torch up into the huge tree and was more than a little surprised at what he saw.

There, about 30 m above the ground, was a large, long yellow object caught in the tree.

"I reckon it was about 8 m in length," Daryl said, "and it looked very much like the hull of a boat. It was not making any noise nor did it appear to be moving though the branches were creaking under its weight."

"I raced inside and immediately phoned the police and though I wasn't really terrified, I decided to play it safe and stay there until they arrived. However, when the police phoned back to say they couldn't find the place, I went up to the front gate to show them the way down."

When the police arrived they immediately played spotlights on to the tree but to Daryl's surprise the yellow object had vanished.

All that remained was a scene of destruction. After searching for about an hour without success the police left leaving Daryl wondering just what he had seen.

The next day the Glenalta Stud was a hive of activity as the media and members of UFO organisations arrived to view the damage and hear Daryl's account of the night's proceedings.

Tests with a geiger counter revealed no abnormal radiation but an infra-red detector showed that the tree was exuding large amounts of infra-red heat compared with the surrounding area.

Two members of UFO Research (SA), Horrie Aspinall and Dean Piovesan, spent much of the following day precariously perched high up in the tree taking photos of the damage and samples of the bark.

They found that a very large branch over a metre in circumference had been smashed and had probably caused the majority of the damage. The branch was completely healthy and, as there had been no wind that night, it seemed unlikely that it could have broken of its own accord.

There were a few other interesting occurrences that seemed to add to the mystery. All of the horses' manure in the stable the following morning was an unusual black color — it is always golden brown. One of the rugs on a horse in the paddock had been unbuckled and placed by the gate by someone or something.

Another interesting feature is that amateur radio operators in the Adelaide area reported a blackout of transmissions on that particular night.

It seemed remarkably similar to an incident at Meadows in June, 1966, when 25 branches high in a pine tree were smashed for no apparent reason.

out there somewhere in the universe," Daryl said, "I have never given any great credence to all of the stories you hear about UFOs."

However, events on a recent night when he himself experienced what could only be called a rather strange encounter of the second kind, has caused Daryl to have second thoughts.

Not being a great believer myself in UFOs, I drove to the property to see the damage that had been reportedly caused by a UFO and to talk to Daryl, a horse stud hand, who saw it all.

The stud certainly seemed a pleasant enough place for visitors from afar to get a glimpse of our planet. Magnificent thoroughbreds romped around enclosures dotted with stately gums.

A winding road led down to the stud homestead surrounded by a number of large trees. The largest of the trees was a huge 70 m cypress pine over 120 years old and it was here that whatever it was chose to come to rest.

Damage to the tree was extensive and immediately obvious as were two UFO researchers dangerously perched high up in the tree, taking photos of the damage and samples of the bark.

A large section of the tree about 30 m above the ground had been devastated and a huge hole gouged out. Branches, as large as a metre in circumference, had been shattered seemingly by a very powerful impact.

Daryl Browne was engaged in his stud duties — a little over-awed by the media coverage but happy to talk about what he had seen.

"It was about 9.45 on Thursday night," Daryl said, "I was lying on a bed in one of the second storey rooms watching television with the children when the two dogs outside started to howl in a quite eerie fashion. It was a sound I had never heard from them before."

"Less than a minute later there was a tremendous crashing noise and I thought a tree had fallen on the house. This seemed rather strange as there was no wind that night. I raced to the window and looked out but could see nothing in the darkness."

# Durban scientist believes in UFOs

Mercury Reporter

A TOP Natal scientist is convinced that UFOs are not figments of the imagination and that people from space have been visiting South Africa.

He is Mr Walter Pople, senior research officer of the Natal Anti-Shark Measures Board and chairman of Contact, a group that monitors UFOs.

Addressing a Port Natal Rotary Club lunch yesterday, Mr Pople said that earth was not the most advanced planet in the universe. There could be many others which had advanced life on them.

He said he had been in touch with people he called

'Coldasians' and they had tried to persuade people on earth to accept these ideas.

Mr Pople said that people from outer space could read and transmit thought which they had access to. They could also 'zap' in on people's thoughts.

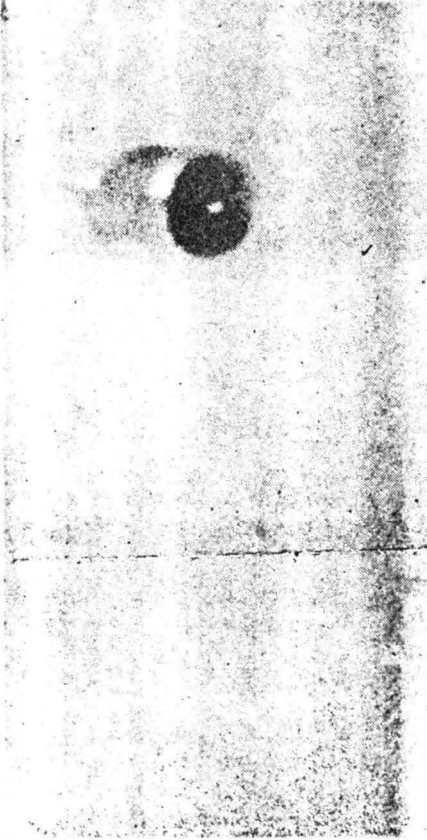
He forecast: 'The nice, tidy world of this planet is going to burst open pretty quickly.'

And he said that some Japanese and South Africans were colonising a planet in preparation for a mass exodus of people from earth.

He said he believed that many of the 1 000 or so people who disappeared in South Africa every year were taken to other planets.



**Flying  
dustbin  
or  
UFO?**



WESTERN INDEPENDENT, Plymouth, England - Feb. 17, 1980

IS it a bird? Is it a plane?

Whatever it is, the thing in this picture was seen by at least 17 people on a hill in East Cernwall on January 13.

And UFO buffs believe it could be from outer space.

One of the people who saw it, Mr John Bredin, of Hatt, near Saltash, took this exclusive photograph while taking a Sunday afternoon stroll on Kit Hill, near Callington, with his wife and children.

## Dr. Who?

'I thought it was a hot air balloon at first, but it didn't have a basket,' he said.

'It had sort of bluey-green and red colours on it and a pointed roof. As it passed overhead one man who saw it said: 'Look, there's Dr. Who's Tardis.'

'It must have been about a mile away when I took the shot using a new zoom lens I was given for Christmas.'

Another witness said flames and smoke were shooting from the bottom of it and it looked like a massive dustbin without handles.

TRUTH, (City Unknown), New Zealand - Feb. 26, 1980

# Mystery in night-lights

On December 20, 1979, a man and his wife took a stroll along the beach at Napier's Marine Parade.

It was a beautiful star-studded evening, with the delightfully warm temperature of 29-C.

There was no wind and the couple took a seat to look out over the bay.

Suddenly, a moving light caught their attention.

High in the sky it at first looked like a satellite moving south.

Surprisingly, though, it then turned north and began to fall downwards erratically.

This is known to UFO experts as a falling leaf motion as the object descends rocking from side to side, much as a leaf drops slowly from a tree.

It has been seen in hundreds of UFO sightings — although generally in the daylight.

This fall made the witnesses think they were seeing a meteor.

As they watched it fall, they saw the light wink out. Then, at a point just below where the light had gone out, something strange happened.

The next happenings described occurred within 15 seconds but the full sequence is clear in the minds of the witnesses.

A silvery-orange ball-shaped object appeared out of nowhere, made a half-circle to the east, straightened and

then shot off at high speed to the south, across the bay.

The man was a serviceman during World War II and estimates the speed of the object at mach one (the speed of sound).

More was to come.

In the same place that the first object had appeared, another object appeared.

This also turned a semi-circle and shot after the first object at twice the original speed. The second object flew above the first and caught up with it after a few seconds.

## ROCKY WOOD looks at UFOs

Both objects rushed away to the south.

One witness thinks the objects disappeared into the night sky, while the other thinks they disappeared behind the hills to the south.

This is quite reasonable — it is hard to assess such things at night.

No sound was heard.

The witnesses thought that the lights were self-illuminated and not reflecting any natural or man-made light-source and thought that they were objects rather than simple lights as their actions were "too well-disciplined."

The sighting occurred at 10.15pm and

unfortunately no other witnesses have been traced.

If you saw this event — or know anyone who did — I would be very interested indeed to hear from you as it may shed some light on the report.

A full investigation was undertaken by the New Zealand UFO Studies Centre, represented in this instance by Dr Jan Feike de Bock, NUSC's director.

Dr de Bock concludes that this report must be filed as "unidentified" — UFO.

He comments that the sighting is fairly typical of a nocturnal light sighting.

This is a term used by Ufologists to describe UFO sightings at night at a distance of over 250m.

The sighting is similar to many classic nocturnal light sightings from around the world.

Nocturnal lights are by far the largest category of unidentified cases but, unfortunately, generally suffer from a lack of information.

Darkness makes it difficult to observe such facts as speed, distance, size and shape accurately.

Dr de Bock and I feel confident in terming this case unidentified because of the relatively unusual characteristics of the case — two separate speeding objects showing very similar actions — and the wealth of similar cases internationally over the past 30 or more years.



# TRANSLATIONS

## SPAIN -- Credit: F. Cerda Guardia (Trans.: R. Heiden)

City and country of incident: Benidorm (Province of Alicante), Spain  
 Date of incident: August 21, 1975  
 Name and date of paper: SUR, November 24, 1979  
 City and country of paper: Málaga, Spain  
 (The article goes into considerable extraneous detail, which is omitted or condensed below, as indicated by ellipsis or brackets.)

**ALMOST UNLIKELY ACCOUNT**  
**TWENTY-TWO HOURS LOST**  
 Was Abad Avalos in a flying saucer?

**August 20, 1975**  
 23:00 hours. [José Abad Avalos and other members of a "Friends of the Opera" group met in an apartment in Benidorm for their weekly get-together.]

**August 21, 1975**  
 02:00 hours. [The get-together breaks up and Abad Avalos and Edelmiro Trillo, the editor of a weekly newspaper, walk to the latter's apartment for coffee and sandwiches.]  
 03:00 hours. [Abad and Trillo go out for a walk, and end up at the beach. They hurry back at nearly 4:00 a.m.]  
 04:15 hours. [Trillo and Abad say good-bye outside the former's house, and Abad begins the walk home.]  
 04:30 hours. Jeweler Abad, while walking, looks up and sees, in the sky, a light ascending and descending at a dizzying speed. At first, he thinks of a helicopter or a small commercial plane in trouble; he does not give a great deal of importance to the event. He takes Tomás Ortuño Street toward the nearby town of Polot. At the intersection with the Alicante-Valencia general highway, he realizes how a frightening darkness covers all of Benidorm; he picks up his pace, now on the general highway, and, some twenty meters [65 feet] farther on, crossing a fragile little bridge, he sees before him an enormous light. Seconds later, at the Rincón [Corner] de Lloys (something like what La Carihuella is in Torremolinos), a touring car plunges into the sea when its driver was blinded by a light subsequently unidentifiable. One of the occupants drowns.

**August 22, 1975**  
 02:00 hours. Jeweler Abad Avalos opens the door of his apartment in Playmond Fiesta. His wife is waiting, worried; his five children are asleep. She asks her husband about his whereabouts the previous day. Abad, hesitating, replies--as is logical--that he had worked at the establishment he owns and then attended the weekly meeting of "Friends of the Opera."  
 10:00 hours. Abad Avalos, a little later than usual, enters his jewelry shop. The clerk, somewhat surprised, shows her wonder at Abad's absence the previous day. He responds with ambiguities.  
 At this point, the account is interrupted. Jeweler José Abad Avalos Abderramán tells us how, that August 22, 1975, he was completely unable to remember the twenty-two lost hours and what happened from the sight of the strong light until his return home. It was in June of 1977, when, again living in Málaga, he has to travel to Benidorm.... At the end of the car trip from Alicante to Benidorm, Jeweler Abad Avalos... notices how the memory of that August 21 comes back to him. He can hardly contain himself.  
 "At that moment I tried to speed up my memory. Then I recalled a sight that will never be erased from my memory: I wanted to interpret the dazzling powerful light on the little bridge of the Alicante-Valencia general highway as a huge derrick, from which were suspended some cables, onto which were clinging some small men, between 1.50 and 1.60 m. in height [4'-11" to 5'-3"] with a strong build, who were handling some tools. I remember that I greeted them and they did not answer me, and the silence that reigned overcame me. I felt a tingling over my whole body, and how my mind fogged up."

Location of incident: near Valencia, Spain  
 Date of incident: November 11, 1979  
 Name of paper and date of clip: MUNDO DIARIO, December 1, 1979  
 City and country of paper: Barcelona, Spain

The Army investigates

**Palma de Majorca.**--Two aviation officials, designated by the Ministry of Defense, were investigating in Soller everything connected with the "UFOs" that recently chased a TAE Caravelle, the evening newspaper "Ultima Hora" reports.  
 The two officials took a statement from Josep Climent, who took some photographs of the supposed UFO, who gave them the two original plates [negatives?--trans.] obtained the night when the TAE airplane--coming from Palma--had to land at Manises (Valencia).  
 Nevertheless, continues the Palma evening paper, the investigators refused to make any statement to the reporters of "Ultima Hora," given the confidential nature of their mission and the order of "reserved material" surrounding the case. Apparently, when the report is complete, it will be released publicly. [Considering that the passengers on the plane were foreigners, it seems that Sr. Climent must have taken his pictures from the ground at Soller, on the Balearic Island of Majorca. The article does not make this clear.--trans.]

Location of incident: between Humanes and Yunquera de Henares (Province of Guadalajara), Spain  
 Date of incident: December 3, 1979  
 Name of paper and date of clip: DIARIO 16, December 5, 1979  
 City and country of paper: Madrid, Spain  
 (This is a fuller account of the case in UFONS 128, p. 15, right column, in which a French article dates it Dec. 1-2.)

"Chased" by a UFO in Guadalajara

**Madrid**--Alfredo Sánchez Cuesta, a resident of Fontanar (Guadalajara) was followed by a UFO Monday night when he was driving his car on the highway from Humanes to Yunquera de Henares.  
 Sánchez Cuesta, a veterinarian in the town of Tamajón, claimed that a flying object went ahead of his automobile and illuminated him with a blinding light.  
 The "object" went aside some moments while the driver was crossing the town of Moherado. When leaving this locality, the UFO positioned itself at a height of fifteen meters [50 feet] above the car. Sánchez Cuesta said that the object blinded him, which made him lose control of the car and run off the highway.  
 Sánchez Cuesta turned to the first houses, knocking on doors to ask for help. At that moment, the occupants of another car managed to see the flying object that was moving away emitting a strong light.  
 [The article continues with six paragraphs on the Frank Fontaine and Fortunato Zanfretta abductions (which have already been covered in UFONS) and an undated Spanish EM case.]

[A shorter account of the Sánchez Cuesta case in the Barcelona EL PERIÓDICO of Dec. 5 specifies that the chase lasted "several kilometers." This article gives the spelling of the town as Moherado. A check in a number of gazetteers and maps was unable to reveal which spelling is correct.--trans.]

Location of incident: between Caravaca and Cehegin (Province of Murcia), Spain  
 Date of incident: December 10, 1979  
 Name of paper and date of clip: YA, December 12, 1979  
 City and country of paper: Madrid, Spain  
 (This is a more complete account of the case in UFONS 128, p. 15, right column.)

"UFO" on a Murcian highway  
 It was flying at a low height and emitting blue lights with a light green hue

**CEHEGIN (Murcia).**--A thirty-five-year-old barber, José Ponce, was driving with his family by car from Caravaca to Cehegin Monday night, when he met almost face to face a "UFO" that preceded him on the road for over fifteen minutes.  
 About 10:00 p.m., just outside Caravaca city limits, a flying device intervened in front of the car of José Ponce. It was large in size, and, according to the witnesses, emitted blue lights with a light green hue. The man stopped the car and the "UFO," which was flying at a low height above the ground, also stopped. Ponce, who was not afraid, began to signal it with his headlights, and the "UFO" responded with its own lights.

The family continued on its way, from time to time signalling to the supposed space ship, which always responded in the same way.

The testimony of José Ponce and his family was soon afterwards confirmed by several residents of the above-named town, who also saw the craft when they were on the highway.

The following items are excerpted from the three-part "UFOs Exist" article by Onofre Varela in the Porto (Portugal) O PRIMEIRO DE JANEIRO on the first three Thursdays of 1980, to review the world-wide UFO events of 1979. It seems that in some cases the dates given may be those of the original news account, rather than of the sighting.

Location of incident: Island of Madeira (District of Funchal), Portugal

Date of incident: early January 1979

Date of article: January 3, 1980

On the Island of Madeira, a 19-year-old youth related that at the beginning of January he was taken by extraterrestrial beings with whom he travelled in a ship a great distance, having gotten out on another world, where he was so impressed that "it is not appropriate to reveal what I saw," he added.

City and country of incident: Santiago del Estero (Province of Santiago del Estero), Argentina

Date of incident: January 17, 1979

Date of article: January 10, 1980

**JANUARY 17**--In a community in Argentina, two extraterrestrials, next to a strange ship, dressed in aluminum-colored suits, immobilized a twelve-year-old boy for some moments, without hurting him. It was revealed in Santiago del Estero [sic], according to the Italian newspaper "Il Messaggero."

City and country of incident: Tijuana (State of Baja California Norte), Mexico

Date of incidents: March 3-12, 1979

Date of article: January 10, 1980

**MARCH 12**--For ten days in a row, a strange light from space hit a hill at Tijuana (Mexico), to rise up at great speed some dozens later, losing itself in the infinite. The phenomenon caused the death of ten dozen fish.

City and country of incident: Glogonj, Yugoslavia (this town, at 44°59'N, 20°32' E, is the closest I can find to the name given in the article)

Date of incident: not known

Date of article: January 10, 1980

**JUNE 20**--The Yugoslav newspaper "Politika Express" [Belgrade has a daily paper by the name of "Politika"--trans.] reproduced three UFO photos taken by a resident of Glo Glogja. It emitted a very strong light and changed its shape, now showing as an oblong body, now as a ball.

City and country of incident: Nicosia, Cyprus

Date of incident: August 2, 1979

Date of article: January 17, 1980

**August, 2**--Dozens of residents of Nicosia saw a disc-shaped UFO that emitted red and blue flashes of light.

Country of incident: Poland

Date of incident: August 20, 1979

Date of article: January 17, 1980

**AUGUST 20**--About 9:00 p.m., numerous witnesses in different parts of Poland observed a regular fireworks. Thirteen incandescent balls went up in the sky, leaving behind a white trail. An engineer in Warsaw claimed to have seen a triangular formation and white trails.

Location of incident: between Desaguadero and Pomata (Puno, Peru)

Date of incident: January 29, 1980

Name and date of paper: EL COMERCIO, February 16, 1980

City of paper: Lima, Peru (CREDIT: AFRO)

UFO in Puno observed by three officials of ENTEL-PERU

**Arequipa, 14 (Correspondent).**--Three officials of the National Telecommunications Company (Empresa Nacional de Telecomunicaciones--ENTEL-PERU) in Arequipa late last month observed an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) in the area of the department of Puno, it was revealed here today.

**Juan Francisco Gómez de la Torre, Zone Administrator for ENTEL-PERU in Arequipa, Jaime Polar, and Guillermo Rodríguez Aguilar, Chief of Information and Public Relations, told the local press that this past January 29, when they were returning from Desaguadero--where they had inaugurated a telephone relay station--for Pomata, they saw a bright object at about 10:00 p.m. in the Puno sky.**

According to the officials, the UFO was circular in shape with red and white lights on the bottom. At first the UFO remained stationary about a thousand meters (3300 feet) above the witnesses, and then it was hidden by a cloud for approximately three minutes.

Then it could be seen by the officials again, and after remaining on the horizon (sic) for about five more minutes, it began to travel through the area and finally moved away toward Lake Titicaca.

Still incredulous about what had happened, the astonished officials left no doubt that it was a UFO as its motion was too slow to be an airplane and, by its shape, it could not be a helicopter, plus the bright lights on the bottom that lit up a large part of the Puno sky.

Finally, the ENTEL-PERU officials indicated that though they felt a certain amount of fear at first, then they enjoyed an experience that was no doubt exciting.

## ARGENTINA -- Credit: Jane Thomas

City and country of incident: Route 1 Km 45 linking Montevideo with Colonia, Uruguay

Date of incident: ?

Name of paper and date of clip: El Heraldo - January 9, 1980

City and country of paper: Concordia, Entre Ríos province, Argentina;

HE LOST HIS SIGHT FOR 1 1/2 HOURS AFTER LOOKING AT A UFO

After looking for a few moments at a strange luminous object that crossed the sky, a man lost his sight for 1 1/2 hours, in Uruguay. It would be one of the flying saucers that often show up in regions of South America.

**Montevideo (Saporiti)** - An ironmonger who lives 45 km from Montevideo lost his sight for 1 1/2 hours after observing for a few moments an enormous luminous object near his house.

According to the witness who lives in Km 45 of Route 1 that links Montevideo with Colonia, the UFO was spherical, did not appear metallic, emitted a bluish light and while it hovered over a field near his home, it seemed to spread over 80 meters.

The man, Froche, 59, said that once this experience was over, he walked all over the place with his wife and found three traces 1.44 by 0.32m each, each separated by 45 meters.

The wife stated that when her husband told her of having seen a UFO, she went there and saw nothing, but could verify that her husband had lost his sight, which he recovered 1 1/2 hours later.

The event is being investigated by the Center for Space and Scientific Research of Uruguay, which expects to arrive at its first conclusions within 15 days. (No conclusions were published as I write this, April 5, 1980-J.T.)

City and country of incident: Goiás, Brazil

Date of incident: ?

Name of paper and date of clip: Semanario, January 10, 1980

City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

RARE DEVICE LEFT BY UFO

The mystery continues around an unidentified flying object that recently crashed in Santa Teresinha, State of Goiás, Brazil, which--according to neighbors/ testimonies-- was not really a UFO but an auxiliary device or

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mechanism. It is known that Gral. Moacyr Uchoa, one of the most prestigious UFO investigators in Brazil, is in charge of the matter. And it is supposed that at least there is an exchange of information with the U.S. But nothing was told the public once the authorities took charge of the strange object. Some say it is the second of its kind that falls in the country.

However, it would not be an accident. This object was joined to a UFO with a pipe similar to a hose. The UFO flew over the zone and then stopped. A few minutes later the UFO reabsorbed the alleged hose and left the apparatus. There are uranium and gold deposits in the region. Peasants approached and -according to later descriptions- it resembled a clockwork and emitted a humming sound like that of bees.

"The lower part seemed of a material similar to styrofoam but more consistent and resistant to fire. It was placed over a flame and nothing happened", they say.

All these verifications were made by the people prior to the appearance of the police, which sent the strange object by plane to Brazilia. Since then no information was released. According to neighbors a similar one was found a short time ago.

City and country of incident: Palpa, Perú  
Date of incident: January 16, 1980  
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, January 18, 1980  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### PERU: UFO FLEET

Lima, 18 (EFE) - A fleet of eight alleged flying saucers caused panic among hundreds of residents of Palpa, according to reports arrived yesterday.

For five minutes the residents of Palpa, 400km to the south of Lima, observed the flying saucers which emitted a series of differently colored lights.

The appearance of the UFOs, which were also observed in the towns near Palpa, Rio Grande and Santa Cruz, occurred on Wednesday and children and adults cried on seeing them: "They are martians, they are martians!"

Local authorities said it was the first time UFOs were seen in that town.

City and country of incident: Trier, West Germany  
Date of incident: November 1978  
City and country of paper: La Rioja prov., Argentina  
Name of paper and date of clip: El Independiente, January 22, 1980

Extraterrestrial beings examined a young pregnant woman  
The hallucinating story was obtained through hypnosis and experts certified its veracity. "They are friendly"

Pam Owens, 19, was submitted to a hypnotic session and related her fascinating experience. When she was "absorbed" by the UFO she was 5 months pregnant. Then, her daughter was born a perfectly normal child.

The wife of a Fort Ord, California, soldier, claims to having been "lifted" by a UFO (November 1978) and examined in the craft by two extraterrestrials.

Pam Owens, 19, had no memory of the abduction until she was submitted to a hypnotic session when she gave details of the fascinating adventure. The recordings of Pam's story were examined by C.R. McQuiston, the co-inventor of the PSE (Psychological Stress Evaluator). His verdict was: "This is one of the strangest stories I heard in my life but it is evident she is telling the truth". Other experts called in to hear her story also agreed.

"Paralyzed, without being able to move arms or legs, only the eyes, I lay on the table looking in fright at the two beings that exceeded anything I could ever have imagined. They were bald, their cranium was enormous, they had enormous, very deep-set eyes. A greenish skin covered the body, some 2 1/2 meters tall. It seemed rough, like the wrapping of a mummy. They had four fingers on each hand, and they were double as long as human fingers. In one of those hands was a needle ready to enter my pregnant womb. Only one second before was I standing by my husband Chris' car with my 20-months old son Brian, looking in amazement at a strange object that was approaching. But I was there, alone, terrified..."

"And that morning had begun so normally... We had been visiting a friend near Trier, Western Germany, where my husband was based with the U.S. Army. On our return we saw the UFO. It rotated above us, was oval-shaped, some 300 m in length. A red intermittent light was flashing below. Let's get out of here", I cried while stepping on the accelerator.

When we got home Chris noticed it was 12.10 at night. It was strange, because we had left our friends' house at 10 and we never take more than half an hour. A few months later I contacted a UFO research organization and told under hypnosis what had happened that night.

It seems that when the object appeared I got off the road and stopped on the side. My husband and I got off the car and held Brian, waiting. Strangely, we had no fear. The next thing I remember is lying on a table, in some kind of small room with a low yellowish light. The walls and the ceiling form one unit without edges nor corners. "Where is my son?" I asked. "We are taking care of him", a thin voice replied. I asked that my husband not be hurt. The voice repeated that everything was all right. I calmed down. Two strange creatures appeared. One told me all would be fine, but did not move its lips. They lifted my shirt and touched me as if trying to determine the size of the baby and its position. I was five months pregnant. Then I saw the needle some 8cm long.

I got scared and cried out. One of them inserted the needle just above my navel".

"Then I was by the car holding Brian in my arms. The UFO was leaving. I feel those creatures were friendly, wherever they may have come from. Four months later my daughter Kelli was born, perfectly normal.

City and country of incident: Gral. Campos, Entre Ríos, Argentina  
Date of incident: ?  
Name of Paper and date of clip: February 12, 1980 - El Heraldo  
City and country of paper: Entre Ríos province, Argentina

#### THE PHENOMENON OF THE GRAL. CAMPOS CIRCLE Analysis Results

UFO investigators studying phenomena occurred in the Gral. Campos zone have just received the report from the laboratory of the Circle of Scientific Space Research of Mendoza, CICE, the analysis performed by the chemist of that center, Daniel R. Rojo, of earth samples collected at the Los Laureles ranch in Gral. Campos.

They were sent by Mrs. Alicia Maciel de Morrisberger, a resident of Posadas (Misiones province-JT) and Mr. Bernardo Zelisnec of our city, who investigate the phenomena occurred there. During a visit to the place there appeared a circle of burned grass and earth, grass and fungus samples were obtained where it was observed that the grass grew stronger and darker, which were sent to said lab for tests.

The results were:

Phosphorus radiations? The radioactive test was negative. Earth samples from different parts of the circle were exposed to black and white sensitive photographic plates for 3h 22' with the above results.

However, the researcher does not exclude the possibility that the increased growth of the grass in the area of the unexpected circle, may have been produced by radiations with a short period of semi disintegration and which was not detected by the plates due to the time elapsed (one month). This radiation may be caused by a certain type of radioisotopes, for instance Phosphorus 32 (P32) that the chemist believes may have caused genetic mutations on the plants.

Increased fertility? The fertility test was performed on earth samples affected by the phenomenon and those surrounding it. On the earth from inside the circle where the grass grows stronger even less quantity of phosphorus and potassium was found and a somewhat larger quantity of nitrogen, which excludes fertilizers having been used that might have caused the grass to grow stronger. These considerations from the analyst in Mendoza will be incorporated to their investigations by the researchers of the Gral. Campos phenomena. They are considered of much interest since they constitute, according to them, a valuable contribution and starting point towards research on this kind of phenomena.

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Gral. Campos. Circles of a diameter of 11.75m with 60cm edges in their widest part and 30cm in the narrowest are to be seen in Los Laureles, owned by Mr. Osmer Delaloye. The grass grew stronger there after the owner of the field noticed burned grass in the circle. Samples of earth were also analyzed by a research institute in Mendoza.

City and country of incident: Roma, Italy  
Date of incident: -  
Name of paper and date of clip: La Opinión - February 12, 1980  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### CONVERTED REPORT ON UFOS IN ITALY

As already happened in other countries, part of the official documentation is kept strictly secret.

Roma (ANSA) - Scarcely after having been disclosed owing to a decision of the Italian Major State of Defense, the "UFO Report" is already the subject of a controversy. In fact, it was verified due to implicit statements of the same superior commands of the Ministry, that the documentation published is incomplete.

In other words, there would exist a part of the material referred to phenomena more inexplicable than others, that will remain secret.

It is almost the same as happened in the U.S. and France, where 95% of testimonies, photographs and reports within Blue Book Project was disclosed to the public, the other 5% remaining secret "for security reasons" (This is the American thesis) or to continue studying the different cases, according to the Italian and French thesis.

Moreover, the creation of an experts commission from the National Council of Investigations is being considered in Italy, to be dedicated exclusively to UFO study.

Although the Italian Air Force has been interested in UFO sightings made by pilots in flight or control towers or radar since 1964, cases disclosed these days are five, all of 1977.

There is a sixth one, of 1978, of which six pilots were simultaneous witnesses, two of them military jet pilots and four civilian, but only the conversation of one of the pilots with the Milan control tower was disclosed.

The first time a UFO was seen in Italy was 2/23/77 when a pilot on board a supersonic jet fighter observed a "round object" at an altitude of 2,100 meters to the left of his plane. The object gave out a light and accompanied the plane for 23 minutes, then overpassed it in almost one kilometer, even showing up on the radar screen. Being authorized to intercept it, the pilot followed it but the object kept an even distance changing its altitude and speed (always being followed on radar).

In Naples, on 8/4/77, police phoned the airport's control tower to enquire about "two white circular, intensely luminous shapes", hovering over the city. The control tower, also observed the two lights for one hour 45 minutes, and took several photographs. However, the Air Force did not authorize the possible interception of the two objects.

In Cagliari, reports about a very peculiar UFO were made by two officers and tally perfectly. On October 25th during a group of helicopters' nocturnal maneuvers, an orange "disc" started to fly around the military vehicles performing veritable acrobatics. The mysterious object also matched its speed with that of the helicopters (some 300 kph) and then left at supersonic speed. Always in Cagliari, two employees of the control tower and six officers saw the same object (or one similar) ten days later, which, among other things, after some acrobatics, left vertically and at great speed.

The last event reported occurred in Pisa where an object in the shape of a star and with fast color changes from violet to yellow and green, remained for two hours and 5 minutes on the airport's radar screen. The radar operator focused on it after another nearby radar had detected the object's presence.

Many of these cases are accompanied by photographs, some disclosed by the Ministry of Defense. Others only have the drawings made by the pilots in the official reports. Anyhow, although the Ministry claimed that the reports "are of no military interest" (thus their being published), it also stated that they concern "phenomena duly checked, verified, authentic and apparently inexplicable".

City and country of incident: Malargüe, Mendoza province, Argentina-Santiago, Chile  
Date of incident: February 12, 1980  
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Feb. 13, 1980  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### A UFO "LIGHTED UP" MALARGÜE FOR SEVERAL MINUTES

Malargüe, 13 (From our correspondent) - At 22.55 last night a UFO flying towards the north was seen to the west of this city's country seat.

The object, that called the attention of many residents of Malargüe, was seen in the sky for almost five minutes, since at times it moved very slowly.

In general, a semicircle with a very powerful beam of light was seen, similar to iodine headlights, but logically, bigger.

Also, people's attention was called to the beam of light directed downwards at a certain moment, then turning to horizontal focusing to the north, to where it headed, being lost in the horizon.

#### Also in Chile

Santiago (Chile), 13 (AP) - Hundreds of people, among them a reporter, military personnel and public officers, reported having seen last night a "gigantic flying saucer".

The media collected statements from numerous witnesses that said the UFO was seen over Santiago between 22.50 and 23.05.

"The UFO was of such magnitude that it was visible from the commune of Maipú to that of La Florida", both very distant from each other, according to today's paper "La Tercera".

It adds that among the witnesses there are several employees of that paper and personnel from the Los Cerrillos airport and from a local air force base.

The object was described as an immense luminous ball with two luminic beams open in a 180 degree angle.

According to witnesses the UFO wobbled and disappeared at "an incredible speed".

City and country of incident: Desaguadero, Perú  
Date of incident: February 15, 1980  
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón - Feb. 15, 1980  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### UFO SIGHTED ON THE BORDER OF PERU AND BOLIVIA

Lima (ANSA) - A UFO was seen at the Peruvian-Bolivian border by three

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officers of the National Telecommunications Company (ENTEL-Perú), it was reported today. The UFO was seen at 2200 (local time), when the officers were returning from the frontier town of Desaguadero, where they had installed a telephone post. According to their story, the UFO was circular, with white and red lights in the lower part which illuminated a large zone of the Titicaca lake and the surrounding high plateau, 3,800m over the sea level.

The officers, who work in Arequipa (1,000km to the south of Lima), said the UFO at first remained motionless over them and then a cloud hid it for three minutes. Before that happened, they could see that two humanoid beings were inside. On being sighted again it remained some five minutes above them, before starting to cover the horizon and getting lost in the lake, leaving an intense luminous trail. According to their opinion, the UFO's motion was too slow for a plane, and its shape did not correspond to that of a helicopter, its light surprising them.

City and country of incident: Pencozy Lirquen Bay, Chile  
Date of incident: February 12, 1980  
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica - February 15, 1980  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina.

A "COMPLETE" UFO: IT FLEW AND LANDED ON THE OCEAN

Santiago, Chile, 14 (From our correspondent) - In the ports and inlets of the Pencozy Lirquen Bay there was expectation yesterday around midnight. Residents sighted a large UFO which, posing an unusual detail in these mysterious craft, resulted amphibious: after traversing the skies it landed softly on the waters of the Pacific which moved it tenderly for 10 minutes.

#### A trail of smoke

According to a large number of witnesses, the flying object, after turning on powerful lights, left a trail of smoke that remained in the air for more than two hours and then ascended at extraordinary speed.

The administrator of the Pencozy berth, Julián Ramos, said that around 23.45 of the day before yesterday, an enormous object landed, which turned on searchlights illuminating the whole bay as if it were day, and then left within seconds towards the black night in the mountains.

According to the same witnesses, its speed and silence while in motion called their attention, as also its swift turns from left to right, until it was lost towards the interior of the mountain range.

City and country of incident: Ahilincó, Neuquén province, Argentina  
Date of incident: February 11, 1980  
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Feb. 15, 1980  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THIS ONE WAS A "TOURIST": IT LET ITSELF BE PHOTOGRAPHED

Neuquén - 14 (From our correspondent) - A UFO was seen by many residents of urban and rural centers of the northwestern zone of Neuquén whose center is Chos Malal, 380km from this capital.

With regard to this event, the local municipal major Oscar Stanley Izaguirre told a local morning paper that "last Monday, shortly before 2300 when I was with relatives in the Ahilincó region, towards the west over the Andes, we saw an object that measured between 45 and 50cm; it illuminated in a 45° angle and gave off some very intense lights; that angle had inside it a triangle of very clear light".

The community chief added that "the UFO remained motionless for three minutes and we photographed it. Then that triangle disappeared and the lights started to gyrate. They went out and the object started to gradually recede, losing itself in the mountains. We were 32 people gathered together and all saw it.

At the same time but in Chos Malal, others saw the same phenomenon.

City and country of incident: Cervantes (Río Negro province), Argentina  
Date of incident: February 11, 1980  
Name of paper and date of clip: Río Negro, February 15, 1980  
City and country of paper: Río Negro, Argentina

NEIGHBORS FROM CERVANTES SAW UFO

Neighbors from Cervantes reported yesterday, after a short period during which they kept silent "because we fear being ridiculed", that last Monday night they saw in the local sky the presence of a UFO from which came out an intense beam of light "narrow, widening downwards".

They state that even a neighbor of the rural zone of Mainqué went to the police to explain a strange situation, claiming to have been "completely blinded by the intense light in the Cervantes curve", after which he claimed having remained unconscious, appearing after approximately 30 minutes in another place of national route 22. Only last night did a policeman from Cervantes admit this neighbor's visit, not being able to name him, saying he thought "he was from Huergo". This would show that this report was considered fantastic by officers who took his deposition. (77-JT)

#### With a mailman

"I was at home, in the rural zone, in the farm located behind the one belonging to Raúl Peccini, some 2 1/2 km from the center of Cervantes, towards the SE. It was last Monday, there was still some wind (you will remember that earlier practically a cyclone hit the area). It was 22.55 when in the sky towards the West I observed an illuminated ball, a pale red shade, from which a beam of light came out, from narrow to wide, with rather defined edges, and in the middle of the beam, the contour of something could be seen, something like a little cloud... The sighting lasted three or four minutes, then the strange luminous object took off at great speed towards the north."

Do you know of anybody else that may have seen it?

Yes, four or five people more; but they sometimes do not want to comment it because they fear "being made fun of". A policeman told me that a man from Huergo had also seen it on the route.

The speaker is Mario Menelit Ruminot, 25, and works as a mailman in the Cervantes post office.

City and country of incident: Ahilincó (Chos Malal), Neuquén province; Córdoba province; Chepes, Mescasin, Chamental (La Rioja province), Santiago (Chile), Tamberías, Barrealito, Calingasta (San Juan province), Argentina

Date of incident: February 11, 1980

Name of paper and date of clip: Diario de Cuyo, February 15, 1980

City and country of paper: San Juan province, Argentina

UFOs IN SAN JUAN;

Seen in Calingasta, Tamberías, Barrealito and Barreal

In the last days, the presence of UFOs has been noted in different urban and rural areas of our country, and also in our province.

For instance, in Ahilincó (Chos Malal, Neuquén province), 32 people at a party claimed having seen last Monday, towards the west over the Andes, an object some 45 to 50 cm in diameter, with an illumination in a 45° angle, with very strong lights, a triangle of very clear light being seen in that angle.

Witnesses claimed that the object remained there for some three minutes, which gave them time to photograph it. Then the triangle disappeared and the lights started to gyrate. They went out and slowly the object went towards the West. It was also sighted at the same time in Chos Malal.

Reports from Córdoba also state that in the San Vicente district in that city, some neighbors saw the day before yesterday (2/13) at 23.45 in the northern sector of the sky, a triangular object that gave off intermittent green, red and yellow lights. They assured that the rays were perpendicular to the ground and after remaining motionless for 5 minutes it moved at great speed, disappearing from sight.

#### La Rioja

Residents of Chepes reported having seen a saucer shaped object last Saturday, which flashed a white luminosity and left a fosforescent trail. Other smaller objects flashed on both sides, forming a triangular whole that moved at great speed.

In Mescasin, a small village of the Rosario Vera Peñaloza department, Mr. Juan Lucero, sheet metal worker, told our correspondent that "I saw an intense brightness, then something like a wheel ascended from the place where the salt works are that separate La Rioja from San Juan provinces. This was at 2400 on Sunday".

In the city of Chamental, some 200 people claimed having seen on Monday at 2300, a triangular object with a light blue luminosity with reddish hues which left behind a long trail which surrounded the top of the Llanos hill. The phenomenon described by the residents of Chamental was also seen in the capital of La Rioja, which was the same as that sighted by the residents of Malargüe in Mendoza, last Wednesday.

#### In Chile

On Monday night hundreds of people confirmed the appearance of a UFO in Chile's capital and in the south of the country.

According to reports received, the phenomenon was seen towards the East of the capital moving at high speed. The object had the shape of a bright pear. However, Air Force authorities stated they had not detected it on radar.

#### In San Juan

The quiet Calingasta night of last Monday was shaken by the appearance in its skies - the most limpid skies in the Southern cone - of a UFO.

The object's movement was seen by many people who fully agree as to time, shape and direction.

#### In Tamberías

In this district we talked with Mr. Amado Pujado, 57, municipal employee, who said that "around 22.45 he was sitting in the front of house when he saw the flight of a strange object towards the SW, his getting lost in the Ancilta cordon. "It called my attention very much, at that moment a neighbor who had also seen it, approached. It was round and flashed lights that gave it the shape of a triangle. It was bigger than the Moon".

#### In Barrealito

This town lies at a distance of 25km from Tamberías and 15 from Villa Calingasta. The UFO was seen by many people here, among them a group of some 20 people that was packing tomatoes. The man in charge is Mr. Roberto Vege, a well known neighbor who fully agreed with Mr. Pujado's statements regarding shape, size as well as the time of flight. The same concepts were expressed by his wife and daughters who said they had felt panic on seeing so close something unknown.

#### Villa Calingasta

Visibility was not as clear here because of artificial illumination and the trees. Among those who could see it is the soldier on duty at the police station, as also Mrs. Violeta de Cataneo and her son Sergio, and a young man called Sorque who is a secondary student. The same as others, they all agreed in their statements.

City and country of incident: El Médano, Catamarca, Argentina  
Date of incident: February 11, 1980

Name of paper and date of clip: El Sol, February 15, 1980

City and country of paper: Catamarca province, Argentina

A STRANGE PHENOMENON WAS SEEN IN SAN MARTIN

(The title to the drawing says: This is how our designed imagined the event experienced by the Martínez family near El Médano)

A rarely seen spectacle occurred in El Médano, 35 km from San Martín.

The phenomenon, which would have the characteristics of a UFO sighting, was observed by Dr. Guillermo Edmundo Martínez and his wife Belkis Nidia Irusta, who with their three small children traveled from Córdoba province to our city.

Dr. Martínez stated that the night of Monday 11th near el Médano, a sudden strange brightness towards the south called his attention. Shortly thereafter, the strange apparition was becoming more and more visible until its structural details could be distinguished very clearly.

According to the story, "it was an enormous ball of an intense orange color, surrounded by luminic beams of different colors".

This spherical shape emitted in turn three beams, one towards the left, one to the right and the third one perpendicular to the ground.

"It would be around 23.30 when we saw this phenomenon and given the time and the fact that we were traveling with children, we did not stop, to the contrary, we accelerated until we reached San Martín to buy gas", continued Dr. Martínez.

"We arrived at the gas station and met a station wagon with five people. On seeing us arrive they hurried over to ask us if we had seen the same thing. I can say we all agreed."

A local resident walking around added that the "ball" disappeared at incredible speed parallel to the horizon.

On our part we tried to find out whether some test had been made at Chamental, but the reply was negative.

What was it? It may be very difficult to find a reply but what we can affirm is that a very particular phenomenon of "incredible beauty" occurred last Monday between 23 and 23.30 in the sky of Catamarca.

City and country of incident: Chepes, La Rioja province, Argentina

Date of incident: February 11, 1980

Name of paper and date of clip: El Independiente, Feb. 20, 1980

City and country of paper: La Rioja province, Argentina

OTHER REPORTS ON THE UFO PHENOMENON

Chepes (From our agency) Following our reports on UFO appearances which have had no logical explanation to this day, El Independiente continued its survey and listened to the stories of the witnesses. We talked with neighbors of this city and nearby places who clearly saw the phenomenon. Also to people from Mescasin on the border with San Juan province.

These residents commented that "we were extracting water from a well near the national route #20 when we saw an intense brightness that ascended from the salt works; the object had a big white light and gave off towards the ground a kind of black smoke, had the shape of a coffee machine, climbed vertically and when it was very high, a kind of "cloud" enveloped that "thing" hiding it, then disappearing in a straight horizontal line towards the Merayes hills. To the side of that thing a smaller round light could be seen and it all formed a horseshoe, said the local pedlar.

Continuing this investigation we again contacted Mescasin witnesses, and according to what we could find out from them, on Monday of last week they saw four planes and one helicopter flying over the salt works area, in the same place where the strange phenomenon had been seen the other night. Neighbors believe the helicopter landed on the salt works to officially investigate the event.

Are we being visited by extraterrestrial beings, are these atmospheric phenomena or earthly elements being kept very secret? What is known is that it robbed almost all of Llanos of its usual monotony.



WILK-AMITE RECORD, Gloster, MS - Feb. 1, 1980



**BIG FOOT HAS COME CALLING** over in nearby Franklin County, but folks in Amite and Wilkinson would

probably prefer he didn't amble this way. Joel Westbrook of near McCall Creek and his son found these footprints recently

near their home. Mr. Westbrook made casts of the footprints which measured 17" long, 8" wide across the toes, and 3" wide across the heel.

TIMES, New York, NY - March 19, 1980

## A Monster Maven Searches for the Mokele-Mbembe

Dr. Roy P. Mackal, one of the scientists who has devoted years to the search for the Loch Ness monster, is at it again.

The University of Chicago biochemist has recently returned from a month-long expedition in the Congo River basin in February where he and a zoologist colleague, James H. Powell Jr., pursued reports of another possibly legendary animal, the dragon-like mokele-mbembe.

They initiated the investigation on the strength of reports that two of the creatures had entered Lake Tele in 1959

in what is now the People's Republic of the Congo. Now, after turning up what they said were eyewitness reports as recently as last year, they conclude that "the mokele-mbembe is a real animal, not a myth" and a promising target for further search.

What motivates the 54-year-old scientist's quest for such maybe-fictional beings? "I'm interested in solving zoological mysteries," said Dr. Mackal, who was scientific director of the World Book expedition in search of Nessie. "We're all children to a point. Most of us have romance in our souls."

STANDARD-EXAMINER, Ogden, UT - Feb. 14, 1980 CR: M. & L. Ward via W. Thompson

# Men Claim Bigfoot Hair Found

By BERT STRAND  
Standard-Examiner  
Outdoor Editor

**SOUTH WEBER** — Two Ogden men say they have what may be hair from the legendary Bigfoot that some say made a visit to this area a week and a half ago.

Michael Sanders, 1027 21st, said he and Steve Ukenna, 434 3rd, tracked two of the "creatures" to where they had crossed a barbed wire fence.

Sanders said he found three strands of black hair on the fence. The hair is being analyzed today by Utah Division of Wildlife Resources personnel in Ogden.

Saunders said he and Ukenna grew up in this community and know the country well. They said they have spent considerable time in the area where the creature was sighted and also reportedly caused a ruckus Feb. 3 and 4.

He said he believes from the large gorilla-like tracks, that a larger creature became separated from a smaller companion, "and that's why they stayed in the area so long."

"They found each other and then it looks like they headed toward the mountains south of Weber Canyon, but we lost their tracks on the side of a hill where the sun had melted the snow," Sanders said.

He said they found a "perfect print" of the larger creature's foot late Tuesday and returned Wednesday afternoon to make a plaster cast.

Wednesday was a warm day, however, with sunshine, and by afternoon when the pair was able to return, the footprint had melted too much to get a good cast.

Sanders also said the smaller creature was tracked to the home of Walter G. Ray of 10 E South Weber Drive, South Weber.

Ray said his wife burned a heavy pan of stew at the time of the Bigfoot sightings and it was placed on the back porch to cool.

During that night over a week ago something hauled the pan 100 yards to a garden in the back of the Ray yard where it had licked the pan clean.

"I didn't think much about it until these fellows came Wednesday and we went back out to the garden and

looked at the tracks around where the pan had been found," Ray said.

"It was then I noticed they looked like large bear tracks with pads on the foot and everything," he said. He also said he recalled his dog acting "very weird" the night the pan of stew was hauled off.

Sanders said a Mountain Green resident who was not identified, told him on the telephone that he had noticed an "awful odor" around his home a few days ago, "something like a skunk, but not quite."

Sanders said the resident also said his dogs, which usually bark when a deer is anywhere nearby, never made a sound during the time the odor was around.

He also said the odor was like "something that had not take a bath for a long, long time."

Other persons who have reported alleged Bigfoot incidents have also reported an odor.

Meanwhile, "professional" Bigfoot hunters from Oregon and other parts of the nation have converged on this community to seek clues and make plaster casts of footprints.

The footprints are reported to be 15 inches in length and have five toes. In some cases, the stride of the creatures was reported at some 10 feet.

Pauline Markham says she had a "clear view" of the creature walking down a ridge toward the Davis-Weber Canal along which many tracks have been found. It was reported the animal was about a half mile away.

The next day, Rodney Smith said he caught a glimpse of a creature crunching through frozen snow in the moonlight.

He said the two-legged animal ducked behind a grove of trees and made a high-pitched growl like that of a mountain lion or cougar.

The three Bigfoot hunters from Oregon, where a number of sightings have been reported, are said to be searching the upper Weber Canyon area for prints which may indicate the creatures returned to the mountains.

A sighting three years ago was made by two men and a group of youths at the head of the Weber River in the High Uinta Mountains.

MORNING NEWS, Dallas, TX - Feb. 7, 1980 CR: T. Adams

# Birds of a feather all died together

By RANDALL NORDHEM  
Staff Writer of The News

**DUNCANVILLE** — What caused more than 100 birds to drop dead and tumble from the sky like so many black snowballs?

The theories were many Wednesday — poison gas, a noxious chemical, an agricultural insecticide — but the fact is no one had a definitive explanation.

"It's not that big a deal," said Duncanville veterinarian Phil Woodall, who examined several of the birds but could not determine the cause of death.

"I would assume the whole thing has been dropped."

"We've looked into the matter and, unfortunately, we're stymied," said Roger Meacham, a spokesman for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Meacham noted a majority of the dead birds were collected in sacks and destroyed by the Duncanville Police Department. He said it was "logical" for health reasons to destroy the birds, but, without the corpus delicti, a thorough investigation is not possible.

"It's a very strange occurrence," he said. "Even if we had a bird to work with, we might not be able to (determine the cause of death)."

"But chances are we probably could trace it to something."

George Bullock, general curator of the Dallas Zoo, said he only could

guess as to why the birds suddenly dropped dead.

"It's hard for me to visualize 100 birds falling at once," he said, pointing out that if the birds had eaten something poisonous it's still not likely they all would have died simultaneously.

"Unless it was some type of poisonous gas, or something they flew through, I just don't know," he said.

Dr. Keith Arnold, a professor at Texas A&M whose specialty is ornithology, theorized that a noxious chemical — perhaps from an industrial area — might have caused the mass demise. And Irving veterinarian Dr. Eric Inman, who frequently treats birds, said that if the birds were eating grain contaminated with insecticide, then were frightened and took off as a group, they might have been affected at about the same time.

The 100 or so starlings, which "looked like snowballs in black," all fell from the sky in less than a minute about 5 p.m. Monday, said Bernice Russell, front desk clerk at the Holiday Inn in Duncanville.

Most landed in the front yard and parking lot of the inn.

"They were just coming straight down solid," Ms. Russell said. "I couldn't imagine what was happening. It was the weirdest thing I've ever seen."

Meacham said if other such incidents occur, witnesses should notify the EPA.

STANDARD-EXAMINER, Ogden, UT  
Feb. 16, 1980

# That's Not Hair From 'Bigfoot' -- Left by Cow

CR: M. & L. Ward via W. Thompson

**SOUTH WEBER** — Hair that two Ogden men thought might be from the mysterious "bigfoot" is really from a cow, according to an expert from the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources office in Ogden.

Paul Woodbury, regional enforcement officer, said he examined several hairs two men found on a barbed wire fence in South Weber and determined that they were from "some breed of cattle". He said he didn't know what sort.

The hairs were discovered Tuesday by Michael Sanders and Steve Ukenna, both of Ogden, who said they found them at a spot where they thought a "bigfoot" animal might have crossed a barbed wire fence.

Several people have reported seeing an animal they thought was bigfoot in the South Weber area over the past week.

Bigfoot is an animal that has been the subject of many sightings over the past decades, but no one has ever photographed one clearly, captured one or positively identified one.

Mr. Woodbury said a few fragments of hair turned over to him by the two men haven't been identified yet. He said he is going to send them to a Wyoming hair specialist who has samples of hair also thought to be from bigfoot for comparison.



# Scribe Skeptical on 'Bigfoot' Tales in East, NW

Again that big question which has stumped scientists for over 100 years! Is there a huge and hairy primate roaming the remote wilderness areas of the U.S.? Better known as the elusive 'Bigfoot'? This creature's 17 inch long footprint was spotted in the snow by two Wilkes-Barre sportsmen while hunting on state gamelands in Bradford County this past season.

In his attempt to examine the prints, Game Protector Ed Gallow, said the prints were obliterated by a bunch of curiosity-seekers who stormed the area on Sunday. This sighting prompted interested sportsmen, Gus Allen, and Gilbert Wasser, to query me on the possible existence of the so-called Bigfoot in this State.

I told them I don't believe any of these huge primates live and roam in our highly populated Eastern States. But take the remote wildlands of our Northwestern States there is a possibility a creature of this type may be living there, but I doubt it!

## BIGFOOT COUNTRY

The man-ape Bigfoot, according to the information I gathered while hiking through northern Calif. and the Siskiyou Mtns. of southern Oregon this past summer have been sighted in those areas and north thru Washington and especially in British Columbia Canada. But his most notorious home is in northern Calif. gained after a film shot on the Siskiyou Mtn. range in 1969.

Bigfoot is also called "sasquatch" from the Salish Indians' word for "wildman of the woods." The Hoopa Indians of the Klamath River Valley called him "omah" and thought he inhabited the southwestern Siskiyou.

Ever since white settlers, prospectors, hunters and trappers came into this area in the 1850s several hundred have reported sighting one. He is described as being an upright manlike creature. His broad shoulders and deep chest is covered with reddish-brown hair. His head is large with a flattened nose and lipless mouth. His arms, legs, and feet are similar to a human being, except he has large big toes.

From all reports he has never attacked man, instead he flees at the moment man comes into view. If the sightings were the only evidence, scientists would dismiss Bigfoot as another case of traditional



beliefs. But what has them baffled, are Bigfoot's footprints!

There are thousands of these prints that have been casted, analyzed, measured and discussed. Yet no one has come up with something that proves the prints aren't authentic, although it is well known many of the prints are fakes, placed by pranksters which obviously happened in Bradford County.

Scientists are anxious to believe all of the prints are fake, but as yet can't prove it. Dr. G. Krantz of Wash. State University says, "Either the animals are real or the footprints were faked by an anatomy expert." The prints in snow or dust are very clear. Aside from their size they are different from human feet in a crafty way and yet they are equally unlike any naive notion of 'ape-man' feet.

They suggest a manner of walking unlike the human gait, but quite conceivable for a ten foot high creature. Moreover, the footprints are different just as the tracks of different humans are different. So it's inconceivable that someone has been making giant footprints over an area of thousands of square miles in the wildlands of the northwest for the past century.

Other anthropologists and anatomists who have studied Bigfoot footprints have come to similar conclusions: that the fraud is scarcely less improbable than the possible reality. Author John Napier of a book on Bigfoot and other so-called ape-men, rejects all but Bigfoot himself. He said, "There must be something in northwest America that needs explaining, and that something leaves man-like

## TWO ENCOUNTERS

Getting back now to our 'neck of the woods' I wrote awhile back on the two encounters, Robert Chance a Maryland schoolteacher and politician had with his Bigfoot in southern Pennsylvania along the Appalachian Trail. The first was in 1972 in York County. Hiking with several friends along a creek, Chance said he and his friends narrowly escaped from being hit by someone hurling 50 pound boulders down at them.

Chance said it was Bigfoot up on the ridge just trying to scare them away from his territory. Then in 1976, just before one gets to the Pa. border in Harford County, Md., Chance heard of a Bigfoot sighting in that area.

Taking along his dogs to investigate, the dogs became excited and started to whimper and were afraid to enter a thick growth of saplings to check out loud cracking noises. Chance entered alone, but Bigfoot was gone! All he found were live saplings broken off waist high and a strange smell which Chance said was Bigfoot's body odor.

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STAR, Indianapolis, IN  
March 9, 1980  
CR: C. Jones

## EVEREST TEAM REPORTS SIGHTING

# Abominable Snowman Tracks No Polish Joke

New Delhi, India (AP) — Members of a Polish expedition who recently scaled Mount Everest claimed they saw footprints of a Yeti, the legendary abominable snowman, during their climb.

"I lost my balance when I heard about Yeti's footprints at an altitude of 18,150 feet," expedition leader Andrzej Zawada said Friday in an interview with Indian journalists in New Delhi.

At first, Zawada, a geophysicist, said he didn't believe the reports of the sighting by team members "because there are so many jokes about the Yeti."

So he sent the team doctor, "a quiet, intelligent man," to the spot to verify the report. The climber photographed the footprints.

"Each print was about 14 inches long and nearly 7 inches wide," Zawada said. He said that the depth of the prints in

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, AR - March 18, 1980

## Experts stalk mysterious hum

LONDON (AP) — Environmentalists will conduct an all-night stalk next month seeking the source of the "Bristol Hum," a mystery noise that has puzzled and infuriated residents of this southwest England port for two years and defeated those trying to track it down.

It has meant sleepless nights for dwellers in three or four scattered parts of the city, 120 miles southwest of London.

"You can't imagine how annoying it is," said John Day, a Bristol television reporter and longtime resident. "It's a low droning noise, like a hiss."

Donald Barnett, the city's chief environmental officer, said his experts will set up sensitive

recording machines in eight locations April 14 to try to get a simultaneous recording of the Bristol Hum so they can isolate and analyze it and hopefully determine where it comes from.

The listening equipment is costing the city more than \$60,000. But Barnett said the project is worth it since the noise is a potential health hazard, causing headaches in some.

The noise is reported most frequently between midnight and 6 a.m.

Barnett's environmental office believes the humming may be caused by factory noise in Bristol.

However, all the industries in Bristol have conducted noise tests and claim the humming is not their fault.

STANDARD-EXAMINER, Ogden, UT - Feb. 27, 1980 CR: M. & L. Ward via W. Thompson

# 'Bigfoot' Sighted Now in Riverdale

By BERT STRAND  
Standard-Examiner Staff

RIVERDALE — "I didn't believe in them, but I sure do now," exclaims a Clearfield man who says "bigfoot" ran through the headlights of his vehicle early Monday morning.

Lee Padilla of 143 W. 650 N., said he was driving east on Riverdale Road about one mile west of the Weber River about 3:30 a.m. when the 10 to 11-foot tall creature loped across the highway about 25 feet away.

## LONG LEGS

"It had long legs, a head like a gorilla with long, dark brown, furry hair that was in layers.

"The thing was very graceful. I would say it would weigh about 600 pounds. It crossed the road from north to south and I would estimate it was running about 35 miles an hour. I saw it for maybe four or five seconds," said Padilla.

The creature kept his head faced in the direction he was running, Padilla said.

When asked if the incident frightened him, Padilla answered with a slow, "No." and then added, "I was more curious than anything else. It didn't pay the least bit of attention to me or the car."

A check of the area Tuesday by Padilla, Jay W. Barker of North Ogden and photographer John Shupe failed to uncover any tracks.

The highway sides, however, were solid grass and weeds and fields in the area were hard or planted in alfalfa and even the footprints of the men did not show, said Barker.

## ONE FIELD

"There was one plowed field on the north side, but we didn't find any tracks in it," said Barker who also reported seeing the creature together with three other men and several boys three years ago in the Uinta Mountains.

Padilla said after the creature crossed out of the headlight beams, he turned down a small, dirt sideroad and directed the beam of his headlights across the field hoping he could follow and spot the creature again.

The headlight beams didn't spot the creature, Padilla said, but they did attract the attention of a state highway

trooper who drove up and asked him what was going on. When the trooper was told about what had taken place, "he took off in a hurry and I got the impression he was going to also look for it," said Padilla.

The witness said the creature also had long arms and was very erect as it ran across the highway.

Padilla said the creature "moved gracefully" and not in the manner usually attributed to the slouch and swinging gait of a gorilla or member of the ape family.

Padilla said the area where the creature crossed is farmland with open fields and little cover.

## FEW MILES

The location is only a few miles from where sightings were reported and tracks of "bigfoot" found early in February in South Weber outside the mouth of Weber Canyon and near the Weber River.

Meanwhile, in an unrelated incident seven years ago, Craig R. Johnson of 1111 N. 2000 W., Fay West, told of strange happenings that may have involved a "bigfoot" in the Manti-La Sal Mountains.

Johnson said he and friends had pitched camp with their horses for a elk hunt. During the night, "something very powerful" lifted off a 300-pound horse trailer door and tossed it seven to 10 feet away.

An imprint in the dust on the door was checked by a local bear hunter who said it was not that of a bear, and nothing like he had ever seen before.

## WAS AWAY

Johnson also said when the hunting party was away from camp the next day, "something" bit down on a full beer can left standing in a wheel well.

The bite split the can and the beer was dripping out when the group returned.

"The thing that was funny was the fact the beer can showed teeth marks, but was not punctured, just split. Whatever bit it also replaced it in the exact spot it had been left," added Johnson.

He said although the horses tied to the same trailer made a small disturbance during the night, "it was nothing like they would have done if a bear had gotten that close."

## China Investigating Reports of Monster

PEKING — China has its own version of northern California's mysterious bigfoot monster and the abominable snowman of the Himalayas.

There's a tall, shaggy monster on the loose in the mountains of Hubei Province in central China, the Peking newspaper Evening News reported yesterday.

Two scientific teams have been sent from Peking to Hubei to investigate centuries old reports that strange creatures dwell in the hill country.

The newspaper also said that the provincial government is offering a reward for the "wild man's" capture.

The newspaper reported a 1977 account which described the "wild man" as "at least 1.8 meters (6 feet) in height and covered with dark brown fur."

THE POST, West Palm Beach, FL - March 12, 1980

A number of persons from St. Charles to Rochester heard a boom about 1 p.m. Thursday, the source of which has baffled the experts.

The Law Enforcement Center reported a number of calls about a "boom" or an explosion which has gone unexplained. Officials have ruled out explosions because the sound was heard in such a wide area.

The Air Traffic Control Tower in Rochester and an Air Force spokesman at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport ruled out a sonic boom from a military jet plane.

According to Air Force officials, only large transports which fly well below the speed of sound are flown into and out of Rochester Airport.

CR: M. Hall

By Tom Ramsback  
Special to The Times

Gordon Rush thought his newborn calf had strayed onto a neighbor's property when he heard it bawling loudly on his farm near Geneseo, Kan., one morning last month.

As he drove out to see what the problem was, he hardly noticed the fresh tire tracks beside the meandering creek on his farm. He found the calf nearby, still bawling as it lay next to its mother.

The cow was dead. A few yards away, an 1,800 pound bull also lay dead, its head twisted so the horns pointed into the ground while the face stared at the sky.

"It took more than one man to do that," Rush said.

Both the animals had been shot, and their tongues had been cut out. A new pair of men's gloves was found lying on the ground nearby.

The incident was only one of half a dozen cattle mutilations reported in

the area around Geneseo, southwest of Salina in central Kansas, since August. The most recent was Monday, Ellsworth County sheriff's officers said.

"It keeps people a-looking at night," Rush said.

An unusual thing about the killing of Rush's cattle is that whoever killed them left behind concrete evidence that law-enforcement officials can investigate. Often they're not so fortunate. There have been hundreds of similar cases throughout the Midwest and West in the last few years, and in many, there is no evidence at all.

For instance, Bob Hocker of Freeman in Cass County, south of Kansas City, says what killed two of his cows three years ago is still a mystery. He found them lying on their sides, their

genitals and left ears cut off with surgical precision. No signs of a struggle or traces of blood were found, yet all the blood apparently had been drained from the cows' bodies.

Ellsworth County Sheriff Ray Thomas, who is investigating the death of Rush's cattle, thinks a Satanic cult is involved. He says he's heard stories that cults were active in the area and that they use cattle tongues in rituals.

About 150 miles southeast of Geneseo, in Greenwood County, Sheriff Charlie Samuels also blamed Satanists for a series of cattle mutilations a few years ago. He said he had questioned several teen-agers who, rumor had it, were members of a cult.

Wanda Slattery, a priestess at the national headquarters of the Church of Satan in San Francisco, confirmed

that several members of the church were active in Kansas. She denied, however, that they might be involved in the cattle mutilations.

"Don't tell me that old chestnut's still going around," Ms. Slattery said. "That's a hoax. First they attribute it to Satanists, then they go to flying saucers."

"It's a natural phenomenon caused by predators or some very mean people. Those poor animals. That's really sick."

Ms. Slattery said respect for animals is a fundamental doctrine of the Church of Satan.

In any case, the incidents in Greenwood County, like just about every similar case, remain unresolved. A researcher in the toxicology department of a Kansas City hospital who

has studied many of the cases says few ever will be solved.

The researcher, who asked not to be identified because he feared adverse publicity, said most mutilated cattle he has examined have been cut with such strange precision that there are no clues left to follow. The exceptions, he said, are cases in which there is clear evidence of human participation, such as when the animals are shot.

Specimens from cattle that died under mysterious circumstances are frequently sent to the hospital for tests to determine a cause of death. Typically, the researcher said, several internal organs have been removed with a precision that very few surgeons could accomplish. The cattle have been drained of blood, and their bodies sometimes are found in muddy areas

where only their hoofprints are visible. The lack of tracks precludes the possibility of predators having killed the animals, the researcher said. In fact, predatory and scavenging animals reportedly avoid the carcasses of cattle that die under such circumstances.

Even after the specimens are tested, the researcher said, the cause of death usually remains a mystery.

"I've even heard it suggested that surgeons flying around in helicopters are responsible," he said. "Frankly, we don't believe that here."

The mystery surrounding the deaths has frequently led farmers and even some scientists to argue that unidentified flying objects are to blame. Whatever the cause, the federal government agrees that livestock mutilation is a problem that needs closer scrutiny. The U.S. Law Enforcement Assistance Administration is financing a project in New Mexico to study the mutilations.

Neither scientists nor lawmen can explain strange killings of animals throughout region

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Student on trail of monster Morgawr

STUDENT Jeoff Watson set out yesterday to do a spot of monster-hunting — but it ended in vain. His Cornish Loch Ness' was Rosemullion Head, near Falmouth, and armed with a telephoto lens camera, he lay in wait for his quarry.

But Morgawr, the local sea monster he is seeking, failed to surface.

Mr. Wilson, 23, a member of LNAE (Loch Ness Monster Association of Explorers) travelled down from his London monster base at Lee Green SE12 to capture Morgawr like he almost did Nessie herself in 1978.

"I photographed a head on a long v-like wake on the loch and then she disappeared," sighed Jeoff, a sociology undergraduate at Thames Polytechnic.

This week, taking a break from his studies, he is going all out in a bid to tempt Morgawr, last officially seen four years ago, to break cover.

Mr. Watson is serious about his investigative work. "You need specialist equipment to carry out shore-based reconnaissance," he said.

"I have got that with my camera. I can pick out an object two or three miles away. If Morgawr is around I'll get her."

"Doing this surveillance work is like searching for the unknown. A bit like seeking UFOs. But once you get your monster, it's wonderful."

He is dividing the landscape between Trefusis Point, Flushing, and the Helford River. Morgawr's reported playground — into watches.

"It is time a serious and painstaking investigation was made. I intend to do it."

Ellsworth hills story a riddle

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By Carolyn Saylor

With a seventh case of cattle mutilation under investigation, an episode in the Ellsworth hills is becoming a disturbing accompaniment to the arrival of spring.

Not only is the mystery continuing, but the positions taken by experts is becoming a riddle in itself.

The occurrences became a statewide story two weeks ago when dead and mutilated cattle found in the Gordon Rush pasture near Geneseo were examined. Tongues of the two animals had been removed.

The Associated Press reported that Ellsworth veterinarian Ray Christiansen said the animals were killed and mutilated by human beings and that his findings were verified by Kansas State University laboratories.

Dr. H.D. Anthony, contacted yesterday at the diagnostic laboratory of the KSU School of Veterinary Medicine, said that the news version was inaccurate. "I have not told anybody anything in regard to killed and mutilated animals," he said. "I have no information that would say they were killed and mutilated by humans. I have not examined any carcasses."

Were any findings verified for the Ellsworth veterinarian? "They sure were on Mr. Rush's bull," Christiansen said. "All K-State verified was that two sections of skin were cut by a knife. That's as far as K-State has gone."

"I'm real satisfied that it was cut by a

knife. I was pretty sure myself and I found that Dr. Anthony had done a little work in this."

Christiansen said that the university was not asked to verify the cause of death. The veterinarian said that he found a bullet inside a wound on both of the Rush animals and considered the evidence unquestionable.

Christiansen is awaiting results from another department of the KSU laboratory on the seventh mutilation case, a calf found last week on the Edgar Lanzel farm near Holyrood. Circumstances were similar — the calf's tongue had been removed through the lower jaw — but Christiansen believes its death was from natural causes. He sent parts of the intestine, spleen and stomach to the laboratory for verification. Christiansen is not asking K-State for an examination of the mutilation.

Ellsworth County Sheriff Raymond Thomas, in the meantime, continues to investigate theories mentioned to him, including one that a cult using animal tongues in a ritual may exist in the area and may be involved.

The revelation has fanned area rumors of cults. The News is checking a note received yesterday, in which a source wrote, "There are a few kids around town that have run across the cult practice in the Kanopolis Lake area. Two of them told me they were scared to death and didn't stick around when they ran across them."

Legendary 'Bigfoot' Seems Shy Of Cameras, UB Profs Note

By MICHAEL LEVY

If "Bigfoot" exists, he gets around but doesn't photograph well, according to two State University of Buffalo scientists who have made a career out of debunking such legends.

With a report published elsewhere Monday of a Lewiston man who suspects he has taken a photograph of such a creature, Western New York becomes the latest in a long line of areas around the country where the alleged beast has been reported.

The two professors, stopping short of calling such reports a hoax, offering to examine any evidence that has been found.

UB anthropologist Stuart Scott and geologist Charles Cazeau have published a book called "Exploring the Unknown." In it they devote a

veritable army of these things lurking about out there — and yet, no one has ever found one, caught one or even found a corpse of one," he said.

All scientists ever see is hair or some footprints, or some blurred photos, he added.

"We aren't saying Bigfoot does not exist, just that we never have seen any real evidence, not even bones. Until someone turns up with that, it's still an open book," Dr. Scott said.

The two men recently wrote about the Sasquatch legend in their column, "Let's Explore the Unknown," a regular feature in The Buffalo Evening News.

"Look, I've tried to stay away from the 'bigfoot' thing," said Peter Felicetti, the Lewiston tool and die maker who took the photos.

"I don't want a lot of nuts coming around. But I did hear something four years ago and I did see footprints, and I've been investigating ever since."

HE HAS spoken to several dozen people who, over the last 20 years, have had encounters "with something."

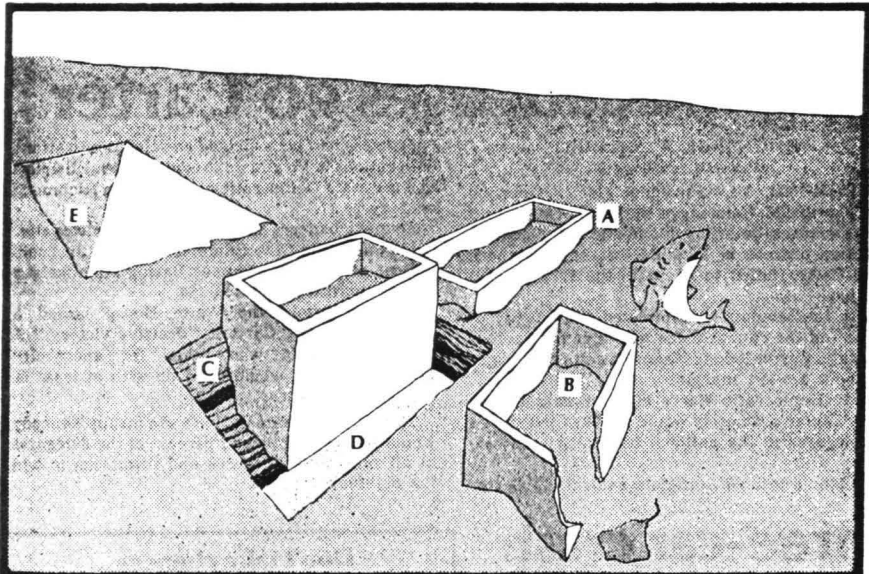
He said the picture he has is of a head brought to him by two hunters. "The paper didn't do the photo any justice," when it published it Monday, he said.

Mr. Felicetti said he has color slides showing the head close up and in detail, and slides of two feet found by the hunters. The slides of the feet show three prominent toes, and two almost unused toes overgrown with hair.

Sometime in the near future a representative of "Project Bigfoot" plans to come here from Seattle to look at the photos, Mr. Felicetti said.

"After the excitement dies down, I'll be glad to show my photos to the professors."





This is an artist's rendering of structures representative of those found by George Gele. The structures are rectangular in shape and are apparently made of stone (A). The shape of the structures indicate they once had roofs (B). The walls protrude through silt (C) found on the gulf floor and rise to different

heights. In turn, the walls rest on a hard sand foundation (D). In addition to the rectangular shaped structures there is a pyramidal shaped structure (E). Shadows indicate these structures rest on a true north-south axis line.

CLIFF LEVERETTE STAFF ARTIST

discovered 40 or 50 partially-buried stone structures on the Gulf bottom. At least one of them is believed to be a 30-foot tall pyramidal structure. He used a side-scan sonar and sub-bottom profiling instruments in his exploration.

Gele became interested in archaeology in 1966 during a trip to Mexico.

"I became intrigued with the quality of the planning and started doing research into ancient civilization," the 33-year-old architect says. "I ran across information on a theory that major religious centers of various civilizations were distributed evenly across the surface of the earth. I became curious about the 30th parallel or latitude. Most religious centers are located there."

He discovered that the Gulf site near Chandeleur is mathematically located in one of these strategic areas. The particular site where Gele believes the city is located is exactly 120 degrees from the Giza Pyramids in Egypt and 180 degrees from the Potala at Lhasa, Tibet, an important religious center, he says.

"They are at the same latitude as our site and equally distributed from that site," he explained. "Another curious item is the fact that in the Pacific Ocean, 120 degrees from our site...on the ocean floor...is a place where seven rivers come together. It was a land mass that was once above the water."

Using satellite photographs, Gele says he found evidence of a spot in the Gulf that is "U-shaped with a long line, that terminated with a blob at the end."

"The satellite showed something, not an island, but at this same mathematical point," he says. "It was something that could be seen from space, not from an airplane."

The photograph and his research add up to one theory, he says. There is an ancient city located in the Gulf.

"We have evidence that shows a mass which is 1.2 nautical miles square," Gele says. "There are rectangular and square objects on the bottom. We also have located masses which are standing up, maybe 20 feet high...We have an area in which there is a cluster of rectangular structures."

"We have identified three. One is protruding three feet out of the sand, one is five feet, and one mass is nine feet out of the sand. We know exactly where they are."

Gele says he has two theories about his discovery. He believes that the city could be the remains of the Mississippi Delta from 3,000 years ago or 15,000-year-old structures that were standing during the Ice Age.

"In either case, it is going to be an unusual archaeological finding," he says. "I've been slowly plodding [along with] this thing for seven years. I will be excited when the diver says that he has made physical contact."

Gele recently presented his findings to members of the Louisiana Archaeological Survey and Antiquities Commission. They complimented Gele on his scientific techniques, he says, but told Gele he must hire an underwater archaeologist to work with him.

He is allowed to dive in the area, but needs an archaeological permit "to do a proper survey." However, he can't get the permit until he makes physical contact with the structures, he says.

"I have been battling this issue for seven years," Gele said. "I have received a tremendous amount of ridicule. Part of it is because I am in architecture and planning. Part of it is resentment. I've had to document everything more thoroughly. I do have archaeological experience. But, for proper reasons, archaeologists are very cautious."

Gele says if he were "independently wealthy," he would have located the underwater city by now. But, instead, he has been forced to "beg and borrow" money for his expeditions. The Baton Rouge based architect says he will accept assistance in the form of equipment and vessels from anyone who is genuinely interested in his project.

He is convinced that ancient structures exist in the Gulf just off the Mississippi/Louisiana coast and he wants to prove it, he says.

"We are going to shake up the concepts of our past," he said. "It is time for the structures to be found."

## What's out there?

Amateur archaeologist believes he's found pyramidal city under water near Chandeleur

By MARIANNE DAY DUBOSE

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After seven years of research, an amateur archaeologist from Baton Rouge says he has located an underwater pyramidal city near the Chandeleur Islands south of Biloxi in the Gulf of Mexico. The city, he says, could date back to the Stone Age.

Before the end of the summer, George L. Gele

and divers from the National Space and Technology Laboratories Diving Club will take a fully equipped expedition to the site in hopes of making physical contact with the submerged structures. So far, weather problems have interfered with seven other expeditions.

Gele, an architect and planner for Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, says he has

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## Chinese on trail of ape-man

By Timothy McNulty

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PEKING—China's ape-man sounds vaguely familiar. He lives in a high pine-covered mountain range. Reddish-brown hair covers his whole body.

He can be rough with strangers, but he also smiles, he and his ancestors may have been around for thousands of years. He is the stuff of folklore.

No one has ever taken his picture or captured him, yet Chinese scientists will launch a major expedition next month in the snow-capped peaks of the Dennonjia forest region to try to capture a "wild man."

More than 30 sightings of the ape-man have been reported in the last two years, say researchers at Peking's Academy of Sciences, and this expedition is the most ambitious to date.

REFLECTING THE new interest in a Chinese "Bigfoot," the academy this month published a letter describing an encounter with a female creature and its breast-fed child.

"It would be very valuable to find a 'wild man' that is possibly a cross between a man and an ape," said Huang Wanpo, a researcher who speaks with missionary zeal. "Perhaps he would establish man's next of kin in the evolutionary line."

Yuan Zhixin, another scientist at the Institute of Paleontology and Vertebrate Paleontology, believes the "wild man" is an ancestral relative to America's Bigfoot, the legendary, but unproven, creature that supposedly roams the forests of the American Northwest.

DURING AN EARLIER expedition, the two researchers found traces of the "ape-man" and numerous eyewitness accounts describing him. A 33-year-old commune leader told them: "He was about 7 feet tall, with shoulders wider than a man's, a sloping forehead, deep-set eyes, and a bulbous nose with slightly upturned nostrils.



Tribune Map

He had sunken cheeks, ears like a man's but bigger, and round eyes also bigger than a man's.

"His jaw jutted out, and he had protruding lips. His front teeth were as broad as a horse's. His eyes were black. His hair was dark brown and more than a foot long and hung loosely over his shoulders.

"His whole face, except for the nose and ears, was covered with short hairs. His arms hung down to below his knees. He had big hands with fingers about a foot long and with thumbs only slightly separated from the fingers.

"He didn't have any tail, and the hair on his body was short. He had thick thighs, shorter than the lower part of his legs. He walked upright with his legs apart. His feet were each about a foot long and half that broad—broader in front and narrow behind—with splayed toes. He was a male. That much I saw clearly."

WHILE THE EARLIER expedition uncovered samples of hair that does not match any known man or bear common to the mountain region, Huang theorizes that the creature may be a descendant of the giant ape, an animal whose fossil remains date back more than 200,000 years.

Significantly, says Huang, the Shennongjia region is also the home of the giant panda, whose ancestors also date back to ages long before man.

"People have been talking about the hairy man for at least 4,000 years," said Huang, who studied the Fangxian County records in Central China.

"It's a very good environment," said the man who will lead a team of 20 specialists and scores of commune members armed with tranquilizer guns. "It's at a very high altitude [about 10,000 feet]. There are deep valleys, and the area is dotted with caves from 9 to 10 feet high."

A "HAIR-MAN" IS depicted on a tomb carving from the Han Dynasty more than 1,700 years ago. Even before that, the Chinese poet Che Yuan wrote about a "mountain ogre," calling it "a creature like a human being. He likes to smile, and he is shy. He drinks spring water. His hair is very long, and he sits under the pine and cypress trees."

Even now, said Yuan, many mountain villagers in the Dennonjia region won't go deep in the forest without carrying a bamboo sheath to wear on their arm.

The legend is the "wild man" will grab humans by their arms and smile and hold on until the ape-man loses consciousness. If the villager tries to escape, the creature will regain consciousness and beat him, but he will remain unconscious while holding onto the phony bamboo "arm."

While much of rural China remains heavily influenced by superstition, the traces of hair and feces and the unexplained large tracks have persuaded the Academy of Sciences to continue its research.

All the reports of close encounters with the "ape-man" described a creature hunched over, with hair all over his body, walking upright, and with a foul smell noticeable more than 80 feet away.

"But we haven't captured him yet," said Huang, "and, like your Bigfoot, he remains a mystery."

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# Natural Causes Receiving Blame in Cattle Mutilation Study

By BRUCE CAMPBELL  
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A year-long, \$50,000 investigation of mysterious cattle mutilations is scheduled to end soon, but the conclusions are not likely to satisfy everybody.

The study, nationwide in scope but centered in New Mexico, is expected to blame the phenomena on more natural causes than have been proposed by many.

"I hope I will be able to give some answers," investigator Kenneth Rommel said. "I'm not foolish enough to think that I'm going to convince people who are already locked into a theory."

"There are a lot of people who like to believe in the bizarre and the unusual. I've had people come up to me and

say they sure hope I find some little green men, because that's what they want."

The investigation was begun last May 29 in response to pressure from ranchers, mutilation mystery buffs and U.S. Sen. Harrison Schmitt, R-NM.

Among those who may not be satisfied with the result is Schmitt. The senator believes humans have had a hand in the mutilations; the investigator seems to lean toward other explanations.

The probe was initiated in hopes of providing a final, unequivocal solution to the bizarre series of previously unexplained mutilations of cattle. The cases have been reported for at least 20 years throughout the U.S. and Canada, but have been most prolific in the Western United States and Alberta since 1974.

The mystery has been compounded by such findings as

chemicals in the bodies of some of the cattle, broken bones, loss of blood, absence of tracks near the carcasses, inexplicable indentations in the ground nearby and allegedly higher than normal radiation levels in some of the animals.

It was heightened by frequent reports of unidentified helicopters and strange aircraft in the vicinity of the mutilations.

By the time the state investigation was commissioned, observers were largely polarized into two groups: the scoffers, who thought the incidents could be explained by natural deaths and subsequent mutilation by predators or scavengers, and the believers, who claimed there were too many strange surrounding circumstances for such an explanation.

Theories offered by believers included mutilation by al-

iens in UFOs, by bizarre religious cults, or by scientists conducting secret government research.

The investigation was financed with a \$44,170 federal grant and state matching funds to bring the total to \$50,000. It was conducted under the office of the Santa Fe district attorney.

Rommel, who took on the assignment at a salary of \$25,000 after his retirement from the FBI, began his study by contacting the governors of all states for information and liaison.

Then he began to compile data on the alleged mutilations and made contacts with mutilation probes, scientists and officials of the New Mexico State Police and the State Live-stock Board.

Finally, he obtained a veterinarians' handbook and started visiting dead cows.

In recent interviews, Rommel would not say what his

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conclusions will be. But he made it clear that he is not given to any of the UFO, cult or government research theories and will put forth "natural" explanations for the phenomena.

"I think I will be able to support some of my conclusions with very good photographic evidence and other evidence that I've observed or noted," he said.

What about the apparently unexplainable?

"Will I be able to handle all the facts?" Rommel mused. "Maybe not. Maybe I'm not going to accept all the facts. Many times the facts you are dealing with are not facts."

In the "classic" mutilation, the cow's tongue, anus, genitals and sometimes an ear are missing, reportedly severed with surgical precision that excludes predators or scavengers as suspects.

One problem facing Rommel is that no classic cases have been seen in New Mexico during the period of the investigation.

The believers fear that Rommel's conclusions will be tainted by the fact that he has only investigated natural deaths.

"It's the difference between night and day," State Police Officer Gabe Valdez said.

Valdez, who works out of Dulce and has investigated numerous classic mutilations in the area, is absolutely convinced that animals could not be responsible. He thinks Rommel would be convinced too if he ever saw such a case.

"They checked a whole bunch of these animals that died of natural causes," Valdez said of the investigation. "I'm almost sure that's all they checked. They haven't run across a classic mutilation. I wish Rommel would see one that's a classic one, not just a dead animal. That's what I'm afraid they're going to draw their conclusions on."

Rommel, however, interpreted the dearth of classic cases to mean that the ones reported prior to his investigation may not have been so classic after all.

"My response to that is it appears that the number seems to be pretty consistent," he said. "About 27 have been reported as mutilations since this project began and this appears to be the average number reported for the state of whatever-you-want-to-call-them since 1975."

"I think it's very unusual that mine are the only ones that aren't mutilations. I think a point can be made."

Although he wouldn't discuss specifics, Rommel hinted that he leans toward predators or scavengers for one explanation.

"If we didn't have scavengers, we'd all be up to our asses in dead cattle," he snorted.

However, he also said, "There's a lot of explanations."

As further evidence of his skepticism, Rommel refuses to use the term "mutilation" because, he said, it implies that the victim was still alive when the parts were cut off.

"The term itself strikes terror in the minds of people," he said. "Hell, I'll confirm a dead cow and I'll confirm a dead cow that's missing some parts."

He ridiculed some of the claims that the missing parts had been excised with surgical precision.

"People in the field are saying things like laser surgery," the investigator said. "What the hell do they know about laser surgery? There's maybe only two guys even in Los Alamos who've ever seen laser surgery."

As for the actual deaths of the cattle, Rommel cited the existence of numerous poisonous plants on New Mexico rangeland and the prevalence of diseases such as blackleg.

"Cattle are more delicate than they seem," he said.

He added that many ranchers don't keep as close an eye on their cattle as in the past because they hold other jobs or can't afford ranch labor.

Critics of the investigation charge that Rommel has allied himself with those who won't accept anything but a natural, rational explanation for things that cannot be so explained. One such person, they say, is Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory scientist Dr. Donald Petersen.

"We have supported him (Rommel) analytically to come up with those conclusions," Petersen said. But he refused to discuss the conclusions and referred any other questions to Rommel.

Rommel refused to name the persons who have been helping him, saying some have received phone calls from crackpots at 2 in the morning.

At the outset of the investigation, Rommel named a special team to visit the site of mutilations with him. Some of them have been to the scenes of reported mutilations, he said, but not all.

Booth Gallett, assistant director of the State Motion Picture Bureau, offered to furnish videotape equipment to record classic cases.

"I've been kind of waiting," Gallett said recently. "He said he wouldn't call us out until he had a bona fide mutilation."

Rommel said he will make his conclusions known at a press conference as early as this week, then issue a written report after the end of May.

"I intend to go to the media and tell them what I've found out and make my conclusions known," he said. "I intend to be able to support those conclusions right at the conference."

Anything he does not support at the conference, he said, will be addressed in the final report.

"I will lay out individual cases and I will try to draw parallels and I will try to explain in a logical manner why I've come to the conclusions I've come to," he continued.

"I intend to make a very strong recommendation at the proper time. My recommendation's going to be a toot."

If natural causes are the finding, it won't satisfy Schmitt.

"If that is his conclusion, I find it a little bit hard to believe based on what I've heard," the senator said. "It was my understanding that the use of tranquilizers was fairly well established. I don't see how you can come to the conclusion that it's predators if there's human activity of that nature."

If Rommel does not satisfy him on such points, Schmitt said he will probably push for further investigation when Justice Department officials appear before the Senate Appropriations Committee, of which he is a member.

"If I can convince the committee that it hasn't been done," he said, "we'll try to get more investigation going."

Meanwhile, the FBI in Albuquerque, which had been directed from Washington to pursue the issue, gave up Jan. 15 because of the lack of new mutilations.

The agency issued an 890 page report which amounted to a compilation of previous information on the mutilations but shed no new light on the mystery.

## Big prints revive monster legend

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POWDERLEY, Texas (AP) — Most folks in these parts are pretty well convinced it's all a joke, but a few of them believe it. And if it is a joke, at least one resident doesn't see the humor.

The barber-shop gossip in this small Northeast Texas town centers on the latest evidence of a legendary half-man, half-monster — nicknamed "Bigfoot" for the size of its footprints.

A farmer found foot-long, four-toed footprints while he was checking troutlines last week on his farm near this community north of Paris.

"I can't really say what I think it is," said the farmer, who asked that his name and the location of his farm be kept private. "You want to say it's a joke, but you just can't explain how it was done."

The tracks — measured at 13 inches long and about 6 inches wide — wander around a fishing pond, and enter the water at one point, witnesses say.

This is not the first time the Bigfoot legend has haunted Lamar County. Tracks have been spotted before, and 12-year-old Tommy Sparks claims to have seen the hairy creature, from a distance, last August.