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ECCENTRIC, West Bloomfield, MI - Sept. 1, 1980

### It's more than a plane they claim

Officially it's being described as a low-flying plane displaying a flashing advertising message.

But some West Bloomfield residents who saw the saucer-shaped vehicle flying low over Farmington Road last week don't believe it.

"No way was it an airplane," said Kirt Manecke. "That is so stupid. Why would they say that?"

Manecke was talking to a friend on the telephone when she began to scream there was a UFO in her yard. He hung up, telling his parents to call the police and drove to her home a few miles away.

When he got there, it was moving away and the girl and her family were following it with binoculars.

"IT WAS a huge disc tilted on a big angle," he said. "It was round and had windows and a flashing red light. It didn't make any noise. It just kind of whirred."

The girl and her family, who asked not to be identified, concur with Manecke's description.

"It didn't look like a helicopter or a plane," she said. "It was too low. It would have been dangerous for a plane. It was like I was seeing a science fiction movie. It kept moving in circles. It had an intensely bright light and a huge red light that kept pulsating."

MORNING NEWS, Enid, OK - Sept. 9, 1980 CR: P. Guttilla

## Early Morning Incident Unnerves Area Couple

By Helen Carnell  
Staff Writer

The brilliant blinking light that hovered just above the horizon west of the Robert Reed home in Waukomis during the graying daylight Monday is still a mystery, along with a few other things in that 30-minute period which Gail Reed describes as "weird."

Gail, a logical young woman who wants a logical explanation for anything out of the ordinary, hasn't found the answers yet, nor can she find anyone who can shed any light on the mystery.

It all started about 5 a.m. Monday when the ducks, chickens and dogs at the Reed home, in the housing addition north of Waukomis, "just started going crazy."

"We were both sound asleep and for my husband, that means absolutely nothing wakes him up," Gail

said. "But all of a sudden, we both sat bolt upright. The chickens and ducks were squawking all over the place and flying into the side of the house and the dogs were barking, just like they were going crazy."

"I got up and looked about the boys. They were all right, both asleep, then I looked out the bathroom window and the front windows and didn't see a thing. My husband got up then, to see what he could find and when he looked out in back he said it looked like a fire somewhere. He said maybe the dogs had heard the sirens."

Gail said she and her husband went out in back and watched it for awhile. She described it as an extremely bright light that kept flashing, just hovering above the ground, but making absolutely no noise. "We could

hear the crickets very clearly, but we couldn't hear anything from that."

She said it was almost straight west of them and looked like it could be in the Ringwood area.

Gail said it upset her after a few minutes and she went inside to call the Enid Police Department.

"They told me they would check into it, but to call the sheriff's deputy down here, that's Danny Kokojan. They said it was probably strobe lights at Vance, reflecting off the sky, but that didn't sound logical to me, because for one thing, Vance is north of us and this was to the west."

"We called Kokojan and he didn't know anything about it. About that time there was a big flash of light, just like a big explosion, that lit up the whole house, but there still wasn't any noise,

just that big flash."

"So I called Vance, and they said they didn't know anything about it and didn't offer any explanation. It was really weird," Gail said.

She continued to stand in the open doorway and watch the light.

Then it lifted up, moving closer to her.

"It was like a mist around it, but the light was so bright I couldn't make out any shape. It hovered there, closer to us, for a few minutes then moved back to where it was."

"Then, before I could even blink my eyes, just a flash like it shot upward, and it was gone."

"And all within about 30 minutes."

Gail appeared to be still in shock Monday afternoon. "One of the other strange things is that we never go to bed without locking our doors and when my husband went to check around, the front door was unlocked. And all that noise the ducks, the chickens and the dogs made, well, it was unreal."

"Another thing that is weird is that my husband would wake up like a bolt had struck him, so quickly, the same time I did. But the strange thing is that later on we were talking about it and found we were both dreaming at the time we woke up, and dreaming the same thing — that a man, only it was some different sort of man, was standing over us. "I cannot believe all this. I'm still trying to find a logical explanation and there is none," Gail said. "I just want an answer. What was it out there?"

EVENING TRIBUNE, San Diego, CA - Oct. 20, 1980 CR: D. Clements

### Carousel spotted in sky

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (UPI) — What one witness described as a "merry-go-round in the sky" was spotted by several people last night, including eight police officers, before it took off toward the east-northeast and disappeared.

Washtenaw County

Sheriff's Deputy George McAllister said the object, which made no noise, was spotted by five of the department's deputies.

Three others on road patrol in Wayne County reported seeing the UFO, which officials said appeared about 9:15 p.m. in the northwest corner of Plymouth Township and then disappeared as it headed toward Detroit.

Officials at the Air National Guard base in Mount Clemens did not observe the object on

radar.

The control tower at Detroit's Metropolitan Airport tried to "lock on" the object, but failed, said Wayne County Deputy Robert Barackman. He said authorities received 50 telephone calls.

"Apparently a lot of people have seen it," said Barackman. "Even three of our guys. They all described it as a large white object, and some said it was revolving. One said it looked like a merry-go-round in the sky."

STAR, Elberton, GA - Sept. 12, 1980

## UFO Spotted in County

Paul Lipsey  
Star Writer

Lucius Roberson doesn't know what he saw early Thursday morning when he woke up and happened to look out the window of his house off Highway 79 in Elbert County.

"Whatever it was, it nearly scared me to death," he said. "I just sat there at the window and stared at it for a long time, and then I decided to call somebody else to come and see. When I came back, it

was gone. There was no noise, no nothing."

Lucius described what he saw as a round, brightly lit object hovering near the ground in the pasture out behind his house.

"It had green lights all around it, and some of the lights were shining on the grass below it," he said. "It was about 20 feet wide, and I couldn't tell how high. All I know is I saw something, that's for sure."

The Elbert County Sheriff's Department responded to a

call early Thursday morning of a UFO sighting, but a careful search of the area turned up nothing to suggest activity of any sort in the pasture.

Speculation is that it could have been a low flying plane attempting to make a drop of some sort, or that a power line overloaded in the area, sending bright sparks out over the field.

"It wasn't a plane, cause there is no place to land out here," Roberson said. "Besides, it didn't make any noise. It

just kind of made a 'swoosh,' and then it took off."

There were unconfirmed reports of a 'brightly lit object in the sky' close to Nuburg Wednesday night. Residents say that the object hovered in the air near the Guidestones off Highway 77 in Elbert County. Several people reportedly saw the object, and some say that it made a noise much louder than an airplane would have made.

Sightings were also reported in Anderson County, where eye-witness reports are under investigation.

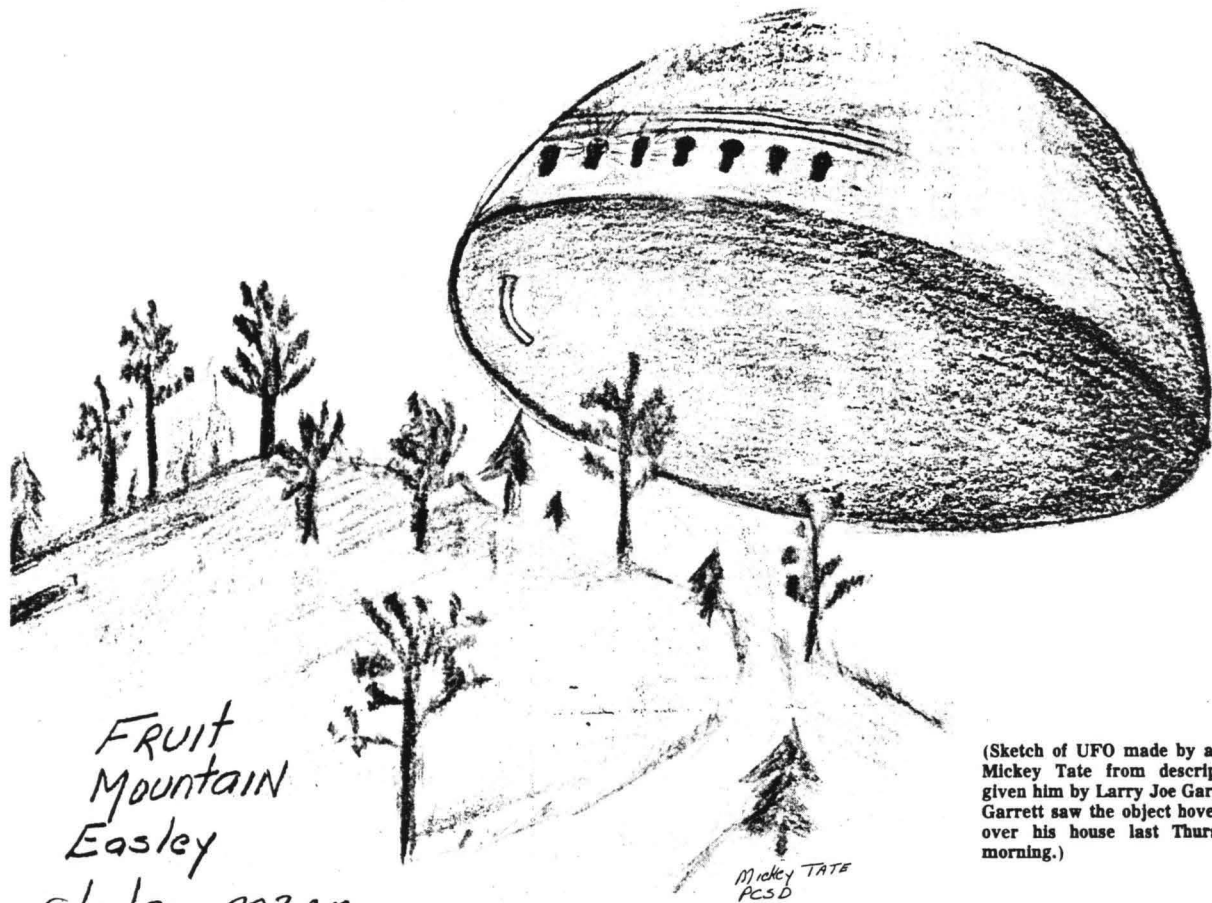
EXPRESS, Lock Haven, PA - Sept. 12, 1980

### JS People See UFO's

Two Jersey Shore couples exaggerate a bit, but their wives are reliable sources!

saw round objects in the northern skies about 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, and wonder if anyone else noticed the same white spots that disappeared in a few seconds.

"Gip" Harter, of Allegheny Street, and his wife, Dorothy, and Charles and Jane Boyer were sitting on the Harter front porch and were watching some pigeons and geese flying in the cloud-free sky, when all four saw the white objects. . . . One of white spots suddenly rose and vanished, and he lost track of the other. . . . "Gip" says he and Charlie are hunters and fishermen and are known to



Fruit  
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(Sketch of UFO made by artist Mickey Tate from description given him by Larry Joe Garrett. Garrett saw the object hovering over his house last Thursday morning.)

# UFO sighted in Easley

There was something strange, and beautiful, and incredibly big floating just above the tree tops in front of Larry Joe Garrett's house on Fruit Mountain Road last Thursday morning.

It was unlike anything Garrett has ever seen before. It left him almost transfixed, in a state of awe and exhilaration. The euphoria lasted 24 hours before Garrett said he felt normal again.

Garrett saw the strange flying object at 8 a.m. About three hours earlier Jerry McAllister of Parnell Road in Anderson had seen something similar. McAllister also described a feeling of excitement and exhilaration after the sighting.

The object has not been identified.

But that does not make it any less real to Joe Garrett. He related his experience to The Progress.

"I had gone out in the yard to work on my wife's car," he said. "She works on the second shift and was still asleep. I heard a buzzing sound, sort of like a big swarm of bees. Or like a Honda, way off in the distance. I looked down the driveway to see if a car was turning around, but I didn't see anything. As I turned back toward my wife's car I got a glimpse of something over the top of the trees."

"That's the Goodyear blimp!" was my first thought. Then I realized it wasn't a blimp. It was something a lot bigger. I couldn't see it very good, so I walked around to the front of the house. And there it was, out in the clear, right up over me. It was big. Real big."

"How big?" he was asked. "Oh, it was as big as Belk's

store. But a whole lot taller," he said.

He staunchly stands by his estimate of the size of the object. He says when he looked at it, the object reminded him of a large battleship he had seen once in the Norfolk, Va. harbor.

He described the windows as being very long, and totally black, except for one window that shone with a blinding, glaring light. Garrett said this could have been the sun reflecting off the window, but he couldn't tell for sure. The glare was too bright.

He was specific about the color. He said it appeared to be a metallic, purplish-gray. He was sure the bottom side of the object was metal, of an exceptional smoothness. He saw no seams, although he said there was what appeared to be a metal pipe protruding from the underside.

Garrett could not see the entire shape of the object. He said it appeared to be tilted backward, so that what he saw, primarily, was the bottom of the "saucer." However, he saw enough of the upper part to be sure that it was dome shaped.

"It was shaped sort of like the big water tank up town," he said, "Except a whole lot bigger."

The description given by McAllister in Anderson matched Garrett's in most respects except for the lights. Garrett, who saw the object in full daylight, said there were no lights on it. McAllister saw the object before daylight, and said it carried blinding lights all around its perimeter.

Both men described the object to artist Mickey Tate of the Pickens County Sheriff's Department. Neither man conferred with the other, but the sketches Tate drew from

their description were very similar except for the protruding lights reported by McAllister.

The sheriff's deputy theorized that the lights could have been retractable, to be pulled into the fuselage of the craft when not in use.

Although several people were reported to have seen the "flying saucer" in Anderson, no one else, apparently, saw the big object in Easley. Garrett said his next door neighbor was not at home at the time, and the neighbor across the street was probably busy with her children inside the house.

After he had watched the strange object for a minute Garrett said he ran into the house to call his wife. But when he got inside he stopped, thinking to himself that his wife would say he was crazy if he told her what he had seen. He hesitated a moment in the kitchen, then ran back outside to reassure himself that the object was still up there above the trees. When he got outside it was gone.

Later in the morning Garrett's wife convinced him that he should report the sighting to someone. He called the Pickens County Sheriff's Department, and it was then that he heard for the first time that a UFO had been sighted in Anderson, also.

Many theories have been advanced as to the origin and the identity of the strange object. The Easley Progress called the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport's control tower to ask if an unidentified craft had been picked up on radar.

The individual contacted at the tower said the object did not show up on radar. He expressed considerable skepticism that there actually had been an unidentified flying ob-

ject in the area.

Some persons believe the flying object might have something to do with a Government project of some sort, possibly a weather balloon. Others wonder if it was something sent over from Russia or some other unfriendly country. And then

there are those who fear that it was an interplanetary space craft.

Whatever it was, it was not a figment of Joe Garrett's imagination. He saw something very big and beautiful in his front yard last Thursday. He convinces you, when you talk to him about it.

## She finally had to tell someone, saw a UFO in Woodruff

An unidentified flying object (UFO) was reported over Woodland Lake about 12:30 a.m. during the last two weeks, a woman who lives near the site told the Times on Thursday, Oct. 16.

"I got up about 12:30 a.m. and walked over to the window," said Mrs. Wilda Organist, who lives on the second floor of the Woodland senior citizen apartments in Woodruff.

"There it was, moving over the lake. It was pulsing red, yellow and green lights," Mrs. Organist said she couldn't accurately estimate its size.

"I felt like everyone does about these things. You really don't believe it at first, but there it was." The object was drum-like in its appearance.

"I thought that such reports on UFOs were hogwash. Now I don't fully believe it or disbelieve it. It was there for four or five minutes. It made no noise. Yet, it was a marvelous sight indeed.

"I didn't believe a friend of mine who saw one years ago. You have to see it for yourself. And who will believe you? It could have been something from our country or the Russians or from another planet. Who knows?"

"It was too close to deny that it ever happened."

Mrs. Organist doesn't remember the exact date, but it was around Oct. 1. She hesitated in calling authorities thinking that no one would believe her. Finally, she said, "I just had to tell someone. Perhaps someone else in the area saw the same thing and will talk about it now."

Whatever it was, Mrs. Organist is convinced she saw a real unidentified flying object.

LAKELAND TIMES, Minocqua, WI - Oct. 23, 1980 CR: R. Heiden

# UFO Sightings 'Nothing New' In Anderson

By Tony Kiss

Staff Writer

"Flying saucers" are nothing new in Anderson County.

The "saucers" — unidentified flying objects some claim are spacecraft from another world — have been spotted in Electric City skies occasionally in recent years.

The latest close encounter was Thursday when Jerry McAllister of Parnell Road said a large craft, 70 feet in length and covered with windows, buzzed his back yard and zoomed away.

The UFO also was seen at a distance by four Anderson County deputies who were at a loss to explain the object.

But McAllister hardly blazed the local UFO trail.

Consider the following local "flying saucer" stories:

• **Halloween 1975.** A Seneca couple, Alvin and Brenda Land, observe three unusual, bright lights hovering outside their home.

The UFOs, clustered together, disappear toward Seneca. Land claims he saw three more objects after the first group vanished.

Hours later, police in Wareham, Mass., spot identical objects in the sky.

The experience shakes Mrs. Land. "I thought it might be Judgment Day," she said.

• **November 1975.** A Williamston woman, Janice

Mullinax, tells county deputies "a big, bright light moving real fast" flashed by her trailer near Midway Estates.

The UFO then disappeared in a wooded area, she said. Deputies were unable to find evidence of the "saucer."

• **January 2, 1976.** Strange lights are reported near Interstate 85 and S.C. 24 by at least three persons.

One unidentified woman described them: "(It) hovered over a field, making sharp turns and flashing varied colored lights."

"It made no sound, but moved up and down as if it was trying to land and then quickly moved upward and out of sight."

• **January 1976.** Lawmen in Central and Norris spot a reddish-colored UFO streaking through the heavens.

Central policeman Mike Perry saw the object, then only 150 feet off the ground. He tried to follow it in his cruiser.

"It went straight up," he told The Independent then. "I lost sight of it in about five seconds."

He heard a noise as the UFO shot upward, "like a bullet passing close by."

• **August 1977.** Was the bright light seen near S.C. 287 a "saucer?" No one had an explanation for the light, seen by at least four Anderson County residents.

One woman reported a large white ball of light followed her car.

MORNING JOURNAL, Lisbon, OH

Sept. 25, 1980 CR: P. Guttilla

## UFO sighting reported

Three residents of Hunter's Camp Road, just north of the Pleasant View Nursing Home, notified the Sheriff's Department at 9:30 p.m. yesterday that they saw five unidentified flying objects.

The UFOs, according to the residents who preferred not to be identified, were flying "lower even than the helicopters that come through here once a week" and circled back and forth around towers supporting high tension wires across the road from their home.

The described the UFOs as having flashing lights and making no sound except for an initial "sound like an airplane crashing."

Two cruisers were sent to the scene and were called back a second time when the residents said the UFO's returned.

## Over Cool Springs home

# Strange light

Laura Birge claims she is not a person who believes in little green men or purple people eaters.

But, Laura Birge has perfect vision and is sure she saw something very unusual early last Saturday morning.

What Mrs. Birge saw was a large, bright light hovering over her home on the Cool Springs Road.

It all started at 4:10 a.m. when Mrs. Birge's 12-year-old daughter, Lisa, was awakened by what she thought was the sound of a car motor.

The youngster walked from her bed to a window and saw what appeared to be a falling star.

Excited about what she was seeing, Lisa went to her parents' bedroom and woke her mother.

"It's a star, mommie, and it's moving," the youngster told her sleep-drugged mother.

Mrs. Birge said she became a little aggravated and told her daughter to go back to bed.

Lisa continued to watch the light and again woke her mother.

Mrs. Birge, still somewhat perturbed, walked to the window and also saw the unusual sight.

"Believe me, it did move, it appeared to be just over the trees in front of our house and it did move," Mrs. Birge said.

When whatever it was moved, according to Mrs. Birge, the light would dim. When it stopped, the light would again get very bright.

Mrs. Birge then work her

husband and he became somewhat perturbed.

Finally, at the insistence of his wife, Thomas Birge, walked to the window. He too became alarmed.

The bright object moved from over the trees and directly over the front yard.

"If that thing gets any closer I'm going to shoot it with a shotgun, Birge told his wife and daughter.

"I was ready to start shooting, too," Mrs. Birge said.

Mrs. Birge described the light as being six to 10 feet wide.

"It could move just like a helicopter. It could hover, move up and down and sideways, and it moved fast," she said.

No sound came from the object, Mrs. Birge said.

"There was no sound at all and that's what made you scared," Mrs. Birge said.

The woman said she and her daughter went outside just before daybreak to see if the light was attached to any kind of craft.

"When we went outside the light went straight up and hovered just below the clouds. After a few minutes it disappeared," she said.

Mrs. Birge telephoned the Unidentified Flying Object office in Atlanta and talked to Allen Hendry.

Hendry instructed Mrs. Birge to look for the object at about the same time the following morning. She did but it was not present.

INDEPENDENT, Marshall, MN - Sept. 18, 1980

# Hovering object puzzles viewers

By ROBERT SEAVEY

Staff Writer

GHEENT—A bright flickering object was reported hovering over farm fields near here early Wednesday morning — causing a farm family and a law officer to wonder what was spotted.

"I don't know myself what it was," said Lyon County Undersheriff Tom Thompson, responding to a question whether the object was a UFO.

"It was deceiving, but the way it was moving, it wasn't a star I'd never seen a star move like that," he said later Wednesday.

Thompson said he had contacted the UFO center in Seattle, but received no word on what the object might have been. "It's an odd story but I'm sure there's an explanation," he said.

He was called from his sleep at 4:27 a.m. to investigate the object. A 20-year-old Ghent farmer, who requested anonymity, reported the object had been hovering over his field, 3½ miles west of Ghent.

A busy time of year for many area farmers, the man said he had been plowing since 11 p.m. After watching it for one-half hour, "my curiosity got the best of me," he said. He

woke his parents and called the sheriff's department.

"I wanted to prove to myself I wasn't seeing things," he said. He said his parents saw the object also.

The object changed color and moved with him, he said. "When I first saw it, it was red." He added as he went toward his parents' house it kept pace, staying about one mile away.

"When I got to the house, it was just like somebody was holding a big flashlight up in the sky, the color became yellowish white," he said.

In an investigation report, Thompson said he "noticed a very bright object that appeared to be directly above County Road 8. This object appeared to be much closer than the stars that were visible as the sky was clear and there were no clouds in sight."

From that vantage point at the junction of County Roads 8 and 3, Thompson said he watched the object move "in a southerly direction very rapidly."

Upon reaching the farm, the officer notes in his report: "we watched the object for about 30 minutes, we both saw the object stay stationary for a period of time. Then the object appeared to come closer to us or the

light greatly intensified. The object would move back and forth, north and south several times. At times the bright light would nearly disappear and become very hazy, then it would come back very bright again."

The farmer said prior to the undersheriff's arrival, the candescent object moved to within one-half mile of the farm. At one point his dog ran toward the luminous object and began barking, he said.

Throughout most of the sighting, the object maintained a distance of about one mile, both men reported.

Thompson said the beacon seemed to keep pace with his vehicle as he drove back to Marshall. He said the object hovered over the town for about five minutes and then moved off in a northeasterly direction.

"I guess I wouldn't believe it if I hadn't seen it. I have no idea what it was — none whatsoever," he said.

Thompson ended the report in a similar vein. "The object that was seen by this writer was definitely not a star due to the fact that it was moving in various directions and would stop and go. There were no visible marker lights which would identify the object as an airplane."



She ran scared into the house for her father. By the time

Ayers is hopeful that other people will come forward if they have information to report. Confidentiality can be maintained. "The new evidence will hopefully amplify what is available now," he said.

She said the object never made any noise in the several minutes she was watching it.



...as drawn by witness Michelle Freudenberg

But, all of those who saw the objects have a common bond—they know they saw something. What it is they are not sure, but something was there.



## UFO Researchers Discuss Findings

## Stalking an Elusive Prey

By MICHAEL DOUGAN  
Of the Daily Pilot Staff

Some people might see Willard Nelson of Villa Park and John Herrera of Fullerton as modern-day unicorn hunters.

Although both are serious-minded men working in technical fields, they continue to seek what may not exist and believe what, to many, is unbelievable.

Nelson and Herrera are field investigators for this country's two largest UFO research organizations.

In their spare time, they interview people who allege to have seen things not of this Earth. They visit the location of sightings, taking careful notes and charting azimuth, speed and direction.

And they patiently evaluate the observers for signs of mental disturbance or motives that might indicate a hoax.

Their work brings them in contact with people who Herrera says remind him of Exodor on "Mork and Mindy." Others cannot tell the difference between a planet or a police helicopter and a visiting ship from outer space.

But they say most people who make UFO reports are sane, honest and, often, still in a state of shock caused by their experience.

Such was the case with two women recently interviewed by Herrera.

After moving into a new house in Van Nuys, they set out to look at the local junior high school where one would send her child. They saw the school...and something else.

"The gal that was driving saw this thing drop out of the sky behind the school building," said Herrera, an investigator for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), based in Tucson, Ariz. "Then it came around the corner in front of them."

"It," the women claimed, was a disc-shaped object topped with a dome that was surrounded by apparent port holes. Rising from the dome was an antenna-type structure with a light on its tip.

"It was about the size of an auto, I guess," said Herrera. "It's hard to tell. The ladies were so excited, they were exaggerating everything."

"It pulled back (when it 'saw' the women's car) and tilted up on its side and it remained there and hovered motionless for a few seconds, then it shot back up into the sky," Herrera said.

"They tried to follow it in the car, driving like crazy," he added. "The passenger was petrified. She wanted the other girl to stop so she could call her dad."

When the call finally was made, "her dad was wise enough to put the tape recorder on. They sounded quite excited. It was very convincing. There's no doubt in my mind that they saw what they said they saw."

Three months after the event, he said, one of the women still weeps when she discusses it. "The driver was really awed by the thing," Herrera added. "She thinks it has something to do with religion."

In fact, both researchers said many people who sight alleged

and waiting to contact somebody; he didn't know who. We were kind of worried about him."

Both investigators were led into the eclectic field of UFO research by sightings, either their own or a relative's.

"If I hadn't seen one, I could give you a dozen good reasons why they don't exist," said Herrera, a technical writer for an electronic instrument company.

Herrera's close encounter came years ago as he and his brother drove down a highway in rural Colorado. A large, disc-shaped object emerged from behind a clump of trees, hovered momentarily at a 30 degree angle, then buzzed the car and shot skyward.

When they tried to report it, "nobody wanted to hear about it," he said. "Even my own dad just broke out laughing. I got so mad I just tried to forget about it for awhile."

*'It,' as described by the women, was a large disc-shaped object topped with a dome that was surrounded by apparent port holes. Rising from the dome was an antenna-type structure with a light on its tip.*

UFOs, particularly in "close encounter" cases where the object is within several hundred feet, are emotionally and psychologically affected by the incident. Sometimes the problems are so severe they require professional help. More often, the observers simply are obsessed with thoughts about what they saw. They want it to come back, to land, to make contact.

Nelson, who works for the Mutual UFO Network with international headquarters in Sequin, Texas, gave an example: In 1978, a local pilot spotted a flying disc crossing beneath his plane as he approached Los Angeles Airport. At the same time, he felt some type of psychic waves emanating from the strange craft.

"(The sighting) had parapsychological effects for about two weeks," said Nelson. "The last we heard of him, he was thinking of going out in the desert somewhere and sitting

"That's what the news media has done, conditioned people to think it's nonsense."

Nelson, a research and development engineer for McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Corp., has never seen a UFO.

But, when his wife's sister saw a moon-sized object hovering near her home in Georgia, flashing red and green lights, he became intrigued. After studying the available literature, Nelson was convinced that something remarkable is happening in our skies.

Still, both investigators admit that 90 percent or more of the alleged UFO sightings can be traced to a misinterpretation of either natural phenomena or manmade aircraft, such as weather balloons and satellites.

"This girl I knew called me once. She had gotten up at 2 a.m. and seen a UFO and felt telepathic messages," said Herrera. "I was really impressed

But she came in about a week and a half later and said she'd found out it was the morning star (Venus)."

Although both researchers believe that the UFO phenomenon is real — meaning, as is often said, that credible people are seeing incredible things — they are at a loss to explain or define it.

Almost all of the existing evidence is in the form of reports. There is no physical proof that they know of (although rumors persist that the federal government possesses several crashed UFOs and the bodies of their humanoids — but not human — occupants.)

"The more you get into this the fewer explanations there seem to be," said Nelson. "The data is so soft."

"When I got into this I thought it was hardware from outer space, like everybody else. Now I don't know."

Herrera, too, said he no longer supports the so-called "nuts and bolts" hypothesis, in which UFOs are considered to be actual mechanical devices.

"But I'm highly convinced that there's an intelligence (behind them)," he said. "Probably a life form far different than ours. And, obviously, they've been here for a long time."

Noting that UFOs often are reported to appear and disappear capriciously, to change shapes in midflight and to affect radar only on occasion, he speculated that they might be a type of energy projection similar to a hologram.

"The whole thing makes us ask ourselves, 'What is real? What is reality?'" said Nelson, who admits to rounds of discouragement and frustration.

But — until the day a "ufonaut" lands and asks directions to the White House, or some natural (perhaps psychological) explanation is proven beyond doubt — Nelson and Herrera say they will be among the thousands of amateur "ufologists" collecting data for the files of their organizations.

In time, they note, those files might reveal a pattern, a program, an answer.

And they suspect that answer may change the way man looks at himself and his place in the universe.

RECORDER, Porterville, CA - Oct. 6, 1980

## UFO Reported By Lake Angler

By TERRY WINCKLER  
Recorder News Editor

It rose from a hill behind Success Lake last week and "scared the s-t" out of James Henley.

The Porterville man was expecting catfish not a blue, red, saucer-shaped flying object that hovered like a helicopter but was three times larger than any 'copter he'd seen, and stone silent.

It was "absolutely unreal" he told The Recorder. For lack of any explanation, it was a UFO — unidentified, unidentifiable and a mystery.

The sighting wasn't that unusual, however. People have been calling this newspaper and police for more than a year with reports of oddball lights and objects, mostly spotted to the east over the foothills.

Some of the lights have been green, ball-shaped things that streaked along the horizon; others of all colors have hovered, risen-fallen, moved in various directions. A few

disappeared fast as thought.

They have delighted and freaked-out viewers ranging from dirt farmers to city police. At least one of the sightings was a kid's prank, others could have been normal aircraft, comets, fireworks, or unusual but explainable phenomena.

For Henley there is nothing explainable and everything phenomenal about his sighting.

Imagine sitting on a quiet lake at 3:30 a.m. under brilliant star-lit skies. A fishing rod is in your hands and the line held gently between your fingers. Your body is poised to feel the tap-tap tremor of a prowling catfish.

Instead, a glowing, pulsing multi-colored UFO pops up.

It has a blue center, ringed with red. There are other colors shooting from it — colors you can't describe because you've never seen anything like them before.

It hangs in one spot like an Andy Warhol painting nailed to the sky. It sends out a directed beam of light, sort of like a

spotlight, but only sort of.

It frightens you out of your wits, off of the lake, into your car and onto Highway 190 back to your Porterville home.

Your last wide-eyed glimpse of it is as it suddenly moves southeast and disappears into the hills of Tule River Indian Reservation.

That was Henley's experience, one similar to hundreds the UFO center in Illinois has processed over the years from throughout the nation and finds no explanation for. The center has a hotline phone number police and other official agencies use to report such sightings.

The center is attempting to compile reports for any one area to determine a pattern. As yet, nothing substantial has emerged from this area. And, there are no explanations they can offer to satisfy a curious reporter or an astonished catfisherman.

Keep watching and reporting, they urged residents of this area.

DAILY ITEM, Sumter, SC - Oct. 6, 1980 CR: P. Guttilla

## Sumter Woman Sees Saucer; Looked 'Like A Giant Frisbee'

By DEREK SMITH  
ITEM Staff Writer

Mrs. Carmen Deirrowec of Shady Grove Court says she is a firm believer in saucers from other worlds after a close encounter with one Saturday.

Mrs. Deirrowec and her two children were on Frierson Road behind Shaw AFB about 7:45 p.m. Saturday, driving home from a shopping trip in Sumter.

"I heard a noise almost like an airplane engine and took it for granted that it was an airplane taking off since we were so close to the base," Mrs. Deirrowec said today. But when she looked near a wooded area, she saw something hovering about 10 feet off the ground. "It was obviously something other than a plane or helicopter, and I thought to myself, 'My God, it's a flying saucer,'" she said.

"It (the UFO) was white, with lights on the sides, and about 10 feet long like a giant Frisbee," Mrs. Deirrowec said. She said the craft flew in circles as she drove past and came within 20 to 25 feet of her car. "I could see it real clear, and then it flew straight up very fast and was

gone," she said.

Mrs. Deirrowec, whose husband is stationed at Shaw, said she called the security police at the base but "they did not seem very interested."

A spokesman at Shaw said this morning that the base had no special activity or unusual aircraft in the area at that time, but that regular air traffic could be misconstrued as a flying saucer.

He said the Air Force stopped investigating UFO sightings in 1969 and that when someone calls the base to report a flying saucer, the person is usually referred to a local law enforcement agency.

"I never believed in this stuff before, but I sure do believe in it now," Mrs. Deirrowec said this morning. She said she wanted to turn the car around and follow the saucer but her two children were frightened. "I think my 10-year-old daughter saw something, but I can't be sure," she said.

"It was real obvious that it (the UFO) wasn't something from around here," Mrs. Deirrowec said.

# The Strange Case Of The "Unseen U.F.O."

**Area** — The list of sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (U.F.O.s) in recent weeks has continued to grow, with residents of Roseland and North Caldwell adding their stories to the puzzling experiences related by Fairfield residents.

However, the most unusual case originated once again from Fairfield and concerns a U.F.O. that wasn't seen.

On a Wednesday night in mid-September an Edgewood Terrace resident who does not wish to be identified, was awakened by a strange, droning noise. "It didn't sound like a plane," she remembers. She followed the humming sound to the back of her home and was surprised to see the yard illuminated by a bright, yellowish light.

Thinking it was dawn, she checked her clock. It was closer to 3 a.m.

She woke another member of her household. Together they noted the illumination of the back yard while the front of the house was completely dark. The light seemed to emanate from somewhere overhead, but neither resident went outside to investigate. "It gave us a really strange feeling," one explained.

And always the harsh, droning sound continued.

Then, after 15 or 20 minutes, light and noise disappeared.

Talking about the experience with family members the following day, she learned for the first time that U.F.O. sightings had been reported to **The Chronicle**. Although the unexplained light left an indelible impression on her thoughts, she could not explain her experience and so tried to forget it.

Then, on Thursday, October 23rd at about 1 a.m., she was awakened again. It was the same noise, somewhat fainter this time. And again a yellowish light illuminated her back yard.

She did not consider going out to investigate the source of the light. "I was scared," she freely admits. Instead she called the Fairfield police, but the droning sound and strange light had vanished again before the patrol car arrived. When the officer inspected the grounds there was nothing unusual to be seen.

Neither she nor her family have any idea what caused these experiences. The Fairfield police blotter lists the October call as a "U.F.O." report.

Also this week **The Chronicle** received a report prompted because a Roseland resident had read an account published last week concerning Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Inocencio of

**Matt Drive in Fairfield.**

On Monday, October 13, the Inocencios watched a strange, bright object in the sky from about 6:25 a.m. to 7 a.m. The sighting contained several curious features including the object's size, much too large to have been a star or any conventional aircraft. The object seemed to hover without maneuvering, slowly rising into the air and becoming invisible as the dawn skies brightened.

The Roseland resident who called us last week does not wish to be identified. But she feels she may have seen the Inocencios' object.

The resident cannot now be sure of the date, but she saw a "very curious, extremely bright white light" in the eastern skies about 5:15 a.m. through her bedroom window. The sighting occurred within a few days of the Inocencio sighting, and may even have taken place the same morning.

The resident described the sky as "overcast," but the absence of stars only accentuated "the intense brightness" of the unmoving light, described as 2 or 3 times larger than a star, and apparently lower in the skies.

She watched the light for about 15 minutes, then woke her husband. Together they watched the light for an additional 15 minutes. They thought of calling the police but felt uncomfortable about doing so, and eventually returned to sleep.

"We wrote it off at the time," the resident said, "but still, we'd never seen anything like it before." When she read about the Inocencio sighting on October 13, which bore similarities to her own experience, she decided to contact this newspaper.

While this Roseland sighting does indeed bear some similarity to the Inocencios' report, the object appeared to be of a much smaller size and had not moved when the observation was terminated.

At about the date estimated for this sighting, October 13, two very bright celestial objects were visible in the pre-dawn skies, low in the eastern horizon: Saturn and a much brighter Jupiter. Overcast skies might have made Jupiter alone visible to the naked eye.

If the Roseland couple did see Jupiter, and if they had continued their observation, they might have seen the giant planet disappear from view some 45 minutes before dawn.

While this explanation is by no means ironclad, there is enough reason to list Jupiter as the probable origin of this sighting.

**The Chronicle** received another call concerning U.F.O.s this week, this one from a North Caldwell resident about a sighting which took place in April or May of 1979. Again, it was the Inocencio story which prompted this resident to call; she does not wish to be identified.

The resident was driving home on Smull Avenue at about 10 p.m. when she noticed two "peculiar lights" hovering at treetop level above a home.

At first, from a distance, she thought the lights might be a new radio tower or some similar structure. But as her car drew closer to the lights she knew this was not the case.

She described the lights as "quite bright and about the size of a streetlamp bulb," and noted no motion or sound emanating from the object or objects.

Thinking to herself, "What in the world is it?", she noticed a second car parked on the road whose driver was apparently also studying the lights.

She drove on, nearly reached home, then turned around and headed back to the scene of the sighting, compelled by curiosity.

Nearing the site, she had an impression of "something moving away at great speed" toward Mountain Avenue, leaving behind an indistinct trail of vapor.

The second car she had noticed before was gone.

Returning home, she told her husband and friends of the sighting but did not report it to the police. Later, she learned that police had been searching for escaped inmates from the nearby Essex County Correctional Center that week. She assumed that what she saw might have been a helicopter used in the search, although she was not completely satisfied with that explanation.

In any event, **The Chronicle** has determined that no helicopters were used during that break-out from the Center; in fact, a spokesman at the Center said helicopters have never been used to search for escaped inmates.

Of her experience the resident says now, "It's always been a mystery to me, and I still think about it." It is her hope that the driver of the second car that night will read this story or hear about it and contact this newspaper to verify the Smull Avenue sighting, which took place at about 10 p.m. on a misty night in April or May, 1979.

Anyone who has seen aerial phenomena is asked to contact Garry Herzog at **The Chronicle**, 227-1428. Names will be withheld upon request.

# Japanese In Search Of Local UFO

By Steve Biondo

Staff Writer

Jerry McAlister is strengthening his claim that the UFO he said he saw Sept. 11 near his Parnell Road home has attracted world-wide attention.

Sunday, a seven-man Japanese film crew from the Nippon Television Network in Tokyo dropped in to interview him.

They had a yen to hear his story, according to NTN Producer Junichi Ysai.

Ysai, 45, has been with Nippon for 20 years, and has been investigating reports of unidentified flying objects for 12 of those years, he said Sunday.

His countrymen are intensely interested in UFO sightings all over the world, Ysai said, and the 90-minute documentary program he is putting together for broadcast next year will include interviews with people who have seen UFOs in London, Switzerland, Puerto Rico, Miami, Charleston — and Anderson.

He estimated that when the program airs, it may reach an audience of 25 or 30 million Japanese citizens.

"This is not a form of entertainment but a serious documentary," Ysai said. "Nippon was the first commercial station established in Japan. It is not government controlled." He said he heard about Jerry McAlister's

experience from a UFO investigator in Tucson, Arizona, who is a close friend of his. Ysai said he is certain McAlister's sighting was legitimate.

McAlister reported he saw a brightly-lit craft 70 feet long and two stories high hovering near his home. The sighting garnered more than the usual publicity because the object was also seen by four Anderson County sheriff's deputies.

After the sighting, McAlister was besieged by the local news media. He said he received calls from Alaska, Hawaii and from a radio station in Australia over the incident.

Then the UFO detectives began arriving. These included the Scientific Bureau of Investigation, a small New York-based group; the Mutual UFO Network, based in Arizona; and a free-lance reporter for the National Inquirer.

And now, Japanese investigators are knocking at his door.

"I feel that most of these cases are legitimate," Ysai said. "There's no doubt we are being visited by extraterrestrial beings."

"Some of (the people) who make UFO sightings are not so willing to talk. They are skeptical. Some ask me for money." Ysai said that is because there is still a

general tendency to "ridicule" the UFO witnesses.

"But we have to face the fact that we are being visited by beings from other worlds," he added. "There are just too many sightings and too many witnesses, and all of them are saying the same things."

Ysai said he believes in the existence of UFOs because there is no believable evidence that such sightings are secret — but very terrestrial — experimental aircraft.

"The UFOs people see, the maneuvers they manage to make, indicate a very high level of science which we have not yet been able to reach," Ysai said.

The Japanese producer said he would finish up his interview with McAlister and his neighbors Monday, and then head to Cincinnati — to investigate still another UFO sighting.

Leaving McAlister, a local mill worker, to await the next onslaught of international UFO detectives.

"Ever since the saucer landed here, we've had 'em here every day," McAlister said Sunday. "I never believed in UFOs before but I do now."

"My family thinks the whole thing is wonderful."

# Pitt changes tune about 'UFO expert'

Disclaims its statements that government admitted alien visits

By Henry W. Pierce  
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

The United States government recently made an astounding disclosure: "read a statement from the University of Pittsburgh last month."

"For the first time they [government authorities] officially admitted that UFOs exist," the statement continued. "In 1975 and 1976 several of our nation's supersecret nuclear missile launch sites and strategic bomber bases were visited by UFOs."

Yesterday Pitt officials were singing, "It ain't necessarily so."

The first Pitt statement was sent to news media on Oct. 25 to announce an address by a self-styled UFO expert named Clark McClelland.

McClelland was billed in the Pitt announcement as "a recognized expert on the subjects of UFOs, astronomy and space exploration" and was said to have begun his studies at Pitt's Allegheny Observatory.

The announcement also said McClelland was NASA launch operations specialist and technical assistant to the Apollo program manager at Kennedy Space Center.

But a check yesterday with the director of Allegheny Observatory, George Gatewood,

cast considerable doubt on McClelland's claims.

McClelland was never part of the observatory team, Gatewood said. "He simply used our 13-inch telescope to look at Mars a couple of times many years ago."

His employment at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration was also hazy. Pitt's director of student activities, Andrew Smith, said his office checked with McClelland when skepticism over his claims began to mount.

McClelland said yesterday that he has spent "hundreds of hours" in Allegheny Observatory with the approval of the former director, Nicholas Wegman, who died recently.

"I think what has happened is that there has been wide misinterpretation of what I stated about myself," McClelland said.

"I can document everything I have said," Smith said. McClelland admitted his sole employment at NASA was with a subcontractor of the agency, Boeing Aircraft.

McClelland's own promotional material describes him as a "past Planetary Research Astronomer at the Allegheny Observatory," Smith said.

As Pitt spokesmen busily prepared a dis-

# UFO sighted in Ridgefield

**RIDGEFIELD** — A crew member on a south bound Union Pacific train reported he saw a UFO with red and white blinking lights flying over the railroad tracks in Ridgefield at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, October 5.

At 12:30 a.m. Ridgefield officer Bernard Molloy took the UFO report from the train crewman, who called the police department at the train's first stop. The crewman said the UFO hovered about 400 feet above the ground over the Burlington Nor-

thern Railway tracks in the area of Pacific Wood Treating Corp.

He described the craft as triangular in shape, and about 300 feet across with multi-colored lights. Officer Molloy said he was told by a dispatcher at the county Regional Communication Agency, which forwards calls to the Ridgefield police department, that the agency has handled numerous reports from the north Clark County area of UFOs matching that description.

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Woodland, WA  
Oct. 22, 1980

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claimers to be issued to news media today, Gatewood dealt McClelland and his theories one more blow.

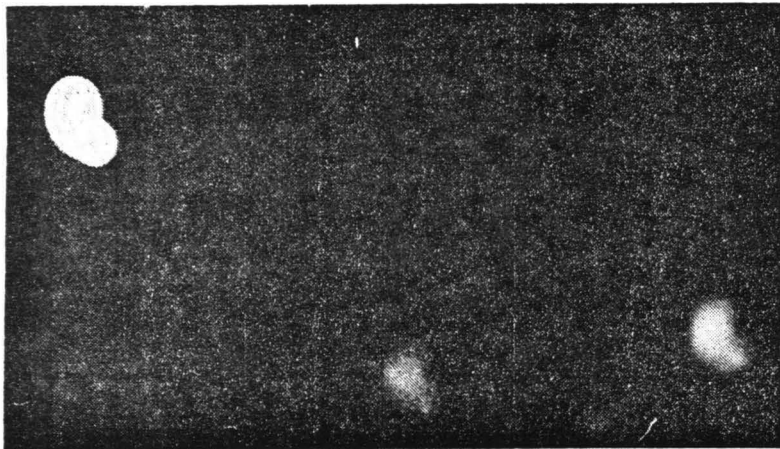
"McClelland's claims, such as that the U.S. government admitted UFOs exist and visited nuclear launch sites, are unsubstantiated in the scientific literature," he asserted.

The talk, which was to have been at 8 tonight in Pitt's David Lawrence Auditorium, was canceled late yesterday.





# Has sharp-eyed Alan snapped a U.F.O.?



The picture that Mr Clark took of the U.F.O. over Whitfield last night.

What could be a rare photograph of an unidentified flying object was taken last night by sharp-eyed amateur astronomer Mr Alan Clark, 251 Dunbar Crescent, Whitfield, Dundee.

Mr Clark (33) took the snap from a downstairs window of his home, at about 9.30 p.m.

"I was just getting ready to go off to work when I happened to glance out the window," said Mr Clark, who has been working the nightshift at the Michelin Tyre Plant, Baldovie.

"There was a very bright, cigar-shaped cluster of lights—a sort of red and yellow colour. It was travelling from the south, and seemed to be hovering around the area of Baldovie Toll."

Mr Clark said the light mesmerised him for a few seconds before he realised it could possibly be a U.F.O.

"I don't really believe in that sort of thing, but I grabbed my camera and managed to get a snap before the cluster gradually faded away. It was really amazing!"

## Unbelievable

Mr Clark was alone in the living-room at the time.

He has been seriously interested in astronomy for about two years and is a member at the Mills Observatory, Balgay Hill.

"I always keep my telescope and camera handy, so I suppose it was a bit of luck I noticed this thing," he added.

"I can't get it out of my mind that this might have been a U.F.O."

The Whitfield sighting was confirmed by Mr Terry Bird, 151 Carberry Crescent, and his friend Trevor Marshall.

"It was unbelievable," said Mr Bird. "I looked out the window and there was a huge red ball in the sky. It turned to red oval shape, then went white and disappeared."

"We took pictures of it with an Instamatic and flash, so I just hope they turn out."

Tayside police said several members of the public had

contacted them to report various sightings throughout the evening.

The sightings seemed to be concentrated round the Baldovie incinerator and Whitfield area, but their investigations failed to discover the cause.

R.A.F. Leuchars had also received phone calls from the public, but they did not have any aircraft in the vicinity at the time which could have caused the sightings.

A U.F.O. sighting earlier in the evening could have a more conventional explanation.

Three members of the Jamieson family, 30 Watson Street, saw what seemed to be a classic U.F.O. over the Tay shortly after 8 p.m.

"We were looking through our window in the direction of the river and saw it over the Tay Bridge," said 16-year-old Wendy Jamieson.

"My gran, Mrs Ada Jamieson, and my sister Arlene (11) also saw it. It seemed to be standing still, and then moved up from the bridge. Then it just disappeared."

An Air Ecosse aircraft was coming in to land at Dundee Airport at the same time.

CR: B. Taylor

## Six strange objects in Wilts sky

WERE THEY UFOs or not? That was the question a Devizes couple were asking themselves today.

Soldier Michael Box, 23, and his wife Julie, 20, were mystified by their sightings from the back garden of their home at Drake's Avenue, off Pans Lane, at 6.30 am.

"I was in bed when Michael excitedly called me down to see these strange objects in the sky above the brow of a hill on the skyline," said Julie.

"We could see six round objects, gleaming as brightly as stars, above the hilltop. Then suddenly, three went out like a light, and the other three disappeared behind the hill before reappearing from another direction—and suddenly vanishing."

Julie said, "I was only wearing my nightdress at the time—I was absolutely shivering, and Michael, who is in the Queen's Lancashire Regiment at the School of Infantry at Warminster, was late for work. We were absolutely fascinated."

Julie said the objects were silhouetted against a clear blue sky and were visible for about 10 minutes.

Later, she said, two helicopters appeared in the vicinity. "But the objects we saw certainly were not helicopters, or flares."

## MPs see a UFO 'buzz' Commons

A UFO "buzzed" the House of Commons last night.

It swept out of the clouds and hovered over Westminster for half an hour.

Three stunned Scotland Yard policemen and several MPs watched it from the Commons terrace.

Dozens of motorists also stopped to stare at the skies.

Then, said one police officer, the object "spun round, shimmered and flashed lights" before disappearing.

He was so concerned he rang the Ministry of Defence—and was told: "Mind your own business."

A Scotland Yard spokesman said later: "The three officers did report something unusual, but we've no real idea what it was."

DAILY STAR, London, England - Sept. 23, 1980

## Over-run with UFO's

Whoever is in these UFO's, they've certainly taken a liking to South Tyneside.

The latest sighting of a red light in the sky comes from David Atherton, aged 13, of Victoria Avenue, Hebburn.

David and his friend David Alder, aged 15, from Scotland, were playing a ball game in the back garden when they noticed a strong light in the sky in broad daylight.

David, a pupil of St. Joseph's Comprehensive says: "We hit the ball up in the air and then we saw this red thing. It was round and about the same size as an airplane."

GAZETTE, Shields, England - Sept. 4, 1980  
CR: B. Taylor via L. Whitehurst

## 'Lightning, not UFOs, makes round patches in fields'

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. (CP) — A federal crop researcher says it is a flash of light, not little green men, which occasionally kills vegetation in farmers' fields, leaving a mysterious circular patch.

Charlie Lilly, an entomologist at the federal department of agriculture's research station in this southern Alberta community, says the patches would lead "any person with a good imagination to conclude a UFO had landed," killing all plant life within the circle.

"The patches are so beautifully circular that a flying saucer might seem the only logical explanation," says Lilly, who has been studying the strange phenomenon for some time.

But after examining the patches which appeared in some area sugar beet fields recently, Lilly has concluded the culprit is not something from the "great unknown" — but lightning.

"These circular areas of damage are the result of lightning striking a field," he says.

The actual size of the damaged area depends on the charge in the lightning bolt.

If lightning strikes dry soil, the damage is usually light and restricted to the leaves. The roots are not injured, he says, and the damaged crops quickly replace themselves.

But if the ground is wet, Lilly says the

damage can be far more severe, causing all plant life within the circle to eventually die, beginning with plants where the lightning struck and spreading outwards.

It may be several days before the full extent of the damage is seen, he says.

Plant growth immediately outside the perimeter of the charged area is not affected at all.

Since the damage spreads outward from the centre of the circle, many farmers believe their crops are dying of some root disease.

But after studying many reports from farmers, Lilly has concluded that root disease only sets in after the root of a

plant has been injured by lightning. He says a close look at the area shows that all plant life is damaged, including weeds and thistles that would not be affected. Treatment therefore is pointless, he says. "There is really nothing we can do to prevent this kind of crop loss."

Lilly says he has heard few reports of lightning-damaged crops in southern Alberta and those he has received have been from farmers more concerned about the health of their crops than wondering whether little green men have been landing in their fields.

Since the damage is seldom extensive, Lilly says many farmers probably don't bother reporting the phenomenon.

# CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF AN ENGLISH KIND

**Kidnapped by a flying saucer—or just a dream? Only you can decide...**

IT happened just as the car reached the top of a small rise outside the Oxfordshire village of Stanford-in-the-Vale.

John Mann's sister, Frances Farrow, was in the passenger seat beside him.

Gloria, John's wife, and their two daughters Natasha, 5, and Tanya, 3, were dozing on the back seat of their old white Vauxhall Victor.

The family had left the home of John's mother in Reading, Berkshire, at 9.30 that Monday evening.

Just before they left, Frances Farrow telephoned her husband Ronald in Thrupp, near Stroud, Gloucestershire, to say they were on their way.

John glanced at his watch, as he was anxious to reach a Pangbourne garage before 10 p.m.

It was 9.30 p.m. exactly. When they arrived at Pangbourne at 9.50 p.m. the garage was closed. They drove on to Wantage, stopping on a self-service forecourt. Then they continued along the A417 — very familiar to them — that led to the Mann home in Brockworth, Gloucester.

They reached Stanford-in-the-Vale about 10.15 p.m.

It was now dusk after a hot early summer day. One or two clouds were beginning to form high in the darkening sky, but with a near full moon they could see for miles.

[The British climatology department at Bracknell Weather Centre confirms that in that area on the night of Monday, June 19th, 1978, there were variable amounts of medium-to-high cloud with very good visibility. The Royal Observatory at Hertsmere, Sussex, says there was a full moon on June 20th, 1978.]

With so little traffic on the road John had no doubt that they'd get home about 11.15.

As the car mounted the rise John and Frances spotted a brilliant white light in the sky, about a mile ahead.

The light was the size of a car headlamp.

WHEN John Mann and his family saw what they are convinced was a flying saucer, it was the beginning of the most bizarre hour in their entire lives. A "lost" hour in which the three adults and two little girls now believe they took a trip on a Spaceship and talked to alien beings. The details of their experience have been probed by scientific and medical experts. And a hypnotherapist has taken them back in time to relive that lost hour. Yet the family's stories are so consistent that they challenge the most sceptical.

Could it all really have happened? Or did the family imagine the whole thing? Whatever you believe, you will agree that the Mann family's story is as fascinating as any science fiction. But the beginning was ordinary enough...

John joked: "Wake up, Gloria, look over there. It's a UFO."

His wife jerked awake and clearly saw it, too. She said: "It's too large to be a star."

They drove on for a mile. The light did not change its position.

Curiosity got the better of John. He decided to stop the car and get out to check if he could hear any aircraft noise.

He slowed right down to 5 m.p.h. and was about to brake when Gloria said: "Don't stop here. We are right outside a house. We might alarm the people inside."

**Sunday Mirror special report by JEAN CARR**

## 'GET BACK—IT'S GOING TO LAND'

John drove another hundred yards. He and Frances saw a red light flash on and off on the right side of the white light, which now seemed to be coming straight at them.

John put on the hand-brake and leaped from the car with the engine still running.

Suddenly the moon was eclipsed by pitch blackness and John could hear a noise, getting louder.

He says: "It did not sound like an aircraft noise, but a mixture of a swishing sound and the scoring noise of a train's wheels against a track."

"The moon re-appeared and through the dusk I could make out a vast circular shape over a hundred feet up in the sky. It was moving very slowly."

"It came directly at us, went over the car, and drifted over trees on the right into a field."

"As it swung away we could see the underside of a massive saucer-shaped object, its undercarriage lit by a circular rim of brilliant coloured lights."

The children had woken up and were pressing their faces against the car's rear window.

The noise from the craft stopped. In the silence Gloria's panic-stricken cry brought John to his senses. "Quick, John, get back into the car—it is going to land," she shouted.

John had driven another hundred yards when he realised that they were no longer on the familiar road home. He remembered no turnings on either side that he could, in his dazed state, have driven into.

The journey was a dream-like experience. "It was suddenly pitch black," he recalls.

"I could no longer see over the hedges. We seemed to be tightly hemmed in on either side by a tall, dense hedge."

"The road was no longer straight but wound up and down small humps and rises, with sharp bends."

"I looked at the speedometer and we were doing about 40 mph, in top gear."

"I had the strange feeling that if I took my hands off the wheel the car would drive itself."

They rounded a final bend and found themselves just inside Faringdon. But they hadn't passed the Faringdon sign at the entrance to the town.

Although a quiet country town it was unusually empty for 10.30 p.m. when people would have been leaving local pubs. But the family saw no one.

They drove on towards Cirencester. Frances said quietly: "I don't want to worry anybody, but look behind us."

## TRACKED BY A BALL OF LIGHT

To the right of the car, about 200 feet away, was a ball of brilliant white light, pacing the car.

It disappeared whenever the car approached houses or villages, only to re-appear once they were back on the deserted road.

As the car entered Cirencester the ball of light disappeared. During the last twenty minutes of their journey they did not see it again.

When they arrived home at Court Road,

Brockworth, John phoned RAF Brize Norton, the largest base in Britain, about seven miles from Faringdon.

He said he wanted to report a mysterious low-flying object they had seen about an hour ago in the Faringdon area.

John says: "The man I was speaking to said, 'That must have been about 11.15.'"

"Without thinking about what he had said I looked at my watch to check that would roughly have been the time."

"But according to my watch it was gone midnight—which was ridiculous because we should have got home an hour earlier."

"I was too confused to start explaining to the man on the phone and briefly told him what we had seen."

"He said he would check it out and either call us back or we could ring and ask for him—Corporal Gibson."

"I put the phone down and saw Gloria staring at the clock on the wall and Frances examining her brooch watch—it was just after 12.15 a.m."

"We decided for argument's sake we must have spent longer than we thought on the mystery road."

After their strange experience Gloria did not like the idea of her sister-in-law driving home alone and asked her to stay.

But Frances, a very calm and capable woman, wanted to get home.

John and Gloria and the children walked with her to the car.

## SUDDENLY THAT NOISE AGAIN

As Natasha kissed Frances goodnight she said sleepily: "You had better keep your windows wound up. Auntie Frances, in case you get sucked up."

They went back indoors. Gloria says: "I was still feeling a bit dazed and told John I felt sick. He said he felt a bit queasy, too."

"We were just about to go to sleep when we both heard the same noise we had experienced when John had stopped the car."

"It was directly over the top of the house."

"We sat bolt upright. John ran to the window but the noise suddenly stopped and he could see nothing."

When Natasha got home from school the next day she mentioned to her mother that she had told her teacher she had seen a flying saucer.

She said her teacher had asked her to draw what she had seen, and noted her story in the classroom news diary.

By the time John got home from work — he was a building contractor — he had decided to return to Stanford-in-the-Vale and retrace their journey.

He wanted to see if he could find the mysterious road they had got lost on and time how long it took to drive from there to Faringdon.

Gloria, Frances and her husband, Ronald, decided to accompany him.

They left Stanford the same time as the night before and slowed down at the exact spot where John had originally intended to stop and Gloria had told him to drive on because of the lighted house.

There was no house at that spot—just an open field.

[Having driven along that stretch of road myself from Stanford to Faringdon I can confirm that there is no house.]

When they reached the spot where John had stopped the car, it was too dark to see if there were any markings in the field on the right where something could have landed, and they decided to return the following Sunday afternoon.

The distance from there to Faringdon—just over one mile—could in no way account for the lost hour.

On Thursday evening John examined the lower part of his chest which had been itching all day. There was a red band of heat spots.

"The following day I had a similar rash on my left arm and leg from the knee down," says Gloria.

"There was nothing on the children. John rang Frances and mentioned our heat rashes."

"She said she had been scratching her head and neck the day before."

On Saturday night the Mann family went to stay with Frances and Ronald Farrow.

Frances casually remarked: "I don't know where the rashes came from, but someone certainly kicked me."

Just below her right knee on the outer side was a three-inch oval bruise.

On Sunday morning Gloria noticed a small round dark blue mark below her right knee.

She rushed into John who was still in bed, and pulling back the sheets, saw a similar mark on the outer side of his leg below his right knee.

In the afternoon, they returned to the field where they had seen the strange craft apparently landing. They found no marks in the grass.

And within a few days the marks on their legs had vanished too.

## NIGHTMARE OF STARRING EYES

The next week Natasha woke up in the night, confused and upset. Gloria heard her crying and went to her. She didn't recognise her mother and kept saying: "Where is Mummy? I want my Mummy."

It was the first of three or four nightmares. Gloria tried gently to find out what was frightening her, but says: "She was at first reluctant to say anything."

"Then she told me in her dreams she could see lots of strange people with funny eyes staring at her and someone had taken Mummy and Daddy into other rooms."

"When I tried to get more out of her she got very cross and said, 'You should know, you were there.'"

"After a couple of weeks the nightmares stopped."

John had unsuccessfully tried to contact Corporal Gibson a couple of times at Brize Norton.

On the third attempt he was put through to someone who told him they had made inquiries following his report. There had been no civilian or military aircraft in that area at that time of night, and no one else had reported seeing anything.

[Flight Lieutenant Jim Kenefick, at Brize Norton, confirmed that on the night of June 19th, 1978, there was an operational assistant called Corporal Gibson on duty who logged the inquiry.]

He adds: "Our comprehensive radar scan would have clearly picked up any aircraft within a fifty-mile radius."

At the end of June John had a heavy cold. He was lying in bed early one evening dozing.

"I began to see myself as if in a dream, driving along that dark, narrow, winding road that we knew did not exist," he says.

"I saw myself stop the car in front of a brilliant beam of yellowish light coming from the sky."

"We all got out of the car and walked into the light beam and floated up into some sort of aircraft."

"We walked along a corridor until we reached three identical doors. Without speaking I entered one, Gloria and the children another, and Frances a third."

"The room I was in was fairly dark but I heard a voice telling me to sit."

"The voice told me I was going to have some sort of medical and the others were having the same thing."

"I was aware of something attaching itself to my right leg below the knee. After about five minutes the leg clamp retracted."

"I returned to the corridor and the others came out of their rooms. We walked without speaking back to where we had entered the craft, floated back down the shaft of light, got in the car and drove off."

"I woke up."

## THE NETWORK IS CALLED IN

A couple of days later his sister revealed she had a similar dream two days before his.

Gloria had no similar dreams.

The more the family talked among themselves and their closer friends the more they were convinced they had made contact with the UFO.

Contact with the local library to try to find an address of an organisation that could help them explain their experience.

From some of the books she copied out the telephone number of Ken Phillips who, from his home in Springfield, Milton Keynes, manned a 24-hour hot line for reports on UFO sightings.

John phoned Mr. Phillips, who says: "From

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John's report I realised he and his family had undergone a profound experience.

"I sent him a preliminary questionnaire to fill in. When he returned it, his report was passed on to Frank Johnson, the UFO investigator who lived nearest the family."

Frank Johnson, a retired senior lecturer in zoology, from Aston University, Birmingham, had been with the British UFO Investigators Network about 18 months.

Before he got in touch with the family, Natasha had finished the school summer term and on the last day brought home all her work books.

## HER STRANGE

### DRAWING

Among them was the drawing she had done at school the day after their journey from Reading.

It showed a saucer-shaped Spacecraft ringed in coloured lights hovering over the family car.

A beam of yellow light splashed down from the Spacecraft on to the road—just as her father had dreamed.

After half a dozen meetings with Frank Johnson, the family could provide no further details of their original story.

John says: "When we told him about the rashes and bruises and that Gloria and I had felt sick on the night of the sighting he suggested that we might like to take blood tests to see if we had come into contact with radiation."

It was now the beginning of November and Gloria was nearly two months pregnant with their son Gregory.

"The results of the blood test came through and both John and I were perfectly normal. The doctor joked: 'Well Mrs. Mann, I can assure you your baby does not have green blood.'"

"Frances' results were completely normal, too; Frank did not feel it necessary for the children to have blood tests."

When the family next met Frank Johnson he suggested that a hypnotist might be able to help them remember what had actually happened.

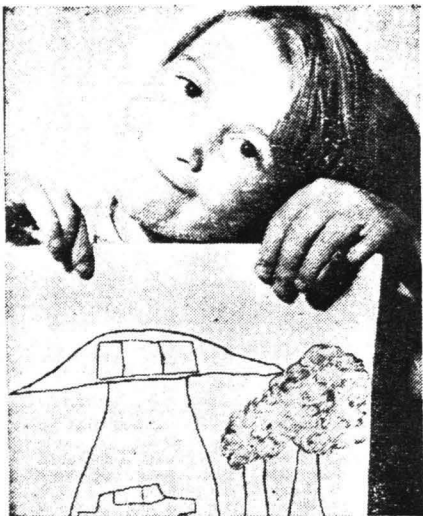
Frank telephoned Geoffrey McCartney, a consultant hypnotherapist.

Gloria's doctor advised against hypnosis during her pregnancy, but John and Frances started weekly meetings.

Under hypnosis the family told an even stranger story.



Beside the road where they believe the Spaceship landed: John, 32, with sister Frances, left, wife Gloria and daughters Tanya and Natasha.



Natasha with her drawing of the car shrouded in a beam of light from a flying saucer.

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MERCURY, Leicester, England - Oct. 3, 1980

## UFO spotters probe sightings

AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT has been sighted in the Barwell area, according to the Hinckley branch of the Midlands UFO Network.

"The glowing object, which circled silently over rooftops for over 10 minutes, was first spotted by a Hinckley man as he drove through the Barwell area, said the branch.

"He said it was about 10.30 at night and the object 'seemed to be saucer-shaped and glowed bright orange'."

According to the branch, the object was spotted by several residents shortly afterwards who saw it circle slowly over rooftops several times before shooting skywards.

"One witness, a 57-year-old council worker, claimed that he could see several dark markings on the object which, he said, looked like windows and it looked just like a flying saucer but was definitely not an aircraft," said the branch.

Two 18-year-olds who are also reported to have seen the object said it was disc-shaped and silent. "It was the same colour as some nearby street lamps and very large," they said.

The police at Hinckley said they had received no reports of any sightings on that day.

## Storeman sees mystery object

A UFO sighting over Lynn on Wednesday night was reported to RAF Marham by a former RAF serviceman, who said he was convinced the mystery object was neither a military nor civilian aircraft.

Mr Alan Flett (26), now a garage storeman, of 13 Argyle Street, told the Lynn News he noticed a blue light in the sky as he was going along Sidney Street at about 10.10 pm. It then changed colour to orange.

He raced home and pointed out the object to his wife and a neighbour, who also witnessed it. It was hard to make out what speed it was travelling because it changed course so sharply and erratically he said.

But Mr Flett estimated its altitude at between 3,000 and 4,000 feet. The fact that there was no noise from it, especially at that altitude, made it all the more strange, he said. "The RAF took a lot of details," he added.

MERCURY, Ventnor, Isle of Wight - Oct. 3, 1980

## Was it a U.F.O.?

WHAT COULD be the sighting of another UFO near Ventnor has been reported by Mr. Derek Fuller, the deputy manager of the Winter Gardens Leisure Centre.

He was driving home on Sunday evening, 28th September and was near the Landslip at about 2305 hours. It was a darkish night and he was the only car on the road at the time.

Suddenly he became aware of a large triangular shaped object, rather like an arrow head, travelling about 200 feet above the ground to his right. It carried no lights but had an overall glow.

"I was completely mystified," he said. "I had never seen anything like it before. It was difficult to estimate its size but it was much bigger than my car and could have been as much as 40 feet across. It was travelling faster than me, probably at about 50 mph."

"I watched it for about 1½ minutes and then it grew dim and vanished completely."

Reports of UFO sightings have been made in the South Wight area for many years.

NEWS, Cambridge, England - Sept. 19, 1980

## Another UFO is sighted

Another unidentified flying object has been spotted over mid-Anglia — this time by a Newmarket mother of two.

Mrs Gillian Swann, aged 30, of 5 Valley Way, says she saw the silent object in the early hours last Wednesday when she got up to fetch a drink for one of her daughters.

"I was so frightened that I didn't tell my husband

Barry about it straight away," said Mrs Swann.

"The oblong-shaped object had one flashing red light and one green light."

"At first I thought it was an aeroplane, but there was no noise at all. I just couldn't believe it. I had to rub my eyes to make sure that I was awake."

She went back to the window and watched while a light "as bright as a football-pitch floodlight" beamed down from the hovering ob-

ject. The light seemed to shine down on a new housing estate some distance away, she said.

"Then a red light flashed and it went straight across the sky and vanished. There was no sound at all."

Mrs Swann said she decided to tell her story after another UFO sighting was reported in the "News" on Wednesday.

Mrs Swann added: "I am no crank—I didn't even believe in these things before."

## Swedish Navy Hunting Down Mystery Sub

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (UPI) — The Defense Ministry ordered the Swedish navy Monday to hunt for a mystery submarine that has stalked Sweden's waters for the past two weeks and to force it to the surface with depth charges.

Defense Minister Eric Kronmark said the submarine has been identified, but he refused to disclose its nationality. Swedish newspapers reported it was a Soviet sub.

Calling the submarine's penetration of Sweden's territorial waters an "unprecedented provocation," Kronmark ordered the navy to go after it.

The Supreme Command said it was instructing its battleships to try to force the submarine to surface by dropping depth charges as close as possible to the intruder without hitting it.

"We are not attempting to hit the submarine," said Defense Ministry spokesman Johan Tunberger. "But there are risks involved of course and we have made it clear that if any damage is done to the submarine, or its crew, it will not be Sweden's responsibility."

"It will be the responsibility of whoever sent the ship here."

It was the first time an order of this sort has been issued in Sweden during peacetime.

The submarine was first sighted Sept. 18 three nautical miles off Sweden's south-east coast and about 30 miles from Stockholm.

The navy has been trying to track the sub in the Baltic Sea with sonar since last week.

But "changes in water temperature and the different levels of salt content make it hard to get totally accurate soundings," a Defense Ministry spokesman said.

## Second sight of UFOs for Ross couple

A WEST ROSS couple have seen unidentified flying objects, with nine bright flashing lights, in the same area as a previous sighting by them last year.

Mr Sidney Dempster and his wife Patricia watched the lights for more than five minutes from their home at Ocean View Caravan Park, Laide, near Aulbea, on Sunday night.

Mrs Dempster first noticed something strange in the sky while walking her dogs at about 10 p.m. She called her husband who studied the objects through binoculars.

"There appeared to be three objects, each with three intense white flashing lights coming from windows or domes," Mr Dempster said.

"Unfortunately it was too dark for us to determine the shape of the objects. Despite the brightness of the lights they did not illuminate the surrounding area."

"They seemed to be stationary, a couple of hundred feet above Meallan Udrigill hill, which is 500ft."

"They were there for more than five minutes as they moved away the lights changed colour from white to red but continued flashing. There was absolutely no noise and I'm sure they weren't aeroplanes or helicopters," Mr Dempster added.

The Dempsters moved to Wester Ross from Huntly three years ago. Last year Mr Dempster saw an unidentified flying object in the same area. "I could not swear to what it was but there is no doubt in my mind about this sighting," he said.

On the same night Yorkshire police also spotted a UFO. A West Yorkshire patrol chased a glistering craft for 15 miles across the county at 40 m.p.h. before handing over to North Yorkshire colleagues, who said it moved East.

The UFO was also tracked by radar.

EVENING EXPRESS, Aberdeen, Scotland - Sept. 17, 1980 CR: J. Brill

JOURNAL, Albuquerque, NM - Sept. 30, 1980

WEST AUSTRALIAN, (City Unknown), Australia - Sept. 25, 1980

## Police in PNG see a UFO

PORT MORESBY, Wed: Three of Papua New Guinea's most senior police officers and 20 other policemen said today that they watched an unidentified flying object in the northern sky for more than an hour.

Assistant Commissioner David Tasion, Supt. Paul Tohian and the police public relations officer, Mr Leith Anderson, said they were on a special operation at 3.15 am at a village near Port Moresby when they saw a UFO in a fixed position in the sky and "like a bright searchlight which kept switching off and on for about two-minute intervals."

They said that the object's light intensity varied from "a faint glimmer to full brightness before dimming and going out again."

CR: L. Whitehurst

# CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF AN ENGLISH KIND

# 'We will meet again'

**SPECIAL REPORT by JEAN CARR**

JOHN MANN and his family—sister Frances, wife Gloria and children Tanya and Natasha—never thought about flying saucers and little green men except when they turned up on the far-fetched TV screen. Until the night of Monday, June 19, 1978.

● The Manns were on a familiar journey from Berkshire to their home in Gloucestershire where, they claim, they found themselves on a strange road, and afterwards were followed by a brilliant ball of white light.

● On arriving home they realised

they had "lost" an hour from their lives. Strange dreams convinced them that something weird had occurred in that missing hour. Had they been kidnapped by aliens from space?

● Hypnotherapist Geoffrey McCarty took Frances and John back in time to try to track that "lost" hour. The tapes of their experiences are truly remarkable.

● He told them that later they would probably recall more details without hypnosis—and they did—to the Sunday Mirror.

## The father's story

THIS IS what John Mann now confidently remembers of that eerie night two years ago:

"I now know I did not get lost on a road that does not exist," he says. "What really happened was that the space ship hovered in front of the car about 100 feet off the ground.

"A white mist covered the road in front of me. I stopped the car, got out and walked towards the mist.

"I became aware of eight or ten shadowy figures.

"They did not approach me directly or say anything, but walked silently to the car.

"They returned with Gloria and Frances and the children and we walked towards a brilliant column of light. As we entered the light beam we seemed to float upwards.

"I then remember being in a large circular room.

## Silver suits

"There were three men wearing close-fitting metallic silver suits with balaclava type helmets.

"They had pale complexions and their eyes were pale blue.

"One of them said in perfect English: 'Welcome to our ship. No harm will come to you. We wish to examine you.'

"A man asked me to step through a door and leave the others behind.

"In the middle of the room was a sort of dentist's chair.

"Two women came into the room. One told me to sit in the chair and she strapped my wrists to the chair arms.

"The other woman was pressing buttons on a desk.

"An intense beam of white light shone on to my face.

"Then one of the women pulled something black down from the ceiling.

"I was left completely dazed. I could hear a woman's voice saying, 'Wake up John, wake up.' "She said she was cal-



John with his wife Gloria (left), sister Frances and children, Tanya and Natasha. Did they meet space creatures?

led Akillias and her friend's name was Cosentia.

"A man then came into the room, spoke to the women in a language I did not understand and, telling me he was called Anouxia, told me to follow him.

"We returned to the first room. He spoke into a recessed wall microphone in his own language and his voice echoed like a tannoy system.

"About fifty people entered the room.

"Anouxia said to me, 'Do not be alarmed. Something is coming and we must move a short distance.'

"The floor seemed to tip to the left.

"Anouxia said, 'You are very fortunate to have been in the engine rooms when the ship was moving.'

"Much later on when I asked what powered the ship he said it was a process they were prepared to bargain with for the possibility of living peacefully on Earth.

"We then went to a large room which Anouxia said was used for navigation.

"Anouxia pointed to a desk, pressed a button and a screen lit up. He told me he wanted to show me a film of his home.

"I had the impression the film was being taken from an aircraft coming

into land and I felt I was actually on board.

"We flew over a desolate landscape of grey boulders and rocks and I could see some of the rocks parting and a craft emerging.

"It was about the size of a single decker bus, and went into a tunnel.

"I saw six figures carrying a makeshift crate. They were dressed in monk-like habits.

"Anouxia said sadly that the crate was a coffin and the craft had come to collect their dead.

"The film ended and I remember feeling a great sadness as I went into another room where Frances, Gloria and the children were waiting.

## The sister's story

WHAT happened during that lost hour is now quite vivid to John's sister, Frances, as the hypnotherapist predicted.

"When John was taken for his medical I was separated from Gloria and the children and taken into another room.

"I remember very little about the examination.

## The planet

"I was escorted by a man with a plain white disc on his silver uniform to a room where there were about fifteen to twenty people.

"The man told me his name was Uxiaulia.

"He said: 'I am an explorer pilot from the planet Janos.'

"He said he would show me a film which would explain why they had left Janos and were now searching for somewhere to live.

"A panel on one of the walls lit up like a large television screen. There were three planets on the screen which he called Sarnia, Sartan and Janos, his home.

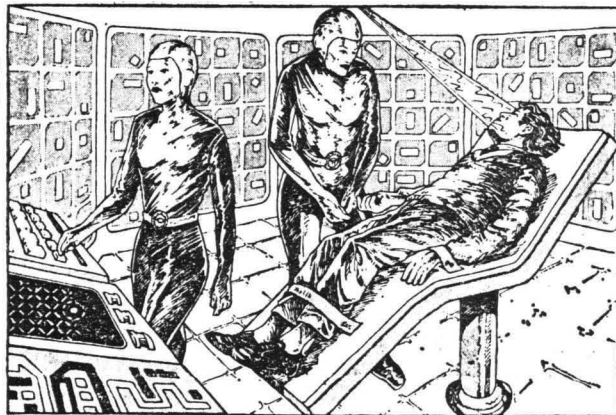
"He told how Sartan, the planet nearest their sun, came too close to Janos and started to disintegrate and shower them with meteorites.

"Uxiaulia pointed at a picture of what he said were nuclear power stations and explained that after the first one was hit by a meteor it set off a chain reaction which devastated the remainder of Janos.

"Then a coloured picture flashed on the screen of a young woman with blonde hair and features like those of the space ship crew. She was holding hands with a small boy and girl.

"Uxiaulia appeared upset. He said the woman was his 23-year-old wife Vurna and the children his five-year-old daughter and three-year-old son. They had died during the nuclear explosions.

"He told me that explorer space ships from the master base ship, the temporary home of the Janos survivors, had been sent to find a new home for their people. From what they had seen of Earth, they would like to live there.



"A beam of white light shone on to my face" says John. Drawing: ROY WRIGHT

## The child's story

JOHN MANN'S children, Natasha and Tanya did not undergo hypnosis because they were too young.

But, Natasha repeated her story for me:

"There was a lady on the space ship who told me her name was Serkillas.

"The lady took me, Mummy, Tanya, Auntie Frances and Daddy into a room.

"Then one of the men took Frances and Daddy somewhere and Mummy lay down on a bed.

"Serkillas said: 'Come with me.'

"We went in to a room and Serkillas showed me the pictures, like on a television screen."

## Green boys

"It was a coloured film and first of all she showed me a few monsters. The monsters looked like men with long hair but they lived in caves.

"Then she showed me little green boys and girls. They were called Phusantheas—Mummy later helped me spell their name.

"The Phusantheas lived on another planet, but Serkillas said she had been on their planet and seen them and some of them had guns.

"Serkillas told me her planet was too near a sun and it got too hot and burnt up so they had to leave.

"I saw her planet that got burnt on the pictures. Serkillas and the other ladies wore silver clothes.

"She offered me a drink, but I did not want it. We then went down on the beam and went to the car and went home."

● The full story of the experiences of the Mann family will be found in **THE JANOS PEOPLE**, by Frank Johnson, to be published by Neville Spearman Ltd, on October 9, price £5.25.



# A SPACE AGE FAIRY TALE

EACH June 19 for the past two years, at 10.15 p.m., John Mann and his family have driven along a stretch of the A417 near the Oxfordshire village of Stanford-in-the-Vale—to see if the aliens from Space will keep their promise to return. It was there, in 1978, that the family were convinced they were taken aboard a flying saucer. Their strange experiences aboard the UFO were at first blotted from their minds, leaving one hour unaccounted for in their recollections of that evening. But since John and sister Frances underwent hypnotherapy, their memories are vivid. And nothing is more vivid than the words of one of the silver-suited, human-like aliens: "WE WILL MEET AGAIN."

Report by  
**JEAN CARR**



says  
**Mystery Man Arthur C. Clarke**

WORLD-FAMOUS writer of science-fiction and science-fact, Arthur C. Clarke, whose latest book *Mysterious World* is now being serialised on ITV, says:

"The UFO phenomena and reports of encounters with beings from Outer Space are a myth of our age."

"What makes it all even more of a fairy tale are the claims of meetings with Space people who look just like us."

"The human race is

the product of millions of coincidences. If there is any form of intelligent life other than ours in Outer Space, it certainly won't be men and women in silver Space suits."

"I am sure most of the people who do believe are very honest people."

"But when people are asked to describe something fantastic that has happened to them, they can do so only in terms familiar to them."

"What this family describe and draw are similar to the material

in films, television programmes, newspaper reports, science fiction: anything that has ever dealt with UFOs and close encounters."

"I myself have seen five or six UFOs, every one of which would have convinced most people they were seeing something inexplicable."

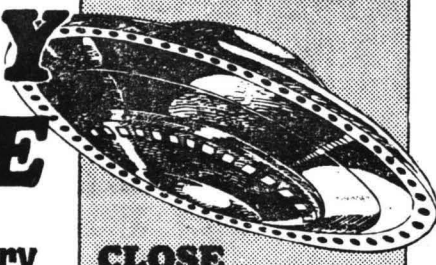
"One of the UFOs had me and film producer Stanley Kubrick, who I

worked with on 2001, A Space Odyssey, totally fooled for a while."

"But in every case, there was a logical and rational explanation."

"I regard a visit from beings in a Spacecraft as the modern equivalent of fairies at the bottom of the garden."

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**CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF AN ENGLISH KIND**

## THE PSYCHIATRIST:

**TOP** Wimpole Street psychiatrist Dr. David Waxman, chairman of the Medical and Dental Hypnotists Association, says:

"I have an open mind about UFOs."

"But here we have a family who are good, honest, basic people, driving along a deserted country road late at night, who see a light in the sky. The

**'Things we can't explain'**

first thing John Mann says to his wife is, 'Look, it's a UFO.'

"Already they believe in the possibility."

"There could be a logical reason for the apparent loss of one hour. But I do not dismiss the possibility of some paranormal phenomenon which

delayed their arrival home. There are things we cannot explain."

"However, the man and his sister dream of going up in a Space-ship. Of course they will have such dreams: they are convinced they saw a UFO and are anxious and confused."

"Along comes a UFO investigator who believes in the possibility of beings from Outer Space."

"He takes them to a hypnotist. He is 'cued' by the investigator to find out what happened to the family on the Spaceship. In turn, the hypnotist 'cues' his subject towards the answers."

"No one is deliberately being misleading. But once the family have been 'cued in' by the investigator and the hypnotist, they are expected to come up with some sort of story—and they do."

"What they are saying is only the truth as they believe it."

## THE HYPNOTHERAPIST:

**'They are NOT lying'**

GLOUCESTER hypnotherapist Geoffrey McCartney worked with the family for three months, taking them back in time to relive what happened to them that weird night in 1978. He says: "Hypnotism is not a truth test."

"But if John and Frances had concocted something between them, at some stage you would expect their stories to contradict."

"True there were conflicting descriptions in their stories, but they were outnumbered by similarities."

"All I can say with any certainty is that they have had a unique and identical experience. They did not make it up."

EXPRESS & STAR, Wolverhampton, England - Oct. 14, 1980

# Taking the mystery out of the unexplained

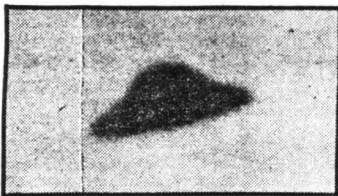
FOR SEVEN days starting tomorrow, the skies will be liberally sprinkled with unidentified flying objects as the Earth passes through a meteorite belt known as the Orionids.

This is a fair warning to UFO-spotters not to believe what they see. It is times like these that muddy the waters of objective assessment, according to Brian Innes, editorial director of a new weekly magazine called *The Unexplained*, which will build up over a period of 120 weeks into a fascinating encyclopaedia.

"Particularly in the field of UFOs, we are anxious that people should learn to distinguish by elimination, and in the magazine we will give details of questions people should ask themselves, and the way in which they should report sightings."

"For a start you have to eliminate such things as balloons, lost kites, flights of birds, planes and helicopters."

"Scarcely a day passes without a report of another UFO, but these phenomena, observed by thousands of



The UFO season is about to open as the Earth passes through a meteorite belt.

by **GERRY ANDERSON**

people and supported by photographs, films, recordings and radar plots, must be susceptible to explanation."

"What is striking is that very little formal scientific investigation of the many sightings has been carried out. These sightings may be wholly explicable in terms of mass-hysteria, self-delusion or some deep psychological need, but the explanation ought to be made."

The majority of photographs of UFOs are undoubtedly fakes, and those with good credentials are so blurred, distant and ambiguous that they simply add a further dimension to the problem."

The surest proof, of course, would be to get hold

of a UFO, and there are persistent rumours that the United States Government has indeed obtained a UFO, and witnesses have sworn affidavits to that effect. The US Government, however, will neither confirm nor deny the rumour."

One of the strangest encounters on record concerns captain James Howard and the crew and passengers of the BOAC Stratocruiser Centaurus on June 29, 1954.

The airliner had taken off from Idlewild bound for Newfoundland when it was given a message from ground control that there was a hazard ahead. At 19,000 feet, on the port side of the aircraft the crew saw a large metallic object surrounded by six smaller

objects, but the large object seemed to be changing shape all the time."

Captain Howard called up control: "We are not alone." Control replied: "We know." Howard said: "What is it?" Control: "We don't know, but we've scrambled a Sabre jet from Goose Bay to investigate."

When the Sabre arrived on the scene, the pilot reported two images on his radar scope — one for the Centaurus and one for the strange object. Suddenly the six small objects bore down on the large one and disappeared to merge into one end of it. The large one vanished from the scope. The radar scope verifies this, plus the experienced crew and 30 passengers, which would seem to put it beyond the bounds of imagination."

The magazine, which deals only with the scientific approach to the world's mysteries, drawing on recognised experts from all over the world, attempts to bring together for the first time the most comprehensive survey of the mysteries of mind, space and time ever undertaken."

And that covers everything from Big Foot to spontaneous human combustion.

THE STAR, Sheffield, England - Oct. 6, 1980

# Riddle of flying disc

YOUNGSTERS at a Rotherham area school rubbed their eyes in disbelief when they saw a silver and red disc ascend into the clouds.

And pupils at Aston Springwood Junior School believe they have seen a UFO after weathermen said the object could not have been one of their satellites.

The youngsters were practising for the Cycling Proficiency Test in the school yard in Autumn Lane, Aston, when they made the sighting.

The time was 4.45 in the afternoon, it was still light, and the children were quite clear about what they saw.

What is more Graham Hill, who was teaching the children at the time, has backed their story.

"Normally I'm very sceptical about this sort of thing but I have no doubt about what I saw on this occasion," said Mr Hill road safety officer with South Yorkshire County Council.

"All of a sudden the kids just dropped their bikes and ran to look at the object. I followed them and saw it myself. It was a silver-coloured disc which appeared to have red lights underneath. We watched it

cross the sky and then disappear into the clouds."

Meteorologists in Bawtry have not been able to solve the mystery, and say that the object could not have been one of the satellites they use for weather forecasting.

"We normally use a small white balloon with a radar on it. We never use anything silver coloured. We don't send out our balloons until much later than 4.45 anyway," said a spokesman.

EVENING STAR, Burnley, Lancs., England - Oct. 16, 1980

# Flying saucer alert as girls see bright lights

MYSTERIOUS green lights in the sky have set off a UFO alert.

The object, shaped like a diamond, as spotted by five people in Haslingden. They were so puzzled by what they saw that they called the police.

And, according to Mrs Marian Cronshaw, the policeman who went to investigate saw bright lights disappearing behind Baxenden Golf Club.

The alert started when 12-year-old Haslingden High

School girl Wendy Cronshaw, playing with her friend Patricia Turner, saw a greenish-yellow ball in the sky near her home at Northfield Road, Rising Bridge, Haslingden.

She ran to tell her grandmother Mrs Phyllis Holden who lives next door. Mrs Holden and a friend from Burnley witnessed an object zooming into the sky with two bright headlights in front.

The girls and the two women called to Mrs Cron-

shaw who said: "By the time I got outside the bright light had gone but I saw a big diamond shape, a bit like the shape of a plane. It was a clear night so we could see very well. It started moving towards us and when it got directly above we saw it was all lit up underneath with about 12 red, green and white lights."

"It was making a funny buzzing noise but it was definitely not an aeroplane. I could see the outline and there were no wings. I've

never seen anything like it," she said.

Mrs Cronshaw explained that the object went straight over her house and disappeared. "We were so excited that we never thought of going to the other side of the house to see where it went to. And the children were pleased that we had seen it because at first they thought we wouldn't believe they had seen a UFO."

The group were so puzzled by what they saw that Mrs Cronshaw rang the police. "A policeman came up but

he went straight past our house at first because he saw a flashing light disappearing behind Baxenden Golf Club."

Haslingden police confirmed that they had received a UFO warning but the officer in charge could not say whether one of his men had followed a light.

"I've never believed in UFOs but I know what I saw and I can't explain it," said Mrs Cronshaw. "We are used to planes coming over here and are used to the sound, they make. It was definitely not a helicopter either because it was

the wrong shape. It rose into the sky the same way as a vertical take-off plane."

Accrington police were also warned of a UFO from a Clayton-le-Moors man but his sighting turned out to be a star.

However Mrs Cronshaw was adamant that what she saw was not a star. "They don't have green stars. The girls saw it from a distance and it was a green ball about three feet across. I wasn't frightened, more inquisitive. But the girls were white as sheets and trembling," she added.

# Swedish navy searches for submarine believed to be Soviet

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) - Sweden's navy searched with growing anger Tuesday for a stubborn, mysterious submarine - believed to be Soviet - that has prowled Swedish territorial waters for at least 12 days.

Naval sea and air forces, with depth charges at the ready, were engaged in a round-the-clock hunt for the submarine, which has ignored 19 warning depth charges fired so far from a safe distance in an effort to make it surface.

However, naval sources said the navy now intended to fire the next depth charges as close as 50 feet, in the hope of bombing it to the surface - despite the risk that charges at such close range could sink the submarine.

But first the neutral Swedes, whose navy has not been to war in 171 years, will have to find the submarine. The last contact by sonar soundings was on Sunday, before the submarine disappeared in a frustrating game of hide-and-seek.

Navy spokesman Wyn Enqvist refused to comment on reports published here identifying the mystery vessel as a Soviet-made Whisky-class sub with two diesel and two electric engines - a type used by the Soviet and Polish navies.

In London, Western naval sources said all submarines of the Western NATO alliance were accounted for. They said there was little doubt the vessel in Swedish waters belonged to a Warsaw Pact nation, probably the Soviet Union.

"If any Western submarine found itself in foreign waters by accident, the government concerned would acknowledge its presence openly and apologize," said a NATO naval command official in London, who asked not to be identified.

Swedish Defense Minister Erik Krommark called the prolonged intrusion "the most serious violation of Swedish territory since World War II." He added: "I hold the foreign power which sent the submarine here entirely responsible for any damage."

Warning charges have been fired each of the five times the vessel has been spotted visually or detected below the surface electronically since then.

"We still don't know if it is the same sub," said Enqvist. The first one could have sneaked out of Swedish waters only to be replaced by another, he added.

Some 20 vessels, including a destroyer and four helicopters, have stepped up the hunt since Sunday in an area covering almost 80 square miles in the southern Stockholm archipelago.

The submarine was believed hiding on the seabed at the depth of 100 to 300 feet, naval sources said.

Scandinavian countries are used to proberings by Soviet vessels in their waters and foreign submarines have made numerous intrusions into Sweden's 12-nautical-mile territorial waters.

But the current visitor is the first submarine since World War II to resist Swedish naval attempts to scare it away.

The last time Sweden's navy was involved in war was in 1809 after Russia invaded Finland, a Swedish territory at the time. The Swedes were defeated and gave up Finland.

DAILY TELEGRAPH, London, England - Oct. 18, 1980

## FIRST UFO IN CHINA

By GRAHAM EARNSHAW in Peking

Thirty workers fishing before dawn in Tientsin harbour, saw China's first flying saucer. It was described as four feet in diameter, its front end pointed, bright red in the centre, with a blue-green ring outside which was surrounded by white light.

GAZETTE, Schenectady, NY - Oct. 4, 1980 CR: R. Girard

## Swedes Still Searching for Mystery Sub

By T. ELAINE CAREY STOCKHOLM, Sweden (UPI) - Sweden's military commander said Friday the unsuccessful two-week search for a mystery submarine in the nation's waters underlined the need for more money for defense. He said the sub hunt would go on.

Military officials said they believed the sub was still in Swedish waters and the search would be pressed until at least early next week.

The sub has been lurking off the coast since Sept. 18 and it was last sighted Monday when a helicopter dropped a depth charge to try to force it to the surface.

The Defense Ministry has refused to confirm or deny reports that the submarine is from the Soviet Union.

The military has announced it will drop depth charges until the craft surfaces and that the government owning the vessel will be responsible for any loss of life or damage.

Supreme Commander Lennart Ljung said it was important to identify the foreign sub and drive it out of Swedish territory but that the military needed better resources to do this.

"It will be incumbent on the parliament in 1982 to take a stand on the need for better resources for submarine hunts in peace time," said Ljung.

Newspapers in disarmament-minded Sweden have also commented on the need for military preparedness.

The morning daily Svenska Dagbladet said the Navy required about 20 heavy helicopters with special equipment, noting that the force has about five of the aircraft in operation at any one time.

"These facts speak for themselves," the newspaper said.

The military is currently drawing up a five-year plan for new military hardware.

It is estimated the hunt for the mystery sub has cost about \$720,300 so far.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - Oct. 7, 1980

## Swedish Navy Ends Search

STOCKHOLM (AP) - The Swedish navy said Monday it has ended a futile three-week search for an elusive foreign submarine because the sub, first spotted September 18, had left Swedish waters.

The last contact with the submarine, reportedly Soviet or Polish, was made September 28, and a depth charge was fired in an attempt to force the intruder to the surface to be identified, the spokesman said.

MAINICHI DAILY NEWS, Tokyo, Japan - Oct. 20, 1980 CR: Y. Matsumura

## UFOs Sighted In North Spain

LERIDA, Spain (AFP) - Several unidentified flying objects responded to police signals for 90 minutes near this Spanish town Saturday before disappearing at the crack of dawn, police reported.

About 5.30 a.m. the UFOs appeared over the area, 150 kilometers (94 miles) west of Barcelona, emitting a strong light. Several witnesses spotted the object, including a police patrol that signaled the UFOs with a blue light on the roof of one of the police cars.

THE SUN, Melbourne, Australia Oct. 25, 1980 CR: P. Norman

# Boat-find tests rule out plane

THREE strips of aluminium dredged from the bottom of Bass Strait were not from a plane preliminary tests revealed yesterday.

The metal pieces were flown to Melbourne yesterday afternoon after a scallop boat dredged them from Banks Strait, about 35 km north of Edgemoor Point on Tasmania's north-eastern tip on Thursday.

Air safety investigators examined the flimsy, pop-riveted strips yesterday and determined that their standard of manufacture was not of aircraft quality.

A Transport Department spokesman said last night that more thorough tests would be carried out next week.

But it was possible that the origin of the strips might never be known, he said.

The preliminary examination yesterday should end speculation that the strips were from the Cessna flown by Frederick Valentich, who disappeared two years ago on a flight from Melbourne to King Island.

In a recorded conversation with Melbourne flight control, Valentich reported that he was being buzzed by a UFO.

His disappearance is one of the most talked about mysteries in Australian aviation.

The roughly produced aluminium strips have the remnants of orange-red paint and a manufacturer's number stamped on them.

Speculation that the metal might belong to the missing yacht Charleston also appears unlikely.

The Charleston, with a crew of five, disappeared while sailing from Hobart to Sydney last December.

The metal strips appear to be too rough to have come from the yacht.

Melbourne yachtbroker Mr Warwick Hoban, who had a close look at Charleston before it left Melbourne for its home port of Hobart late last year, said he doubted the aluminium could have come from a yacht.

"Any strips of metal are attached to a yacht very firmly and I can't believe you would find something like this without bits of the yacht still attached," he said yesterday.

It also was unlikely that strips of that shape and quality would be found on a yacht.

Mr Bob Breen, who was on the scallop boat, said on Thursday he was about to throw the strips overboard when he noticed the engraved numbers.

"I had already thrown one piece back into the water before I realised 'The metal looked like some kind of aluminium alloy, and on one piece the pop-rivets had been ripped out.'"

EVENING POST, Nottingham, England Oct. 8, 1980

## UFO CLAIM IS INVESTIGATED

A LOCAL UFO investigator is looking into the reported sighting of a large lighted object in the sky over Lowdham yesterday.

Mr. Roy Chambers of Kilvington Road, Arnold, was on his way home after his night-shift as a supermarket packer when he saw lights in the sky, which appeared to be over Lowdham.

He stopped his car and got out to make sure it was not a reflection. He described the object as "almost square-shaped, as big or bigger than an house, with diagonal lights." It was visible for half-an-hour.

Mr. Sid Henley of Nottingham UFO investigation society said today that the shape fits recent sightings in Derbyshire. But he would like to hear from a young man in a leather jacket seen by Mr. Chambers on Coppice Road, apparently looking at the object yesterday. Mr. Henley can be contacted on Nottingham 874615 or Mr. Les Hall, Tel 250316, would also be interested.

Meanwhile the investigators are seeking the help of the meteorological office and local airports.

POST, Washington, DC - Nov. 14, 1980 Chinese Panel to Study UFOs

PEKING, Nov. 13 (AP) - China has set up an association to study unidentified flying objects which reportedly have been sighted in many parts of the country, the official New China News Agency Xinhua said. The agency said yesterday more than 100 UFO sightings have been reported in five provinces in south-central and east China. Some reports described the objects as long, others as saucer like or as balls of brilliant light, the agency said.

## UFO reply by astronaut

IN recent years the mythology (or should it be demonology?) of flying saucers or Unidentified Flying Objects has laid great stress on the oft-repeated story attributed to Apollo astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin. This claims that Aldrin reported a sighting of an extraterrestrial spacecraft in a secret radio message to mission control centre in Houston, Texas, shortly before he landed on the moon in July, 1969.

Aldrin, now 50, has suddenly blasted off a libel writ against the authors of the latest book to cite the report as evidence that UFOs have the earth under some sort of siege. Claiming unspecified damages, he declares in a meteor shower of adjectives that the book could lead the scientific community and others to conclude that he was "perverse, bizarre, unreliable, eccentric, unfit, ludicrous, unscientific and wayward."

DAILY TELEGRAPH, London England Oct. 24, 1980



# TRANSLATIONS

## ARGENTINA -- Credit: Jane Thomas

City and country of incident: Murcia, Zamora, Spain  
Date of incident: August 19, 1980  
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, August 19, 1980  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

### UFO SHOW IN SPAIN

Madrid, 19 (AFP) - Two UFOs were seen by several people in the early hours of the morning, in the provinces of Murcia (SE) and Zamora (NW) respectively, was reported here.

In La Unión (Murcia), a luminous object was seen by several witnesses while it hovered for an hour over the area called La Manga del Mar Menor. The circular UFO gave off a white light.

Witnesses claimed that after the object's disappearance, two other smaller, ones were seen, which were scarcely perceptible, and quickly disappeared.

In Toro (Zamora), another bright disc-shaped object that emitted an intense light, was seen by a municipal policeman.

City and country of incident: Posadas, Misiones  
Date of incident: ?  
Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación, August 19, 1980  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

### UFO

Posadas - A local reporter claimed to have clearly seen two UFOs near Posadas while traveling along National Route #12.

According to Guillermo Reyna Alan, 27, chief of the news department of LT17 Radio Provincia de Misiones, the event occurred while he was driving with his friend Horacio Alcobes, 20, and his car stopped due to mechanical failure near the Itaembé stream.

"It was 22.30 -said Reyna Alan- near a clear field and a somewhat overcast sky. I suddenly sighted two blue luminous objects that approached from the SE at great speed.

"They stopped practically in front of us, and there we could see the circular shape like an inverted saucer, of both objects, which moved vertically and with much ductility. The sighting lasted for almost two minutes, and both objects disappeared swiftly towards the North".

City and country of incident: Montevideo, Uruguay  
Date of incident: August 29, 1980  
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, August 30, 1980  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

### "FIREBALL" IN URUGUAY

Montevideo, 29 (EFE) - Tens of Uruguayans saw the motions of a "fireball" over Montevideo, and its apparent "landing" in the backyard of a hospital in the city.

Witnesses say that the strange light was an intense red, with smooth motions, and could be followed from different places in the city.

Although they add that it apparently landed in the backyard of the Piñeyro del Campo asylum-hospital, when the curious got there they found no trace of a landing or signs of the presence of strange objects.

City and country of incident: Barraeira do Inferno, Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil  
Date of incident: ? - And September 27, 1980  
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, October 3, 1980  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

### UFO IN BRAZIL

Natal, RG do Norte, Brazil (ANSA) - The Grupo de Estudios de OVNI of Rio Grande do Norte reported that since last week it has been studying the appearance of three flying objects near the atmospheric rocket launching base of Barraeira do Inferno.

The commander of the launching center of Barraeira do Inferno, Col. Francisco José Hennermann, reported the objects were not registered.

However, "flying disc" expert Natividade Cortez, claims a UFO even landed on the "Caico" and "Jucurutu" road, some 100 km from Natal, in the NE of Brazil.

A local radio also transmitted the information that on Saturday a "triangular luminous object appeared near Natal, shortly thereafter disappearing towards the sea".

City and country of incident: Pilahue, Neuquén province, Argentina  
Date of incident: October 3, 1980  
Name of paper and date of clip: October 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 1980 - Crónica  
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Note: each title corresponds to one clipping, as listed above.

### TENSE EXPECTATION SURROUNDS THE UFO THAT FELL IN BARILOCHE

San Carlos de Bariloche, 5 (From our correspondent) - Expectation continues locally with regard to the object that crashed last Friday in a desolated spot, near the "Cañadón Chileno", in the Andes foothills, 200 km from this city.

An expedition formed by reporters that tried to reach the "Cañadón Chileno" on foot today, was frustrated this afternoon in view of the terrible state of the only trail and had to suspend their efforts for a few days until it improves, or double traction vehicles are obtained.

Reporters who overflew the region yesterday and discovered important clues, decided to return to the spot on foot in an attempt that might produce positive results.

Reporters travelled along the trail for almost 200 km, amidst the mud produced by the last rains, where the Rio Negro Road Construction Company is making repairs, and were able to talk with several rural residents near the place where the object fell, who coincided as to the time and characteristics of the case.

The group of reporters will first cover a stretch of more than 200km by car, and then continue on horseback. They must reach a deep sector of the "Chilean Canyon", in the Cuy desert, 200km to the NE of San Carlos. At that spot two columns of smoke were discovered yesterday at a distance of 500m from each other, and in the middle, a grey-blue patch.

The fall of the mysterious object, which occurred on Friday, could be seen in a radius of 500km and from there, endless conjectures were made, which might be cleared up soon. The group of reporters on their way to the place will attempt to establish whether it is an artificial satellite that has already completed its useful life, and burned out while returning to Earth, or some other body from space.

Reporters who overflew the area yesterday in a plane from the local airclub, described the place as desolated.

Investigations are due to the fact that insistent versions claim that in these last years -and almost continuously- UFOs were seen in the locality of Piedra del Aguila, Neuquén, which originated the most fantastic stories.

### ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO LOCATE THE UFO

San Carlos de Bariloche, 6 (F.o.c.) - A new group of local reporters started off today for the Chilean Canyon where a fireball was seen falling last

Friday, which crashed against the slope of the hill, causing two fires of very strange characteristics.

This is the second attempt to arrive at the spot on foot, since yesterday's was frustrated by the state of the only trail in the area -some 200km to the ENE from here- which leads from Laguna Blanca to said Canyon.

The UFO, which might well be an out of service satellite or another object created by man and not necessarily an extraterrestrial craft, was sighted on Friday at 1900 approximately by residents of Laguna Blanca, a small village where there is only a general-trade shop and two or three buildings, 180 km from this city.

According to the testimonies of the scarce residents -some of them from local estancias- the object fell enveloped in flames and split in two before touching the ground, towards Mecú.

Local reporters tried to locate it on Saturday with a plane from the local airclub, which was achieved in the afternoon, and they could approach and fly over the place from an altitude of some 300m.

Thus they could verify that there were two fires separated by some 500m, on the slopes of the canyon, a typical gorge of the Patagonian foothills, formed by a glacier.

Due to the stony formation of the ground there, and to the very strong winds, nothing grows there but moss, lichen, and some sulky bushes, and obviously, the fires could not be due to natural vegetation on fire, but to elements carried by the object that fell from the sky.

Reporters sighted a circle amidst both fires, like a grey-bluish "patch" on the ground, as if it had been "burned" by something.

The next day, the first expedition on foot didn't make it, because the intense rains these last days turned the road almost intransitable, and machinery from the Rio Negro Road Construction Company was working to restore the trail.

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### TESTIMONIES CONFIRM THE UFO'S EXISTENCE

San Carlos de Bariloche, 7 (F.o.c.) - The motions, flight in circles and two intense explosions after emitting a thick whitish smoke, of the strange object that fell to earth in the area of the Santa Isabel estancia, in Pilahue, 200km to the E-N of Bariloche, were widely confirmed by responsible testimonies obtained by the news media.

In fact, the man in charge of this estancia, Julio Herrera, 40, a Chilean who has lived in the area for 20 years, married, 5 children, stated that last Friday 3rd, at approximately 1900, he clearly saw "how an object the size of a box for apples (the area of Rio Negro is principally dedicated to the growing of fruit, especially apples-JT), was moving very slowly, scarcely flying over the hills surrounding the estancia, making a series of turns in perfect circles until suddenly -he remarked- it started to wobble violently and disappeared behind the Pilahue hill.

Herrera added, "I went to the kitchen, with my wife and after two or three minutes' conversation telling her what I had seen, we heard and "felt" a tremendous explosion that moved the table, furniture, the lamp that hangs from the ceiling, and the floor. Very alarmed we went out onto the patio and again, with a few seconds' interval, the explosion was repeated but with less intensity, a thick whitish fog appearing behind the Pilahue hill, that lasted a little more than 1 1/2 hours, suspended in a straight line towards the sky, due to the complete stillness of the wind at that time".

Undoubtedly -Herrera claimed- it was saucer-shaped and the size was that of a box for fruit.

He also said that his 16 year old son went to the top of the mountain on horseback to verify that "the plane had crashed" because he thought that the explosions and the smoke could have been caused by the explosion of a "Jet" type of plane and he wanted to confirm the theory and help the craft's survivors, "myself getting ready at once to leave for Mecú and alert the police". "Nothing of the sort happened, we later searched together until dark thru nearby ravines and canyons and where I clearly saw "the saucer fall", without finding absolutely anything. The next day, Herrera added, we got up very early and went over the deep Pilahue canyon lighting a couple of fires at the base to eliminate the tall thorny plants called white-rod "chilicas", and these, when burning, have very white, almost light blue ashes -the only case in the scarce vegetation of this spot".

### MYSTERY SURROUNDS THE BARILOCHE UFO

San Carlos de Bariloche, 8 (F.o.c.) - As days go by, more statements are obtained about the alleged UFO that fell in the area of the Santa Isabel estancia, in Pilahue, 200 km from here.

Abelardo Pezzone is a rural worker. His face is tanned because of the strong air in the zone of the Pilahue hills. He is about 70, but mentally is very sound.

Strong, he doesn't know what illness is, he said.

"Look, my friend, I don't believe in ghosts, but I assure you I saw something strange. I see planes very often and what I saw has nothing to do with a plane. In my opinion it is something like a long box. It really called my attention, because it flew over the hills and made strange turns, which made me think it was not a plane".

"Then you reject the possibility of a plane; don't you think you could have been mistaken?"

"Please! I'm not gaga. I have a good eyesight and better hearing. That thing looks like no plane, made strange turns, flew very near the hills and then exploded."

### \* Alarm in Salta

Salta, 8 (F.o.c.) - Several taxi drivers who park in the center of this city, claimed having seen a luminous body at great altitude and speed, that moved from North to South, arousing their logical curiosity.

Luis Alberto López, Rubén Romano and brothers Héctor Ramón and Aldo Moya, claimed that the luminous body emitted a strong green light which at times turned a vivid red. The UFO was also seen by other people who completely agreed with the four taxi drivers.

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### SAMPLES TAKEN OF THE BARILOCHE UFO

San Carlos de Bariloche, 9 (F.o.c.) - Personnel from the Air Force's Space Research Center, took samples today of the traces allegedly left by a UFO in an area near this city.

Air Force Captain Carlos Lima, who flew to the zone today in a helicopter from the Water and Energy company, informed the media that samples of earth and ashes were obtained from three circular patches of a diameter of approximately 25 paces, saying that "a non-identified object could have landed and then returned to space" (UOWII-JT)

He also said that due to the conformation of the ashes there was a fire of the "highest characteristics" (sic-JT) for which reason it was decided to take the samples to Buenos Aires for analysis.

The place of the discovery was a canyon adjacent to the Cerro Negro (Black Hill), located near Pilahue towards the W, a few kilometers from the Limay River.

Capt. Lima said he had requested that his department's headquarters send him a helicopter of the Lama type, since with the one lent by Water and Energy, he could gain no access to the other canyons in the area.

This same night the officer travelled to Buenos Aires taking the samples with him.

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STRANGE PHENOMENON BEING INVESTIGATED

The National Center for Space Research is investigating the recent phenomenon that occurred in the zone of San Carlos de Bariloche, and analyses burnt earth and vegetation samples from that place, as informed by the Argentine Air Force, from which that entity depends.

The Center disclosed that in relation with "the phenomenon observed near San Carlos de Bariloche at approx. 19.30 on Friday the 3rd inst., and until the investigation and analysis of the earth samples and burnt plants are completed, no opinions can be voiced about the nature of the phenomenon observed.

"The personnel appointed by the Center to investigate the event -adds the information- flew over the place where eye-witnesses saw smoke columns rise, and four dark patches could be seen in a canyon of the Cerro Negro".

"The personnel later reached the spot and verified that the terrain was burned, allegedly by a high-temperature combustion", says the official information from the Air Force.

Finally, it is indicated that the "affected zone had an elliptical shape, 10 x 16m, with defined edges. In that spot burnt earth and vegetation samples were taken." (As at Oct. 22nd, no further news were published, and I doubt we will ever know anything else, as usual... Hope I'm mistaken-Jane)

City and country of incident: Chilean Canyon, Neuquén province, Argentina  
Date of incident: October 3, 1980  
Name of magazine and date: Gente, October 9, 1980  
City and country of magazine: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO, METEORITE, SATELLITE... WHAT WAS IT?

Seven pm on Friday, October 3, 1980. A strange light, a flash, an explosion, and "something" that crashes in the region of the Chilean Canyon, 200 km from Bariloche. A mystery and hundreds of unanswered questions. A UFO that crashed while it searched for a secret base? An out of use artificial satellite? A meteorite? How could a fire break out in a region of bare rocks, with no other vegetation than some sulky and wet bushes?

The Only Photograph

It was like a fireball that crossed the sky and was lost behind the mountains. The day was clear, there were only a few clouds in the sky, so I could see it well. Then a column of white smoke remained, which vanished 15 minutes later.

It was 0700pm on Friday, when Juan José Domínguez (22), waiter of train 143/145, "Southern Lakes", of the Roca Railways, had finished selling soft drinks in the coaches. Before preparing the dining room for dinner, he sat down to rest a while besides the second window on the left side, to contemplate the bluish mountains.

"We had left Comello fifteen minutes ago, which is a small village 300km from Bariloche, and were crossing a high region -950m above sea-level-, that's why the scenery is much nicer. Then I saw it. It was the size of a coin, and the fall lasted for a fraction of a second. I ran at once to get my camera (Kodak Instamatic 54, loaded with a Fuji 126 color film) to take a photograph of the trail that had remained. At first I thought it was a falling star of the many I saw at night during the year. I've been working on this. But when I arrived at Buenos Aires on Saturday morning and read the news, I realized I had gotten the only testimony of the object's fall in frames 12 and 13 of my film.

As usual: Some open their eyes very wide, move their hands and say yes, it was a flying saucer, with many colored trails, Martian included. Others have doubts. They say everything was too fast, they couldn't see, they can't assure anything. And the rest tries an ironic, derisive, smile, like saying "don't you come with flying saucers to me".

Very well, it happened again.

It was near Bariloche. Some versions dare to fix the exact place: the area of the Chilean Canyon, 200 km to the East NE of Bariloche. Several planes flew over the place. And all saw the same thing: two fires separated by half a kilometer between an enormous gray-blue patch, as if the terrain had been completely calcinated by something.

Logically, the question is: What was that something?

Of course, nobody can say anything.

Because nothing was seen from the air. And the patrols that intend to get there on foot cannot overcome the mud, the snow and the ice that cover the paths. Then no one can clear up the doubts that naturally come up. For instance, this one: how did a fire break out in a rocky region with very scarce vegetation, which, besides, is rachitic and wet because of the climate?

Obviously, the only ones that talk are those who saw something. The witnesses. GENTE went through villages near the crash area. These are the testimonies obtained:

I) I was sitting at the door looking towards the hills when I saw a big star come out of the clouds downwards. It was the same color as lead, like a sheet or something metallic. I realized it went towards the S to the Aguada Guzmán. It frightened me and I hid in the kitchen... (from Virginia Micipili, a resident in a place located between Cerro Policia and Aguada Guzmán).

II) I was cutting wood for the night when I heard something like a whistle, like when a radio isn't working well or is not correctly tuned. Afterwards I heard something like thunder. I then turned around and saw an enormous fireball. But it was not falling. It was going towards Cerro Negro. To me it looked like as if that fireball was flying without engines and it suddenly ignited an energy source that kept it going. (From Costantino Fernández, neighbor of Aguada del Zorro).

III) What I saw was a luminous object that moved at great speed and altitude. Maybe 5 or 6,000 meters. Then I saw a cloud of smoke, at first very dark and then lighter while it dissolved. The object disappeared and then I heard a big explosion that ended in a dull noise, like that from a motorcycle, sometimes. I can't say for sure the object was losing altitude. In fact, it seemed to me that it continued flying after the explosion... (from Alfredo Ortiz, a neighbor of Neupa Huen).

IV) I was returning from work in the field when I suddenly saw a light or reflection that came from high above... Then I saw the smoke and finally the explosion came, like thunder. I don't think it could have been a plane. It was quite smaller and round. Round as a saucer. (From Agustín Gallardo, of Mengué).

V: I was watering the plants when the patio of my house suddenly lighted up as if it were noon. I looked up at once and could see a kind of very bright silvery cigar, of approximately one meter, that disappeared at a tremendous speed to the north, leaving behind a smoky trail. A minute later I heard an enormous explosion. But I didn't see it catching fire nor losing altitude. (From Pilar del Castillo, of Mengué).

VI) I was about to close my shop when I saw it crossing the sky. It was an immense fireball that split in two and then fell to earth (From Perfecto Ruiz, a neighbor of Laguna Blanca).

VII) I was flying over the area and saw it about 10km ahead of me. It was a fireball that fell vertically. Suddenly the object split in two. A large blackish smoke covered the place where it fell. Then I made my report. (From H.R., private pilot, who wanted to remain anonymous).

Contradictions? Yes. Coincidences? Too. And nothing is clear. That is, as always.

The only ones who have no doubt, the only ones who are not surprised nor are imagining fantastic science fiction tales are the long-standing residents of the mountainous area.

These things always happen around here -said Amanda Ruiz, 76, a resident of Mengué-, my mother saw many similar to this one. And she called them "The Menesters" (suggestive... jth)  
VIII) I was just finishing work in my farm when I heard a very strange,

shrill and penetrating whistle. It was like a siren, like the noise of the radio stations when you pass from one to another. As the noise came from above, I looked up. Then I saw it. It was like a silvery, very illuminated cigar, that was gradually getting enveloped in a very strange fire with flashes, like it was a giant engine operating at full potency. Then the smoke covered it all. I lost the object from sight for a moment and heard a tremendous explosion. I swear to you that even the ground trembled. Then I saw nothing else. I was so impressed, my legs shook... (from Fernando Gómez, of Pilcaniyeu).

Of course, this is the last testimony.

Investigation: Julián Mandriotti.-Photos: Jorge Salto (Special envoyes to Bariloche).

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Same case, magazine is Radiolandia 2000, date unavailable, but must be around the same as the previous article.

BARILOCHE UFO: FOR THE FIRST TIME THE AIR FORCE MAKES STATEMENTS ABOUT SUCH A PHENOMENON-  
A VERY INTENSE FIRE BROKE OUT THERE, NOW WE ARE INVESTIGATING

Up to a short time ago, so much had been published and even invented about UFOs, that a lot of people chose to take refuge in an understandable skepticism.

Later on, the attitude of many governments and scientists around the world who enthusiastically stated, not only, to study the phenomenon, but to publish their conclusions, led to the acceptance of the presence of unusual objects in our skies, a phenomenon that differs from everything known, concretely: artifacts of a superior technology, unknown to us up to the present time.

"Was it one of those objects the one that fell some days ago in an inhospitable pre-cordilleran canyon, near the Cerro Negro in Pilahue?  
"To judge by the account of qualified eye-witnesses, it could be.

"An Intelligent Parabola"

Osamar Antonio Bucas is a Diesel and gasoline engine technician. He has been in mechanics for more than 25 years. On Friday 3rd at 19.10 -at the precise moment of the event- he was 50km away from San Carlos de Bariloche and could witness the phenomenon's minutest details.

"Be it what it may what fell from the sky, I can assure you it had an engine.

"How do you know?

"The type of trail it left behind when it fell, which is only caused by fuel combustion. The trail left by a meteorite, for instance, or a chunk from a satellite, looks completely different. It has another color and shape.

"You say it also emitted colors?

"Exactly. Four colors. Blue, red, yellowish and predominantly, a deep white (sic). And an important detail: it wasn't a vertical fall, this object did an "intelligent" parabola, as if it were guided by remote control or simply manned. Otherwise, it would have fallen over Bariloche itself and that would have been disastrous.

Julio Herrera, Chilean, 40, foreman of the Santa Isabel ranch, very close to the place of impact, claims that "whatever was falling from the sky made two perfect circles and then disappeared behind the Pilahue hill. Seconds later my wife, the children and I heard an awfully violent explosion that shook my house and displaced the furniture. We then heard two more less intense explosions. Somewhat later, we saw four columns of white smoke rise from behind the hill.

Alfredo Luciaro, private pilot, agrees with Bucas and Herrera's statements. "It was an intelligent flight and with evidence of trouble aboard; a remarkable proof is that it chose a desolate place completely separated from any populated zone".

Residents from nearby rural establishments, travelling salesmen who were at that date and time traveling along nearby routes, and local residents, all coincide and claim that the smoky trail left for a long while in the sky was "identical to the one left by jet turbines".

Official Opinion

It is no news that personnel from the Center for Space Research of the Argentine Air Force ~~should~~ should intervene each time something like this occurs. But what was new this time was the plausible attitude of Air Force Captain Carlos Augusto Lima, who is at the same time an aeronautical engineer and who was in charge of the investigation.

Captain Lima not only did not lock himself up in complete mutism -as used to happen each time a UFO phenomenon happened- but he attended Radiolandia 2000 very kindly, disclosing all the results obtained up to now.

"We overflew the whole area which is difficult to reach on foot. We even could reach one of the four places where the fire broke out.

"Why only one of those places?

"Because it is the most accessible one. It can be reached on a motorcycle. The other three are of a terribly rough topography.

"Which were your conclusions?

"It was evidently a fire of the highest characteristics. We brought along samples of the calcined earth which we are analyzing.

"Did you collect testimonies from witnesses?

"Of course. Several people on Route 250 in Piedra del Aguila, 180km from Bariloche, saw the phenomenon. Even people who live apart from each other and who do not know each other coincided in their statements. All saw the mass fall from the sky and heard, first, a formidable explosion and then two other duller ones.

"Would those explosions indicate that the artifact exploded when it landed?

"I repeat we are investigating. I found no metallic remains. As to the two duller explosions it could well be a "repeater" from the first one, considering the echo that is usual in mountainous areas.

"Did you only bring earth to analyze?

"In principle yes. I am now expecting other proof which a local resident promised to send me.

"What proof?

"For the time being I'm in no position to advance anything else.

"Which is your opinion on all this?

"No doubt we face a very strange episode, very uncommon. That is why I repeat that I can advance nothing until investigations are over."

ITALY -- Credit: Massimo Antonelli

- 1) City and country of incident: Teramo, Italy
- 2) Date of incident: August 28, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: IL GIORNALE, August 29, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Milan, Italy

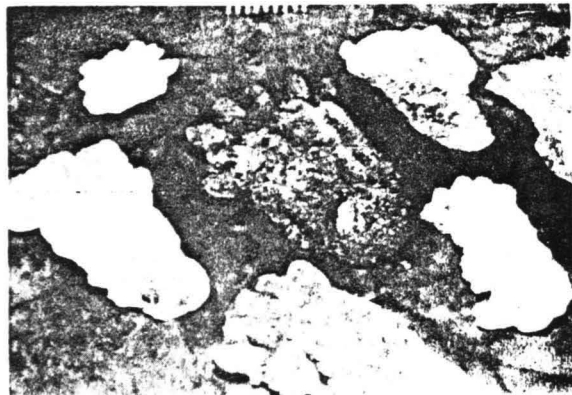
WAS A CHILD PRISONER FOR 48 HOURS IN A UFO?

People speak of UFOs to explain the disappearance for 48 hours of a three-year-old child in the small village of Gran Sasso Cesacastine in the province of Teramo. The child disappeared and when found, Roberto Baldassare did not appear to have undergone any violence. He seems perfectly healthy and not drugged. He was found wandering in the country a kilometer from his village, without his trousers and socks. His parents say that the child is very well. They also say that he seemed different; also his voice seemed different, but he is now normal. The carabinieri maintain a strict reserve about the occurrence because the story of the child is fragmentary. The village people speak of the actions of a UFO which kidnapped the child in order to study him.





## IS IT A HOAX OR IS "BIG FOOT" IN VINTON COUNTY



It takes a pretty good sized man to leave a footprint 11 inches long and seven inches across with six toes. The photo above shows a variety of plaster casts made by Rodney Peoples and Mike Claar. Some say the things are bears, but bears have claws and none were shown in these plaster casts. The body is tall and slender, eight foot, and has a speed approximately 40 miles per hour. Those in the area say it has an odor similar to that of a wet horse, only 100 times as strong. There are three of these creatures, supposedly a family, resembling man, ape, or whatever, covered with a coarse, black hair about four inches long. The face is similar to that of a gorilla—all pushed in. The first citing was Friday evening near a mobilehome on US 50 one and a half miles east of SR 683. There have been several citations since then. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Columbus Zoo and other authorities have been notified, but without effect. Observers says, if this is a hoax, someone could get hurt. If not, why don't the authorities come in and do something besides saying "don't kill it, it could be the link between man and beast."? Is it a man in a costume, or really an animal?

## Mutilated cow found by Paulina area stockmen

By Terri Lowry

Since 1967, an estimated 10,000 cows and horses, across more than 20 states including Oregon, have been mutilated with "surgical precision." Last Saturday night, the Severance Ranch of Paulina joined those horrifying statistics.

Dan Severance and his daughter, Coleen, moved a bunch of cows on Saturday afternoon, proposing not to move them to their final destination until Sunday—allowing the cattle to rest.

When they returned to the area very early Sunday morning, Coleen discovered what she felt "just wasn't right." It was just off Camp Creek Road, below the dam, that a cow was dead with the eye, udder and uterus missing. An attempt had been made at removing the heart, too.

There was no apparent sign of struggle, no tracks, human or animal, no apparent cause of death, and not a trace of blood—only a leaped calf.

The authorities were notified and pictures were taken as evidence. The incident happened in less than 24 hours time and now becomes another case of mutilation, which accounts for a loss to U.S. ranchers of more than \$3 million.

Mutilation cases are a mystery and no one really knows exactly where to lay blame. David Rorvik recently researched many of the mutilation cases and his study was reported in a past issue of Penthouse magazine. He listed the culprits as almost entirely of the four-footed or feathered and winged variety, such as coyotes, birds, flies, etc.

What Rorvik and many other authorities on the subject seem not to be able to answer is why have the mutilations only occurred in 27 out of 50 states, why do they only occur in the dead of night, why are there never traces of footprints of any kind and, in the Severance case, why haven't the coyotes returned to the carcass?

Authorities, including Oregon officers, believe they have the mystery solved, but many Paulina ranchers feel that cattle mutilations will continue to remain unsolved mysteries until more conclusive evidence can show that a coyote or a bird can cut with the precision that can only be done with a highly sophisticated instrument and, at the same time, leaves no trace of its ever being there.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR  
Oct. 12, 1980

## Scientists Have Some Doubts

Chicago Tribune

A recent survey of three groups of scientists reveals that an overwhelming majority of them do not believe the Loch Ness Monster exists, and even fewer will subscribe to theories concerning Bigfoot.

The scientists surveyed were physical anthropologists, marine biologists and physical chemists. Of those surveyed, 69 per cent voted against the Loch Ness Monster, and 89 per cent against Bigfoot, reports Science 80 magazine. Their reasons for being skeptical ranged from lack of fossil evidence, specimens and nutritional re-analysis to one comment that both creatures are "too bizarre to consider."

Several of the scientists were "abusive" about the project, and indicated that such a survey reflected a bias in favor of the monsters. Nonetheless, the majority of those polled, some of whom are considered leaders in their fields, support further investigations into the creatures — as long as the money does not come from government.

IDAHO STATE JOURNAL, Pocatello, ID - Sept. 11, 1980

CR: P. Guttilla

## Hairy Beast Frightens Gold Panners

ON OXFORD MOUNTAIN NEAR MALAD

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STAR, Indianapolis, IN - Oct. 10, 1980

## China's Monster Sighted

Peking (UPI) — More sightings were reported Thursday of China's Loch Ness-like monster living in a flooded crater of a dormant volcano in what was called a new "scientific riddle."

Witnesses' accounts published in the official intellectual's newspaper Guangming Ribao suggested there might be more than one monster in Tien Zhi, the "lake of heaven" situated at an altitude of 7,217 feet in northeast China.

The lake is the flooded crater of a dormant volcano that last erupted in 1702. The 8,760-foot volcano is part of the snow-capped Changbai mountain range that separates China and North Korea.

Two personnel of a weather station on the peak were walking along the edge of the 4-square-mile lake Aug. 23 when the "monster" suddenly rose out of the water about 30 yards from them, the newspaper said.

The weather officials said the creature towered almost 15 feet above the surface. It had a large buffalo-like head with a duck beak-shaped snout.

The ragged back of the monster was slick black and appeared covered with some hair, they said.

Both weathermen, petrified at the sight of the mysterious creature, starting yelling and shouting in excitement. They fired two shots in panic, but missed the creature which quickly submerged into the frigid waters of the crater.

JOURNAL, Lake Stevens, WA  
Sept. 17, 1980 CR: D. Perez

## EXPLORATORY BIGFOOT HIKES PLANNED BY TRAPP

The JOURNAL did receive quite a few phone calls from people who had, over the past few years, found what they thought to be Bigfoot's tracks. In the Verlot area, and along Jordan Road, as well as in the area south of Mt. Pilchuck.

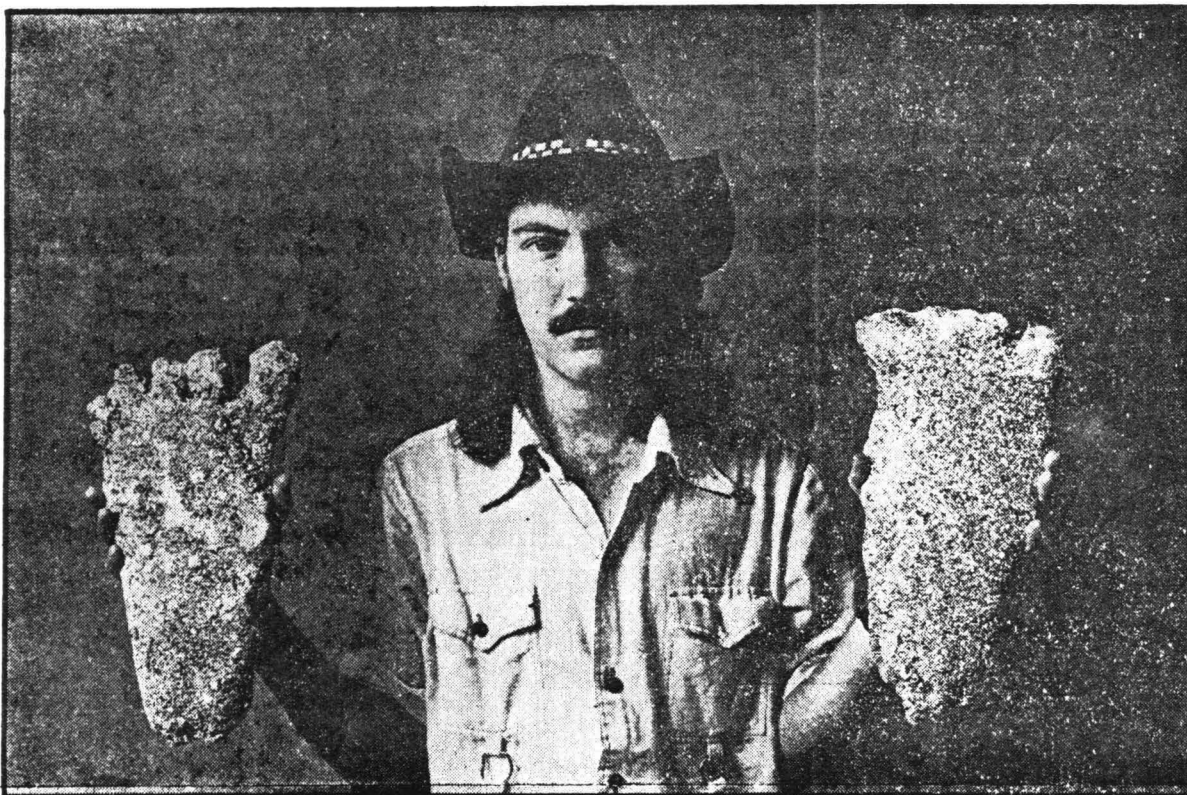
Some tracks were up to 18 inches.

Two callers reported they believed they had seen Bigfoot shortly after dusk in very wooded locations.

Doug Trapp, who found the tracks we told about last week, believes there has been enough interest to organize a hike or two to do a little exploring. He will lead a group, armed only with cameras, to take a better look near some of the more recent track sites.

You may call our office, 334-1500, and leave a name & phone number if you wish to join a hike. Doug will call you about time and place.

As for us, this kind of research is fun to watch and report, but we have a hard time accepting some stories that came in: like the very serious woman who regularly sees a Bigfoot family of four on her property!



Staff photo by John H. Davidson III

Douglas Trapp and the plaster casts he made of Bigfoot

## Bigfoot living near Verlot?

Fisherman says he found tracks along the Stillaguamish River

By GARY NELSON  
Staff Writer

Douglas Trapp is a believer. He has been since he was 10.

He doesn't care about the ridicule, the criticism, the lip service paid to him by 20th century cynics. Let the skeptics snicker all they want, he says, because Douglas Trapp has proof.

"I don't care what they say. I'm pretty sure of what I've got here," he says, holding up a pair of large white plaster feet. "It can't be anything else unless someone went to a lot of trouble in an out-of-the-way place to create a hoax that nobody would see."

Nobody except maybe a fisherman like Trapp, wandering the shores of the Stillaguamish River near Verlot and looking for a good out-of-the-way place to drop his line.

What Trapp says he has are plaster casts of tracks made by the legendary Bigfoot. He found the tracks last Friday while fishing the Stillaguamish about one-quarter mile from the Mountain Loop Highway, he said.

Later, he and a couple of friends returned

and made the molds.

Compared to tracks usually said to belong to the creature, this Bigfoot's feet weren't very large. The casts barely measure 14½ inches from heel to big toe and are only 5 inches wide. Some professional basketball players reportedly have feet bigger than that.

Many reports list the ape-like creature's foot size as being between 18 and 22 inches. A recent "track" found near Mount St. Helens measured 18-by-18 inches.

Still, Trapp wants to believe.

"Maybe it's a young one," insists the 24-year-old Lake Stevens man, who says he earns a living as a professional bird trainer. "You gotta have faith." Trapp adds that humanity would still be in the Stone Age if people discounted strange phenomena out of hand without investigation.

Armed with cameras, Trapp and his friends plan to investigate further. Starting with the footprints, they will backtrack into the woods and look for other signs pointing to the northwestern cousin of the Himalayan Abominable Snowman.

They hope to find the creature in its

busy, but seldom seen daily routine and squeeze off a few quick snapshots.

However, what the Bigfoot safari is likely to find, says a U.S. Forest Service worker, is mainly dense forest, a few deer tracks and a cabin or two.

"I've been here five years and have never seen anything like those plaster casts," says Jerry McCormick, a resource assistant and animal life expert at the Verlot Ranger Station. "And we've never had any reports of Bigfoot up this way either."

Before the May 18 eruption, the Mount St. Helens area was said to be the home of the beast, and "ape-like tracks" recently were found imprinted in the ash near there.

"I'm not saying this guy (Trapp) faked those prints," adds McCormick, "but either they were made by a critter I'm not familiar with or it's somebody's idea of a joke."

Trapp admits the tracks could be an example of somebody's sense of humor, but he hopes it isn't.

"If it is though, I just wish somebody would come out and say so," he says. "It would save me and my friends a lot of unnecessary wandering around in the woods."

BAY TIMES, Stevensville, MD - Sept. 17, 1980 CR: M. Hall

## Sea creature puzzles boaters

By MARY K. TILGHMAN

A Kent Island couple has reported seeing a large, shiny, beige sea creature swimming in the Eastern Bay toward Kent Narrows.

Coleman and Trudy Guthrie said they saw the scaleless, finless animal while they were sailing between Bennett Point and Tilghman Point Saturday afternoon at 4:50 exactly.

"All of a sudden, right here off to the port bow, a shiny object surfaces about the size of a large -- what the crabbers call -- a peanut," Mrs. Guthrie related. "Then it surfaced more."

What they first thought was just a small marker for a crabpot kept emerging out of the choppy water. "Then it looked like a human head, coming out of the water head down," she added, saying features weren't apparent.

Mrs. Guthrie thought it was a skin diver in a beige wet suit, though it was several miles from shore. But her husband feared it was a human body.

That fear was later discounted because of the huge size of the creature, an absence of the odor of decay and because the creature appeared to be self-propelled.

Mrs. Guthrie, who was at the tiller of their 26-foot sailboat when they spotted the object, said they were about 25 feet from it when it first appeared.

"It was on the windward side so nothing was obstructing us," she said.

She drew a sketch of everything she had seen of the creature. Mrs. Guthrie described it as beige with olive drab shadings, about three feet wide and at least 6-8 feet long. No flippers or fins were visible.

"The only identification on it appeared to be an eye," she said but added that the dark spot she saw on the bulbous head didn't move or react in any way. "It could've been a blow hole or a marking or a spot."

The creature was traveling parallel to the boat but in the opposite direction.

The monster was swimming about the same speed as their sailboat, which was about four knots, Mrs. Guthrie estimated.

"It held its position for maybe a second and a second seems like a minute when you're watching something like this," she said.

Then it did a surface dive and disappeared in the direction of Kent Narrows.

The couple kept watching the sailboats behind them to see if any of the sailors would spot the creature. "But we didn't see anything," she said.

Mrs. Guthrie is certain they didn't see a sting ray or manta ray emerge from the water. "I have hunted sting ray. I have harpooned a sting ray," she said.

"We contemplated (it being) a stingray but that wasn't any ray," she said.

It could have been a manatee, the sea cow which led sea explorers in the 1400s to spin stories of mermaids in the Caribbean, near Florida, or off the coast of West Africa.

The gentle sea mammal is known to swim close to the water's surface and surprise boaters.

Mrs. Guthrie sold her father, Reginald V. Truitt, a renowned marine biologist speculated that it could be a manatee when she told him of her experience.

But the sea cow isn't normally a resident of Bay waters, and prefers the warm or turbid waters of the tropics.

The size of the creature is the biggest puzzle to Mrs. Guthrie. "That's the real biting edge to the whole thing," she said. If the creature was only eight feet long,

she speculated, she and her husband should have seen a tail or fluke when it dived. But because they never saw the end of the creature, she suspects that it was an enormous animal.

The Guthries checked with a local doctor about the chances of it being a human body and with the Department of Natural Resources for reports of missing people or reports of similar sightings.

The doctor told them it couldn't be a body if they didn't smell anything. The DNR officials also had suspected that it could be a body but are looking for reports of other similar sightings, according to Mrs. Guthrie.

Mrs. Guthrie, a civic leader and a freelance writer who has done stories for the Bay Times and Record Observer, hopes others who might have seen a similar monster will report it. She said she and her husband debated all weekend whether they should tell others what they had seen.

Finally, they decided to risk the chance of snide remarks to report the sighting.

"People ought to compare notes on something like this," she said. "People, when they make an observation like this,

should call a scientist who has records of sightings."

A number of sea monsters have been reported near the Chesapeake Bay. Last summer Fishing Creek watermen in Dorchester County hesitantly reported seeing a large creature with a long head.

At the same time, a Dorchester County librarian said she had been fishing with her husband from their boat in Tangier Sound, and heard radio reports about a sighting of a sea monster, affectionately known as "Chessie," off Chesapeake Beach in Anne Arundel County.

More recently, a farmer who has lived all his 69 years on the shores of the Potomac River in Virginia said he, his wife and four friends saw a sea monster in the river in June. He described the creature as dark with no trace of fins. The farmer, Goodwin Muse, said the creature's head was smaller than his hand and that it was about "as big around as a quart jar," he said.

Mrs. Guthrie remains puzzled about the creature she saw Saturday. Envisioning an even larger, more definitely formed creature, she said, "Maybe this is a tadpole that hasn't grown up."



# Bigfoot theory gains new footholds

By James W. Siehl  
The Tribune-Democrat

Reports of a giant-size, five-toed imprint in Columbia County in northeastern Pennsylvania and of Bigfoot tearing up the woods and terrorizing people in northeast Ohio have embellished speculation that Sasquatch really did visit Cambria County a few weeks ago.

Diane Enion of Pittsburgh, a Bigfoot investigator and a member of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research, said she had talked with one of two brothers who had reported seeing something fitting the mold of the legendary humanoid in the mountains north of his home in Berwick.

## Matched local footprint

Mrs. Enion said the witness found tracks of the "thing" two days after the experience. "And, get this," she said, excitement building into her voice:

"He claimed the left foot of the creature was almost identical to the track found in Johnstown."

The sighting took place at 8:45 a.m. Aug. 18 — five days before a Conemaugh Township family encountered strange noises and a repulsive odor around their mobile home off the Frankstown Road. The situation climaxed with the discovery of a five-toed footprint measuring 17-by-8-inches in the woods at the rear of their property.

Mrs. Enion explained that the Columbia County footprint had been compared with a Tribune-Democrat photo of the right-footed one taken near the James Young home. The photo and accompanying story were distributed nationally by the Associated Press.

"He got a color picture of the track, but it didn't come out that well," Mrs. Enion said, identifying the witness as William Talanca.

## Print didn't fit man

According to Mrs. Enion, Mr. Talanca had placed his foot inside the track, and al-

though his shoe is a size 12, it came up only to the arch.

The sighting, Mrs. Enion went on, happened on Jonestown Mountain, about 20 miles north of Berwick.

Mrs. Enion said Mr. Talanca and his brother, Tom, were driving down the mountain on the north side about a quarter of the way down. She then quoted Bill Talanca as saying:

"We came around the curve and I saw this big thing standing right in the middle of the road. I knew it wasn't a bear. A bear will walk on two legs but not like this. What attracted me was that with two steps the creature was off the road and into the bushes."

Mrs. Enion said Mr. Talanca had described the creature as having very long legs and being husky, hairy and black. Its height was estimated as between 7 and 7½ feet.

The two men got out of their truck, according to Mrs. Enion, and started walking into the woods.

## Stillness, then howl

"You could have heard a pin drop. That's how quiet the woods became," Mrs. Enion related. "Then, they heard a loud crying like a howl. He could also hear one dog barking in the distance, but it wasn't the dog making the noise."

In the opinion of Mr. Talanca, according to Mrs. Enion, whatever it was on the road may have been eating something. They found nuts on the bank where it had gone into the cover.

Mrs. Enion said Mr. Talanca told her that he had a camera but didn't think to use it.

"He also had a gun, but he said he didn't think to use it either," she added.

In the stillness, Mrs. Enion went on, it didn't take the two men long to conclude that further pursuit of the intriguing animal was not advisable.

## Second sighting

The same day, continued Mrs. Enion, at 3 p.m. in Scotch Valley, 20 miles south of the Talanca brothers' sighting, a man named Rick Kno-

vitch was driving his car when he noticed something in a railroad bed next to the road. She then recounted the following events:

"He stopped his car to get a good look. The thing stood up and started walking toward the car. It was all black covered with long black hair and had a big head with a pushed-in nose. (That's proof it wasn't a bear; bears have a snout.)"

"When it was about 50 feet away, the driver grabbed a gun and started to get out. He, too, had a camera but didn't think to use it. When he got out of the car, the creature turned off the railroad bed and disappeared into the bushes."

"Later that night, he and a relative were awakened by a high-pitched crying sound, which was rough and sounded like no animal he ever heard."

"We both went out to investigate the sound," Mrs. Enion quoted the witness, "and observed our beagle and Labrador cowering in their pen. I know there are bears in the area. But, they don't walk upright and make sounds like that. Bears are midgeets compared to that thing."

An interesting development in the Jonestown Mountain sighting, according to Mrs. Enion, was a lean-to that the Talanca brothers came across when they went back to the area two days later to look for tracks. Formed of branches, it had been sheltering something, but when Mr. Talanca returned to take a picture several days later, it was gone, Mrs. Enion said.

The Pittsburgh researcher said Mr. Talanca had discussed the disappearance of the lean-to with a farmer on Jonestown Mountain, and learned that the farmer had noticed a similar shelter on his property. But when they went to look at it, that lean-to also had been torn down, Mrs. Enion said.

## Many caves on mountain

"This is really weird," she

commented. "Jonestown Mountain has a lot of caves on top of it. Nobody in the area goes up because wild boars supposedly are running around up there."

Footprints similar to the Conemaugh Township eye-popper have been seen in a heavily forested area in Ash-tabula County in Ohio.

At least that is the information given by a tool-and-die worker, who lives on the edge of state gamelands near Con-neaut, south of Lake Erie.

During a telephone call to The Tribune-Democrat seeking the story behind a photo of the Johnstown area footprint he had seen in a newspaper, the Ohio man, who asked that his name not be published, said:

"Bigfoot has been going around tearing up the woods and terrorizing people around here for the past three weeks. We've searched the area and found prints similar to that you had in your paper."

He said the creature was roaming an area of about 1,000 acres in a section of land where few people ever have gone.

## Smell, noises described

"The creature around here smells like a dead animal," he said, and went on:

"Up here, they started drilling gas wells and went back into a section that never was disturbed. And, a week later all of this trouble started. You've never heard such screeching. You've never heard such blood-curdling cries in your life. There are dogs around here that run in the woods and they come back just shaking."

"I've been following this thing — trying to track it. We've found tracks here and there. Nobody has seen it."

According to the caller, he has recorded the shrieks, which he said have continued anywhere from five to 15 minutes at a time.

"They are ungodly," he emphasized.

"One morning at about 1:30, there was something

outside my house. You could hear this crying all night. My dog just shook. Then, it started running and took off. I figure about a mile and a half, all the while solid screaming."

The caller mentioned that he does a lot of welding at night and the arc lights up the woods.

## Senses creature's presence

"In an hour to an hour-and-a-half afterwards, I will hear or sense some way or another that he's there," he said, offering the opinion that the animal is curious.

Since he has become aware of the creature, said the caller, who is married and the father of two young children, he has been trying to track it.

Asked what he would do should he corner one, he replied:

"Well, according to everything I have read, they won't hurt you. They are vegetarians. If anything, I would just like to look at it. I don't intend to shoot it."

The caller said he has found footprints, the biggest measuring 13 inches, in soft ground beside creeks.

He admitted he is concerned:

"I'm concerned to the point that I want to know what it is. But, I'm not concerned enough that I want to run and hide. Guys around here are nervous and uptight. You can hear the thing actually breaking timber crashing through the woods."

He gave an account of a man acquaintance who was frying bacon in his kitchen about 1 a.m. with his back to an open window when he heard very heavy breathing.

"He said he didn't turn around because he didn't want to spook whatever it was, and of course he was scared, too. All of a sudden he got a smell that almost made him regurgitate. The breathing went on for about 10 minutes. Then, he heard it turn around and start to go away, and he could hear it crashing around in the woods."

## Paul Rayno: Pioneers and Patriots

# Champlain Monster



The early Dutch of Schenectady called Lake Champlain Corleair's Lake after one of their heroes, and founder of that city.

Corleair drowned in a storm near Split Rock on the lake. The water nearby is nearly 400 feet deep and there are legends that Corleair's ghost lurks in the murky depths, waiting to snatch an unwary boater like himself.

The Indians claimed an evil spirit lived there, and that Corleair probably met his end by it because the Dutchman once scoffed at this superstition.

Joseph Zarynski, a social studies teacher from Wilton, suspects something else resides in this mysterious hole: a 30 to 40-foot sea monster, with humps that protrude above the water line and a head shaped much like that of a horse.

Beginning with the discoverer of the lake, Samuel De Champlain in 1609, there have been claims of more than 70 sightings of the mysterious creature on the 118-mile-long, 490-square-mile lake's surface.

In 1819 some citizens of Port Henry spotted what looked like the creature on the waters of the Bulwagga Bay. In the 1870s, a large group of passengers aboard the Essex excursion steamboat near the Vermont shore said the sighted creature at Houseboat Bay.

Another sighting followed and was written up in the Temperance Advocate of St. Alban's, Vt.:

"The What-Is-It of Lake Champlain was again viewed near Barber's Point on Monday last. It was in full view of passengers aboard the steamer Curlew who saw an object projecting some distance from the water and going at railroad speed. Although viewed through a glass, it could not be made out distinctly. Parties on the New York side claim the water was strongly agitated for 30 or 40 feet from the erected head of the monster when in motion."

After that, sightings continued at regular intervals, to the extent that P.T. Barnum made an offer of \$50,000 for the Champlain Sea Serpent's carcass.

In August, 1939 a couple fishing near Rouses Point was nearly frightened out of its wits when, the two reported, the monster began furiously leaping about them in the water.

The beast rose in the water near the S.S. Ticonderoga in 1945, according to reports, as if to salute the vessel and was vividly described by a Winoski, Vt. woman passenger.

L.R. Jones of Swanton, Vt. testified: "On Friday evening at 6 p.m. in the year of 1947, I was fishing off the northern tip of North Hero Island with two companions. The bass were biting really well and we were about to hoist anchor, having just boated our legal limit. The lake was calm, undisturbed by the slightest ripple, and the air was so clear that Mount Mansfield, Jay Peak and all the other landmarks were outlined against the cloudless sky. Suddenly, without warning, a tremendous splash was heard in the water north of us, instantly diverting our attention to that direction. There was nothing to see at first, save a group of large

ripples diverging in concentric circles from a point about 300 yards from our craft. No other boats were in sight at the moment."

"Then, out of the depths reared a huge dark form which moved swiftly in a northwesterly direction. Three segments appeared, clearly discernible above the water's surface, separated one from the other by about 5 feet of water, the overall length of the creature being about 25 feet. The segments alternately appeared and disappeared from view, the coordination of movement leading us all to believe that it must be one single inhabitant. It moved with incredible swiftness — about 15 miles per hour, and disappeared altogether in about two minutes. Presently it emerged once more at a more distant point, about a quarter mile from the area where it was originally noted, only to plunge out of sight again. This time for good."

Today reports keep coming in, and like Loch Ness, the mystery persists.

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# 'Mutilated' cattle natural Mounties, FBI conclude

LETHBRIDGE (CP) — Last year's cattle mutilations — blamed on anything from perverts to practitioners of black magic — were natural phenomena sensationalized by the media, a Mountie says.

During the spring and summer of 1979, RCMP and the American FBI have concluded coyotes and other predators left the carcasses, and magpies

in the United States. "Many... were not mutilated at all... but the result of predators attacking the cattle and natural deterioration of the carcass," said Royal Canadian Mounted Police Cpl. Robert Curstson.

Farmers can't submit an insurance claim if an animal's death is recorded as natural.



## Mutilated heifer

Ken Bateman of Ken-Wil ranch of Loveland observes a mutilated heifer discovered on his property. He has no

idea of cause of the animal's death. (Tribune photo by Paul Moloney)

# 'Scared us to death'

## Mutilated heifer found on ranch near Loveland

By BILL JACKSON  
Tribune Staff Writer

LOVELAND — The discovery of a mutilated heifer west of here has alarmed ranchers in the area and the owner of the registered Angus — a former coach at Greeley West High School — admits the discovery has "scared us to death."

The dead animal was discovered Sunday by Kenneth Bateman, 47, on his ranch eight miles west of Loveland. The animal would have been a yearling this fall.

"We lost another heifer about two weeks ago, but I didn't worry about it too much at the time. I just assumed at the time that it had wandered off and we'd find it with the neighbor's herd. But then we found this one Sunday, so I don't know about the other one now," Bateman said in a telephone interview this morning.

Bateman, who coached at West from 1965 through 1976 before buying the ranch, reported the mutilation to the Larimer County Sheriff's Office, and deputy Tom Reitz filed a report stating that the heifer had died of an unknown cause, possibly a gunshot, and that a rear section of the animal had been removed.

"There was a hole that had been cut in the rear of the animal, about 12 inches in diameter, and the uterus had been removed. It was a clean cut, just like it was cut with a razor or some other sharp instrument. Even the hair was cut; it was not torn away,"

Bateman said.

"There was a small wound up on the left shoulder that might have been a gunshot, but there was no blood coming out of it; no trace of dried blood was found anywhere on the heifer, even at the rear where she had been cut," Bateman said. "In fact, I don't think there's any blood in her at all."

The animal was found on a rock ledge in mountainous country west of the Ken-Wil Ranch, which Bateman said would be "tough to get to by vehicle."

He said coyotes, magpies and other scavengers are plentiful in the area.

"I've seen coyotes up there travel in packs of three or four and there are even some cats up in that country. But we searched that area in a 100-yard radius of the dead animal and couldn't find a track. Magpies will eat the eyes out of a dead animal, but even they hadn't touched the heifer," Bateman said. He estimated that the animal died, or was killed, last Tuesday or Wednesday night.

"The only tracks we found were some scrape marks near the carcass that could have been made by the hoofs of the heifer or something like a sharp piece of metal," Bateman said.

The search, he said, was conducted by himself, his son, the sheriff's deputy and a brand inspector.

"We've taken the weaned heifers out of the pasture. The cows that are up there have bunched themselves up against the south fence, as far away as they can get from the dead heifer. They are just scared," Bateman said.

He said he would take the rest of the cattle out of the pasture, even though it would cost him.

"With the price of hay the way it is, I'd really like to leave them up there to pasture a little longer. But the way they are acting, I think I'd better bring them down," Bateman said.

"I don't know how it happened, but it's got to be some damned kook that's responsible," Bateman said.

The report is only the fifth in Colorado in 1980. Early this spring three horses were found mutilated in the Colorado Springs area and a cow was discovered in the southwest part of the state about two weeks later. The state was plagued with hundreds of reports in 1974 and 1975, but no conclusive answers have ever been proven as to the cause of the mutilations or as to who, or what, was responsible for them.

There has not been a reported incident in Weld County for four years or more. Capt. Lew Tidings of the Weld County Sheriff's Office said there have been no reports of mutilations in Weld this year, although the sheriff's department has investigated a case of a theft of one animal and got a report of seven missing animals Monday.

Investigator Hank Rusch said the seven, three blacks, one Hereford and three Charolais were reported missing from a ranch in extreme northeast Weld. The sheriff's department is handling the incident as a theft, Rusch said.

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# Rancher Says Cow Was Mutilated, Vet Says 'Typical' Predator Case

by Ron Franck  
Boomerang Staff Writer

A rancher on the Big Laramie River says one of his cows found dead over the weekend was mutilated in such a way he's never seen before, but a University of Wyoming veterinarian says it is simply another case of predators doing their job.

Ronald McDonald, manager for the past three years of the Benick Ranch located 14 miles southwest of Laramie, said he found a 600-pound heifer dead from no apparent cause in a pasture about a mile from his ranch house.

He said he had counted his cattle during a routine check Saturday and come up one head short, but was not concerned at that time because the herd was grazing near a neighbor's pasture and he thought the young cow may have found a way through the fence. But when the cow was still missing the next day, he decided to look for it. He and his wife, Nancy, found the dead cow early Monday lying near a dry irrigation ditch.

"My first thought was that the cow had been either struck by lightning during the rainstorm Friday night or else had been shot," McDonald said. But after examining the carcass he could find neither a burn mark from lightning nor a bullet hole.

But what concerned the veteran rancher most was the condition of the dead cow's carcass. The animal's reproductive organs had been removed as if cut out with a sharp knife; its nostrils, lips and tongue were missing; its jawbone was stripped completely of flesh; and the nipples on its still immature udder were missing.

"I've seen a lot of dead cows," McDonald said, "but none of them ever looked like this. It's just not natural."

He said he has seen cows ravaged by predators such as coyotes, but they have always been eaten away through the lower abdomen. Scavenging birds such as magpies, he said, usually eat the dead animals' eyes first. In either case, he said, they leave signs of their presence such as tracks, droppings and bits of hide and hair.

"What's more, there was no sign whatever that the cow struggled before she died," he said. There were no tracks to indicate she may have tried to regain her feet after falling.

"That's not normal either," he said. "Sick cows usually thrash around before dying — they don't just fall dead all at once."

McDonald called the Albany County Sheriff's Office to report the incident. Lieutenant Jim Conyers responded to

the call and after examining the carcass contacted Dr. Heman Hancock, a University of Wyoming veterinarian who works with the State Laboratory in West Laramie.

"It was the opinion of both Dr. Hancock and myself, based on past experience with similar incidents, that predators were the cause of the damage to the carcass," Conyers said. "We could find no evidence that humans had anything to do with it. We did find coyote tracks in the area."

Hancock determined that the cow had been dead too long for a post mortem examination to be of value in determining the cause of death. But he was satisfied the 'mutilation' was the work of predators and scavengers.

"This is typical of what predators do," he said. "Coyotes, badgers, mice, fox, magpies and other birds naturally find dead animals and feed on them."

"The old ranchers have seen it and they know," he said. "These younger fellows get confused. But if they watch their cows they'll see it. A Rawlins sheriff staked out a cow and saw it mutilated — by a coyote."

"There has been a lot of suggestion about UFOs having something to do with this. That lady who did 'Strange Harvest' (a Denver television station special report on mutilated cattle

incidents) — who has no related training — suggested UFOs. I think it's a bunch of bull."

Hancock said in every case where a carcass has been brought to the lab for examination, coyotes and other predators were determined the cause.

"It's just a case of predators doing their job," he said. He added that a number of cattle in the area near the Benick Ranch have died recently of a form of polio which causes brain decomposition.

"But this cow was too badly decomposed," he said. "We couldn't tell how long it had been dead. We can't determine the cause of death unless we get the carcass to the lab quickly."

But McDonald remains convinced the cow died of other than natural causes.

"She was healthy as could be the last time I saw her," he said. "In fact, she was one of the better heifers in the herd. Besides, a cow with polio dies slowly and still thrashes around even after she falls."

McDonald also pointed out the coyote tracks were found in a nearby irrigation ditch, but could not be found leading out of the ditch.

"I've lost other cows this summer but nothing like this happened to them," he said. "It just isn't natural."





## Another mutilation

Ariand Ball examines a mutilated steer Thursday morning that was found on the Ball ranch east of Ault by his father, Roland, Wednesday morning. The

wounds in the steer were similar to previous mutilations with a six-inch hole cut in the skin and the sex organs removed. The only traces of blood found

were around the mouth and nose. (Tribune photo by John Blake)

# 2 more mutilations reported

By BILL JACKSON  
Tribune Staff Writer

BRIGGSDALE — The Weld County Sheriff's Office investigated two possible animal mutilations near here Wednesday afternoon.

According to investigator Joe Martinez, it was the third and fourth mutilations in the county in the past three weeks.

"There were two carcasses we looked at yesterday. One of them was too deteriorated to really say it had been mutilated, but the second one had been dead only about 48 hours," Martinez said this morning.

"We've had one case a week for the past three weeks, with four animals involved," Martinez said. That was in contrast to the report by Capt. Lew Tidings of the WSCO Wednesday, who said there had been none in Weld this year. A mixup in communications between departments was blamed.

The animals found Wednesday belonged to Briggsdale rancher Roland Ball. Ball said he found the animals Wednesday morning when he and his son were moving cattle.

"That's the first one I've ever seen this way. We found another west of the one that had been dead for about two days, but it had been dead for quite awhile. But it had one ear gone and I could tell it wasn't a predator," Ball said.

Ball said both animals were on pastureland about 1½ miles north of Colo. 14, northwest of Briggsdale. They were about a mile apart.

"They were out in a pretty isolated area. Neither could be seen from the highway," Ball said.

He said he could tell one had been dead for "two days at the longest, because the flies were just laying their eggs and there were no maggots on it. In this heat it only takes two or three

days for maggots to appear on a carcass."

He said a 4 inch in diameter circle of hide had been removed from around the navel of the calf, "and they had just taken the navel out and everything around it. It was just as neat a cut as could be."

Sheriff Harold Andrews, who was also on the scene, said he and his investigators took some samples of the cut, as well as a white substance found on the carcass.

"We going to send some of the samples to the CBI (Colorado Bureau of Investigation in Denver) to determine if the cut was made by a predator or if some sharp object was used to make it. I just don't know what the white substance is. It might be a body fluid that seeped out or it might be something else, I just don't know," Andrews said.

Ball said that coyotes had worked on

the carcass, "but they hadn't touched the area around the cut; there was no jagged marks around that area that you would see if coyotes were tearing the flesh away."

Ball said the mother of the calf, which he valued at \$350, had stayed around her calf after it died.

"There was manure around the carcass and you could see where the cow had laid down by the calf," Ball said.

That differs from the mutilated heifer found Sunday west of Loveland, where the owner of that animal said the rest of the herd got as far away as possible from the dead animal.

With the Loveland incident, five animals have been mutilated in the area in the past three weeks. The incidents are the first in northern Colorado in four years. In the mid-1970s, the state was plagued by the bizarre incidents with hundreds of cases being reported all over the state.

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## Cattle Mutilation Investigated

An investigation by a Laramie photographer into a recent cattle mutilation case has resulted in a conclusion contrary to one found by an investigation by the Albany County Sheriff's Department and a University of Wyoming veterinarian.

Photographer Michael Lewis, who operates High Country Images in Laramie and also holds an M.A. Degree in Biology, investigated a recent cattle mutilation case at the Benick Ranch, 14 miles southwest of Laramie.

He submitted his report to the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization in Tucson, Ariz. and a copy, along with photos were sub-

mitted to the Laramie Daily Boomerang.

Lewis' report, complete with photos is available for public inspection at the Albany County Public Library.

Lewis reports that part of the skull wound on the cow, found Sept. 22, shows signs of being cut. He said, "At two places on the upper margin of the wound are areas eight to 11 cm in length where the hair bordering the wound appears to have been sharply severed. Under microscopic examination, "...the severed ends of the hairs appeared to have been cut sharply, at right angles to the axis of the hair; the severed end having a smoothly squared-off appearance."

Lewis' conclusion is, "Some agent other than normal predation caused a portion of

the wound on the jaw and manibular. The cut hair on the margin of the original wound is consistent with that produced by a sharp instrument."

Lewis also concluded that some predators had removed tissue from the carcass and that the exact cause of death of the animal could not be determined.

Lewis' conclusions differ sharply from those of Dr. Herman Hancock, a University of Wyoming veterinarian who works with the state Laboratory in West Laramie. He said of the condition of the carcass, "This is typical of what predators do."

Ron McDonald, who has been a rancher all his life and who discovered the cow on the Benick ranch which he manages, said, "It just isn't natural."

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## Rancher to pursue cattle mutilations

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LARAMIE, Wyo. — An Albany County rancher, who claims to have regularly seen UFOs over his ranch since 1973, has disputed a finding that a suspected cattle mutilation was the work of predators, and said he has contacted the governor's office for further investigation.

"I'm going to pursue this until I run into closed doors on all four sides, until there's no way I can get it analyzed," said Pat McGuire, the owner of a ranch 30 miles north of Laramie. "I've got a point to prove and I'm going to run it out," he said. "I've contacted the governor's office, and they said they'd get right back to me."

McGuire, who has claimed he was taken aboard UFOs 16 times and bought his dry ranch property on the advice of aliens — and later struck water where they told him to drill — said he does not believe a 600-pound heifer found on another area ranch last week was killed by predators.

University of Wyoming veterinarian H.A. Hancock said the cow had been dead too long to determine a cause of death, but he was satisfied the marks on the animal were the work of predators and scavengers.

"This is typical of what predators do. Coyotes, badgers, mice, fox, magpies and other birds naturally find dead animals and feed on them," he said. "The old ranchers have seen it and they know. These younger fellows get confused."

But Benick Ranch manager Ron McDonald said the cow's reproductive organs, nostrils, lips and tongue were missing when the animal was found. He said cuts had been made with surgical precision.

"I've seen a lot of dead cows, but none of them ever looked like this," he said. "It's just not natural."

And McGuire said he saw UFOs over his ranch at the time the cow on the Benick Ranch died. He said the 45 miles between the two ranches was "too distance at all for them."

McGuire described the flying objects as multicolored glass saucers about 600 feet in diameter.

# It's NOT a bird, plane — or a hoax

**By ROBERT SCHNEIDER**  
News Staff Writer

CAMBRIDGE — Police have downplayed the mystery of three ice balls that fell from the sky last month in Holliston, suggesting the incident may have been some kind of hoax.

But the ice fall is not a hoax and does not have a "mundane" explanation, according to Loren Coleman, a student of such phenomena.

"Ice falls are much more accepted now than they were 20 years ago," Coleman said. "People think they are a hoax just because they haven't heard about them."

Coleman maintains an extensive filing system of news clippings and reports on ice falls, UFOs, Big Foot, spontaneous human combustion, spook lights, and other so-called "Fortean" phenomena.

26 is only the most recent example of an ice fall, according to Coleman.

Three balls of ice — one as large as a softball, the other two as large as baseballs — came crashing to earth, suddenly and without warning.

Twelve-year-old John McClenahan heard the "whoosh" and saw a white blurred image of the objects hitting the ground 20 feet away.

Spokesmen for the State Police labs said the balls were 99 percent water and 1 percent vegetable matter, but have not offered further explanation.

Another recent ice fall occurred in Mendon, where an ice object — two feet in diameter — crashed, leaving a six-inch crater on the lawn at the Perkins family's home on Theresa Drive. Coleman cited a report of the incident published in

the April 17, 1979 edition of *The Middlessex News*.

Coleman said research and evidence disprove "mundane" explanations of these happenings.

In Manchester, England, in 1973, Dr. R.F. Griffiths saw a flash from the sky just before three solid objects fell to the ground three feet away, according to Coleman.

Griffiths, a professor of meteorology at Manchester University, analyzed the objects, publishing the results of his research as an article in *Meteorological Magazine*, Vol. 104 (1975).

Griffiths concludes that the structure of the ice block had "crucial differences" from the structure of a hailstone. Also, at an estimated weight of about 1,836 grams (nearly four pounds), it was determined to be much larger than

the heaviest hailstone, according to Coleman.

Since only two aircraft had been anywhere in the vicinity, Griffiths could not come up with an explanation for the phenomena, Coleman said.

Other documented cases show that ice falls do not come from weather conditions, drop from planes, and are not tossed by persons attempting a hoax, according to Coleman. For example:

- In Hungary in 1802, a massive ice chunk three feet by three feet by two feet, crashed to earth.

- In New Hampshire in 1831, a one-and-one-half-foot ice chunk fell to the ground.

- In Dusseldorf, Germany, on Jan. 10, 1951, a carpenter working on the roof of his house was killed by a spear of ice six feet long, six inches in diameter.

Coleman suggests the chunks of ice are somehow connected with a comet, but said no explanation has been scientifically proven.

"We (Fortean researchers) don't usually deal in explanation, but there does seem to be (instances of) large masses of ice falling from the clear sky," he said. "We believe that science is the pursuit of unknown. Scientists who ignore these occurrences are just trying to reinforce their own dogma."

Coleman said he has traveled all across the country interviewing people, investigating unusual phenomena.

He said his interviewing skills as a social worker enable him to tell if a person is trying to put something over on him. But, he said, "There is a dividing line between the tangible and intangible," and the ice falls are tangible indeed.

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## Was the sea creature an errant harbour seal?

By MARY K. TILGHMAN

The large beige creature several local residents reported seeing in the Eastern Bay 11 days ago may have been a lost harbour seal, according to W.P. Jensen, director of tidal fisheries.

"It sounds very much like it could be a seal," Jensen said. "It would not be unusual for it to be a seal."

Trudy and Coleman Guthrie of Kent Island reported seeing the animal between Tilghman and Bennett Points Saturday afternoon at 4:50.

Another couple, Charles and Susan Kepner of St. Michaels, reported seeing a similar animal near Tilghman Point while they were fishing in Mid-August.

Kepner identified the animal as a harbour seal, an animal he said he has seen on several occasions.

Harbour seals, friendly beige mammals with mottled coats or spots, don't usually travel as far south as the Chesapeake Bay, according to Jensen. But the animals have been seen as far south as Georgia and the conditions of the water this summer may have drawn the creature south. He also suspects the animal was a harbour seal because of its mottled beige and olive drab coat.

"Offshore waters have been rather cool this year, even though we had a very warm, summer," Jensen said, adding that the high salinity of the Bay might also have attracted the seal.

No other recent reports of seal sightings have been made, Jensen said.

However, a seal or sea lion was reported in the Sinepuxent Bay last spring.

ing. Visitors to the beach there reported seeing an animal similar to the one described by the Guthries.

Mrs. Guthrie described the animal she saw while sailing Saturday as a large, shiny animal with a bulbous head and no apparent fins. She estimated that it was at least six to eight feet long.

They had originally thought it might be a manatee, a sea cow which led sea explorers in the 1400s to spin stories of mermaids in the Caribbean, near Florida and off the West African coast.

That gentle sea mammal is known to swim close to the water's surface and surprise boaters.

Jensen quickly disagreed with that theory.

"I doubt if a manatee could survive the trip," he said. The cool water, sea currents and the salt water of the Bay make the chances of a manatee's survival here very slim.

Although a whale would fit most of the description given by the Guthries, it doesn't have a spotted coat, according to Jensen. The sailors would have seen a tail or fin if it had been a whale.

But if it was a seal, they might not have seen the fins because seals often carry them close to their bodies. And the tail might not have been apparent because seals tend to submerge into the water rather than surface dive as other large sea animals do.

If the animal was a seal, its natural curiosity will bring it into the view of humans again, Jensen said. "They're not especially secretive animals. I suspect someone else will see it," he added.

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## 'Bigfoot' startles teens in Dabney State Park

By PAUL KELLER  
Journal Correspondent

SANDY — For teen-agers Kay Martin, David Brown and Claudia Herholz, it seemed like any other night — at first, anyway.

They went to McDonald's in Kay's compact car, stopped by a friend's house and then drove down into Dabney State Park.

Time: approximately 11:15 p.m. Next stop: Sasquatch.

"I was sitting in the back seat," recalled Claudia, 18, a Sandy High School graduate. "We had stopped to turn around. Kay was driving."

"All of a sudden she starts screaming bloody murder," interjected Kay, also 18.

"It was coming up the embankment. At first I thought it was a bear or something," Claudia explained. "It stopped and looked at the car, then crossed the road and climbed up a very steep, vertical bank."

David, 16, of Portland, spreads his hands four feet apart. "We could see its side profile when it walked away. Its chest was this wide."

"I yelled at Kay and told her to get the hell out of there," Claudia admits.

At first, said Kay, she saw what all three agree was at least a 9-foot tall overbearing creature in her rear-view mirror.

"I freaked out," she said. "I turned the car around and burned it out in first (gear) trying to get out of there."

After hearing their tale, one is inclined to believe the three chums are not crying wolf or vying for publicity (they never have informed the police or contacted the media).

According to Jon Beckford, director of the Seattle-based Project Bigfoot, who contacted them, their experience down in the wooded heart of the Sandy River valley is a bonefide Bigfoot sighting.

In fact, Kay's father, Norman Martin, returned with her during the following daylight hours with camera in hand.

"Those tracks were all over down by the river," Martin claimed. "They were 16-inch by 4-inch tracks, with a

43-inch distance between them."

Kay and Claudia say they never even believed in phenomenon "like flying saucers and Bigfoots" until this recent hair-raising incident. David infers he "kinda" believed in the existence of Bigfoot before this alleged face to face verification.

"Also, I can tell you one thing," Claudia assures, "we sure didn't go out looking for it or anything like that."

Naturally, the three youths confronted skepticism after this unusual revelation.

"At first everybody laughed at us," David said with a shrug.

Claudia, who refuses to return to Dabney Park after dark, described the scenario when the trio met with friends shortly after the alleged Sasquatch encounter.

"They were laughing — and we were hysterical," she said.

"They asked us how much beer we had in the car — but we didn't even have anything," David said.

"Most people didn't believe us until they saw the pictures," Kay added.

The three chums, all employees at Gresham's Skateworld, agree the huge creature made no hostile gestures toward them.

"It seemed like he was studying us," David observed in retrospect.

"He seemed very calm, at peace," Claudia added. "He just looked at us, stopped and then kept walking."

"We couldn't hear if he was making any noises because I was screaming so loud," she said.

"This whole thing has made me start wondering about what else might be out there," Claudia gloomily said.

Kay explained how the Bigfoot Project people have grilled her over the telephone.

"They even asked me if he was wearing any clothes."

"They also asked me why I didn't stay there so he could have touched the car for fingerprints," she marvelled.

"Sure," chimed in David, "so a 9-foot Sasquatch could pick up the car and study our prints!"

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THE AREA sales manager of Marconi International Marine Co. in Aberdeen has ruled out the theory that a large shape spotted on Loch Ness by a fishing boat crew, could be a shoal of fish.

Mr David Anderson says the image on the screen of the Marconi Colour Echometre shows a large, elongated solid shape on the loch bottom, which could well be the monster.

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## Endangered Monster

BURLINGTON, Vt. (UPI) — Villagers anxious to protect the beloved Lake Champlain monster have declared the never-photographed creature an endangered species.

The village of Port Henry, N.Y., approved a resolution that forbids anyone from doing anything to "harm, harass or destroy the Lake Champlain monster," fondly known as "Champ."

But before anyone can harass "Champ," they must find the creature.

For years people have reported seeing the serpent-like monster in the waters of Lake Champlain, but no one has ever photographed the animal or presented proof of its existence.