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UFO reported off North Shore

A 1975 sighting of an unidentified flying object off Port Allen re-reported in Monday's special edition of The Garden Island gave a Ha'ena man the courage to report another sighting Tuesday night.

Alan Reiser says he and Lou Kono, also of Ha'ena, were driving home at about 10 p.m. Tuesday when they noticed an object — "brighter than any star you can imagine" — hovering a little ways above the ocean.

THEY NOTICED IT when they were passing Luma'a'i Beach, and a little while later they pulled over near the Bali Hai Restaurant and watched it for another 10 minutes.

The object, Reiser said, shone with a bright white light, but at times they could see a red flashing light. But the most astonishing thing was the way the light "just faded . . . like someone dimmed the light," he said.

The light faded once or twice before it "became invisible" and did not reappear. There were no clouds and visibility was "good," he said.

REISER SAYS HE was struck by the similarity between his sighting this week and the 1975 account included in Ke Aka. The UFO off Port Allen was seen by seven people.

That year Florence Hamamoto of Ele'ele reported the bell-shaped object hovered a few minutes around 7:30 or 8 p.m. before fading away. The sides were a light color and the center was dark, she said.

Reiser said he had never before seen something to qualify as an unidentified flying object, and that if he had not seen the report of the 1975 sighting in Monday's paper, he wouldn't have thought the newspaper would be interested in such things.

THE GARDEN ISLAND, Lihue, HI - April 9, 1980

More people saw UFO Tuesday

The sighting of a bright object off the north shore of Kaua'i was confirmed by Judy Ochsenschlager of Wainiha, who said she also saw a brilliant light in the sky on Tuesday night.

Alan Reiser and Lou Kono had told The Garden Island that they had

watched the object "brighter than any star you can imagine" with, at times, a red flashing light.

Mrs. Ochsenschlager said that she saw the object from her bedroom window, which faces the ocean, but did not consider it a "UFO." She did not observe any red light, and had thought it was perhaps a star "falling

very slowly" through the sky.

It would seem that the UFO (or whatever) has been around Kaua'i in several places, since on Sunday a Westsider told The Garden Island that she had seen the same brilliant object . . . with red lights . . . in the sky late Tuesday night near Kalaheo.

BEE, Fresno, CA - May 20, 1980

UFO over Fresno Sunday?

Cosmic crockery over Fresno? Mary Phillips of Caruthers became a believer Sunday night when she saw a disc-shaped object with red and green lights floating northwest over Fresno.

"It wasn't like anything I ever saw in my 31 years of living," she said.

A neighbor, 14-year-old Tim Watts,

was more skeptical. "It could be," he replied, when asked if he had seen a flying saucer.

The Lemoore Naval Air Station reported receiving two calls about the object, but nothing registered on the radar screens. Phillips said she watched the object, along with her neighbors, 45 minutes before it suddenly disappeared.

TRI-COUNTY NEWS, King City, MO - April 11, 1980

Even UFO Expert Unable to Explain Bright Light

Neither he nor his wife have any idea what the "bright light" was they saw a few weeks ago but Kermit Wells said he'd give \$50 to find out.

He made the comment not out of a desire to offer a reward but simply out of plain curiosity. Wells and his spouse, Sally, are not the only ones curious about the strange occurrence. Several persons in the Empire Prairie-Star Chapel communities saw the oddity, too.

The setting was Tuesday night, typically March, with a late winter snowstorm brewing outside the Wells farm home which lies about nine miles northwest of King City. The couple was relaxed in the living room watching television.

Suddenly, the entire house seemed to be illuminated. Mrs. Wells said she jumped up from her chair to see what was going on. Her husband, who was lying on the couch, followed suit.

A look out the window revealed a shining mass of light in the sky which appeared from the ground to be at least three feet square, according to Wells. "The entire yard was lit up. I was astonished," Mrs. Wells reported.

The brightness outside was so great that Wells indicated printing on the miniature windmill in the yard could be read.

The mass began changing colors

from a whitish tinge to a brilliant orange. Later, neighbors of the Wells' who live to the south of their place told of a greenish glowing "thing" hovering over the couple's outbuildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells, seeing the object starting to disappear, got in their pickup and drove down the blacktop to try to relocate it, without success. Wells added that while they were out, he decided to check on some calves that he was keeping in a lot about a mile from the house.

The animals appeared to be healthy. "But, they were running back and forth in the lot like they were scared of something," the farmer pointed out.

Now, the sighting and the other incidents took place in only a matter of minutes, according to Mr. and Mrs. Wells. Returning to their home, they made telephone calls to neighboring residents.

All concurred that they had seen "something." Reportedly, Mrs. Cloyd Lebow and son, Rick, saw the illumination and were so startled that they drove to town.

Mrs. Darrell Guest reported in her weekly column that vapor lights in yards and lots around the neighborhood went out, due to the brightness of the light. Also, there was news of an explosion-type noise as the fireball sped out of sight. Several agreed that a loud

noise was heard.

That apparently was not the end of the mystery that night. About 10:30 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Wells were awakened by friends to learn that the old Raymond Wells farmhouse was burning.

The structure, where Wells and his brother, Dale, grew up, burned to the ground. Whether there was any connection with this and the other incident is not known.

At any rate, what happened is still a topic for discussion. So much so, that the Tri-County News made calls to outside sources for other opinions.

First, the United States Weather Bureau office in Kansas City was contacted. Guy Gray, the meteorologist on duty, indicated that there were no weather balloons in the area and they would have not been visible at night, anyway.

He seemed to be interested in the fact that a snowfall was in the process and that some persons had spoken of thunder that same night. "It can happen and lightning is also possible," he noted, possibly regarding the appearance of a bright light.

It was his opinion that the weather conditions being as they were could have created an illusion bending a bright light and transferring it elsewhere. Basically, the weatherman considered the Wells

case as something completely out of his jurisdiction.

"You probably ought to get in touch with the National Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) Reporting Center for this," he instructed. Gray gave the TCN the number of the facility located in Seattle, Wash.

Robert Gribble, the man who answered the telephone at the UFO center, seemed very anxious to hear the story. He explained that his office receives UFO reports from all over the country. A 12-person volunteer staff has at least one individual on duty all the time.

After hearing details of the local instance, Gribble advised that the mass of light with changing colors is a common description involved with UFO viewings. "Those who have seen them usually tell of a dimming. Sometimes witnesses have been able to see the outline of a craft hovering overhead when the light dims," he continued.

"Usually, the light is a radiation and an indication of a vehicle behind," Gribble related. He also indicated that reports of a loud noise have been tied in with UFO events.

"Disturbance of animals is also very common. We don't know if radiation or a very high-pitched sound causes these reactions. Whatever, they have a terrific effect on creatures," the UFO expert concluded.

Residents say yes, officials call it plane with banner

By JOHN LINDBACK
Daily News reporter

A bright, lighted object over south Anchorage Friday night sent as many as 50 local residents scrambling for their telephones to report that an unidentified flying object was in the area.

The Federal Aviation Administration, Anchorage Police Department, and Alaska State Troopers all reported receiving phone calls from local residents about the object, which FAA Duty Officer Bill Schofield claims was an airplane towing a lighted banner.

But, at least four local residents who saw the object vehemently disagree that it was in any way similar to a conventional airplane.

"You could see the lights

inside. It kept going in circles," said Doris Coles, who lives at 9110 Golovin Street. Coles and her two sons all saw the alleged UFO, she said.

"You could see it really clearly when you first looked at it through binoculars," she said. "You couldn't hear any noise. It was really quiet."

Coles described the object as round, and that it tilted in different directions "like a flying saucer."

Coles said she's never been a believer in UFOs before, but she's a believer now.

Don Coles, Doris Coles' son, said he saw the airplane towing the banner Saturday night, and it was not the object he saw Friday night.

"That was nothing like I saw the night before," he said.

"I've never seen anything like it before."

Meanwhile, another local resident who asked not to be identified said he and a group of friends saw an object hover about 30 feet off the ground over the Dimond Estates Mobile Home Park, 1200 W. Dimond Blvd.

"It had lights that kept spinning around," the man said, adding that in "no way" was the object a conventional aircraft.

"You didn't hear any sound...from it," the man said.

A student at Wendler Junior High School says he also saw the object at Dimond Estates Mobile Home Park, and that it wasn't an airplane.

"I've seen that" plane that tows the banner, said 13-year

old Chris Prehn, who claims that was he saw was different. "It wasn't an airplane. It was just hovering," he added. He also described the object was round with lights, and it made a "light moaning noise."

"I had the impression it was oblong," Schofield said, adding he determined it was the plane towing the banner because some callers had described the object as moving in a "waving" or "undulating" manner.

Ltd. Wade Lacey of the Anchorage Police Department said officers on duty also determined that the object was the airplane towing the banner.

"I haven't seen any little green men running around so I'll have to believe it was an airplane," Lacey said.

DAILY OPTIC, Las Vegas, NM - April 23, 1980

UFO sighted in Springer said to be star

By SCOTT KNIES
Optic Reporter

An unidentified flying object reported in Springer last night has been dismissed as a typical sighting of Venus by the chief investigator for the Center of UFO Studies.

Springer Police Officer Manuel Medina said he saw a "very bright and round" object floating through the sky at 9:30 p.m. Medina and several other Springer residents watched the slow-moving object travel across the sky and reported it changed color and direction before disappearing over the horizon.

Allan Hendry, chief investigator for the Evanston, Ill., UFO Center, said he interviewed Medina after the sighting last night and described it as typical.

"It is difficult to pursue these sightings when the obstacles of distance and darkness are so great," Hendry said. "We've taken the report as far as it deserves."

Hendry offered that Medina had probably observed the planet Venus, although the motion he attributed to the object sighted in Springer was "too fast for a star." Hendry added that the angle reported in the object's movement by Medina did not correspond with the position of Venus last night.

Hendry said the national center for UFOs receives an average of four calls daily which are similar to Medina's report. The center prefers to follow-up UFO sightings where some physical evidence or radar observation has been made, according to Hendry.

Medina said he was driving through downtown Springer, population 1,800, when he first noticed the object.

"When I seen it I thought it was a bright star in a cluster of four and I didn't think too much of it except it was a little brighter than the others," Medina said.

Medina then parked at a Phillips 66 service station and watched the bright object with four other people

for over an hour. He reported the sighting at 10:26 p.m., according to Lt. Rick Durham of the Springer Police Department.

"At first I asked Medina which bottle he'd been drinking out of," Durham said.

Medina said the object did not make any noises but appeared to change color into a pinkish hue. When he shone his squad car spotlight on the object it seemed to dip downward in its movement, Medina said.

Hendry stated the changes in the object's movement were difficult to analyze but might be explained by a power of suggestion from the motion of the other stars in the sky.

Medina admitted the object estimated at 10,000 feet, was "too far off to make out what it was" but because it was round and bright he judged it could be a weather balloon.

G.F. Bushear, meteorologist with the U.S. Weather Service in Albuquerque, said it was "unlikely" a weather balloon would have been sighted in Springer last night. Bushear reported high altitude balloons launched at Albuquerque airport burst within two hours of takeoff.

Hendry said he also checked with the Federal Aviation Administration in Albuquerque and had ruled out the idea that it was a weather balloon.

Herman Pino, air traffic specialist at Las Vegas Airport, reported nothing unusual on local radar and added that there were no authorized balloons in the area last night.

Medina, who has worked as a Springer Police Officer for three months, said he reported what he felt could have been a star or an aircraft in need of assistance.

"I was curious," he said. "I did enjoy watching it—whatever it was. I was just trying to do my job, that is why I reported it."

DAILY RANGE, Raton, NM - April 25, 1980

Don't make jokes about Springer's UFO

Every now and then, a little lighter news is good for the soul. Many in our area no doubt were tickled by the story coming out of Springer this week about the strange lights spotted in the night sky near the Cimarron Mountains.

The story was that a policeman on duty Tuesday night spotted the moving light, watched it for about an hour until it disappeared. The light was about the size of a silver dollar but it got smaller as it moved away into the night.

When Manuel Medina, who was the policeman on duty, made his report, he was careful not to make mention of men from outer space, or even to call the night light what it was — an unidentified flying object. He was wary of how the public might react.

Medina's good intentions were for nothing. As soon as the word leaked out about the mysterious lights, the whole state and beyond focused its attention

on Springer.

Suddenly, Springer was on the map and Medina was being phoned up by reporters from all over. Now, reporters generally as a cynical and skeptical lot. It's no fun to try and tell them an incredible story.

That was not the worst of it. Folks made light of the whole situation and some laughed at poor officer Medina, who was simply doing his duty.

No one knows today what the thing was in the sky over Springer this week. There is quite likely a good explanation for what Medina and three other Springerites saw. But right now, no one knows what it was.

The least the public could do is keep its laughing to itself. Officer Medina and the others who saw the thing have enough problems without being the butt of jokes.

NEWS REPORTER, Whiteville, NC - May 22, 1980 CR: G. Fawcett

"Fireballs" Reported

A woman reported seeing "balls of fire falling out of the sky" Saturday night at about 11:20, nine miles from Whiteville off highway 130. Mrs. Ruth S. Smith, Rt. 4,

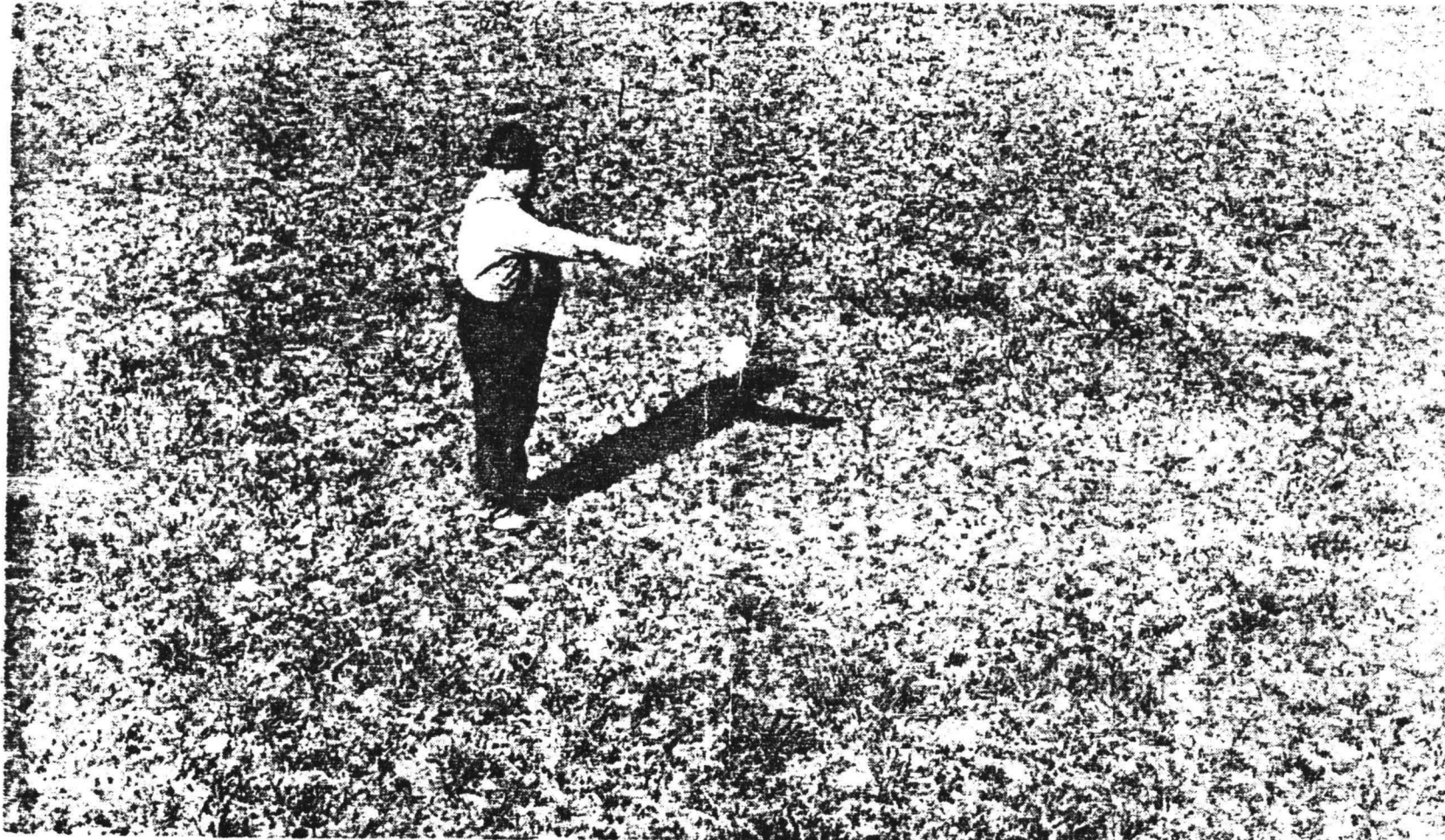
Box 364, Whiteville, told The News Reporter that after returning from a trip on Saturday night, she opened her front door to go out and feed her dog, and sighted some unidentified flaming objects falling to the ground across the road from her home.

It was also at this time that Mrs. Smith noted a noise, like that of an airplane. She stated that while viewing the fiery objects, one appeared to be somewhat larger than the rest, and kept glowing after it hit the ground, until it finally burned up.

Columbus County Civil Preparedness Director Howard Stanley inspected the sight on Sunday, and reported finding no radiation. According to Bill Soles, Ruth's brother, the cornfield in which the objects struck had several holes which appeared to have been made by some sort of impact. Samples of some charred debris and soil from the holes have been turned over to Sgt. Herman Price of the Columbus Co. Sheriff's Dept., which is continuing investigation.

NOTICE: The July (#132) issue of UPONS will be approximately 1 week late in arriving, due to a National Guard summer camp which I must attend, July 12-26. I hope to have the issue mailed out no later than August 6.....LF.

Is Onalaska pasture a UFO landing field?



PERFECT CIRCLES of dark-colored grass mark what Adolf Balsemer, Onalaska farmer, and Wilma Collins, Toledo clerk-treasurer, believe may be the results of flying saucer landings. "They are unexplainable," says Balsemer, "and I've seen nothing like them in all my life in Lewis County."

In a picture taken from aloft in a tractor-mounted gravel scoop, Balsemer stands near the center of a flying saucer landing ring. He points to the border of dark grass. In his field are nine similar rings all of diameters of 20 and 22 — Chronicle Photo

By **HARRY R. BAY**
Chronicle Staff

ONALASKA — That something may be strange at Onalaska never occurred to me until I received an intriguing telephone call from Wilma Collins, city clerk-treasurer for Toledo.

Talking of visiting an Onalaska friend and riding about his farm in a pickup truck, she asked, "Do you believe in flying saucers?"

Puzzled, I replied, "I've never seen one, so my judgment is reserved."

Mrs. Collins continued that "There are some flying saucer landing circles that I saw on the Adolf Balsemer ranch. They are perfect circles in the grass and 20 to 22 feet in diameter."

She gave directions to the Balsemer place, east on Middle Fork Road and first driveway after turning right on the Dluhosh Road. It's three miles northeast of Onalaska.

"You ought to see those flying saucer landing circles," Mrs. Collins said. Immediately, I grabbed a camera, raced to the parking lot and scooted to Onalaska in my four-wheel FO (flying object).

Driving to the farm buildings on the Balsemer ranch, I found the proprietor mowing his lawn. When I mentioned talking with Wilma Collins, Balsemer put me aboard his tractor-mounted gravel scoop for a tour of a flying saucer field.

About a quarter mile from the farm buildings at the northeast corner of a 30-acre field are nine circles in the hay field. Each is distinct, a ring of dark-colored grass.

"I've lived in Lewis County all my

life, and I've never seen rings like that before last year," exclaimed Balsemer. "They are wholly unexplainable, even though the rings may be indicative of nitrogen."

A retired millwright, Balsemer has lived on the Onalaska ranch four years. "Last year there were some similar circles in a different area, and now their traces are gone."

He added if the rings now showing were from flying saucers, they'd have been from recent landings. "I've never seen a flying saucer," he remarked, "but I'd surely like to see one."

Balsemer continued that "I often glance into the sky, toward Mount Rainier, hoping to see a flying saucer heading my way, but so far there's no luck."

An outbreak of sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in 20th century started in 1947 with numerous reports from areas surrounding Mount Rainier.

Onalaska is on the outskirts of Mount Rainier, situated to the northeast, and of Mount St. Helens, now in throes of volcanic action to the southeast of Onalaska.

With what he thinks may be a flying saucer landing field in his pasture, Balsemer said he'd like to hear from anyone in the area who might happen to see a UFO. Balsemer doesn't have a telephone, but Wilma Collins would welcome calls at Toledo City Hall, 864-4564.

While it's difficult for me to "believe in" flying saucers without having seen one, I'll join with Balsemer and Mrs. Collins in feeling that a UFO landing field well may exist ... just north of Onalaska on Dluhosh Road.

CHRONICLE, Centralia, WA - April 23, 1980



A letter from Junior

On the night of April 18, Ray McManus and three other Springs employees stood frozen in a lonely parking lot as a silent airship hovered 200 feet away. The airship was about 10 feet in height and about 30 feet wide. Not a leaf moved. Just a few minutes earlier, the same object had followed their car through the streets of Pageland, S.C., turning when they turned. Our columnist, Junior, was so fascinated by the report that he talked at length with Ray and his three friends. Junior decided this story was so important that the government ought to know about it. Here's his report to the Pentagon:



Ray McManus explains that the UFO he saw April 18 hovered across the street among the trees and buildings. He's standing in the downtown Pageland parking lot where he was the night the object appeared. A special photographic effect makes it seem like night.

UFO sighted? You decide

Dear General,

When Ray McManus looked me in the eye and told me this story, I believed him. He didn't blush or fidget or stammer. Whatever he saw, he saw. I talked separately with three people who had been in the car with him, and they all told the same story.

What was in the sky the night of April 18? I'll let you decide for yourself.

It was midnight

It was midnight when Ray and the other Springs employees left Grace Bleachery. They got into the same car for the drive to Pageland, S.C., where they live. As you read, remember that the weather was clear and cool. The stars were shining.

They picked up Pauline Autry at Lancaster Complex and continued toward Pageland. Joe Mangum was driving. Sitting beside him in his '69 Ford Galaxie was his wife, Lillie.

Ray and Sue Lowery were in the back seat, along with Mrs. Autry.

Two miles outside of Pageland they let Mrs. Autry out of the car. A few moments later Mrs. Lowery saw two lights off in the distance.

From now on, I'm going to tell you what Ray told me, word for word. But, first, you should know a little about Ray.

Who is Ray McManus?

He's 47 years old, not exactly the age of someone to believe in fairy tales. For 25 years he's worked at Grace Finishing Plant, and is now a second-shift frame and finishing range supervisor.

Ray's lived in Pageland all his life. He's a family man: three children, two grandchildren. He goes to church ... Union Hill Baptist, where he's brotherhood director and on the board of deacons. He doesn't drink. His real name, incidentally, is Zeray. His grandfather, a religious man, came up with the name because he thought it was Biblical.

I'm telling you these things because you should know that Ray McManus is as solid as the next fellow.

Now, back to the car and the two lights that caught Mrs. Lowery's attention.

Two stars close together

"Sue asked me if I had ever seen two stars that close together," Ray told me. "From where I was sitting in the back seat, it was hard to get a good look at first. I assumed it was an airplane, but Sue thought it was moving too fast for a plane."

The two lights moved quickly. In a matter of seconds, as Joe shifted into second gear, the lights were right beside the car. Ray and Sue watched in

fascination; the object obviously was off the ground, and it was obviously following them.

"It came around to the left side of the car and followed us into town," Ray told me. "When we got into Pageland it swung in behind us."

"It looked like it was underneath the light wires, about five or six feet off the ground, and about 30 feet behind us."

Diamond shaped object

What did the object look like? Ray wasn't sure. It appeared to be more or less diamond shaped. The object's two white, bright lights made it difficult to observe in detail.

Even in a small town like Pageland, something is usually stirring at midnight. But not on April 18. Ray said: "You know, every night when we come into town we see other cars. But that night we didn't see anybody, not even the patrolman."

The object, whatever it was, followed the car through the deserted streets for about seven blocks. Joe made a left turn signal at the first traffic light. The light turned green so Joe didn't have to stop.

"I told everybody in the car: 'When we turn left, if this thing turns left too, I don't know what we'll do.'"

A strange parade

Sure enough. Joe hung a left, and so did the flying object. Right there at Thomas' Drug Store. And there wasn't a soul on the street to see this strange parade.

Joe stopped the car after the turn. He wanted a better look. He was right there between Don

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Smith's Amoco and Gardner's TV. Sure enough, the flying object was still following the car.

Joe put the car back in gear, took the next right and pulled into a parking lot where Ray McManus had parked his custom painted gold-and-black pickup.

Ray, Joe, Lillie and Sue got out of the car. There, across the street in the alleyway, hovered the mysterious object.

"Its lights had turned from white to a reddish

color, and had started blinking," Ray said. "I never saw anything like it."

Now, at 1 o'clock in the morning, Ray was able to get a better look. The object was about 10 feet off the ground. It appeared to be 25 to 30 feet in width and eight to 10 feet high.

Ray said the object seemed suspended in mid-air. "It made no noise whatsoever," Ray said. "It didn't stir any wind. Leaves on the trees didn't move at all." Ray said the silence and the way the

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'When we turn left, if this thing turns left too, I don't know what we'll do.'

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object had moved earlier, were the most amazing parts of their encounter.

The four of them stood watching for about five minutes. Ray wanted a closer look and got into his truck to go over and investigate. But by the time he was in the cab, the object disappeared just as quickly as it had first appeared.

Ray didn't see the object any more, but Joe and Lillie saw it again and followed it several miles out of town until it disappeared in a burst of red.

Ray went home, ate a couple of sandwiches and had a good night's sleep. He told his wife about it the next day, but he's not sure she completely believes him. Also the next day, Ray went back to where the object had hovered. He hoped to get a clue to what it was, but there wasn't a trace.

Some don't believe him

Ray's aware that many people don't believe his story, but that doesn't seem to bother him.

"Some people say it was a hallucination, that I was overworked or drinking. I haven't had a drop in 10 years."

"I don't know what it was. I'll have to say it was an unidentified flying object. I had no reason to believe or disbelieve in UFOs before now. But, like the old saying goes, it made a believer out of me."

That's it, General. You can read what the other three people had to say on the next page. Yes, I've been keeping my eyes open since talking with Ray. And the other night I saw a strange light in the back yard. It turned out to be a lightning bug.

Your stargazing citizen,

Junior

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'I firmly believe in UFOs'



Sue Lowery

Unusual sights in the night sky weren't a stranger to Sue Lowery when she saw a UFO in Pageland on the night of April 18. She and her husband had seen lights in the sky before.

"My husband and I both firmly believe in UFOs," said Mrs. Lowery, a sewing machine operator at Grace Sewing Plant and a Springs employee for more than 16 years.

Mrs. Lowery and three other Springs employees say they were followed by a UFO while driving home after midnight.

"One night in Training Union I saw a bright light out of the window. It looked like a bright ball," she said. That sighting was early this spring. Her husband, Ben, has seen UFOs on four different occasions, Mrs. Lowery said.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowery used to watch the television program "Project UFO," saw the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" about visitors from outer space and regularly read accounts in the "National Enquirer" about sightings.

"Never in my wildest dream did I think I'd see a UFO, much less be chased by one," said Mrs. Lowery. "It's an experience I'll never forget."

Mrs. Lowery said she believes if they had not

turned left when they did off the main highway into Pageland, the object following them would have gotten even closer.

"I do believe if we hadn't gotten in between the building its would have gotten over the top of us and maybe taken us for a ride."

Mrs. Lowery, a Sunday School and Training Union teacher at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Pageland, said the object she saw was unlike anything on earth.

"I know whatever it was it's far more advanced than anything we have," she said. "It was faster than anything we have and didn't make any noise at all."

Mrs. Lowery carried a camera to work for several nights after the sighting, hoping to get a photograph should it reappear. But, no luck.

Articles about Mrs. Lowery and the others who saw the UFO have appeared in The Charlotte Observer and the local Chesterfield County newspaper, the Advertiser-Journal. Some people have believed their story, others haven't.

"I guess there are a few people who believe us," Mrs. Lowery said. "But a lot of people say we're the biggest liars in Pageland."

'It didn't make noise at all'

Lillie Mangum was sure that the object in the sky she saw on the night of April 18 had to be an airplane.

"I didn't see the thing when Sue (Lowery) first saw it. We were in the city limits when I first got a good look at it.

"I thought it was a plane — I really did. But the others kept saying it wasn't a plane.

"When it moved over into the street and started following behind us I decided it wasn't a plane after all."

Mrs. Mangum, who works in quality assurance at Grace Sewing Plant, was sitting in the front seat of the car. She didn't get her best look at the object until they had parked and gotten out into the parking lot in downtown Pageland.

"It wasn't making any noise at all. That's what convinced me it wasn't a plane. It didn't move at all."

Mrs. Mangum, a Springs employee for nine and a half years, said she was never able to determine what she was seeing.

"You could see it was something up there, but as far as seeing the back of it or what it was, I couldn't."

Unlike Ray McManus and Sue Lowery, Mrs. Mangum and her husband Joe got a second look at the object. After they left the downtown Pageland parking lot, the Mangums spotted the object again, far off in the distance. They followed it.

"After we got out of town we could see it again, ahead of us. It had one light on top of the other and they were real red."

The object finally disappeared off in the distant night sky, about five miles outside of Pageland.

"I wasn't scared," Mrs. Mangum said. "While we were standing in the parking lot, I said as long as little men from Mars don't get out I'll be all right."



Lillie Mangum

'All you could see were lights'

Because he was driving, Joe Mangum was the last of four Springs employees to see a UFO in Pageland the night of the sighting. He primarily remembers the object's bright lights.

"I didn't see it until we got into town. I first saw it when we made the left turn at the light," said Mangum, a rope range operator at Grace Finishing Plant. He's worked for Springs for 16 years.

"You couldn't tell anything about what it looked like. About all you could see were those lights," he said.

Mangum said the lights were unusual in that they didn't appear to have a beam. They just glowed.

When the object stopped and hovered in the air, the lights turned reddish and appeared to brighten and dim, brighten and dim. The lights were about four inches across, he said.

Mangum and his wife Lillie spotted the object later that night after Ray McManus and Sue Lowery had gone on home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mangum, members of the Zion Methodist Church, followed the object a few miles out of town. Mangum said he wasn't afraid to pursue it.

"When we started out of town, I saw the lights through the openings in the trees," he said. "It was really something to see. I was trying to figure out what it was."

Just before Mangum lost sight of the object, the lights moved from a horizontal to a vertical position and turned a bright red.

"The last time I saw it, it was red lights, like a ball of fire. Real red."

Mangum said he's given a lot of thought to the object, but still can't say what it was.

"I wouldn't attempt to say what it was. Some people have believed we saw it, and some asked me what I was drinking. It was nothing to laugh at, but nothing to make a big deal over either. I just don't know what it was."



Joe Mangum

Q&A

'Star Wars' travel might be only 12 years away

Al Holt, 35, is a scientist for the National Aviation and Space Administration. He theorizes that within 12 years man might be able to travel via "hyperspace" — as Han Solo did in "Star Wars." He thinks each area of space has a frequency, and that if a vehicle could be attuned to the frequency of its destination, it could travel there. Holt was interviewed by Connie Stewart.

Question: What put this odd idea in your head?

Holt: The UFO phenomena, if UFOs are as they appear to be, if they are actually extraterrestrial visitors. The question is, why would they come here and how would they come here? It didn't make any sense for someone to hover over somebody's barnyard if it took him 300 years to get here. So right away I determined that, if we are being visited, it must be because of very short travel times.

The only way I know of getting from another galaxy to this galaxy in a very short time is to bypass space-time and go into another realm. There you could go much faster than the speed of light, because you'd no longer be in space-time.

Q: You're talking about time as a dimension?

A: In a way, yeah.

Q: What you're telling me is that if UFOs indeed are extraterrestrial visitors, they could be teenagers scooping the loop to take a look at my barnyard?

A: I think it's a little bit more controlled than that. It's more likely to be a scientific expedition than to be somebody who decided he wanted to visit Earth. With the frequency of sightings and the different types of beings that are seen, you have to assume that if these are correct interpretations, there are many different civilizations visiting us.

Q: In "Star Wars," when they wanted to go to some distant place in a hurry, they jumped into hyperspace. Is that something like your theory?

A: That is essentially what would be done. You'd select an energy configuration that has a resonance with the location you wanted to go, and travel through a type of hyperspace, or a higher dimensional space.

Q: Would you explain, briefly, how this would work?

A: By artificially generating a certain electromagnetic pattern, there should be generated a gravitational field that could nullify the earth's gravitational field. The spacecraft would be either attracted or repelled from the earth, according to the nature of the pattern. That's one type of propulsion system, which would result

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TRIBUNE, Covina, CA - May 3, 1980

Two UFOs Reported

Two UFO sightings have been reported over the skies of Monrovia, but the Federal Aviation Administration says none were reported to the agency.

The FAA duty officer said there were no aircraft matching the descriptions of the sightings in the area Thursday.

One man, who would not identify himself, said he was walking out of an apartment about 8:45 p.m. when he saw the silent object.

He said it hovered for about 15 seconds before it tilted and sped out of sight.

About the same time, the sheriff's department received a call from the area of Euclid and California avenues near Monrovia to check for a UFO glowing with yellow and red lights.

The deputies called back to say they could find nothing.

"They've already gone back to Mars," one deputy quipped.

—LINDA HAUGSTED

from a breakthrough in our understanding of space-time field interactions.

The second kind of propulsion system is the Field Resonance Propulsion System, which is more sophisticated. If you generate this artificial pattern around a spacecraft, in certain cases it may turn out that all the energy patterns around that artificial pattern may be repelling it. While not in harmony with surrounding patterns, it may be in harmony with a distant pattern. So there's a type of attraction, or resonance, established between that artificial pattern and a distant space-time pattern which, according to the theoretical model, results in a jump from this space-time point to the distant one. Tunneling through space-time is another way of looking at it.

Essentially, in this theoretical model, time can be viewed as more of an energy flow. It loses most of its absolute qualities.

Q: Could you reach your destination before you leave?

A: I wouldn't be willing to say that at this point. It may be that if you're going to some distant place, you have to ask yourself, how do I compare the time there with the time where I was? Since you can only work with the speed of light in space and time, you would have no way of determining exactly what time that clock says back there versus the time it says where you end up. The only way you would know is if you came back. Then you could say, well, it appeared to take this long to get there, I spent so much time there, then I came back.

Q: Would you need a spacecraft to get there, or could you do this mentally?

A: Well, let's put it this way. There's a lot we don't know about the power of the mind. But for now, you would pretty much have to rely on the spacecraft.

Q: Would the shape of the spacecraft matter?

A: I think the shape of the spacecraft can be quite important. Elliptical or saucer-shaped would be the shapes I'd start out with. I hate to use those words because of

the connotations. But what you're trying to do with the artificial energy pattern is overwhelm the natural mass energy pattern and exist in the material of the spacecraft itself. So a saucer is probably best. I don't think it's an accident that the UFO phenomena we see are, by and large, saucer shaped.

Q: Could your theory be used for time travel?

A: Possibly, in the sense that time is going to be an elusive factor. For example, we might go to some distant point in the universe, spend a week there, and come back to find we'd only been gone 15 minutes. There will be unusual time effects. But if you extrapolate too far, you start losing your credibility, so I hesitate to do that.

Q: How much will all this cost?

A: Well, for an initial Phase A study, I expect it's going to be somewhere between \$100,000 and \$300,000. That type of study would mean selecting two contractors to develop a design for a field physics laboratory (which would be needed to test this theory). It could cost between \$50 million and \$250 million to develop one of those. The total program (to develop the propulsion system) could cost \$5 billion.

If it's not well funded, we might as well not do it at all. Too many projects lately have suffered greatly from the fact that we've tried to go with a low-budget approach.

We have a choice. We can develop it in the 1980s and use it in 1990s. Or we can wait until the 21st century, if we're still here to do it. I'm wondering how stable we can keep things (in the world) over the next 20 years without a breakthrough in space travel.

Q: Would you like to be one of the first people to travel this way?

A: Oh, yeah. I grew up during Captain Video and all that. To be able to have a free rein, almost, in terms of where you want to go in space and how you get there, would be a tremendously exciting experience.

UFO Spotted By Police Official

Officer George Hensler reported to the National UFO Center that he spotted a UFO on April 5 at 11:10 p.m.

Officer Hensler stated in his report that he was parked in his patrol car on the Middlesex Shopping parking lot, next to a car driven by Officer Mike Papesch, when he looked in the sky and saw an object moving in a northerly direction at a high rate of speed.

It displayed no visible lights and made no noise, according to the officer.

He also stated the object was oblong in shape and had a dim glow on each end. He said he pointed the object out to Officer Papesch, who reportedly was unable to see it.

The sky was very clear at the time of the sighting, added Officer Hensler.

TIMES, Essex, MD - April 10, 1980

CHRONICLE, San Francisco, CA - July 8, 1947

Saucers

Editor—I wish to report that yesterday I observed a formation of flying saucers traveling at a speed of several hundred miles an hour over the Carquinez straits region near Port Costa. There were 10 in the formation, and they disappeared behind a cloud bank in the direction of Mount Diablo as I watched.

In a few minutes they reappeared again and this time the middle saucer seemed to have an object on it that looked like a cup of coffee. Traveling in the saucer behind the one with the coffee was another with a sign that said 5 cents.

However, as I watched, the 5-cent sign seemed to give away to a 10-cent figure, and at the same time the amount of coffee in the saucer grew considerably less. The sugar shrank considerably and the cream disappeared entirely.

My Indian guide from Richmond with whom I was fishing at the time and who also observed this phenomena said this was a very bad sign. He said that his wise old grandfather had once told him that this meant that most of the fish had left the waters and now could be found on land.

RALPH DINSMORE

Port Costa.

EXAMINER, San Francisco, CA - Aug. 9, 1947

Fourth Air Force Drops Disc Inquiry; Search Held Futile

Fourth Air Force headquarters here washed its hands of flying discs yesterday.

The headquarters stated that an investigation of the latest disc story, out of Tacoma, Wash., had proved completely fruitless.

"This headquarters will pursue the investigation no further," the statement said.

Lt. Col. Donald L. Springer, Fourth Air Force intelligence chief, returned yesterday to Hamilton Field from the Tacoma area. His task was to complete the investigation begun by two intelligence officers who were killed when their plane crashed on its return flight here.

The wrecked plane was said to have carried fragments of metal from one of the elusive discs.

Colonel Springer debunked the entire story. He said a reported explosion of a small boat off Maury Island, attributed to a flying disc collision, did not occur.

Metal particles gathered after this "explosion" were the same as material that appears in great quantity throughout the Tacoma area, Colonel Springer reported.

The Army did not explain exactly what this material was, other than to describe it as appearing like "molten metal or slag." A previous examination by University of Chicago scientists brought the conclusion that it was "molten metal that had fallen from a great height and landed on sand."

Whatever it was, the investigation was over so far as the Army was concerned. The Army report declared there was not enough evidence to conclude whether the disc stories "in the Tacoma area or any other area" have any basis in fact.

EXAMINER, San Francisco, CA - Oct. 14, 1947

Cavalry to Aid Mexico Mystery Bomb Search

EL PASO (Tex.), Oct. 13. — (AP) — Mexican mounted troops tonight prepared to ride tomorrow into the sandhills and mountains near Caseta, Mexico, seeking a mysterious flaming object which residents said soared over the town yesterday to explode in billows of smoke ten miles away. Saseta is just across the Mexican border from Fabens, Tex. The

object was estimated to have landed about fifteen miles south-east of El Paso, Tex.

Brig. Gen. Enrique Diaz Gonzales, commandant of the Juarez Garrison, across from El Paso, led a search party into the range of mountains beyond Caseta, Colonia Reforma and Guadalupe today. Possibility of finding a crater or recoverable fragments of the object spurred the search.

Metal-locating instruments similar to mine detectors were used by the reconnaissance party.

Tomorrow, mounted troops will aid the foot troops.

Some persons familiar with the sand dune terrain of the area leading to the Zamalayuca Mountain Range said that aerial reconnaissance probably would be necessary and that a crater large enough to be seen from the air probably would have resulted from an explosion as large as that described by witnesses.

At least four persons, three from Caseta and one from Colonia Reforma, about five miles from the border, reported they saw the flaming object. Many residents of Fabens and Colonia Reforma reported they heard two explosions as the body apparently exploded.

Persons driving along the highway saw smoke billowing from the mountains about the time of the explosion.

EXAMINER, San Francisco, CA - Oct. 13, 1947

FLYING BOMB EXPLODES NEAR TEXAS BORDER

Army Probes Blast of Mystery Missile in Mexican Hills

EL PASO (Tex.), Oct. 12. — (AP) — Authorities at Guadalupe, Mexican town across the border from Fabens, thirty-two miles east of here, said today a large bomb had exploded in the hills ten miles from that town.

SAW BOMB

W. J. Hooten, editor of the El Paso Times, said United States Customs Inspector J. C. Bunnell had telephoned Sheriff Alan Falby here that the mayor and other officials of Guadalupe had informed him they saw the bomb, about five feet long and three feet in diameter, come over the town traveling about 100 feet above the ground and that it exploded in the hills with a terrific noise and that smoke still was thick in the vicinity.

Maj. Gen. John L. Homer, commander of the Fort Bliss Military Reservation here, is on his way to Guadalupe to investigate.

Hooten said the Guadalupe officials declared the bomb came from the direction of the United States.

UNEXPLAINED

"There have been no tests going on at the White Sands Proving Grounds," said Hooten, "and everyone is at a loss to explain the existence of such a bomb. Guadalupe people said it looked like a robot bomb of some sort."

Guadalupe authorities also contacted the Mexican garrison in Juarez, which is just across the border from El Paso.

EXAMINER, San Francisco, CA - April 10, 1948

3 Men Without Planes or Parachutes Reported Flying Over Washington State

LONGVIEW (Wash.), April 9. — (INS) — A tale of three men flying over Longview without the help of airplanes or parachutes startled the lower Columbia River area tonight.

The mysterious apparitions were reported by Mrs. Viola Johnson and James Pittman, both employees of a Longview laundry.

Mrs. Johnson said what she saw "looked like three men in dark drab flying suits flying through the air." She continued: "As far as I can judge they

were about 250 feet high, circling the city.

"They were going about as fast as a freight train and had some kind of apparatus on their sides which looked like guns, but I know it couldn't have been guns.

"I couldn't see any propellers or any motors tied on them, but I could hear motors which sounded about like airplane motors, but not so loud."

When Mrs. Johnson and Pittman saw the objects they called other workers. Before others could get outside, the flyers were gone.

Other residents reported hearing plane motors about the same time and seeing three planes circle at a high altitude.

The Longview report was like one from Chehalis, Wash., last January, in which Mrs. Bernice Zaikowski, 61, reported seeing a flying man go "sizzing and whizzing" about 200 feet above her barn. Her flying man had big, silver wings and seemed to be working controls on his chest. The wings seemed to be strapped over his shoulders, and he flew in an upright position. Neither woman saw a propeller.

NEWS, San Francisco, CA - Oct. 14, 1947

'Glowing' Missile Seen in Sky—By Five Persons

Five disturbed witnesses opened the fall Flying Saucer Season with reports today that the "biggest thing since Halley's comet" whizzed across California's Sunday night skies.

The reports, from Oakland and Monterey, indicated some object, origin and destination unknown, traversed the sky about seven hours before a mystery missile crashed across the Mexican border from El Paso, Tex. There was nothing, however, to link the two events.

First report of the object came

from Ben Dobus, 48, 365 Lester-av, Oakland, a photographer (who didn't get a picture of what he saw).

At 24 minutes and 30 seconds after midnight, Mr. Dobus said, he and Cabdriver A. J. Goldman saw a glowing object in the northeast quadrant of the sky "about the size of the front end of a four-motor plane, viewed from below when at an altitude of 6000 feet."

He said it was moving at "terrific speed" westward and left no trail.

"It had a nucleus strongly fluorescent, diffused to the outer edge,"

Mr. Dobus said. "It looked like Saturn—with a ring around it—but it was definitely not a meteorite."

The object, he said, traveled in a straight line and "did not drop toward the horizon."

Emmett McMenamin, clerk of Monterey County, said about the same time he saw "the biggest celestial thing since Halley's Comet," soaring from the northeast to southwest over the Monterey Peninsula.

Two other Monterey residents

accompanying Mr. McMenamin, also declared they saw the phenomenon. It had a reddish glow and a fiery tail, Mr. McMenamin said, and other wise resembled reports from Texas and Mexico on the unidentified object which hurtled into the Zamalayuca Mountains and exploded about 7:30 a. m. (P.S.T.) yesterday.

Both reports gave the object's direction as seaward rather than inland and made it unlikely the object was the same as the Mexican "mystery missile."

EXAMINER, San Francisco, CA - Aug. 20, 1949

'Little Men' in Flying Disc

MOJAVE, Aug. 19. — (INS) — A grizzled desert prospector reported that a "whizzing disc" crashed near Death Valley today and that two little men jumped out and disappeared in the sand dunes.

The prospector, Buck Fitzgerald, who claims he has lived in the Death Valley region long enough to know a flying disc when he sees one, said that his sidekick, Mase Garney, also witnessed the event.

Related Fitzgerald: "This flying disc, which was about twenty-four feet in diameter, whizzed past us going about 300 miles per hour.

"It crash-landed and two little men jumped out and started running when they saw us.

"The men looked human but they were very small — like dwarfs.

"We chased them over a sand dune but lost them. I don't know where they went."

The two prospectors allowed that, with a temperature of 138 degrees, it was too hot to chase the little men for any great distance.



EVENING EXPRESS, Aberdeen, Scotland - March 25, 1980

TWO NORTH musicians, prompted by the reported sighting of a UFO over the Black Isle at the weekend, have told the story of their own strange encounter — which they had kept to themselves for fear of being laughed at.

Inverness Country and Western singer Tug Wilson and Aberdeen accordionist Stuart Anderson say they watched a very bright cigar-shaped object in the sky for half an hour.

During that time they say a piece detached itself and moved off into the distance.

Yesterday the "Evening Express" carried a story about a Fortrose couple's reported sighting.

Robert and Dorothy Munro, of 2 Alexander Court, say they saw a bright pear-shaped object in the early hours of Sunday morning.

And last week at least five people in Fearn, Easter Ross, say they saw an object in the sky and a Nairn man reported a similar sighting.

CRAZY

Tug and Stuart claim to have seen their UFO while they were playing a three-night engagement in Thurso at the end of February.

Musicians' strange encounter with UFO

Tug says they told very few people. "We didn't want people to think we were crazy. It is a bit embarrassing really, but there's no question about what we saw."

The two musicians had finished their Friday night gig on February 24, at the Inver Arms Hotel at Dunbeith, and were on their way back to their digs at about 1 a.m. Neither had been drinking — Stuart does not drink at all and Tug had kept him company during the evening.

Tug said: "We were driving back when we looked over the hills and something bright caught our eye. It looked like the moon at first, but it was in the wrong direction."

Cliffhanger!

A CLOSE encounter of the eerie kind for Cliff Cheal and girlfriend Jennifer as they made their way home on Sunday.

Approaching the Pilgrim's Way near Thurnham after spending the evening at the Windmill pub in Hollingbourne, the scene suddenly resembled an excerpt from the famous UFO movie.

Two lights, a foot across, were moving slowly towards Cliff's new Capri car and they appeared to be less than 100 feet in the air.

Now Cliff, of Montgomery Avenue, Chatham, is used to planes. His knowledge was acquired at

Marconi Elliotts where he works, and his first instincts told him the mystery object must be a helicopter.

Stopping the car and switching off the lights, he opened the door and listened. Nothing. Just the lights and the steady movement through the silent air.

"No helicopter this," he realised as the 'alien' swept over the car. It was 25 feet across and the dark shape behind the lights appeared like "a plane with no tail."

By this time, Jennifer's nerves were a little fraught and Cliff's weren't in much better condition, so they turned up the chance of a closer inspection and roared off into the night.

Had Cliff been bemused by the beer? "No, I never drink when I'm driving. I don't know what it was — people are very sceptical about such things you know."

No argument there, but Cliff didn't sound like the type to make things up and I wasn't told the tale on April 1.

The local police tell me they had no other reports of things which go quietly in the night — still Cliff certainly saw something.

A friend jokingly said it was a night glider, but of course there ain't no such aircraft.

Strange the things which now use Chaucer's Pilgrim's Way.

EVENING POST, Kent, England

April 2, 1980 CR: B. Taylor

via L. Whitehurst

U.F.O. hunt after sighting by policeman

A full-scale police search was carried out in the rural area to the west of Dundee early yesterday morning after one of the most credible and dramatic U.F.O. sightings ever made in the district.

The sighting was made by an off-duty police officer from Tayside Police, and two milk boys in the Menzieshill area.

Another police officer heard unexplained noises about the same time while two other officers in a Panda car confirmed the sighting over the Menzieshill area.

The officer was asleep in his home in the Gowrie Park housing estate when he and his wife were awakened about 4.45 a.m. by a "hollow metal hum" which grew increasingly louder.

From his bedroom window, facing north west, he saw four "glows" moving slowly in a diamond formation.

All the time the noises grew louder and changed in pitch.

After several minutes one of the lights detached itself from the formation and slowly alighted in the vicinity of the hamlet of Benvie, between the Perth Road and Muirhead.

The first police officer on the scene said he also heard similar noises after he was sent to the scene to investigate his colleague's report.

Alarmed

Last night the off-duty policeman told "The Courier" what he had heard and seen, and admitted that during the 30 minutes he witnessed the sighting, he was somewhat alarmed by what had happened.

"I came off duty at 11 p.m. and went home to bed after my shift," he said.

"We went to bed about 1 a.m. I am a light sleeper and we left the bedroom window open to get some fresh air. The window faces the Carse of Gowrie."

"I looked at my watch when I was awakened and the time was 4.55 a.m."

"What had roused us was a strange noise similar to the amplified sound of a child's spinning top."

"Hollow, metal sound"

"It was a sort of hollow, metal sound—quite loud."

"There were different types of sound throughout the half hour."

and behold I heard the noise getting louder.

"I went to the window again, looked out and saw one of the lights moving smoothly down to ground level."

"It descended like a lift—there was no shape, just a glow."

"At ground level it just disappeared, but there were noises from where it came down."

"For a time the noise seemed to intensify."

"One of the first officers on the scene told me he, too, had heard noises when he arrived."

"When I looked for the other three lights they had disappeared."

No air traffic

A spokesman for R.A.F. Leuchars confirmed that there was no air traffic in the area at that time.

A full police search of the area proved negative.

The two milk boys who were interviewed by police said they had heard noises similar to those described by the off-duty policeman.

An anonymous caller also phoned police headquarters in Dundee and reported hearing a "buzzing-cum-whooshing" noise in the Menzieshill area at the same time.

Two UFOs spotted over village

UNIDENTIFIED Flying Objects have been spotted over a Northamptonshire village twice within the last seven days — once in broad daylight.

A round black object apparently with a glass domed top was seen about a week ago flying near Long Buckby.

The man who saw the object, section manager in a Daventry shop said he was out walking with his six-year-old son at the time.

"In fact it was my son who drew my attention to the object. At first I thought it was an aeroplane, but I soon realised that it was not," said the man, who did not wish to be named.

"One of my neighbours who also saw the object put it down as a weather balloon, but it wasn't that either. I couldn't say for certain what it was, but I have not seen anything like it before."

He said that the UFO was black, but that the sun was being reflected off the top, which appeared to be silver-coloured or glass.

The object was travelling from the West Haddon direction, following the line of the electricity pylons towards the A5.

The second sighting was made on Monday by Mr. Peter James, of The New Cavendish Restaurant.

"It was in Long Buckby Market Square, near the National Westminster Bank at about 10 p.m., when from the corner of my eye, I noticed two very bright lights in the sky."

"They were quite close together, but they seemed to light up part of the pavement — it was like being on stage with a couple of spot light pointed at you," said Mr. James.

He said that the lights seemed to be the size of the street lights, but that they must have been at a height of around 400 to 500 feet, he added that they started to pulsate, on and off.

Mr. James said he ran back to his home and called to his wife Jenny to look out of the window, after watching the lights for about 45 seconds.

Mrs. James said that she looked out of the bedroom window, and also saw the two lights.

UFO mystery rekindled

MATLOCK'S great U.F.O. mystery has taken off again with two more local sightings in the past few days.

Seventy-year-old Mrs. Elizabeth Hicken of Chadwell Hall, Stanton-in-the-Peak has told the "Derbyshire Times" of a strange and brightly lit "torpedo shaped" object she saw near her home at the weekend. And, another sighting of an object - which has twice been seen by locals in the past month - has come from Mrs. Mary Mount of Merecluse, Eilon.

The U.F.O. reports were sparked last month after a Mailock man told how he had seen a dome-like object - surrounded with a ring of bright lights - three times within a few days near his home at 79, Metcalf Road. In the days following Mr. Charles Chandler's claims, he was contacted by a Darley Dale woman who claimed to have seen exactly the same object near her home - and she described herself as being "upset and frightened".

Now, the object seems to have been spotted yet again - by Mrs. Mount while she was in the Darley Dale area days ago.

She said: "It was a bright object - much, much larger than a star - surrounded by a ring which seemed to be vibrating. It was stationary and was in the skies over Matlock".

This weekend's sighting in Stanton brought a description of a different type of object...

Mrs. Hicken, who saw the object at just gone midnight on Sunday, said: "It was shaped like a torpedo with fins and was completely lit up. It was a marvellous sight".

She added that the object was in view for just two to three seconds as it passed across the sky.

"I've never believed other people about this - but when you see it with your own eyes, that's it, you know something's there", she said.

Matlock police said yesterday they had not received any recent U.F.O. reports from anyone.

STAR, Indianapolis, IN - May 31, 1980 CR: C. Jones



(UPI Photo)

**J. CARMEN GARCIA
Gigantic Green Thumb**

ing. The chosen depository for the benefit of humanity is the Rosicrucian Order."

Arthur Piepienbrink, Supreme Secretary of the Rosicrucian Order, issued a laconic confirmation of the order's interest in the formula from its San Jose headquarters through spokesman Christian Knueson:

"We went down to Mexico and took a look. We were given the formula and had no objection to analyzing it. We do not have the faintest idea whether it is valid or not."

than a thousand requests for more information, Robinson visited Garcia again, with UPI along to interpret.

"I don't want to talk any more about how I got that formula. That's not important," Garcia said, pushing back his straw hat and leaning on his shovel as he irrigated his tidy, three-acre parcel. "What is important is that the way to grow giant vegetables has been put in a safe place for the benefit of humanity."

"People have offered to take me to the United States and to Germany to teach my method, but I prefer to stay right here. People offer me money for my method. I don't tell. I will tell you just this: a farmer must change his mentality before he can change the size of his produce."

HE REFUSED to part with some of his miracle seeds.

Arredondo, village photographer and half-owner with Garcia of the wonder farm, said, "The secret is that the seeds are energized before plant-

The contest, on identical side-by-side plots, was conducted at the Ministry's Tangasneque experimental station near Tampico. When the April 1978 harvest was in, the unschooled farmer and his associate, Oscar Arredondo, had put the government agronomists to shame.

A ministry spokesman, researching results of the contest at the request of UPI, said:

"In cabbage alone, Garcia outgrew the agronomists 107 tons per hectare (2.5 acres) to five tons per hectare. However, government experts determined that his large produce was less nutritious than normal-sized produce and the government decided not to pursue the matter."

LAST FEBRUARY, UPI distributed an illustrated dispatch about Garcia based on an article by Bill Robinson, a San Diego Police information officer, who happened upon the farmer and his big vegetables while on a Mexican vacation. Inundated by more

MYSTICAL ORDER HAS 'FORMULA'

Mammoth Cabbages, Onions Mexican Farmer's Own Secret

Valle De Santiago, Mexico (UPI) - For three months, Mexico's wonder farmer has been deluged with questions about how he produces 60-pound cabbages, 10-pound onions and collard greens the size of palm fronds.

Yet the Mexican government lost interest when J. Carmen Garcia offered to tell his secret to help feed the poor.

GARCIA MAINTAINED his success came from a formula on a scrap of paper given him by a stranger who claimed to have been held captive in an underground city by extraterrestrial beings. Now, Garcia has entrusted what he calls "the method" to the mystical Rosicrucian Order of San Jose, Calif., for the benefit of mankind.

Garcia, whose perennial giant vegetables made him a folk hero in his Guanajuato state valley 260 miles northwest of Mexico City, was challenged by Agriculture Ministry agronomists to a grow-off in December 1977.

POST, Umtali, Zimbabwe
April 3, 1980 CR: C. Hind

UFO near Inyanga

AN unidentified flying object was seen near Inyanga on Friday, and local people who saw it are at a loss to explain what it was and what it was doing.

The UFO was seen over Selborne factory at about 7pm on Friday, and was observed by about four people. It hovered almost stationary for a few minutes, before moving upwards into the clouds. One of the people who saw it, Mr. Orlando Martin, said it was definitely not an aeroplane or helicopter, and that it shone a light upwards.

After remaining in the area for a short while, it left, heading in a westerly direction.

For one brief moment, it looked as though Flixton had received a visit from outer space.

The UFO that made over Flixton on Wednesday night, witnessed by Mr. Ken Stewart and his wife, Janet, who were disturbed from their bed by a bright white ball of light which lit the bedroom of their home in Western Road. They rushed to the window and drew back the curtain.

It was a bright white ball of light which lit the bedroom of their home in Western Road. They rushed to the window and drew back the curtain.

Reports from all over the North-west talked of blue flashes, rumblings and "bumps in the night" while experts at Jodrell Bank dismissed fears about invaders from outer space and said that it was all caused by a meteorite or man-made space hard-wire coming down to earth.

HERALD, Buenos Aires, Argentina
April 24, 1980 CR: J. Thomas

'Luminous beings squeezed my head'

Santa Rosa (La Pampa) A MAN was attacked by two "strange luminous creatures" according to his own declaration to the police here yesterday. The man, Nelson Lemin Sayago, was hospitalized on Tuesday night, apparently suffering from a nervous crisis.

Sayago said that the car he was driving suddenly stopped, due to some mechanical breakdown which he could not explain. He was immediately approached by two "luminous creatures", who squeezed his head until he passed out. When he woke up, he was ten blocks away from the spot where it had all occurred.

A passer-by led him to a nearby hospital, where he was admitted with a severe nervous breakdown, and the doctors who received him said afterwards that he hadn't been drinking. (NA)

UFO over Flixton

April 17, 1980

STREETFOOD & URMSTON JOURNAL, Lancashire, England

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

Location of incident: between Humanes and Yunqueira de Henares (Province of Guadalajara), Spain

Date of incident: Dec. 3, 1979

(See UFONS 129, p. 13, col. 1. The correct spelling of the town involved in this case is Mohernando [sic--both articles had it wrong--trans.].)

(1) Location of incident: Santa Ponsa (Balearic Islands), Spain

Date of incident: Jan. 5, 1980

(2) Location of incident: Morón de la Frontera (Province of Seville), Spain

Date of incident: [probably May 11, 1979]

Name of paper and date of clip: BALEARIC, Jan. 6, 1980

City and country of paper: Palma de Majorca (Balearic Islands), Spain

AT SANTA PONSA

A UFO RESPONDS TO THE SIGNALS OF A CAR

Last night a group of people called our office to give witness to the sighting of a somewhat original UFO. Pedro García Antich, José Ruiz Gallego, Miguel Capó, and Antonio Toro Rueda were at the look-out point of Islas Malgrat, of Santa Ponsa, about 8:00 p.m., when they saw a strange light in the sky, flashing and with colors that changed as it moved (it made upward jumps, like an oscilloscope), and would stop cold. The powerful lights, placed in a triangular position and at a higher level than the rest of the hulk, were orange in color, then blue, and finally white. To change color, they would first go out a moment. The movements were made from left to right and vice versa.

The four people who saw it were observing the details that we described (from a distance of several kilometers) for 25 minutes, at the end of which time they went to look for binoculars and snapshot cameras, but the UFO had already gone away when they returned to the same place.

The original thing about the case, as we said in the first lines, is that our callers signalled the UFO with the lights of their automobiles. Signals that were seen to correspond to alternate movements of the "unidentified" flying object, attaining such precision that one of the observers became frightened.

Another circumstance worthy of mention is that Antonio Toro had already had the occasion many years ago, not to see a UFO--as he now says occurred--but he could reach where one landed (years back) in a sunflower field near Morón de la Frontera, and could verify how the soil was burnt and the planting completely levelled. On that occasion--our caller tells us--the United States and Spanish Air Forces investigated the case.

To the question of whether they could not have confused the supposed UFO with a helicopter or something known on our planet, Antonio Toro told us that he could verify facts like incomprehensible speeds and their own gravitational fields--apart from the cited response to their signals--that escape all known technology on our planet. D.P.

[Three reporters of the Palma de Majorca ULTIMA HORA were called to witness a UFO from the same look-out (which it spells Santa Ponsa, which is evidently the local Catalan spelling) at 7:00 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 1, according to articles in that paper on Jan. 2 and 3. The second article offers several possible explanations, including one from Salvador Sánchez Serra of the Balearic Astronomical Society, who said they were watched it from their Sancellas observatory, and it was Venus. The Jan. 7 issue of the paper says that several editors saw a possible UFO on Sun., Jan. 6, "when the day was declining," and no reference to the Jan. 1 sighting is made. The Jan. 7 article quotes at length Antonio Alonso, president of the year-old Balearic Astronomy Society (sic--is this the same as Sánchez's society?), who says it must have been Venus. But he goes on to make this remarkable statement: "In the United States there are a million amateur astronomers, and in the entire world we form a group of several million, and so far none of us who spends nights tracking the firmament have seen extraterrestrial ships or little green men."--trans.]

Location of incident: near Valencia, Spain

Date of incident: November 11, 1979

Name of paper and date of clip: EL DIA, Jan. 26, 1980

City and country of paper: Santa Cruz de Tenerife (Canary Islands), Spain

The Manises UFO could have been a United States fighter plane

According to a group of Valencian ufologists, the UFO sighted at Valencia that forced the landing at Manises airport of a "Caravelle" airplane on the Palma de Majorca-Alicante route last November could be a United States fighter plane from the sixth fleet that was in those days at Almeria in joint American-Spanish maneuvers.

"The hypothesis is based on the 'Crisex 79' American-Spanish maneuvers that had just concluded in Almeria. Coinciding with the appearance of the UFO was the subsequent return of the Task Force unit of the VI American Fleet to its NATO base at Naples. The helicopter carrier 'Iwo Jima' also arrived at Valencia in those days. All of these maneuvers let us think that the UFO could be a fighter plane that accompanied the airliner until thirty miles from Valencia, which is the limit of Spanish territorial waters. Thus the radar echo is also explained," argue the Valencian ufologists.

Mixed in with this hypothesis is the atmospheric influence that could have also given rise to the sighting--real or false--of the UFO. Nevertheless, the result of these investigations will be made known within three weeks.

Photograph made at Palma de Majorca of the UFO or American fighter plane. [This paragraph serves to explain the photo that accompanies the article. See details on the photo in UFONS 129, p. 13, col. 1. The Palma de Majorca ULTIMA HORA of Jan. 2, 1980, also includes a paragraph on Josep ("Pep") Climent's photos of Nov. 11, which is preceded by a paragraph that on Christmas Eve he was able to take additional photos at Soller of the splash-down of a UFO.--trans.]

ITALY -- Credit: Massimo Greco

1) City and Country of incident: Bari, Italy

2) Date of incident: March 21, 1980

3) Name of paper and date of clip: CORRIERE DELLA SERA, March 25, 1980

4) City and Country of newspaper: Milano, Italy

TWO YOUTHS IN APULIA TELL TO CARABINEERS: WE ARE BURNED BY THE RED TRAIL OF A UFO

From our correspondent: Bari -- UFOs which appeared in the sky of Apulia also left the mark of their passage; slight scalds on the bodies of two youths of ORFEI's circus. This is, at least, the version of the two protagonists of the singular adventure, Paride Orfei (18) and Phelipe Garcia (19). The first is the son of the famous tamer Mando Orfei (owner of the circus); the other is an acrobat who performs with the group "Calicoas."

At first, all thought that the story was caused by drunkenness and the two youths' desire to boost themselves. Instead, the witnesses told their version to the Carabinieri, who compiled a report on the "close encounter."

As proof of their sighting, the boys show the traces left by the "UFO" on their bodies. Phelipe has a scald on the wrist, where he keeps his watch. Paride has two scalds at the sides of the navel, where his waist band has two iron studs.

The "encounter" with the extraterrestrials occurred Friday night at Gioia del Colle, a village some 40 km. from Bari, where the circus is encamped. The two protagonists have spoken of the sighting only after 24 hours because they were afraid they would be considered as visionaries. They decided to tell their story when they discovered the scalds on their bodies.

Friday evening, there being no circus performance scheduled, they decided to visit Bari. They ended the evening in a cinema and then returned to Gioia del Colle.

It was about 1:00 a.m. and at that time, they were behind the central tent. Suddenly, first Paride, then Phelipe, noticed a luminous trail that approached at great speed.

A mysterious bright object, with a diameter of 70-80 centimeters, colored blue-orange. The strange object stopped, at about one hundred meters from the ground, for about 10 seconds, so the youths say. Afterwards, it became red and disappeared, leaving a grey-orange trail.

Phelipe adds: "While we were very frightened, the animals were nervous; the dogs, especially, yelped without interruption; the elephants uttered strong trumpeting."

When the surprise had passed, the two youths decided to say nothing. Then, the presence of the scalds convinced them to tell of their sighting. Have they told the truth?

ITALY -- Credit: E. Russo (C.U.N.)

1) City and Country of incident: Lodi, Poland

2) Date of incident: April 6-7, 1980

3) Name of paper and date of clip: IL RESTO DEL CARLINO, April 8, 1980

4) City and country of newspaper: Bologna, Italy

YOUTHS TERRORIZED BY THREE "UFO"

Warsaw - A young couple at Lodi (in the middle of Poland) told the police they have been terrorized by "UFOs" (unidentified flying objects), writes the Warsaw evening courier, "Kurier Polski" (Polish Courier).

The two youths asserted they saw, on the night between Sunday and Monday, three bright balls hovering and spreading a blinding light. Frightened, the couple locked themselves into their house and came out only on the following morning, when the three mysterious spheres had by then disappeared. (Ansa)

1) City and Country of incident: Bordeaux, France

2) Date of incident: April 7, 1980

3) Name of paper and date of clip: IL RESTO DEL CARLINO, April 9, 1980

4) City and country of newspaper: Bologna, Italy

A "UFO" SIGHTED NEAR BORDEAUX

Paris - A "UFO" (unidentified flying object) was sighted in Bordeaux outskirts. Mrs. Segonnes and her daughter noticed "something bright in the sky, coming lower. It looked like a star - they later said - but was brighter and sometimes it took an oval shape." Also three policemen, come onto the spot, were able to watch the phenomenon for about half an hour. The object was slowly moving, then disappeared towards the Arcachon basin.

1) City and Country of incident: Buseto Palizzolo, Italy

2) Date of incident: April 12, 1980

3) Name of paper and date of clip: L'ORA, April 16, 1980

4) City and country of newspaper: Palermo, Italy

STILL MYSTERY AT BUSETO PALIZZOLO - HERE ARE THE MARKS FOUND IN THE "UFO VALLEY" by Umberto Rosso

Buseto Palizzolo - "I did never believe in these flying 'things.' I'm not yet fully convinced that man went onto the Moon. But this time..."

Giuseppe Pedone, 53, peasant, married and father of two, very much esteemed in town, is the man who first saw, last Saturday, those two mysterious concentric circles in the vineyard at the Colle district, the place people now call the "UFO valley." Then holes, up to two meters deep, appeared from one day to another, without anyone approaching - for what is known - that area. Of the before flourishing grass all around, there's no trace left.

Has some mystery space object chosen the sprouting vineyards at Colle as an improvised landing ground, sticking its long "legs" into the ground and later going back up into the sky?

Peasants are saying: "From upside it came, upside it went."

Down onto Buseto Palizzolo, a peasant town of 3000, 30 kilometers far from Trapani, after the "discovery" have rushed the Trapani "Carabinieri" colonel, scientific police teams, people from the National Ufological Center, hundreds of onlookers. The Buseto Palizzolo "Carabinieri" know one fact for certain: "Here's something abnormal."

The report on the "case" is now in the hands of the Bari Air Force Group; perhaps they'll have an on-the-spot investigation in the following days.

It's 15:30 on Saturday afternoon. Giuseppe Pedone and his brother get on the tractor, cross the town, enter the country road to Colle: they have to gather firewood. The sky is cloud-covered, the air is warm. The landscape all around is as usual: vineyards are shooting, the area is deserted, they may hear far away the sounds from the workers in the quarries. The farm-tractor jerks along the road for 4 kilometers, then stops near the little warehouse building. Pedone and his brother get down into the vineyard. An inattentive glimpse, then they can't believe their eyes. Before them a sort of crater has appeared, the soil is raised and scattered around. A 6 meters long, nearly 2 meters wide circle. The plant in the middle is broken, bent onto itself as if squashed by some weight. And the grass, where has the everywhere else present grass in the field disappeared? Surprises go on: Pedone watches more attentively and sees those ten holes in concentric circles. Outside there are five of them, larger, 12 centimeters wide, 80 centimeters deep; inside are five more--nearly in a cross, 45 degrees sloping under the ground, smaller but deeper, down to two meters. Inside them the dug-out wall is smooth, but the holes are twisted. At some distance, what remains of the clods, as if hurled far away. And there's no trace of tracks or footprints.

Who may go around, by night, working out such things? And when did this crater arrive? Pedone hadn't gone there in the last twenty days, but his brother-in-law says that on Thursday, everything was OK. Thirty-six hours to solve the mystery.

But no one saw, heard, noticed anything. The area is deserted by day, think by night! Only in summer, sometime, some peasant keeps guard of the poor vintage. Deep mystery. The "Carabinieri" in town keep control of themselves, refer you to the Alcamo company which is heading the "investigations" (but these forwarded the hot potato to the Air Force), but are confirming everything. No footprint at Colle, no one is known to have climbed up there to dig holes and shovel away, urged by what, with which equipment? The town was quiet, peaceful, no conflicts. Giuseppe Pedone is known and esteemed. Now it is in ferment. The "UFO valley" is clogged with cars and people. The crater has been trodden by hundreds of people. One of the holes has nearly disappeared. Yesterday a large group has also arrived from the National Ufological Center. Test-tubes, "sensors," compasses, measures, soil-samples, photographs. They intend to have them analysed by the Geology Department: if there's some trace of strange stuff, it will surface, they say.

Meanwhile, in the field, a first odd thing has been recorded: near the traces the compass has nearly "gone mad," with a magnetic declination from 45 to 70 degrees. So what is this crater, what did it?

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Soon excluded the hypothesis of burrows, peasants say it can't be a natural ground sinking: "Never seen such things," says Santo Felluca, 49 years of life in the country. Lightning doesn't strike so, the meteorite would have left some fragment. Water searching? The Council Clerk called the area geologist, and this has been denied. The hypothesis remains of a gigantic hoax to create the UFO psychosis, or of a "discourtesy" against the land owners, or of some artless oil searcher (a few years ago drillings were made in the area). In any case, a well done work.

Cheerful, smiling, not at all upset by the sensation about the "UFO valley," Giuseppe Pedone has come back to work. "Flying saucers don't give me food..."

- 1) City and country of incident: Catanzaro, Italy
- 2) Date of incident: April 24, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: IL GIORNALE DI CALABRIA, April 26, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Reggio Calabria, Italy

"UFOs" SIGHTED IN THE CATANZARO SKY

Flying saucers and "UFOs" sighted again in town, after a quite long period of evasion. On the night before yesterday, a whole family, the Nistico's, living in the Sama district in the lower part of Catanzaro, were able to follow for more than half an hour a hovering, then slowly moving, then decomposing luminous object.

The bright body was noticed exactly after 22:30 in the direction of Fondachello district. It remained motionless in the sky for twenty minutes. Then suddenly it moved towards the mountains in a horizontal path, nearly imperceptibly.

Suddenly the "disc" divided itself into three parts. The objects, cigar-shaped and lining one behind the other, continued the very slow movement, later disappearing from the sight of not only the Nistico's, but also of other families which, getting rather curious about them, had begun to look up.

Before decomposing, the light of the sky body had done something like intermittent signals, a sort of trembling.

"Flying saucers" had appeared above our town last time in the same month of April, last year. The sightings were then more numerous and from different parts of the town. Among other things, on one evening it was the policemen on guard at the prefecture who first noticed their presence, in the middle of the night.

ARGENTINA — Credit: Jane Thomas

- City and country of incident: Baterías, Mendoza province, Argentina
- Date of incident: March 24, 1980
- Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, March 28, 1980
- City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

MANY YPF WORKERS AFFIRM HAVING SEEN A VERY LUMINOUS UFO WITH A SMALL DOME, IN MALARGÜE

Malargüe:- Many people from this locality were witness to the motions of a UFO which last Monday night overflowed the zone of Baterías, a place 18 km from this city. Among the surprised observers is personnel from YPF (Fiscal Oil Fields), an engineer from the same enterprise, a driver, and several workers. The bewildered witnesses claimed they have already observed the path of flying objects in several opportunities, with characteristics similar to the usual descriptions of these phenomena. That is, intense luminosity, although this time the witnesses stated they observed a small dome on top of the UFO. Among those who reported the strange object's presence, are Roberto Arias, Alfredo Giovanetti, Eduardo Lucero and engineer Rubén Grecco, all of them from the YPF staff. Also a driver said he saw the UFO while driving his car along a road in Malargüe. According to YPF workers, one of them had to be hospitalized due to a nervous breakdown. They added that they observed evolutions of similar flying objects many times, silently crossing the sky.

- City and country of incident: En route from Córdoba to Catamarca province, Argentina
- Date of incident: April 2, 1980?
- Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, April 3, 1980
- City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO FOLLOWED PLANE FROM CORDOBA TO CATAMARCA

Catamarca - Under the title "UFO played with a plane belonging to the province", the local morning paper "La Unión" says that the crew of a Guarani plane from the Provincial Direction of Aeronautics, went through tense dramatic moments when it was followed all the way from Córdoba to this capital, by a UFO.

A reporter from the local paper interviewed the plane's copilot, Martín Cuello, who commented that "it happened from the moment of takeoff at Pajas Blancas. We suddenly saw a light by our side and thought it was a Boeing about to land. Then -continued Cuello- it called our attention because instead of leaving it behind, the object travelled with us, not parallel to us but rather diagonally, towards La Rioja".

Cuello's story turned lively when he commented that "the object flew away at ninety degrees, diminishing its white bluish light, until it looked like a red point, immediately placing itself near us. I remember that the Córdoba tower told us to approach it to verify what it was, but the pilot (Dunyd) refused for security reasons". Finally Cuello discarded the possibility of a helicopter, "with the years I have in flying -he said-, I don't believe it was a plane because it does not have that kind of light, nor a helicopter because it does not move that way at a thousand meters altitude and almost 400 km speed".

- City and country of incident: Jerusalem, Israel
- Date of incident: April 6, 1980
- Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, April 6, 1980
- City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO ALARMED JERUSALEM PEOPLE: IS BEING INVESTIGATED

Jerusalem, 6 (UPI) - An object that gave off luminous flashes overflowed today this city alarming its residents, who thought it was a UFO.

The police which was alerted, asked the Army to investigate the incident. The authorities first thought the luminous object could have been a metallic colored toy balloon filled with helium which a boy had lost a few hours before.

Some witnesses said the object appeared to be "suspended" for a while, flashing at intervals, and that it then flew slowly away towards the East.

The first report about the appearance was made by two women and a man who live in a tall apartment building of the residential district of Katamon. The policemen also described the object.

- City and country of incident: Santa Rosa, La Pampa province, Argentina
- Date of incident: March 22, 1980
- Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, April 26, 1980
- City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

I WAS A PRISONER OF THE EXTRATERRESTRIALS

Santa Rosa, La Pampa, 26 (From our special correspondent, Daniel Pla) - The first 48 hours having passed from the moment in which, according to

Fermín Nelson Sayago, he was made prisoner -in a solitary spot a few kilometers from the capital of this province- by two apparent extra-terrestrials who took blood from him, the case continues awakening the most varied questions as well as a sensation of panic in many of the almost 50 thousand residents of Santa Rosa.

As already reported in previous editions (a repetition of what Sayago explains below-JT), the event occurred exactly at 19.40 hrs. of Tuesday 22nd - Fermín Sayago told Crónica once he returned home - also making a detailed racconto of the agonizing experience he went through - "I want this to be very clear -he said- because many are taking me for crazy or drunk, as they keep saying around. I am a painter, of a very humble condition, and work on my own. And from the moment these beings appeared up to now, I have spent much time and money in doctors and medicines. So should my experience not be true, I don't have to go around telling stories".

"The place is very dark and there was much fog that night -says Sayago-, suddenly a black shape appeared and placed itself above my car, to the point when I only thought of throwing myself on the wheel. The engine stopped and the lights went out simultaneously, I got off and when I was about to open the hood, I began to feel an intense cold from the legs up to the waist, and felt paralyzed. I had a sensation of vacuum, and two luminous black figures placed themselves one on each side of me".

Sayago's recalling the event makes him accompany his story with signs of surprise and terror, also indicating that the tremendous headache subsists, and showed the place on his head where he felt a prick.

"They had no face, were similar to skulls without eyes on their faces. They moved in a strange manner and seemed to gesture, as if they wanted to talk to me. Suddenly I don't know what movement I may have made, one of them covered my head with his hands. These were much bigger than ours, their fingers were long and cold. When he took hold of me -repeats Sayago- I felt something like a lashing on my head and the sensation that he had extracted blood, together with a feeling of weakness. From that moment, until I found myself where a friend helped me, I don't know what happened".

* THE WITNESSES

Although Fermín Sayago was alone during the period of time between 19.40 and 20.10 of that Tuesday 22nd, there are several people who in the following minutes were witnesses to the abnormal psychophysical state in which he was found at the other end of the city.

The first to help him was his friend Juan Talamet who casually passed by and verified the state of desperation Sayago was in. "I heard some cries for help and saw a man mounted on, or better, almost lying on the car's hood, who called me insistently -says Talamet-. When I approached I grabbed him and asked "What's the matter with you, Fermín?", the first thing he said to me was that he was not mad, that something very mysterious had happened to him but that first I should take him to the house and then he would tell me. When I wanted to help him inside my car he collapsed without losing consciousness".

"When he got home -says his mother, María Orzuza de Sayago- he was as if he had been beaten, was cold and complained of a severe headache". "We took him at once to the hospital of Santa Rosa -now says his wife, Alicia Estela Galván de Sayago-, and Dr. Molas gave him a tranquilizer and checked him in". According to Dr. Lucio Molas, "Sayago was at that time a coherent man, but was in a serious state of alteration -he told Crónica-, we made the usual check-ups and they showed no alcoholic state nor signs of mental disorders".

On Thursday 24th Sayago was submitted to a general checkup, and until the final results are known, the case is being held in abeyance. Notwithstanding the belief or not in what Sayago experienced, there are many in Santa Rosa who do not go out at night from the time the event was known.

- City and country of incident: Santa Rosa, La Pampa province, Argentina
- Date of incident: March 22nd - 1980.
- City and country of incident: Treinta y Tres, Uruguay
- Date of incident: April 19, 1980
- Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, April 28, 1980
- City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

COMMOTION DUE TO SIGHTING OF EXTRATERRESTRIALS CONTINUES IT LOOKED LIKE A BLACK BIRD

Santa Rosa, 28 (From our special correspondent, Daniel Pla) - Aside from the belief or not in extraterrestrial beings -testimonies about their visits to our planet being on the increase, such as the fresh example given by Fermín Nelson Sayago of La Pampa-, it would be convenient to list a series of events derived from it, and another list of details, supplied by the stories of occasional witnesses.

One of the versions going around in Santa Rosa about the two extraterrestrial beings that allegedly took blood from Sayago, referred to some "remarkable scratches" found on his car's hood. In fact, as Crónica could verify, the traces on the metal belonged to the mechanic who had cleaned the carburetor and restarted the vehicle (and) with dirty hands lowered the hood leaving his fingerprints on it.

* HIS MOTHER

Of course this was not the only fantasy on the subject. Another one of many circulated in Sayago's own house by his mother, aside from other relatives. Doña María Orzuza de Sayago told that "Tuesday night, when Talamet -the friend who picked him up- brought Fermín home, it was almost 9 pm, she explains, a big black bird came behind them and perched itself on the electrical cables. It is true -she insisted- even the children -pointing to several children present- saw it". Logically, they assented and gave additional details of the strange craft. However, there is in Santa Rosa not only a generalized knowledge of "extraterrestrial phenomena", but at the same time, a group of investigators and professionals has been studying flying saucers and their occupants for several years. The group is SIOVNI (Sociedad Investigadora de los Objetos Voladores No Identificados).

The Analyses

"For a decade we have been analyzing the cases that occurred in the province and some nearby zones -explained its president, Oscar Alfredo Mario-. He disclosed that since August 1979 up to the present, 15 cases occurred, many of them near Santa Rosa".

Regarding Sayago's experience, SIOVNI's members stated that according to initial investigations, he is not a science-fiction fan and they tended to believe his version "provided the time blank between 19.40 and 20.10 could be confirmed, when Fermín Sayago was found by his neighbor".

The truth is that up to now, no one, even less Sayago, can explain what happened in those 30 minutes "in blank". It is also true that medical checks did not show any abnormality or alteration in Sayago's body, and since yesterday the latter had noticed that the intense headache provoked by the hands of the extraterrestrial beings that held him, had started to subside.

"Anyway, for this case as well as for many others, there remains one possibility, said SIOVNI's president, it may be that we find ourselves before a teleportation phenomenon, that is, the cases where witnesses lose conscience because of having been submitted to some kind of studies, it is not known by whom". (??-JT)

URUGUAY: DETAILS OF THE HUMANOIDS

Montevideo, 28 (Especialmente for Crónica) - The still excited residents of the city of Treinta y Tres comment in different ways the report made by young Luis Vital Carneiro and his aunt, Oralís Gorosito de los Santos, about the contact called of the "third kind" with strange beings very similar to earthmen.

According to the people who had the strange "sighting", the humanoids, around thirteen, had at first an attitude of expectant friendliness, until young Carneiro tried to get a closer contact. The alleged extra-terrestrials who, according to him and his aunt, lacked apparent limbs, took hold of "their aggressor" and violently threw him several meters away.

Although up to now there are no verifications of this strange contact and the witnesses have made statements that do not completely coincide, most of the residents in this town tend to lend credibility to the event in view of the rich background in UFO "sightings" in this part of Uruguay, which is considered by UFO experts as an area of ample concentration due to its special characteristics.

The Director of the Centro de Investigaciones de Fenómenos Espaciales, James Carren, referred to this event saying that "there are no contradictions in what young Carneiro and his aunt Oralís de los Santos say, they even passed satisfactorily the technical questioning, where it is tried to thoroughly investigate contradictions".

Carren added that "the CIAE will in the next days perform a thorough analysis of the recordings made, then check them with the statements, it being very possible that the witnesses of the "encounter" be submitted to another questioning to shed light on parts of their story considered critical".

Meanwhile, all of Uruguay hangs on to this sensational case that arouses the most varying feelings of doubt, disbelief and complete certainty as to what was seen and commented by the two witnesses. No doubt new details may be offered in the next hours about this "close sighting of the third kind" (sic-JT).

City and country of incident: Rio Gallegos, Santa Cruz prov., Argentina
Date of incident: May 10, 1980
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, May 12, 1980
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

TEN HOURS WITHOUT LIGHT, BUT STRANGE "LIGHTS" IN THE SKY

Rio Gallegos, 11 (From our correspondent) - The provision of electricity was interrupted last night in a wide sector of this city, it being registered at 23.10 hrs., and lasting for ten hours, during which time many residents observed the appearance of three lights in the sky, that exchanged positions.

The reasons for the lack of electric fluid could not be explained by the staff of the generating plant, the technical causes that originated it being ignored up to this moment. On the other hand, the control tower of the local airport reported that last night no movement at all was registered.

Circumstantial witnesses of the event agreed in stating that the light were two white and one blue, and that, after moving to different points in the sky, they left towards the frontier with Chile.



FORTEANA NEWS

DAILY MIRROR, Sydney, Australia - Feb. 25, 1980

YOWIE PROBE URGED

A Katoomba naturalist today called for a government-funded scientific inquiry into the yowie — a huge, manlike creature said to inhabit the Australian bush.

Mr Rex Gilroy, 36, who has researched it for 20 years, proved the yowie's existence beyond doubt.

But scientists tend to dismiss the yowie as a fantasy.

"I am sure hundreds of these creatures exist in the inaccessible highlands of Australia," he said.

Expedition

"I have seen and heard convincing evidence for this on my field trips.

"But what is needed is a full-scale expedition which can stay in the bush for months.

"I'm sure such a party could even capture a yowie if it stayed there long enough."

Mr Gilroy said in future expeditions he would concentrate on taking a

By HARRY DILLON

photograph of a yowie to convince the sceptics.

"I have endured a lot of criticism over my views on this subject but I believe I will be proved right in my lifetime," he said.

"If I am a nut there must be many like me because thousands of reputable people have sent me accounts of sightings of the creature."

Evidence

Mr Gilroy believes the yowie is the "great hairy man" of Aboriginal legend and is related to the Himalayan Yeti and



REX GILROY with an artist's impression of the yowie's hand.

North American Bigfoot.

He claims to have built up a picture of the creature's appearance, distribution and life style from evidence he has gathered.

He claims it stands up to 4m tall, is covered with hair, has a stooped, ape-like posture and is a vegetarian.

"It's not surprising there are no known photographs because they are shy, rare animals," he said.

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Talk of Yeti footprints unsettled Polish climber

Hindustan Times Correspondent

NEW DELHI, March 7—"I lost my balance when I heard about the Yeti's footprints at an altitude of 5,500-5,600 metres, said the leader of the successful Polish expedition to the Everest—the first-ever winter expedition—Mr Andrzej Zawada, here yesterday.

He narrated this at a get-together with the Polish mountaineering team at the Information Centre of Poland, where a two-week exhibition on the Poles in the Vertical World of the Himalayas was also opened.

Hearing on radio telephone about the footprints of the Yeti having been seen by some of the mountaineers who were there at a higher altitude, Mr Zawada said he sent the deputy leader of the team, supposed to be the most balanced and quiet man. When he reached there and his call came that "Yes, really there are footprints", Mr Zawada said he lost his balance.

The dimensions of the footprints, he said, were 36 cm long, 17 cm wide and were about a metre apart from one another. Even if it were an animal, he said, it was surprising how he had got there. The marks went towards the place where there were some belongings of a French expedition, he added.

Mr Zawada said the first-ever winter attempt to scale the Everest succeeded because they had "been preparing for years". In 1973, a successful expedition was taken to Noshag—7492 metres in the Hindukush—in 1974, they attempted to scale Lhotse at a height of 8511 metres in the winter, but failed to get beyond 8250 metres.

The base camp for the 20-member expedition was established on Dec 31, 1979. It was on Feb 11, that the fourth camp was established on South Col at a height of 8000 metres by K. Wielicki, L. Cichy and W. Flut.

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CATTLE MUTILATIONS

Investigation continues

By LARRY KUSCH

Calgary RCMP say they have some "solid leads" in their investigation of the rash of cattle mutilations reported in the province last fall.

Cpl. Lyn Lauber said in an interview the RCMP is fairly sure the mutilations were the work of cult groups and have ruled out the possibility that they were performed by a single deviant or by UFOs.

The last mutilation incident was reported Nov. 12. It was the 38th confirmed case where there was evidence of human involvement. The RCMP, however, has looked into a total of 150 cases, but in most incidents the mutilations were done by predators, he said.

The pattern in the United States has been that mutilations cease

during the winter and they resume in the spring. Cpl. Lauber suspects that the same thing will happen in Alberta, and he says the RCMP are making plans for what action they will take once the snow is gone.

Lauber did not want to comment on what type of action the police was considering.

For much of this winter, the Calgary team conducting the investigation has been catching up on the numerous reports made last fall while the mutilations were occurring. This paper work is almost completed, Lauber said.

The investigation will continue, but it is difficult to obtain good, solid evidence, he said, because the police often arrive on the scene several days after the animal dies.

The RCMP corporal said it is almost necessary to catch the crimi-

nals in the act in order to obtain sufficient evidence for conviction.

The first incident was reported Aug. 12 of last year when a purebred Simmental bull was killed and mutilated in the Blackie area southeast of Calgary. Shortly thereafter there were reports of two killings in the Brooks area and another in the Didsbury area just north of Calgary.

In these and other incidents, sex organs have been removed from the cattle, often with surgical precision, notches have been cut from ears and tongues have been removed.

Police have urged livestock owners to be more vigilant in looking after their herds and the cattle-men have responded by organizing their own patrols.

RCMP urge farmers who see anything suspicious to phone the Calgary detachment at 276-5561, extension 318. The two officers on the case are Cpl. Randy McKenzie and Cpl. Lauber.

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HERALD, Buenos Aires, Argentina - April 27, 1980



• Explorer archaeologist Pino Turella displays an androgynous clay figurine dressed in what seems to be a heavy garment and headgear, at a New York news conference on Friday. He found the object in the Calera area of northern Ecuador. He said tests conducted by the Scripps Institution of Oceanography indicates the figurine's age as being about "10,000 years or slightly less". Turella discovered the figurine on one of many trips he's made over the past 12 years, looking for evidence of early civilizations in South America. His accounts of these expeditions are published in his book, "Beyond the Andes". (UP photo)

CR: J. Thomas



Monkey business or missing link? Sasquatch isn't saying

over the area, produces pamphlets that lend credence to claims that giant humanoids stalk the remote regions of the Cascades.

All that is somewhat surprising since Ape Canyon got its name after one of the more elaborate Sasquatch hoaxes. Wherever Bigfoot sightings have been reported — from the "Terror of Tuolumne" in the Sierra to the remote corners of Alaska — evidence usually turned up later to show that it was all the product of a fertile, if not larcenous, imagination.

The year was 1924 when word was received on wire- less sets across the country that several miners had been attacked near what is now Ape Canyon.

The miners arrived breathless in the town of Kelso and told anyone who would listen that a band of hairy apemen had jumped their claim. One of the creatures had been shot and its body rolled over a precipice into Ape Canyon. The remainder chased the miners to their cabin. Then all through the night, the creatures pelted the log house with boulders and screamed ungodly sounds as they rammed fists through the wooden shutters and jumped up and down on the roof.

Armed groups of men, one of which toted a small cannon, trooped over the area for the remainder of the summer. But no Sasquatch carcass was found.

The boulder-bashed cabin was there and plenty of enormous footprints. It appeared that everything inside the cabin had been shredded and smashed after the miners fled.

But it took a sports writer from Portland to discover that all the tracks were left by some hobgoblin with just one right foot.

"Apparently, they'd have us believe that hairy beasts were jumping around up there on one foot lobbing boulders the size of basketballs," said L.H. Gregory some years later.

The Forest Service pamphlet recounts the legend, but not Gregory's find.

Across the Columbia River in Oregon, there's a man who's heard that tale and a thousand more like it.

Peter Byrne, an Irish-born naturalist and one-time tiger hunter in Africa and Asia, sat near his wood stove last week as snow fell outside and contemplated 10 fruitless years of hunting. One year was spent in Willow Creek, Calif., and the remainder in Oregon and Washington.

Three days earlier, Byrne and his wife Celia had returned from Nepal, where they run treks and river expeditions during the winter. While there, they assisted in a Smithsonian tiger study and collected samples of rare fish for the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia.

Previously, Byrne led four expeditions in the Himalayas for the Abominable Snowman. After

giving up big-game hunting in 1968, he founded a wildlife conservation society and has held contracts for groups such as the National Wildlife Federation.

"Most of the (Sasquatch) information we get is very old, incomplete or just pure bunk," Byrne was saying. "I'm convinced, though, that eventually some idiot will shoot one."

Byrne never has seen a Sasquatch, but believes that if it doesn't exist, "It's a hoax that's been perpetuated in a wide geographical area for nearly 170 years."

He cited four factors to suggest that some offshoot of the evolutionary chain lurks in the surrounding mountains.

• A 169-year written history of sightings in diaries, newspapers and books. The first record was found in the diary of surveyor David Thompson, who found huge, unexplained footprints in what is now British Columbia. The year was 1811.

• Analysis of footprints, many of which were obviously phony. Grover Krantz, Washington State University anthropologist, has studied some of the imprints and concluded that they could have been made by something seven feet to eight feet tall and weighing up to 800 pounds.

"If they were fakes, they were made by someone who knew exactly what he was doing and duplicated the gait and pressure of a large creature."

• A 1967 film shot by two Sasquatch hunters on Bluff Creek in California's Humboldt County. One of the hunters now is dead, and the other lives in seclusion near Yakima, Wash.

"It took me a long time to accept the film as real," Byrne said.

Numerous scientists have examined the 28-second segment with mixed results.

"What convinced me was the animation experts at the Disney Studios," Byrne said. "They studied closely and agreed that if it's a fake, it's a magnificently done fake" by men with no technical expertise who happened to be broke at the time the film was taken.

"She was definitely female," Byrne noted, pointing to blow-ups of the film frames during an earlier interview. "Unlike an ape, she had breasts and buttocks. The most convincing

thing was the way she walked. It was fluid and natural."

"The Disney people said they could probably duplicate it with some kind of robot. But it would be very expensive."

Asked why bones or fossil remains never have turned up, Byrne explained there is no fossil evidence that the gorilla exists either.

"Things have only to be alert, physically fit and shy to hide and remain hidden," Byrne said. "This is an awfully big country. Planes have been lost in it for many, many years, and people don't live at much more than 2,000 feet in elevation. Higher than that, life is too difficult."

Despite all the random evidence, the best proof dates back to 1884 — about the time Teddy Roosevelt was writing about the legend from Idaho.

In that year, a railroad gang captured what is claimed to have been a half-grown Sasquatch at Spuzzum Flat on the Fraser River in British Columbia. They called the creature Jacko and took him to the nearby siding of Yale, where in the next two years he was examined by several dozen newsmen and hundreds of curiosity seekers.

At the time of his capture, Jacko weighed 127 pounds and stood 4 feet 7 inches.

To skeptics, Byrne pointed out that Jacko — a Sasquatch, escapee from a circus, mutation or whatever — was captured 96 years ago. It was the same year that the Trans-Canada Railroad connected British Columbia with the rest of the world. Also, it was before scientists had demonstrated that true apes have never existed in this hemisphere.

Although still believers, the Byrnes have given up the hunt for now. There hasn't been what he considers a credible sighting since 1978 when two Weyerhaeuser engineers saw something in the Cascades east of Seattle. They'd also grown weary of the kooks and mountains of mail that their search attracted.

For now, they're content to winter in Nepal and devote the Oregon summers to raising blueberries.

But likely as not, they'll be back someday.

Maybe they'll find something. And the textbooks will have to be updated as they have been 10,000 times before.

Bigfoot . . .

BY STEPHEN GREEN
McClatchy Newspapers Service

HOO HOO LAKE, Wash. — Ape Canyon, a narrow, craggy slash in the groin of Mount St. Helens, lies just to the northwest of here.

Ash from the fuming volcano has darkened the snow-covered ledges and given a haunted look to the scraggly trees.

Somewhat, though, that seems appropriate. The dank caves and hidden crevices of the four-mile canyon are reputed to hide huge, ape-like beasts that walk upright, emit eerie screams in the night and have a musk that even Right Guard couldn't subdue.

They've allegedly harassed campers, pulverized

BOONE CO. RECORDER, Burlington, KY - April 3, 1980

Union couple endures encounter

by Mary Ann Roser

A frightened Union couple called Boone County Police about 2 a.m. Monday reporting a close encounter with an unknown creature.

Minutes after David and Jackie Stulz turned off their television set, they heard an eerie sound outside and "something" began shaking their trailer, according to Boone Ptl. Jack Prindle, who responded to the call.

Mr. Stulz told the officer he grabbed his shotgun and a .22 magnum pistol. At that time, he could hear a sound coming

from the shed on his property, Ptl. Prindle said.

Mr. Stulz ran outside to investigate as his wife switched on the outdoor light. He allegedly saw a large, black animal enter the river and began firing his shotgun and magnum until the guns were empty, Officer Prindle said.

"He heard it enter the water and could see the ripples, but I don't really think he saw it," Ptl. Prindle said. "I don't think anything is going to come of this."

The officer and Boone County Ptl. Carl Parker

searched the area with a flashlight, but they could not find any prints or damage to the trailer, according to the report.

Officer Prindle believes a large dog may be responsible for the incident, although he did not discover any dog tracks. He stated there are several large German Shepherds and a Doberman living near the Stulz residence at 283 Ryle Road, Union.

The Stulzes told police they have heard unusual noises in the past. Mrs. Stulz's sister had lived in the trailer

several months ago, and she reported a similar experience. Mrs. Stulz was on the phone with her sister at the time and Mrs. Stulz claimed she could hear the noise and screams in the background, Officer Prindle said.

The couple packed their belongings and left the trailer Monday with their small child who had slept during the incident.

A Mr. Jones from the Ohio Institute of UFO's (unidentified Flying Objects) is investigating the incident, according to Officer Prindle.

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Nessie nets exhibition

FOR THE first time in the contentious history of the Loch Ness Monster a permanent exhibition has been created on the shore of the loch.

Opening to the public this week, the exhibition is the brainchild of Mr. Ronnie Bremner, proprietor of the Drumadrochit Hotel, and Mr. Tony Harmsworth, an FBAS lecturer on marine fish and vertebrates, who is curator.

The exhibition is housed beside the hotel on the site of the stabling for an old coaching inn, The Cobblestones,

which form the floor are 16th Century.

In three main sections, the exhibition gives historical facts, scientific and technological details and information on current activities. The "shape of things to come" in monster hunting is also dealt with, along with the views of zoologists, museum curators and experts in marine biology.

The exhibition is run in co-ordination with Dr. Robert Rhines, of the Academy of Applied Science in Boston, who has undertaken numerous scientific studies of the loch and its possible inhabitants.

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, AR - May 21, 1980

Scientists to search for apeman of China

PEKING (AP) — A team of scientists will set out this week for Hubei Province in central China to investigate reports of an amiable, harmless primitive man covered with hair found there walking erect. The Shanghai newspaper Wen Hui Bao reported 33

sightings of these "savages" in a northwest Hubei forest area in the past two years. In an edition reaching here Tuesday, the newspaper said: "They fall somewhere between man and the four kinds of anthropoids already clearly distinguished in the world."

Bigfoot Believer Tells His Story

By DAILENE BRYANT
E-R Staff Writer

"It is only around for a day or two," Grover Krantz said quietly. "But its image — that lingers on."

Krantz referred to the Sasquatch, or Bigfoot — a creature said to resemble a large, hairy man with ape-like features reported to inhabit the forested mountains of the Pacific Northwest.

Krantz, an anthropology professor at Washington State University and one of the country's foremost authorities on the Sasquatch, presented a public lecture Thursday night in Ayres Hall on the Chico State University campus.

"A Scientific Look at Bigfoot," was given to a packed house of the curious, the sceptical and true believers.

And if there is one true believer in the existence of Bigfoot, it is Krantz. He has spent more than 20 years gathering evidence to prove Bigfoot exists — sightings, pictures, films and footprints.

"Most people report seeing what resembles a gigantic man with hair and gorilla-like facial features," he said.

More than 1,500 reported sightings have yielded physical descriptions as extremely wide shoulders, long arms that hang away from the chest and a blocky head and neck structure.

And Krantz said that for every sight-

ings — yet many people still refuse to believe.

"In some states, two eyewitness accounts can hang a man — but that doesn't wash in science."

Instead, said Krantz, most scientists are skeptical not only of the existence of Sasquatch but of the validity of the sightings.

"The more far out and unusual a thing is," said Krantz, "the more proof you have to have that you saw it."

For example, he said, imagine an unusual member of an animal species is sighted in the wilderness by a person generally regarded as a competent observer. As long as the description of the animal is not too unusual, he said, "that one sighting would be enough to get it into the books."

However, said Krantz, imagine that you have not ever seen a giraffe. You have heard that giraffes exist, and you have spoken to people who have seen them, but have not seen one yourself.

And then you catch a glimpse of one.

"You're going to try and convince people that you have seen an animal that has a neck half of its height of 18 feet," said Krantz.

"You describe an animal with this incredible neck, cloven hooves, two horns on its head with two little round balls at the end — somebody in a bar will listen to you politely and then tell you that you've had too much to drink."

Bigfoot, said Krantz, isn't any worse off than a giraffe in terms of absurdity — yet, people are at the same time want to believe and are afraid to believe.

"(Bigfoot) is seariness in its human form," said Krantz. "It is boogie man."

In his research, Krantz has spoken with 30 people who have reported sightings of Bigfoot.

"Fifteen of those people are lying to me," he said, "or their reports are too vague or they have made stupid errors."

As for the other 15 people, Krantz has yet to find anything wrong with their reports.

Most people who think they have seen Bigfoot, said Krantz, are met with justifications from scientists or the general public.

For instance, said Krantz, most people are told that they've seen a bear. Bears, however, rarely walk around in an upright manner unless they are trained cir-

cus bears. They have sloping shoulders in contrast to Bigfoot's wide, square ones. And Bigfoot, said Krantz, definitely walks with a human-like stride of about four feet.

Then there is the environmental evidence, said Krantz, which includes footprints made on the forest floor.

"But until that first tangible piece of evidence comes in," Krantz said, "science, and I believe properly, is sceptical."

People reporting sightings of Bigfoot, Krantz said, are not always good at collecting good evidence.

"If they see a huge footprint," he said, "they will stare, say 'Wow!' and go away."

"Some of them sort of measure the footprint by putting their own foot inside the print. They say 'Wow!' louder — and go away."

Some people are more diligent about evidence, however, said Krantz, collecting it with movie and still cameras and measuring prints.

Some of this evidence is faked, said Krantz — footprints are made with flat wooden devices that somebody will "nail a pair of shoes to and go stomping around in the woods."

Krantz has seen plaster casts of footprints he believes are the real thing.

Showing the audience some of the casts, he discussed the anatomical possibilities of each cast being the real thing.

"Some people think this is a fake," he said, holding up a 20-inch-long cast footprint.

"But somebody would have to have been an anatomical genius to fake this — and most anatomists are dull people."

"Except for (Leonardo) DaVinci, most anatomists don't have the creative urge to try something like this."

Krantz said if he ever sees a Bigfoot, he plans to shoot and kill it for scientific study.

For anybody secretly har-

boring a similar plan, Krantz had a few tips for them:

"Plan everything out," he said, "including how you are going to return with your hopefully dead evidence."

"It's not easy to deal with 800 pounds of unconscious primate."

The best thing to do, said Krantz, is to bring in as large a piece of the Sasquatch as possible and solicit help in retrieving the rest. The head, the lower jaw or, at the very least, the fourth tooth from the center are the most diagnostic pieces of the creature.

Shooting Bigfoot, said Krantz, is the only logical way to kill it. Since not enough is known about its body chemistry, the use of tranquilizers is not wise.

"It may fall over dead a half an hour from the time you managed to shoot it (with a tranquilizer gun)," said Krantz, "and meanwhile be three miles away."

"Or it could be in a great deal of pain — and you're less than 100 feet away."

"Bigfoot is generally reported to be a harmless, docile creature," he said. "I consider myself a harmless, docile creature, but if somebody tried to shoot me with a tranquilizer gun I'd beat the daylight out of him."

"And if a Sasquatch beats the daylight out of you, it will be the last daylight you see."

But although Krantz has determined Bigfoot is in no way a missing intellectual link ("in fact, they are stupid"), he admits he doesn't know exactly what he will do when given the chance to shoot one.

"I may just sight it, think that it looks too human, and watch it walk away," he said.

"Whatever it is I choose to do — kill it or watch it go — I'm going to regret it for the rest of my life."



ing reported, there are 10 people who have seen Bigfoot and are keeping quiet about it.

"That bumps that 1,500 number up to 15,000," said Krantz, "15,000 sight-

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Bigfoot reported in AV

By DON HALEY
Valley Press Staff Writer

Bigfoot is back!

At least this is what a 22-year-old Antelope Valley College student says.

Lyle Geary, also a member of the Lancaster-based California Bigfoot Organization, claims to have tracked four of the elusive man-like creatures several miles over snowy mountain sides recently in the Wrightwood area while on a backpacking trip.

According to Geary, the prints were made by a biped mammal — one that is in an upright position walking on two feet — with a stride measuring six feet in length.

"I'm six-five," exclaimed Rich Grumley, director of California Bigfoot Organization, "and there's no way I can take a stride like that in the snow. Something with a six-foot stride in the snow has to be 10 to 12 feet in height. I believe these tracks eliminate anything human ... we believe that our hairy friends, Bigfoot, were there."

Geary and a friend who was with him on the backpacking outing first sighted the tracks in the snow south of Jackson Lake. The pair followed them in a northwesterly direction for several

miles they went into a steep canyon covered with snow and ice, and the pursuit had to be called off.

Color photographs of the tracks allegedly seen by Geary and his hiking companion were not distinct and clear, and are not suitable for publication.

Coincidentally, the recent purported sighting comes at a time when, according to Grumley, California Bigfoot Organization is launching a drive to establish affiliate chapters elsewhere in California and on the west coast. Membership now numbers about 15, he said.

For several decades reports of sightings of tracks, and Bigfoot itself, in the Pacific Northwest, northern California, and in several areas of Southern California has led to what could be termed a cult following of Bigfoot watchers.

The legendary creature, now as Sasquatch in the Pacific Northwest, is said to be a towering man-like beast covered entirely with hair, and walks upright as it roams the wilds. Photographs with images said to have been Bigfoot have appeared over the years in many publications, but their authenticity is doubted by most anthropologists and have

never been confirmed as real.

Grumley says he hopes that with expansion of California Bigfoot Organization will come funds that will aid the group in actually tracking down and capturing one of the fabled creatures.

"We know that with \$1 million we could have a capture in 18 to 24 months," boasted Grumley. "But we can't do it without the proper equipment ... snowmobiles, helicopters, radio equipment, and tranquilizing devices."

If a Bigfoot is captured, he continued, funds would also be needed to build a natural habitat facility where "the scientific community can study it" and "prove once and for all that these creatures exist."

Grumley said the first "evidence" of Bigfoot's existence in and around Antelope Valley was in 1973 when he said he saw one of the creatures in the Kelso Valley area between Mojave and Bakersfield, and again that year east of Lancaster.

"We saw thousands of prints — tracks — in the Antelope Valley area in 1973-74 time period," Grumley added. "And

when you see these prints it's hard to say they are anything else but a large man-like creature. Bears don't walk upright like this, especially across country or up and down steep slopes."

Grumley said the largest prints he or members of the locally-based Bigfoot organization have seen were those left in the dirt near South Fork Campgrounds in the mountains southeast of Pearblossom.

"They were 21 inches long and 10½ inches wide," Grumley said. "And a woman there said she saw the creature — its head and shoulders — rising from behind a bush that was 14 feet tall."

Meanwhile, Grumley said he and other local Bigfoot followers are planning to return to the Jackson Lake area with what he said are tape recordings of "Bigfoot sounds" in hopes they can lure out in the open the creature they believe left the tracks in the snow.

The recordings, said Grumley, were made in the state of Washington last year by a television production writer who is also a "Bigfoot researcher."



Merced businessman Ron Morehead says his hunting group has had several close encounters with Bigfoot at a mountain camp.

Believers want to protect Bigfoot

By EILEEN SHUMAN for Breakaway

The creatures, known collectively as Bigfoot, have excited people's imaginations for many years. There has been much discussion in film and print about the possible or probable existence of Bigfoot.

There are people, including some Merced residents, who are convinced the creatures do exist. One of these people is Ron Morehead, a local businessman.

"They do exist," says Morehead. "I'm 100 percent certain of that. I don't care that much if somebody believes me or not, but it is a fact."

Morehead is one of a small group of men which maintains a hunting and hiking camp in the high Sierras. In 1971 the camp was the scene of some unusual disturbances. The group became convinced that the disturbances were caused by the creatures known as Bigfoot, and, intrigued, began investigating and documenting the unusual happenings there.

Three members of the group live in Merced — Morehead, Larry Johnson and Bill McDowell.

The group's leader and one other live outside Merced County, but asked their names not be used. They are afraid people who know where they hunt might go there and attempt to shoot one of the creatures.

Most of the activity involving the creatures occurred from 1971 to 1974 and has tapered off since then. However, the group knows the creatures still are in the area and does not want to endanger them.

The disturbances began in the summer of 1971 when the group's leader and his friend were spending a weekend at the mountain camp. Just after dark they had retired to their timber "beaver's den" shelter, leaving some cooked Spam from their supper in a pan on the stove. They were barely settled in when, says the leader, "I heard this very loud roar."

"As nearly as we could piece things together," he says, "the creature had come in and eaten the Spam. Then he attempted, we think, to drink some very hot tea from a teapot we had left sitting on the stove, and burned himself." The tea had been spilled or thrown in the hard-packed earth right in front of the bench we had been sitting on when we were eating.

"Immediately, upon letting out this roar, he just dismantled our camp. The stove went one way and the utensils went another. We spent the next four hours inside our shelter, wondering if he was going to come in after us. There was all kinds of roaring, growling, teeth popping, chest beating, as a gorilla will, this sort of thing. At the time, we had no idea what it was.

"We thought it was probably a huge bear that we see in that area occasionally, and that had come in and, for some reason or other, was disgruntled at our being there.

"Finally, the noise subsided for a while and we thought that he had gone away. We went outside with flashlights and went down to see what was left of our camp kitchen, which was approximately 60 feet away from our sleeping quarters. We discovered two 18½-inch-long footprints in the wet earth (where the tea had spilled).

"We immediately knew then that it wasn't a bear, that it was something that walked on two feet, and had two very huge feet." The men went back to the shelter and tied the door shut and were harassed for another hour by the creature's noise.

They finally slept, lightly, and the next morning, "we gave some very serious thought to just leaving," the leader says. "At the same time, our curiosity was aroused. After all, the creature had not tried to get into the shelter. All the harassment had been vocal. So we decided we were going to chance it another night just to see what would happen.

"We even went so far as to put out some more toasted spam and made certain we didn't leave any hot tea

around. And we put out some candies and fruit.

"Sure enough, within three to five minutes after we bedded down, he was back again. He took the food and continued the harassment, but did not wreck the camp this time.

"When we came home and told our hunting partners about what we had encountered," he says, "they did not disbelieve us, but it was almost an unbelievable story. So two weeks later, we managed to go up again. There were five of us that time and we encountered exactly the same thing."

'The longer we stayed, year after year, it seemed like there was a kind of rapport built up.'

However, on that particular trip, as well as on subsequent trips, they brought tape recorders. The vocal harassment continued throughout 1971. However, the leader says, "by the end of hunting season in '71, they had grown pretty much accustomed to us and their vocalization turned from a threatening manner to a more or less condescending manner."

Morehead says, "After a while it seemed like their curiosity was what brought them to us. We weren't shooting at them or getting scared off, even though it was pretty tempting to get scared off at first. The longer we stayed, year after year, it seemed like there was a kind of rapport built up."

The rapport between the group and the creatures never developed into a face-to-face confrontation. The creatures came into the camp only under the cover of darkness and would disappear into the woods whenever any of the men tried to see them.

One of the men in the group actually saw one of the creatures in the moonlight, through a peephole in the shelter, and "we have all seen shadows in the dark, moving from tree to tree while they were vocalizing," says the leader. The creature seen through the peephole was estimated to be 10½ feet tall. It was the same one which possessed the 18½-inch footprint.

Though they tried repeatedly, with flash cameras and trip cords, to get a picture of the creatures, they never have been successful. Apparently, the flash was offensive to the creatures, because "they batted the camera down and broke three of them," says Morehead.

By the time they finally obtained some infra-red equipment for pictures without light, encounters with the creatures had virtually stopped. In spite of the lack of photographs of the creatures, the group has many pictures of tracks, casts of tracks, many tapes of the creatures' voices, and hair samples.

The hair samples have been analyzed and have not been matched to any known animal. However, the protein content of the hair samples was found to be closer to that of human hair than to anything else.

"There were, to our knowledge, seven of them," says the leader. "We were able to count seven different sizes of tracks one morning after one of their visitations when there was a little snow on the ground.

"They (the tracks) ran from a small one of seven inches which we always found, interestingly enough, alongside another one of 14 inches, which we assume was a mother and child," he says.

"The largest track we've ever found is 26 inches in length. This fellow, by the way, had a 72-inch walking stride, in a normal gait," he says. According to an anthropologist who helped analyze their data, a track and stride of that length would put the creature who made it

somewhere between 12 and 15 feet tall.

The creatures, says Morehead, are hairy and don't seem to have a neck that turns around as we do. They are very agile and very, very, quick in spite of their size. He believes they also have very keen senses of sight, smell and hearing.

The group considers the creatures to be quite intelligent. Their ability to survive in the wilderness and, especially, their ability to avoid detection indicates an intelligence above that of other animals.

"We know all of that country like the back of our hand and we have never been able to find one (of the creatures) during daylight hours," says the group's leader. "And we have no problem getting a deer or bear or whatever else we have been hunting for."

Apparently, the creatures also are "track conscious," says Morehead. "You can see where they go out of their way to step over a snow patch or step on a rock, so as not to leave a track," he explains.

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Though the creatures seem to be very curious and often came into the camp, they never ransacked it as a bear would do, with the one exception of the teapot incident. "They are very careful," says Morehead. "They won't take anything that hasn't really been left for them."

"We would put out food for them, different kinds of vegetables and things that they liked," says the group's leader. "If we put it in a bowl or a bucket, quite often they would take the food and leave pine cones and twigs (in the container) in return."

The creatures also seemed curious about the carcasses that would hang in the camp after a day's hunting. When the hunters realized this, they raked the ground beneath the carcasses and often found footprints there the next morning.

The group members were impressed by what they consider above-animal intelligence in the creatures, and suspect the creatures were somewhat impressed by them. "We used to think we were analyzing them, or getting a lot of information on them, but I really think the table was turned around. I really think that maybe they were analyzing us," says Morehead.

The humans know the creatures watched them closely and think the creatures even tried to help them. "We were putting a new roof on our cabin," the group's leader says. "It's a thatch roof, made out of brush and plastic and so on.

"We were not able to finish it one weekend. We came back the next weekend to finish it and found that they had attempted to finish it for us by pulling out and twisting off some alder brush from the stream where we collected it. And they had laid it in place on the roof like we had done."

Another thing the group has noticed was the lack of fear in their pack animals when the creatures were in the camp. "If a bear comes in the camp, the horses and mules raise a fuss," says Morehead, "but when these creatures are around, there is no fuss. And we have discovered a Bigfoot track more than once around our animals."

Though they are not scientists, the group members has consulted authorities and had much of its data analyzed by experts. Because they wanted the experience documented, they asked Alan Berry to join their group in 1972. Berry, a reporter from Redding, was very skeptical at first, but soon was convinced that the creatures do ex-

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ist. He spent a lot of time at the camp and has devoted a great deal of time and money to getting their evidence analyzed.

Berry has co-authored a book on the subject ("Bigfoot," A. Berry and A. Slate, Bantam) and been on the NBC program "In Search Of..." He also provided tapes of the creatures' vocalizations for an hour-long television program on Bigfoot which was narrated by actor Peter Graves.

In his research, Berry found that the creatures also appear in many California Indian legends. In the Miwok legends, there is a tall, hairy creature called a rock giant, he says.

Berry sent some of the tapes of vocalizations to an electronics expert, Dr. Lynn Kirlin, at the University of Wyoming.

Kirlin concluded that the tapes had not been doctored. From the variety of sounds, he was able to distinguish three separate voices and measure the probable size of the creatures' vocal cords in comparison to those of a six-foot man. He estimated from this that the creatures were eight to 10 feet tall, a statistic compatible with the size of the tracks that have been found, and what the men in the group have seen.

Kirlin's findings were presented by Berry, Morehead and the group's leader at a conference at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver in May, 1978. The conference drew more than 300 anthropologists and researchers from all over the world to present verifiable data and discuss the existence of the creatures known as Bigfoot or Sasquatch.

Unfortunately, says Morehead, though the general consensus of the scientists was that the creatures do exist, there will be no actual proof until one of the creatures is captured or shot and examined thoroughly.

The group has been encouraged to shoot one, but all the members absolutely refuse to do so — even though their protective attitude keeps a lot of people from believing in Bigfoot.

When asked about the possibility of using a tranquilizer gun, Morehead says they do not know how much tranquilizer it would take or what the reaction of the other creatures in the family would be. More importantly, the men in the group are afraid such an aggressive action would destroy whatever rapport they have built up with the creatures.

"A lot of people will sit at home and read this, and they'll think, 'Well, these guys could have done this or that,' and it probably would have worked, but we just don't want to scare them (the creatures) off," says Morehead.

However, in spite of their efforts, rapport with the creatures has dwindled since 1974. "We believe there may be a new leader in the family, because the 26-inch track disappeared after 1972," says the group's leader. "We feel that the 'Old Man', as we called him, must have either passed away or drifted into another area. And probably, there's a new family head that doesn't trust us quite as much as he did."

Morehead believes there are far more of these creatures than people realize. He and the others of the group have investigated areas of reported sightings. "There have been a lot of sightings between Yosemite and Tahoe," he says. "And a lot of sightings north of Tahoe, most of them centralized around Humboldt County, between there and Redding."

An encounter with one of these creatures could be frightening. Morehead says that the best way to scare them off is with a flashlight. White light will scare them away, he says, though he does not know if they are afraid of it or just afraid of being seen.

Though their encounters with the creatures are infrequent now, the group still gathers information. The group's leader says they would be very happy to sit down and discuss experiences and situations with anyone who has had contact with the creatures.

They also want the public to know, he says, that there are a few responsible people who have encountered these creatures and that Bigfoot is not a figment of someone's imagination.

Because there are more and more sightings and information being gathered, Morehead says. "I think people are more prone to accept this than they were five or 10 years ago."

ARKANSAS GAZETTE,
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Goodwin Muse, 59, a farmer who has lived his entire life on the banks of the Potomac River, said at Oak Grove, Va., that he, his wife and four friends saw a sea monster about 10 to 14 feet long in the river, and that they watched it for 15 minutes, some of the time through binoculars.



Ron Morehead of Merced matches his own shoe against the bigger mark he says is a Bigfoot-print.

A cast is made of what hunters call a Bigfoot track. Despite tracks, tape recordings and hair samples, many people won't be convinced Bigfoot exist until one is captured dead or alive.



Mesa Police Puzzled by Mutilation

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) — The Mesa County sheriff's department has confirmed the first known case of cattle mutilation in Colorado in at least a year.

"It was definitely a mutilation," said deputy Bob Silva Tuesday night, after viewing the carcass of a cow found near Douglas Pass. "It was weird, really weird."

The hereford heifer had been dead several days. Blood had been taken from the animal, the skull was split and the sex organs removed. The animal's throat had been slit and the teeth cut off.

"Now, it is possible that predators could have eaten the teeth, but we know they didn't slit the throat," Silva said.

If someone had killed the heifer for the meat, the hindquarters would have been missing, Silva said. He said it was the first cattle mutilation reported to his office in his recollection.

No tracks were found near the animal, Silva said, and the cow had been dead too long — at least four days — for an autopsy to be of any use.

Ed Young of Fruita, owner of the cow, reported the incident to authorities.

Sporadic reports of similar mutilations have come from all over the West over the past few years.

No Blanket Judgments Were Made

I WOULD LIKE TO comment on your recent editorial entitled, "How Media Critics Err," which appeared in your April 20 edition.

I am of the opinion that your editorial is based on what someone told you I said and not what I actually stated.

In my news conference summarizing my findings in regards to cattle mutilations, I did not unleash a scathing attack on the news media or on office-seeking politicians, nor did I make any blanket judgments of the entire media.

I stated that one of the things I had found was a great deal of very creative writing. I pointed out that this included both statements by law enforcement officers and the media.

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CR: F. Hudson

I thereafter documented my statements with photographic evidence.

In regards to my scathing attack on politicians, the only statement I made concerning politicians was in reply to a question as to why I thought some of the inaccurate reports were made, and I stated, in part, "I think that law enforcement officers got involved (in inaccurate reports) one way or the other. Some were running for office and others had found it was a way to keep their names before the public. When they lost their offices, they very quickly lost interest in cattle mutilations."

I feel that anyone who attended my conference knows that your editorial is a misrepresentation of the material I presented.

As for including me in the same editorial with former President Richard Nixon, thank you.

KENNETH M. ROMMEL, JR.
Director
Animal Mutilation Project
Española

It's About Time

Initiated to conduct the war against "crime in the streets," the federal Law Enforcement Assistant Administration may soon be a victim of federal budget cutting. It's about time.

In its 12 years of life, LEAA has spent more than \$7 billion and we haven't noticed any reduction in the crime rate. In fact, the rate increased by 11 per cent last year.

During its existence, LEAA was a controversial agency. It was criticized because much of the money went to expensive equipment that was used seldom if ever — such as helicopters and armored vehicles for riot fighting. Obviously, some of the money went to good causes but when federal officials started looking for corners to cut, LEAA was a natural victim.

The recent cattle mutilation investigation in northern New Mexico is an example of misuse of LEAA funds. Since when have cattle (whether mutilated, eaten by predators, victims of poison weeds or slaughtered by Mother Nature as the investigator would have us believe) been involved in "crime in the streets?"

\$50,000 from LEAA was spent for the investigator to look at 13 dead cows and announce triumphantly that the mutilation mystery has been solved. Ken Rommel said during his press conference in Santa Fe Tuesday that some people will disagree with his report. We predict thousands of people will disagree.

Obviously, Rommel is sincere in his findings and believes in what he has reported. Unfortunately, he barely skimmed the surface of the problem and the report is too superficial to be of any value in mutilation investigations.

It is little wonder the LEAA program will soon be a victim of budget mutilations.

CR: N. Bockman

The People's Column

Mutilation Probe's Findings Worthless

WELL, MR. ROMMEL HAS spoken (Journal, April 13) about the cattle mutilation problem and that should set us all at ease. Unfortunately the answers that he gives do not seem at all appropriate for those of us who have actually observed a mutilated cow, Mr. Rommel obviously not being included.

I have observed several mutilated cows and if the mutilations were, indeed, caused by coyotes or other natural predators then perhaps we should investigate them because they are obviously much more talented than we had thought. Each of the five animals that I observed had one eyeball and the rectal area very neatly removed with no sign of torn flesh at all. These animals showed no other surface wounds and there was no spilled blood anywhere.

I was able to time the mutilation event on one cow to within 12 hours. I then observed the carcass every day for the next several weeks. The cow did not begin to decompose or bloat for three weeks after its death and no natural predators attempted to eat the carrion until after the fifth week. I am neither a rancher, a veterinarian nor a professional investigator but I feel qualified to state that whatever, or whomever, worked over these cattle

was certainly not a "natural predator" as Mr. Rommel used the term.

Just as a murder case cannot be properly solved without the body, the mutilation question cannot be answered without the examination of mutilated carcasses. No one could examine such a carcass from an unbiased point of view and conclude that "coyotes and eagles" were responsible. Armchair investigators like to blame the coyotes and eagles because they are convenient, but unfortunately this is not solving the problem of livestock loss for our ranchers.

Let's stop believing in the convenient and get an honest investigation followed by a real solution. I do not know what Mr. Rommel's problems were, but it is too painfully obvious that we taxpayers have paid out \$50,000 and have received absolutely nothing for it.

DAVID P. DRAKE
Albuquerque

Saga of big foot has a hairy-tale beginning

BY DONNIS BAGGETT
Staff Writer of The News

SLOP JAR SLOUGH, Texas — It was Mother's Day, and Buddy Moore was visiting his in-laws when the call came.

Nancy Williams and Doris Wilburn, two women who live in the area, had found a huge footprint while picking mayhaws in a "bay-gall thicker" at Slop Jar Slough.

"They said they'd found a track, a Bigfoot," Moore recalled. "They couldn't get anybody to go out there with them. Most of them were laughing at them, I think."

Moore, editor of the *Hardin County News-Visitor*, agreed to take a picture of the print, which was found about 100 yards off a farm-to-market road.

"I'd say it measured about 15 inches long and probably about 5 or 6 inches across," he said. "We

found it several times in the area."

Moore said the tracks were "kind of sliding," as if the creature that made them had been running. He said the creature appeared to have three toes.

"The toes were pretty visible," he said. "If there were five toes, they were grown so close together that it made three distinct prints."

Moore published a photograph of one of the prints in his newspaper about a week ago. It resulted in a number of telephone calls from longtime readers who remembered some sightings of a "wild man" more than a quarter-century ago.

He checked the newspaper's files and found an article detailing an August 1952 search for a nude, gun-toting "wild man" who had been seen near Slop Jar Slough.

The wild man had been spotted

first on a farm near Slop Jar Slough on Aug. 2, 1952. A week later, local Dan Sutton, who has since died, reported the nude man joined him as he walked on a road.

Sutton described the man as having a hairy body and thick beard and carrying a gun in each hand. He said the man walked along with him for 100 yards, then left the roadway after Sutton told him he was going to call the sheriff.

Sutton said the man told him he had been in the area for three years and claimed "the law will have to shoot it out with me."

Sheriff Red Lindsey, who also has died since then, used bloodhounds and a 10-man posse in an unsuccessful search for the man.

Lindsey later reported the man's footprint measured 15 inches in length.

A Dallas zoologist said Tuesday he was "skeptical but not disbelieving" that a giant, 3-toed mammal could have left the tracks.

"Nothing is impossible, but it's highly unlikely that there'd be any primates or any mammals with three toes," said the scientist, who asked to remain anonymous.

He said there are 3-toed sloths in South America, but those creatures are only slightly larger than a house cat.

Slop Jar Slough is only about 7 miles away from the famed "Ghost Road," where for years sightseers have reported a mysterious ball of light that chased automobiles and floated near the narrow road before disappearing into the dense forest.

Mystery fog killed off seaside flora, officials say

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, AR - June 1, 1980

he said, "but it seems like some sort of fog that came in from the sea in patches."

There have been no complaints of respiratory or other health problems in the area, he said. The affected strip of land lies along a beach area, is about 350 feet by 33 feet and contained both deciduous and coniferous trees as well as other vegetation.

"All I know is that we were informed on Monday by local observers who told us what had happened," Hubbard said. What they reported, he said, was that a 10,890-square-foot seaward strip of vegetation in the Campbell River-Courtenay area curled up, turned brown and died for no apparent reason.

"At this point we're guessing."

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Horse disfigurement revives talk of mutilation

By DOROTHY ALDRIDGE
GT Staff Writer

Reble, a special friend of Ramah youngsters, was found dead and disfigured this week, the victim of what his owners believe to be a mutilation.

A 14-year-old gelding, Reble had been ridden by most of the town's kids, who will miss him, said Mrs. Gary Bohrer.

"Reble was a family horse and wonderful with kids," she said. "He was tender and kind and knew exactly how to react to all the youngsters who liked to ride him."

The horse was in good health Sunday when Mrs. Bohrer and her son, Kelly, visited Reble and Bandito, a mare, who shared a pasture 1½ miles south of town. The meadow, a low-lying area, is surrounded by small hills which obstruct a view of the area from any residence in the town of Ramah or from U.S. Highway 24.

"A neighbor telephoned Monday to say, 'I think you have a dead horse,'" said Mrs. Bohrer.

Not only was Reble dead, he had been mutilated, she said. Missing from between his rear legs was a piece of hide approximately 18-by-13 inches. The anal area had been reamed out and internal organs were missing, she said. The

penis had been skinned and the animal's right eyelid and part of its right ear also had been severed, she said.

Mrs. Bohrer said there were no tracks or marks in the vicinity of the horse, except those of her husband's pickup. There was no blood on the grass and no sign of a struggle, she said.

"When we arrived on the scene, the mare was grazing near Reble," said Mrs. Bohrer. "It took my husband two hours to catch her, which was most unusual. She seemed scared to death to let us touch her."

Bohrer notified the El Paso County Sheriff's Office and Deputy Terry Steinert was dispatched to the scene.

A portion of Steinert's report confirmed Bohrer's observations, with certain variations: "The dead horse was located about one-half mile north of Ramah Highway. The horse's head was pointing west, the tail area east, the legs pointing north. The horse is a quarter horse, 13 years of age, brown in color and 15 hands high."

"The right eye and ear were missing from the horse, possibly removed by a sharp object. The penis of the horse had been skinned. An area 18-inches-by-12-inches was cut around the anus area, the whole anus area was missing. A check of the horse found no penetrating

marks ... He (Bohrer) stated the horse would be examined by (veterinarian) Woody Smith of Kiowa."

Steinert requested a detective from the department be sent to the scene because of the possibility that the horse had been mutilated.

Detective Michael Hutchinson later reported that three-fourths of the horse's right ear remained on the horse and he "observed what appeared to be a fairly smooth cut. However, on the uppermost portion (toward the crown of the head) this officer observed three impressions in the skin, toward the inner portion of the ear, which did appear at this point to be tooth impressions."

Concerning the other disfigurements, Hutchinson reported he was unable to ascertain whether the hide had been cut or torn.

Hutchinson, said Bohrer, told him Reble possibly died from a heart attack and that coyotes and predators "got to him."

"Veterinarians don't seem to want to get involved, either, where animal mutilations are concerned," said Bohrer. He said the veterinarian he called wouldn't come to look at Reble. "He suggested over the phone that maybe the horse died from colic, but he wouldn't come to make sure."

"Why would coyotes attack a 1,300-pound horse when there were a number of 400-pound Holstein calves not 250 yards away?"

Bohrer asked. "Another thing, I've been told by ranchers that when a horse is dying, it thrashes its head around. When Reble went down, he stayed and never moved at all."

Bohrer disagrees that the horse was chased and attacked from the rear by a coyote.

"A coyote couldn't get close to the back of a horse because he'd get kicked," he said. "He'd go for the throat, the rib cage, the flank. A horse can whip two or three coyotes. An old horse like Reble who had been in pasture for so long would have sweated. There wasn't any indication of sweat when we found him."

Bohrer also points to the fact that there was no blood on the ground and there were no marks where other animals might have licked blood from the horse's hide.

The smooth cuts in the hide, he said, were done with surgical precision, not by coyotes or other predators.

The death of Reble is the second case of horse disfigurement reported to area law enforcement officials within three weeks. The first incident occurred March 31 within the city limits of Cripple Creek, 25 feet from the back door of the animal's owner, Jake Bauer.

As long as Bigfoot remains a mystery, couple will hunt it

QUINLAN, Texas (AP) — As long as Bigfoot has not been proven a hoax or a reality, Bob and Tommie Throneberry will keep looking for the legendary creature.

Founders of the worldwide Bigfoot Research Society, the East Texas couple has spent many an hour traveling to areas where the hairy, man-like creature has been reported. The dozen or so Texas sightings in the past three years, however, have produced no physical evidence that Bigfoot might exist.

"You deal with direct lies, mistaken identity and facts," said Throneberry, 31. "So far, no facts. Nothing backs up any of the stories we've heard in Texas."

What the Throneberrys and their associates have discovered is that some people — researchers included — will go to any length for publicity.

"There are a lot of people who are self-styled Bigfoot researchers that don't have any kind of background or any kind of knowledge about anything that has anything to do with this field who will get out there and make an opinion," said Throneberry, an anthropology student at East Texas State University in nearby Commerce.

WHEN SO-CALLED researchers aren't discrediting the business, the media are, they say.

"Back in the '60s, the media gave the researchers a bad time," Mrs. Throneberry said. "They couldn't be objective and write a story. They had to put their little 1-liners in there. They were indirectly telling the public not to pay any attention to it ... And the researchers decided not to talk to the media."

"We don't think it's funny," she said. "We've got a lot of time and a lot of money invested in this."

The couple also blames the media for sending hordes of thrill-seekers to Bigfoot sightings.

"We try to kill the monster before it gets out of hand," Throneberry

said. "People get their guns and hit the bushes and shoot one another. Now to us, that's the monster."

"WHEN THE story gets back in the press that we are in agreement that this thing is a hoax, that kind of discourages the drunk gunslingers from getting out there and shooting up the cows," he said.

"As far as real tracks are concerned, it's difficult to determine if you are dealing with a very good fake or a real track."

The latest Bigfoot report came in April, from nearby Powderly. But the 2-foot-long tracks around a cattle pond were made by wooden feet fashioned by a bandsaw.

Bigfoot, whose name was coined in 1957 by a California newspaper editor, has been spotted around the world since the 16th century, the Throneberrys said.

"What we are dealing with is apparently hairy, it's apparently humanlike, it walks upright, it has human structures to its feet, and that makes it a mammal, that makes it a primate and that probably makes it a hominid," Throneberry said.

THE SOCIETY'S newsletter, *International Bigfoot Bulletin*, is received by about 200 persons as far away as Australia and China. A membership fee of \$5 a year pays for publication and mailing.

The newsletter, edited by Mrs. Throneberry, is partially an effort to reconcile various research methods that have caused divisiveness among researchers.

"We've run into people that have different ideas about how an investigation ought to be conducted," said Mrs. Throneberry, 33.

THE COUPLE will travel this summer to northern California, where most of the realistic tracks have been found.

Throneberry said his career as a Bigfoot researcher came from a desire to participate rather than observe.

WERE ROCKS ERODED OR SHAPED?

Face, Pyramid Found in Martian Photos

From the Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE, Md.—Rock formations resembling a human face and a pyramid have been found in pictures of the Martian surface transmitted to Earth by a spacecraft orbiting the planet.

An electrical engineer and a computer scientist, using photo enhancement techniques to sharpen images transmitted from space, have developed pictures of the "face" and the "pyramid," but they are not speculating about the origin of the two formations.

The engineer, Vincent P. DiPietro, of Sykesville, Md., and the computer scientist, Gregory R. Molenaar, of Bethesda, Md., said they will present their findings to a meeting of the American Astronomical Society at the University of Maryland this month.

An explanation of the curious formations may emerge from that review.

The question is whether the formations are the result of erosion or another natural occurrence, or whether they were constructed by intelligent beings in some bygone era of Martian history.

Mars, historically the object of speculation about extraterrestrial life, is the outermost of the solar system's rocky inner planets, which include the Earth, Mercury and Venus.

The face-like formation, which resembles the head of a person with long hair and deep-set eyes, is about a mile wide. The formation is 41 degrees north of the Martian equator. The pyramid, within 10 miles of the face, is rectangular. Two of its sides are about 2 miles long, and the other two sides are about 1½ miles in length, DiPietro said.

DiPietro and Molenaar work for

Computer Sciences Technicolor Associates, which designs and maintains equipment that processes data sent back to Earth by spacecraft.

They are employed by their company at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. The center is a division of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Their colleagues' reactions to their findings have varied, they reported.

"We showed (the pictures) to a scientist at NASA and he almost fell out of his chair," Molenaar said.

A second, and less enthusiastic, reaction was, "Well, it's a funny-looking rock."

Of the face-like image, DiPietro said, "I see a face with eyes, a nose, mouth, forehead, a hair-line and no ears showing. I see a human-type face."

Molenaar said, "I see a humanoid face, symmetrical, with details in-

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Producer calls cattle maiming biggest puzzle

By DOROTHY ALDRIDGE
GT Staff Writer

Linda Moulton Howe believes the cattle mutilation mystery haunting the United States, Canada and other parts of the world will go down in history as the greatest mystery of the 20th century.

Ms. Howe is the award-winning producer of a 90-minute special, "A Strange Harvest," to be telecast from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. May 25 on Channel 7. A special screening of the film was held for the media recently in Denver.

Since 1967, she said, 5,000 to 10,000 animals have mysteriously died and been disfigured in 39 states. Ms. Howe, who is director of special projects for KMGH-TV in Denver, said Colorado has been the hardest hit — reporting 550 mutilations, 93 in Logan County in the northeast part of the state.

According to the film, the phenomenon began in Colorado in

September 1967 on the King Ranch in the San Luis Valley, when an Apaloosa mare named "Snippy" was found dead and stripped of flesh from the neck up. Some said it was the work of flying saucers. To date, no one has been able to determine who, or what, did it.

Since then, thousands of cattle, horses and other animals have been cut up in strange ways throughout the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Canary Islands and, possibly, other South American and European countries. Some people call it "mutilation," but whatever it's called, it is a strange harvest.

Usually missing from the carcasses are an ear, an eye, the tongue. The lower jaw often is stripped of all flesh; sexual organs are cut out; the rectum is cored out. And, in some cases, the blood is gone. Adding to the mystery is the lack of tracks or other evidence.

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Mutilated cattle have been found on wet sand or rain-soaked ground with no tracks around them, not even their own.

Across the country, the media has used the phrase "surgical precision" to describe the appearance of the wounds.

In the film, however, Dr. Arlen Meyers, a laser surgeon at Rose Memorial Hospital in Denver, demonstrates that animals have been mutilated with far more finesse than just surgical precision.

With a scalpel, he cut a circular piece of skin from a dead chicken, noting that removal of the skin doesn't disturb the membrane underneath.

The surgeon's cut, however, wasn't perfectly round and with smooth edges as have been the wounds of the dead animals. Part of his incision has jagged edges.

In a second demonstration, Meyers used a laser beam to create a perfectly round wound. He, however, discounts the theory that a laser beam was used in the animal mutilations.

"The laser device is too clumsy to be carried to a field to remove hide and other parts of animals," Meyers said, referring to the 500-pound piece of equipment. "It would be easier to bring a cow here to the hospital."

Based on seven months exhaustive research, "A Strange Harvest" is notable for the excellent photography by Richard Lerner and its haunting, melancholy theme music played on a synthesizer.

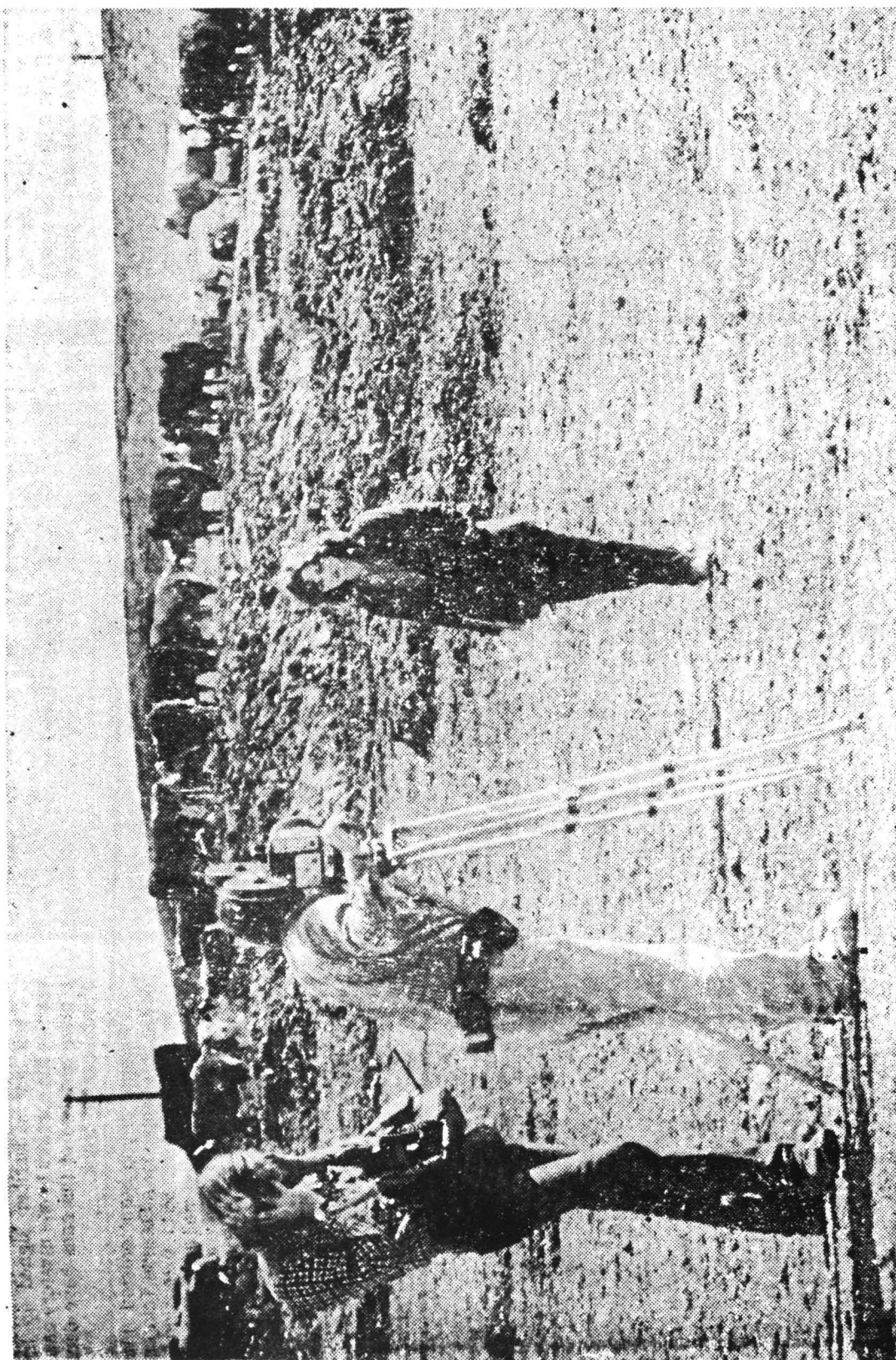
To make the film, Ms. Howe and a film crew traveled throughout Colorado and into Wyoming and New Mexico. They interviewed journalists, law enforcement officers, ranchers and scientists. They saw many photographs of mutilated cattle and read innumerable reports and files.

According to the film, the lack of physical evidence is a convincing argument that helicopters were used in the incidents.

To find out more about that possibility, Ms. Howe and crew went to Fort Carson, where they interviewed personnel who fly helicopters. They concluded that a chopper large enough to handle a cow and the equipment necessary to mutilate it would make so much noise that an animal wouldn't stand still for its approach and landing.

Others interviewed for the film included were Carl Whiteside, deputy director of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation; Bill Waugh, former Elbert County undersheriff; and Lou Girodo, chief investigator for the district attorney's office in Trinidad.

Linda Howe narrates "A Strange Harvest"



'It has to do with an alien craft and aliens'

Did horse mutilator come from outer space?

By CHERYL CARPENTER
Gazette Staff Reporter

The case of Gaston County's mysteriously mutilated horse is officially closed locally — if unsolved — but people elsewhere in the country are looking at the strange event's details with wide-open interest.

They suggest the perpetrators could have come from outer space.

Gaston County police detectives closed the February case after numerous leads failed to pan out over two months.

The police even investigated a tip that members of a kooky cult carefully removed the penis from the 6-year-old horse as it stood in its stall, but no evidence of this came to light.

The horse was left secured in a latched stall one night in February, and the next day was found lying in the stall on a blood-stained floor. A local veterinarian examined the horse before it was put to sleep and found the complete penis had been cleanly removed from the horse all the way back to the pelvis where it was attached.

The organ was never found, and the owners

never discovered how the stall had been entered.

The bizarre news somehow found its way to a reporter in Colorado who has been investigating animal mutilations for the past nine months and who has produced a series on the topic.

Linda Howe, special projects director for a Denver television station, said she heard about the Gaston County horse from a man investigating animal mutilations in Arkansas.

How the information ever reached him isn't clear, either, but a loose network of people interested in solving animal mutilation cases does exist across the United States.

Thomas R. Adams of Paris, Tex., belongs to the network and even publishes a quarterly newsletter which relays all the cases he's heard about to other interested parties.

In a telephone interview, Adams said he plots on a U.S. map where animal mutilations occur, and is particularly interested in the Gaston County case because few mutilations are reported in the Southeast.

"I became interested in this when I was in

college in Texas around 1970," he said. "For a project, a group of students were investigating how a small town in California had been affected by a 1967 animal mutilation which had received world-wide attention.

"Since then, in my spare time I thought I'd create an informal network of media people, law enforcement officers and just interested people to help keep up with what's happening on these cases."

But Adams, as well as Ms. Howe, say they suspect there's a lot more to animal mutilations than will ever be made public.

"In all the cases reported, there's never anything seen or heard," Adams said. "There's been a lot of investigation by federal and state officials, but there's never been anyone prosecuted or charged with an animal mutilation like this."

Proposed villains for gruesome animal dismemberment include satanic cults, government schemes relating to nuclear-power tests and even "unidentified flying objects" sighted near the scenes of mutilations.

Ms. Howe said an investigator for the

Colorado district attorney's office — who has been researching animal mutilations for five years — said some strange things to her about his work.

"I have him on camera saying whoever or whatever is doing this now is very likely 'creatures not of this planet,'" she said. "I've been working on this nine months, and wherever I've gone, this UFO has popped up."

Her investigation found animal mutilations have occurred in 39 states in the past 15 years, with 550 documented since 1975 in Colorado.

"I used the Gaston County example in my series because, according to what I can gather about this, it's almost physically impossible for a horse's penis to be removed as far back as the pelvis like that horse's was."

Adams said he's heard of only one other case similar to Gaston's, an incident in Spokane, Wash.

"It is unusual," he said. "In the past years, there have been a lot of cattle mutilations reported, but few horses. Now we're seeing more horses."

Most of the documented cases Adams has reported in his latest newsletter involve cattle, horses and goats which have been found missing their genitals, ears, rectums, skin, tongues, tails and eyes.

Adams said unmarked helicopters flying close to the ground have been reported in the vicinity of mutilations "enough times not to be a coincidence."

"We don't know why the helicopters are around or who operates them, but there are numerous reports of the same type helicopter flying dangerously low to the ground soon after or during a mutilation discovery."

One theory reported in Adams' newsletter suggests that the U.S. government might be mutilating animals to monitor nuclear waste build-up in organic life.

"We don't have any pet theory we're backing ourselves," he said. "We're just trying to gather information first so we can find out who's doing this and discern their motives."

Said Ms. Howe: "Much of the evidence I've gathered... suggests that it has to do with an alien craft and aliens."

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Calf is found mutilated on farm near Republican

A newborn calf was found mutilated Monday afternoon on a farm north of the Republican community. Charles Edward Reynolds, the owner, said the calf had been born Sunday.

Sheriff Charles Castleberry investigated the report Monday night. He said the calf's left eye and tongue were missing as well as other vital organs.

"Everyone needs to check their cattle every day because it happened last year about this time," Castleberry said.

A number of cattle mutilations were reported last summer in Faulkner County and surrounding areas.

There are no suspects in this most recent incident.

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Scientists To Examine Cloak Image

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — A cactus cloak containing the image of the Virgin Mary and thought to be more than 450 years old will undergo a series of complex scientific tests aimed at unlocking its mystery.

The tests were suggested after scientists concluded five dozen infra-red photos on the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe taken last year failed to explain how the image of the Virgin Mary was applied to the cactus fiber cloak and why both have lasted at least 450 years.

Monsignor Enrique Salazar, representing the abbot of the Basilica of Guadalupe at Mexico City, where the image is enshrined, agreed Sunday to allow scientists to conduct a second round of tests.

Salazar and the scientists, historians, theologians and sociologists were at San Antonio during the week end for a two-day meeting concerning the over-all study of the cloak to be conducted under the auspices of the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate.

The scientific analysis of the Indian peasant cloak is only one phase of the project. Earlier historical phases traced through five countries missing documents containing a written narrative of Juan Diego's accounts of appearances in 1531 by the Virgin Mary, and how her image appeared on his cloak as a sign to a disbelieving bishop.

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