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## Strange sightings in the late June skies...

It's been a strange couple of days. On Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Julius (Carol) Palmero was sitting in her backyard on Parsons Street, Kennebunk, at about 2 o'clock when she saw a flying object.

The thing was shaped somewhat like a football, with rounded ends, Mrs. Palmero relates, and there was no basket or other appendage on it. It made no noise and it was not drifting, but was flying at a steady rate of speed, on a course from northeast to west.

"I was perfectly sober," Mrs. Palmero said with a laugh. "I was spellbound, watching it. I was conscious I was seeing something unique. It was not a blimp—I've seen blimps and this wasn't at all similar.

"It wasn't flying as fast as a jet plane, but about as fast as an ordinary plane. It was silver when the sun was on it, dark when it went in front of a cloud. I'd love to hear from others who have seen them (unidentified flying objects)."

Perhaps what Wells Corner Fire Chief Ramon Nolette

saw on Monday evening about 9 wasn't the same UFO but it was just as strange. The chief was standing in front of the dispatch station when he saw a green and white flare or light go 1,000 to 1,500 feet into the air. In 20 minutes he saw another one, the same colors.

After Nolette called the Coast Guard (as did the Ogunquit police and the Old Orchard Beach police), he had a busy night. From 15 to 20 people called the station asking what the lights over the water were.

In Portland, the Coast Guard first learned about strange lights over the ocean when a sailing vessel, *Escape*, off Providence, R.I., alerted local CG stations. There were other calls, from Portland and Cape Elizabeth, as well as from Wells, Ogunquit and Old Orchard Beach. A boat was sent out at 9:20 p.m. but no lights were seen again. Active search was suspended at 12:35 a.m.

Nolette said the Coast Guard in Portland told him there was "a meteorite watch" Monday night. "That was no meteorite," he said with finality.

# Chatham Families Report Sighting Orange-Red UFO

By SHIRLEY LAZARUS  
Staff Writer

CHATHAM — Until Monday night, the families on Chatham Street considered themselves "non-believers" when it came to unidentified flying objects.

Now they are not so sure, they say.

As a case in point, take Charles "Chuck" Mastin, a 48-year-old engineer, and his wife, Monica.

They are one of 15 families that reported to police at 9:45 p.m. that a huge, orange-red object was hovering in the sky over their homes.

One Madison police officer, Lt. Frank Wulff, who was in a patrol car, said he thought it looked like heat lightning. Another officer.

Sgt. Joseph Markovich, who was off duty, described it as a large aircraft coming into Morristown Airport.

But homeowners Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kollich and Lester and Jayne Lewy, who had gathered in front of their homes with the Mastins to observe the phenomenon, said they are not "buying those explanations."

Mrs. Lewy described it as a red, stretched-out ball. "It was most unusual," she said.

"It was up thousands of feet," said Mastin, "shaped more like an ice cream cone, elongated at one end and remaining absolutely stationary."

Mastin said that after watching it for five minutes, it took about 15

seconds from when it started to fade until it became all white and disappeared.

The object did not have a tail, characteristic of something entering the atmosphere, Mastin said. "Because of the size of it, I don't believe it could have been the reflection of a man-made satellite—it was much larger than that."

Mastin said he believed reports of the UFO sighting were widespread, because "a few minutes after it disappeared, Newark and LaGuardia airports seem to change their patterns."

Planes overhead are usually inbound, Mastin said, but he spotted several planes flying in the opposite direction shortly after the object disappeared. "I believe they may have heard about the UFO and were flying by to get a good look."

A check with Morristown Airport revealed there was no large aircraft logged in for 9:45 p.m. Monday.

And meteorologist Steve Pelletiere of Atmos Inc. for Jersey Weather at the airport said, "There is no evidence of what people call heat lightning at that time."

DAILY RECORD, Morristown, NJ - July 8, 1981

BERKSHIRE EAGLE, Pittsfield, MA  
July 29, 1981 CR: P. Daoust

## 3 report seeing UFO in southern Pittsfield

Three Pittsfield residents reported seeing an unidentified flying object (UFO) over the Pittsfield Country Club last night.

Darryl S. Perrault, 18, of 18 Thomson Place said he was sitting on his porch at 10 p.m. with his girlfriend, Ann Delsignore of South Church Street, when they saw "something like a shooting star move across the sky and then suddenly stop."

He went inside to alert his father, Carl E. Perrault, who brought out a pair of high-powered binoculars. Together the Perraults and Ms. Delsignore watched the UFO for about 45 minutes, the younger Perrault said.

"It was oval-shaped, with red and white flashing lights around the outside like a ring. No way it was a plane or a satellite—it shot across the sky too fast," he reported.

The UFO was located in the southern part of the sky, probably over the country club, he said. "I never really believed in UFOs before."

DAILY TIMES ADVOCATE,  
Escondido, CA - July 28, 1981  
CR: P. Cuttilla

THAT MYSTERIOUS PIECE OF ROCK given to Alida "Dutchess" Carboneau of Poway by a prospector who claimed it was left behind by a UFO on the Mojave Desert has apparently been identified.

Carboneau had given the rock to Al Michels for safekeeping and Michels showed it to a professor at San Diego State University, who identified the material as calcite.

"The question now is how it got in that form," says Michels. "There is a lot of calcite floating around in space and this piece looks as if it was boiled, cooked—or maybe used for fuel in some machine."

Michels had earlier been contacted by Harry Levensen, who writes a UFO column for Omni Magazine, but Michels has not heard back from him after sending him a small piece of the rock.

It seems only half of the mystery has been solved. The other half may be far, far away.

## Saturday chat

UFO SURPRISES — Three North Attleboro sisters were surprised last week by an unidentified flying object UFO last week in the Attleboro Falls section of town.

Hazel Deshetres, Hilda Helms and Gladys McKeon saw the object at 1:10 a.m. July 10 as they were driving along Town Street near the Ten Mile River. The women were going home after a game of cards.

Mrs. Deshetres says she thought she spotted the North Star but the object was too bright. She says the object shaped like a saucer with a light in the middle swooped down on the car in which the women were riding and hovered what seemed like five minutes before moving off.

"I was really surprised," said Mrs. Deshetres. "It was the first one I had seen. Gladys was really excited. She wanted to leave because she thought she would be kidnapped by UFO from outer space."

## Few UFOs sighted here

Sadly enough, it turns out that Cambridge is fairly dull territory from a UFOlogical point of view, with only a handful of mysterious sightings reported over the last 35 years. Typically, UFO reports come from more rural areas of the country.

The city's jazziest sighting dates back to 1947, when the Boston Globe carried a report of five flying saucers heading into Cambridge above the Harvard Bridge, hotly pursued by a group of army planes. The witness in that sighting was Silas Flashman, a 28-year-old Allston liquor salesman.

In 1964, a retired royal Air Force pilot reported seeing a saucer shape flying above the Sears and Roebuck parking lot in Porter Square. That case is one of the city's best-known, according to Barry Greenwood, a Stoneham postal worker and 17-year UFO devotee who collects information about sightings in this area. The witness in the Sears sighting was considered credible, and was able to provide many details, Greenwood says.

Several other instances of strangely colored lights were reported in the sixties: a dull blue triangle shape near Magnolia Avenue in 1965, a Saturn-like object above Fresh Pond in 1967, a pulsating, blood-red globe at telephone-pole height in Jefferson Park in 1968.

UFOlogy investigator Raymond Fowler of Wenham (one of the MUFON conference speakers) warns that these kinds of reports are vague, and might be explained in a number of ways. He says, for instance, a woman once called him to report a honking, lighted, V-shaped UFO. That apparition, he said, turned out to be a flock of geese reflecting street lights.

All in all, agree Fowler and Greenwood, Cambridge has seen little UFO action. "You're definitely not the UFO capital of the world," Greenwood says.

— PAMELA VARLEY

CHRONICLE, Cambridge, MA - July 30, 1981 CR: L. Coleman

# UFO Hovered Over Frankfort, Police Claim

FRANKFORT, Ind. (AP) — At least eight police officers say they watched an unidentified flying object that changed colors from red to green to white hover near this northcentral Indiana town for three hours before it sped away.

"You may call us crazy, but that's what the report said," one officer who asked not to be identified said today. The officers involved were not identified.

"They saw something, but they don't know what it was and nobody else seems to know," said Police Chief Paul Underwood. "It looked like it was over Kokomo, and the Kokomo police called Grissom Air Force Base and Grissom didn't

know what it was either."

Underwood said Grissom personnel tracked the object on radar for about five hours, but the Air Force would not confirm that.

Underwood quoted his officers as saying the object got brighter and changed colors during the night. It was first reported to police at 11:30 p.m. and last observed at 4:30 a.m.

The police report said the first indication of a UFO came from Wesley Thomas, who said he saw the object hovering over the 600 block of Kyger Street in Frankfort.

Six Frankfort city officers, a county deputy and a reserve officer watched the UFO, which flew northeast toward the Clinton-

Howard county line. There, it remained "relatively stationary" for at least three hours, the police report said. The object then quickly shot out of the area.

At Kokomo, about 20 miles northeast of Frankfort, police also acknowledged a sighting, but said their investigation had been turned over to the Air Force.

But the Air Force isn't talking. "We have had several reports, but I have no knowledge of it whatsoever," said Maj. Bob Allen of the Grissom public information office. "The Air Force no longer investigates these reports. We stopped doing that in the 1960s."

Allen would not confirm the radar

tracking report except to say "I am told that somebody talked to somebody. I'm trying to decipher that right now. But the Air Force doesn't get involved. I don't think I can give any more information."

Frankfort is about 50 miles northwest of Indianapolis.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration at Indianapolis said he was unaware of a report having been filed with the agency, but said most people reporting UFOs are referred to the national UFO research center in Washington.

But according to a recording, that office is closed for renovation until Saturday.

## HINKLE'S JOURNAL

# Ben Kenobi and the Man With a Dark Secret



JOHN CLARK  
Things happen to him

violet, chartreuse and yellow.

Ben Kenobi sat in the middle of the room and said everybody should relax. He had a Buddha smile. He said he had baked some carrot cake and he was sure we would all have a nice evening together. He talked like Dietrich in Barney Miller.

He said he had personally interviewed more than 150 people who had had encounters with flying saucers. Hypnotized, he said, was usually the best way for people who had been abducted to recall what happened. "They often put blocks in the minds of people they've examined so they won't talk about it," he said.

Ben Kenobi is his code name. If his real name got in the paper, there's the danger that a lot of nuts would start bothering him. This amateur hypnotist is revered in the UFO underground as a man who can pull the details of an encounter from people like blackbirds out of a pie. Clark was turned on to him by Bob Pratt, the flying saucer writer for the National Enquirer, who has taken an interest in Clark's case.

Ben Kenobi talked softly. The moon hung outside the living room like a big peeping tom. Kenobi brought out the carrot cake. It was warm and crumbly and sticky. The writer prevailed on him to find some gin.

After some hypnotic foreplay, it was time for Clark to stretch out on the sofa. "You're going to feel very sleepy," the little man said. Clark's wife looked a little nervous. Mark Libarie, a lawyer from Coastal who was along as the fair witness, look out his pen and made some notes.

"Now, when you're back in Sequoia Park, the night it happened, you're going to raise your left hand and bring it across your chest," he said. We waited and listened to Clark's heavy breathing. His left hand rose like a giraffe's neck. It cast a shadow in the moonlit room as it went across his chest.

"Now, there's nothing to be afraid of. You can tell us what happened that night," Ben Kenobi said. All the while he was hypnotizing Clark he was stuffing carrot cake into his mouth.

Clark started to talk. His speech was like warm milk. "I was surrounded by a blue light. A bright blue light. I was cold," he said.

"Did you feel any sensation?" Ben Kenobi asked.

"I was being lifted," Clark said. "What happened then? Describe it," the hypnotist said.

"I'm lying on a table. There's a bright white light above me. There's big eyes looking down at me."

"What color are the eyes?"

clearing. My friend saw it too and ran for his gun. Then it was gone."

Clark's ex-wife had a Ouija board. She asked it what it was. The board typed out: "Q-ON CALLING." Q-On said it was central communications for the universe at a station 5 million light years away. It said he'd seen Bigfoot, which it described as "an alien that crashed there in 1863 from the planet Pluto." The board said Bigfoot had been shot twice and was a vegetarian and lived in caves. Clark took the Ouija board and put it in the garbage can.

But he couldn't shake it that he'd seen something.

He's spent the last six years asking the experts what it was. An Episcopal bishop told him he'd encountered Satan posing as alien. The people at the Academy of Psychic Science in San Diego told him he'd seen a mammal that escaped Greenland before the Ice Age. A space-age psychologist told him he hadn't had an extraterrestrial encounter, but a supernatural encounter.

The Berkeley Psychic Institute is checking him out. Their first reading is that aliens were using him as a "transmitter." Tonight nine psychics are going to sit in a circle and psyche him out.

This is becoming exhausting.

"This whole thing is driving me buggy," Clark said. "All my friends are calling me Mork."

We were sitting in Gino and Carlo's, where we fled as soon as the hypnotist's aging elevator had cranked us down the Berkeley hill. The full moon was at 12 o'clock and the denizens of the North Beach bar were flying all by themselves.

"Every expert I talk to tells me something different. But they all think I saw something. Now this guy tells me I was up in a flying saucer. Sometimes I think I'm goofy. What do you think?"

I said I didn't know.

What do you think?

CHRONICLE, San Francisco, CA  
July 14, 1981 CR: P. Guttilla

By Warren Hinckle

This happened on the night of the last full moon. We met in the alley outside Haano's, the newspaper bar. The fading light had turned yellow. We were off to the black hole of Berkeley, to see a flying saucer hypnotist. This was no lark.

He's been to priests, psychiatrists and psychics, trying to find out what he saw. Everybody's got a different answer. He admits it's become something of an obsession.

As a last straw, he went to see this flying saucer hypnotist. The man is known as the Ben Kenobi of UFOs.

Ben Kenobi lived on top of the highest peak in the Berkeley hills. We drove as far as we could, parked the car and then got on a flat platform elevator without any sides and pressed a button and rose diagonally and slowly up the hill into the night on a steel track cut through the underbrush. It was an elevator to the outer limits.

The platform stopped with a thud. Ben Kenobi was waiting for us with folded arms. He was a small man in Bermuda shorts, about 50 with spindly legs and the manner of someone who plays music to the flowers. He beckoned us inside.

The house was a modern split-

"Now don't you guys laugh at me. I feel silly enough already," said John Clark. He was the guy who was going to get hypnotized. His wife, Dee, patted his hand sympathetically. She was driving. In the back seat, sipping "travelers" out of paper cups, there was a writer and a Fair Witness.

You may remember reading about John Clark. He's supposed to be a lucky guy. He's the truck driver for The Chronicle who won a \$40,000 airplane by hitting three straight bars on a slot machine at Caesars Tahoe last February. Everybody around him got all excited while Clark yawned.

Things like this, good and bad, have been happening to him, he said, since he saw something strange in Sequoia National Park in 1975. From then on his life has been one strange encounter after the other. He tells people about it and they laugh but he doesn't think it's funny. Tornadoes level hotels he's



# UFOs the subject of artist's book

*His interest in space takes him beyond his canvas*

By CRAIG LITTLE  
Special Writer

**WELLFLEET** — On a late August afternoon 17 years ago, Wellfleet artist Budd Hopkins was driving to a cocktail party in Provincetown.

Near the dip in the road where Provincetown first becomes visible, he and his two passengers noticed among scudding clusters of clouds a dark, elliptical lens-shaped object hovering in the sky. His two passengers saw the same thing, but none could explain it; the incident was Hopkins' first sighting of a UFO.

Hopkins' deep and continuing interest in UFO's began that night. This month, the publication of his book "Missing Time: A Documented Study of UFO Abductions," marks another stage in what has become a life interest for Hopkins.

Hopkins contends that numerous people have been abducted for brief periods of time by UFOs, and have undergone examinations on board the space ships.

As in the frequently documented incident involving Betty and Barney Hill in New Hampshire 20 years ago, the people interviewed by Hopkins all suffered from amnesia about their abductions, but gained at least partial recall under hypnosis. Hopkins used transcripts of tape-recorded hypnosis sessions to write his narrative, which took him from the summer of 1979 until the fall of 1980 to complete.

"It's something I felt I had to do," Hopkins says. "One reason is to see what letters come out of nowhere. I think these cases are widespread."

News of the book has already prompted letters to Hopkins via his publisher, Richard Marek of New York, describing vague dreams and recollections of possible abductions by UFOs. One letter, from a record company talent coordinator in New York, describes recurring dreams of UFOs and a curious sore inside the navel, much like the one Betty Hill and other abduction victims have found on themselves. Hopkins contends the mark is the result of experiments performed on the abductees by aliens.

"I suspect it's tens of thousands of people who've been abducted," Hopkins says. "In the next six months, I'll be getting some sense of that. The reason I wrote the book was to hand my experience to the reader, to hand the problem over rather than risk speculation."

"It was an act of self-exorcism. The problem takes a great human emotional toll."

Hopkins dismisses as myth the blissful, friendly nature of the aliens in the film "Close

Encounters of the Third Kind." Instead, he insists that experiences with UFOs and experiments during investigations have been stressful for the people involved.

"I've sat through 100 to 200 hours of hypnotic situations," he says. "One man, recalling what happened, got so frightened he urinated in his pants."

"Who wants to think of these things? People feel extremely uneasy and uncomfortable in having to face this stuff." He believes the experiments are conducted, not out of any malice, but as a science class would inquisitively but objectively dissect a frog.

"People said the terrible thing was the neutrality, the efficiency of the experiments. There's nothing involving sophistic or involving human compassion. That's the constant tone of all these experiences."

Only 20 percent of the people he has contacted have been willing to follow up their experiences with hypnotic sessions.

"I advance money for their expenses as part of my hunger to find out what's going on," he says, explaining that he works with a psychologist named Aphrodite Clamar to pursue interviews and hypnotic sessions. Cases of UFO abduction they have studied include a golf pro, Wall Street executive, college instructor, and a retired public school principal.

A Rockland County, N.Y., policeman whom Hopkins describes as an unimaginative, nonsense type described dreams that were almost identical to those of his wife, about a possible abduction. But they had never discussed their dreams with each other, and throughout the interview the policeman insisted his experience was simply a dream.

As he got up to leave, he seemed shaken and finally admitted that perhaps the experience was real. "He's a very haunted guy," Hopkins says.

He smiles while he talks, and he talks rapidly, but Hopkins is very sincere in his obsession with UFOs. He's a serious, successful 50-year-old artist with one house/studio in Wellfleet and another in New York. His work has been collected at the Brooklyn Museum, Guggenheim Museum, and the Whitney Museum, among others. He works primarily with abstract geometric forms.

"I've met some criticism for my interest in UFOs from my art colleagues," he admits. "They felt there would be a problem in how my work was received. They felt I shouldn't have done it (the book)."

Hopkins' interest in the subject is too overwhelming to let peer disapproval dissuade him, although he says he is primarily a painter, secondarily a UFO investigator. He has no interest in writing another book on

UFOs, but instead will wait for reactions to come in and continue to update his personal, sizeable file of material on these experiences. "It's just one foot in front of the other," he says.

Hopkins would like to see some form of group therapy established for individuals who've experienced abduction, to help relieve them of the lingering anxiety of their "terrifying, totally confusing" experience.

To skeptics who ask why aliens haven't established official contact if they really exist, Hopkins counters, "We may be in the position of a tribe in central New Guinea who sees a couple of Swedish or German anthropologists come in, then leave. We keep wondering why don't they come in and share their comments."

Hopkins says there seems to be one central type of alien involved in the physical abduction cases, but speculates that there "may be other cultures involved."

He says that no psychiatrists have offered reasonable explanations — such as hysteria or other aberration — for reported abductions and sightings. "This is a puzzle," he insists. "When a psychiatrist can't explain it, it's a real phenomenon."

Hopkins is scheduled to speak in Cambridge this weekend at a conference hosted by the Mutual UFO Network, an organization that passes UFO information back and forth to its members. Hopkins has also participated in some radio call-in shows, and when he does "visiting artist gigs," as in Oklahoma recently, he'll "try to talk on the UFO subject basically to elicit information."

He says he's not a writer, and really has very little interest in writing, although a review in Library Journal called "Missing Time" a "lucid, well-written, and perceptive narrative."

Just a few nights ago Hopkins received a phone call from a man reporting a sighting. The artist dutifully listened and took notes.

"My theory is, even if it's a distant sighting with not much data involved in the description, you record it because it may be someone saw it in a much more dramatic experience," he says. In a recent sighting near Provincetown, a caller reported a triangular-shaped object with distant lights was seen at 3 a.m., he claims.

An hour later, some women saw what appeared to be the same object pass over their car, and a little while after that, a private pilot en route from Provincetown to Boston spotted it. According to Hopkins, "They had it on radar at Logan."

After that, it vanished from sight, but Hopkins leaves no doubts he's convinced others will appear in our sky.

## Air Force says 'UFO' was balloon

Associated Press

**FRANKFORT, Ind.** — An Air Force spokesman speculated yesterday that an unidentified object with flashing lights seen floating in the skies of north-central Indiana before dawn may have been a hot-air balloon.

"The last couple of days there have been some hot-air balloons flying in the area, and the state fair held its hot-air balloon races" yesterday morning, Maj. Bob Allen said.

"It may very well have put out a white flashing light if there was a burner in use up there."

Police Chief Paul Underwood of Frankfort, about 50 miles northwest of Indianapolis, said his officers saw a flying object they were not able to identify.

"They saw something, but they don't know what it was and nobody else seems to know," Underwood said. "It looked like it was over Kokomo, and the Kokomo police called Grissom Air Force Base and Grissom didn't know, either."

According to reports from Underwood's officers, the object changed colors from red to green to white Wednesday night and early yesterday.

Grissom personnel tracked the object on radar for about five hours, Underwood said.

Allen confirmed that radar tracked an object "moving one or two miles per hour. We don't know what was up there but from what we can put together it might have been a hot-air balloon."

Allen stressed that the Air Force "no longer investigates these reports (of UFOs). We stopped doing that in the 1960s."

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## Letters to the editor

### UFOs and the Air Force

In the news coverage on the Aug. 20 Unidentified Flying Object sightings in Central Indiana, the media failed to mention one of the most important points: Isn't it the duty of the U.S. Air Force to guard and protect the air space of the nation and to keep the skies clear of unauthorized flights by individuals, organizations or foreign nations?

If so, then why did the Air Force allow a UFO to be tracked on radar for several hours and observed by area law enforcement officers, civilians, etc., without making any attempt to send up an intercept mission?

When one stops and thinks about it, this is really hard to believe. Here's something that did not file a flight pattern before it took off, that does not respond to two-way radio inquiries, that acts as if it "owns" the skies above Central Indiana, and what does the nearest Air Force facility — Grissom — do? Nothing — other than watch it and later say that it was "probably" a balloon.

If they had gotten a jet interceptor close enough, maybe they could

have said that it "definitely" was a balloon.

I had planned for this to be a letter to the commander of Grissom. On Aug. 24 I phoned Grissom seeking the name of the officer. The switchboard operator put me through to his aide. I stated my purpose in calling (to get his superior's name for mailing purposes) and he clammed up. The aide went so far as to admit that it was public information but that he "preferred" not to give it to me!

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STAR, Indianapolis, IN

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CR: C. Jones

# More than planes may be cruising skies

**CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. (UPI) —** The Midwest is known as "fly-over land" by Easterners and Westerners who frequent the skies. But something other than airplanes may be cruising the skies over southeastern Missouri.

Harley Rutledge, chairman of physics at Southeast Missouri State University, has been studying the phenomena since 1973, when strange colored lights and UFOs started to visit Piedmont.

Piedmont is about 75 miles from Cape Girardeau, where Rutledge works and lives. Rutledge, author of a new book about UFOs based on comprehensive, exhaustive field studies, was once a UFO skeptic.

"There are a whole flock of reasons why I became interested," Rutledge said, listing scientific curiosity first.

He also had a more emotional reason: "I didn't care for the way the residents were being written up by the media."

Those who claim UFO sightings are often considered kooks. Rutledge didn't take to that attitude because he felt there was some value to what was being reported in the Mississippi Valley area.

Six weeks after the initial sighting in Piedmont, Rutledge took a crew of scientists to the site and studied the strange lights that appeared nearly every evening. Eventually, the team grew to include six scientists and various students and citizens, including Robert Adams, president of the Southeast Missouri Astronomy Club.

The studies comprise "Project Identification: The First Scientific Field Study of UFO Phenomena," a book published this month by Prentice Hall Inc. Project Identification is the name of Rutledge's team that studies UFOs,

including lights and crafts in the Cape Girardeau area.

Rutledge's book records 157 sightings of UFOs recorded by Project Identification between April 1973 and April 1980. Thirty-four of the sightings are classified as "incredible." Rutledge said he saw 28 of the 34 and can vividly describe various sightings.

"We were standing in the middle of the Farmington Airport on May 24, 1973," he said. "We were facing northwest. I looked up and saw a configuration of four lights. From left to right they appeared in a white, red, red, white symmetrical pattern.

"The lights were long and narrow as if they were fitting on the rear of a wing. I put my binoculars to my eyes, but I couldn't see more than one light in a 7-degree field," he said to demonstrate the size of the lights.

As Rutledge observed the lights, he noticed that each white light looked as if it were reflecting off something "that looked like aluminum metal." He stressed "looked like."

Further, Rutledge said, "The red lights were ribbed as in a structure ostensibly used for reinforcing glass." He and a fellow scientist observed the craft as it passed silently.

"It was extremely eerie," he said.

After the sighting, Rutledge checked with the airport to find the overcast was set at 10,000 feet, meaning for the lights to be clearly visible, they had to be flying below the cloud cover.

While that particular UFO passed silently, there have made audible noises, he said. Once, Rutledge spotted a triangular configuration of red lights with a "big blue green light" shooting off the side. "It sounded almost like a lawn mower engine," Rutledge said.

He remembered telling another scientist, "That isn't powerful enough to fly something like that."

Such sightings and accompanying field studies, where speed and altitude measurements were taken, lured Rutledge into writing a book.

"To understand them (UFOs), you need something that is book length.

This book should be read. Then read it twice. Maybe even read between the lines," he said with a laugh.

In addition to the scientific data presented, the book also explores the possible role of the U.S. military in UFO sightings. "I am reasonably sure because of conversations with military persons that the Air Force now has flying saucers," Rutledge said.

One area he avoids is alleged landings because he has yet to see a UFO land or see evidence of a landing. He knows one person who claims to have been picked up by a UFO and whisked to another galaxy.

But Rutledge does not speculate that UFOs are extraterrestrial in origin: "I do not know that they are extraterrestrial. But I do suspect they are either extraterrestrial or supernatural in nature based on the technology (of the UFOs) alone."

Still, Rutledge reserves the possibility that UFOs are man-made. "But until you capture one of these and tie it down..." he said with a laugh. He then likened UFO research to cancer research: "It takes years to do."

Rutledge believes UFO research can help aerodynamics, and already has to some extent.

"What you have to remember is that other scientists deal with intelligence that is equal to man or less," he said. "We are dealing with intelligence that is equal to man or greater."

## UFO Reported Spotted Here

An unidentified flying object was reported sighted southwest of Fort Morgan early this morning, moving in a westwardly direction, stopping occasionally and moving from right to left before going down.

The UFO was described as a bright orange ball about the size of an orange.

But Fort Morgan Police Sgt. Randy Patten said it is unlikely it really was an unidentified flying object. The more likely possibility, Patten said, is that the witnesses saw a reflection off a television antenna.

Patten was called to 431 West St. at 2:49 this morning, where Annie Terriere, 58, and Jack Hillman, 34, reported sighting the mysterious object.

Patten said he pointed out the reflection off the television antenna on a house just west of there with the light coming from the Clatworthy auto dealership.

Hillman said he saw the reflection but that wasn't what he saw before. He said he saw an orange ball about the size of an orange going west between Denver

and Greeley, but he wasn't sure how far away it was. He said the orange ball was moving west and it would stop and then move right and then left. Hillman said the last time he saw the object it was going down.

But Mrs. Terriere, when shown the reflection off the TV antenna, insisted that was the UFO and that it was blinking on and off. Patten said the blinking appearance was caused by trees swaying in the breeze between the light source and the antenna.

But Hillman, who said he had been a jet mechanic in the Air Force and knew what an airplane moving off looks like, was sure the UFO was not a plane — or the reflection off the antenna.

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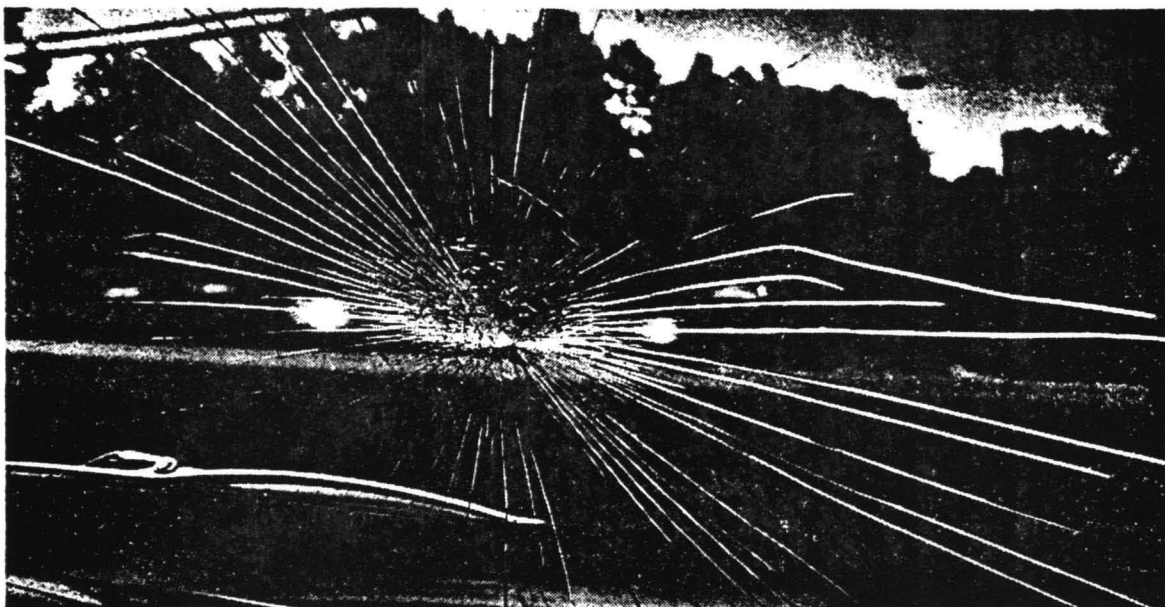
LEDGER, Noblesville, IN

August 24, 1981 CR: C. Jones

### Hamilton County News Notes

Sporadic calls of sightings of unidentified flying objects continued to be received by both the Hamilton County Sheriff's office and the Noblesville police over the weekend. Noblesville police received two calls within 15 minutes of each other at about 9 p.m. Saturday of red, yellow and bluish-green lights seen in the sky, but no officer could confirm the sightings. The Hamilton County Sheriff's office received three calls Saturday night, one from the Marion County Sheriff's office which reported a UFO at U.S. 421 and 96th Street traveling in a northwest direction at about 8:45 p.m. The other two calls were received at 11:57 p.m. Saturday and 12:13 a.m. Sunday. None of the local police agencies reported any sightings on Sunday night.





Gazette photos by Cheryl Carpenter

Shattered windshield of pickup truck  
... was it caused by something from outer space?

## Great ball of fire!

*Just what was that flash  
that came out of the blue?*

By Cheryl Carpenter  
Gazette Staff Reporter

On Monday at 1:30 p.m. during Tommie Ballard's regular drive to work, something fiery struck and shattered the windshield of her pickup truck.

"It looked like a ball of fire," she said. "And it sounded like it was frying."

"I screamed because it just scared me. I stopped and looked everywhere, but couldn't see anything. Nobody saw it but me."

Mrs. Ballard of Old Plank Road in Lincoln County was headed south on Mariposa Road outside Stanley. She was on her way to work at Pharr Yarns in Spencer Mountain when the yet unidentified object struck.

She said she couldn't imagine what the ball of flame was. But friends suggested the meteor shower currently visible at night across the country was responsible.



Tommie Ballard

... inside her truck

N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper A.W. Lancaster, who investigated Mrs. Ballard's experience, wrote on his report that a "small red object" had smashed the windshield.

But whatever Mrs. Ballard saw wasn't a meteor from the Perseid meteor shower — the most spectacular one of the year — according to Anthony Jenzano of the Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill.

The Perseid, visible at night throughout this week, occurs each August when the Earth moves through a cloud of cosmic dust left by a comet.

"I can eliminate the possibility of a meteor because it was glowing," Jenzano said. "Meteors stop glowing when they're about 35 miles high. It sounds more like a piece of something from the highway."

Jenzano said it was unlikely — but possible — that any particle from the meteor shower would make it through the Earth's atmosphere without burning up.

was ruled out by Anthony Jenzano of the Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill.

But Mrs. Ballard said she doesn't agree with Jenzano.

"I'm going to the mall today and look in those science books," she said. "I'm going to see if I can find a picture of that thing. I think that man from Chapel Hill is wrong."

Mrs. Ballard said she filed a claim with her insurance company for the damage done to her truck.

"My insurance man thinks it was a meteor, too," she said.

She said she plans to continue researching the unexplained event until she finds the answer. But she is not looking forward to a return visit by the fireball.

"All I know right now is that I don't ever want to see another one," she said.

By Sally Griffin  
Gazette Staff Reporter

What was that fiery ball that smashed Tommie Ballard's truck windshield? Nobody knows for sure.

Mrs. Ballard, of Lincoln County, was driving to work Monday when the fireball struck the windshield of her pickup truck.

The fireball, described as a "small red object" by State Highway Patrol Trooper W.W. Lancaster, who investigated the experience, remains unexplained. Mrs. Ballard suspected it might have been a meteor.

The Perseid meteor shower, which occurs each August when the Earth moves through a cloud of cosmic dust left by a comet,

# Artists capture UFO sighting in paintings

BY VICKI MAZGA

Whether or not you believe in Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), the account of an alleged eye witness always makes one take notice. Why do some people see them, and others don't? A photograph is often taken as evidence of a sighting, but how many have painted a picture of what they saw?

Chrystal Jackson and her son Chris reportedly saw a UFO Sunday evening, July 20. Both Chrystal and Chris are watercolor artists, and they each painted a picture of what they saw that night.

Chrystal, her mother and her son, Chris were returning that night to where they were staying in the Sawyer area from a demonstration at Nicolet College in

Rhineland. It was about 11:30 at night, and Chrystal was tired after a particularly draining demonstration. There had seemed to be a special magnetism in the workshop that night. She and her students were drawn together, and Chrystal had worked feverishly to correct something in her painting that wasn't quite right. Now she was exhausted and rested in the back seat as her son drove.

Chris spotted the UFO first. They were just outside of Sugar Camp on Hwy. 17 North, when he spotted a red orange object over a potato field on the left side of the road. "We were about 300 feet away from it," he recalled. "The bottom side was tilted up towards us, and I could see three orange

lights on the bottom, and stripes. There were two bars hanging down from it that joined to form a triangle. It glowed, and it didn't make a sound."

He turned to his mother and said, "I think you'd better look through the back window. There's a UFO out there." Chris was a skeptic about UFOs and science fiction in general. Hearing that from her son, Chrystal turned around and looked out the back window.

"I saw a red orange object just over the trees. It was elliptical in shape and slightly tipped up," she recalls. "It couldn't have been a sign because we were in a wooded area. It was too big to be a helicopter."

It seemed to be following the car. "I saw it again, low over the trees," Chrystal said. "It didn't get smaller as we went away from it. As we went around curves, it was always on the right as I looked out the back window." She thought it was going at the same speed as the car.

Meanwhile, the cars ahead of them had disappeared. Wanting to catch up with them, Chris pressed on the accelerator. "But the car wouldn't gain power," he said. "We had been going 55, now we were going 25 or 30. We have an Olds 98, and it had just been tuned up."

The object followed them for about 10 minutes, until they got to the Hwy. 70 turnoff between St. Germain and Eagle River. Then it disappeared, and their car regained speed.

The next day they discovered the dash and tail lights had gone out. They still had head lights, but Chris didn't think their brake lights worked. They found this out when a car pulled up alongside them

and said they almost hit the Jacksons, because the tail lights were out.

"We hadn't used the car since the night before, so it must have happened the night we sighted the UFO," Chrystal says.

The next day they took the car to Woodland Auto in St. Germain, where it was discovered that a fuse had blown. "The man at the garage was puzzled because only one fuse had blown," Chrystal said. "Usually they go together."

"What I saw that night was what I saw physically, with my eyes," Chrystal emphasizes. Her mentor, Marie Larsen, a summer art instructor at Nicolet College, has another theory about the UFO sighting.

"When an individual becomes engrossed in what they are doing, especially in

painting, the thought or intellectual process seems not to exist," Marie explains.

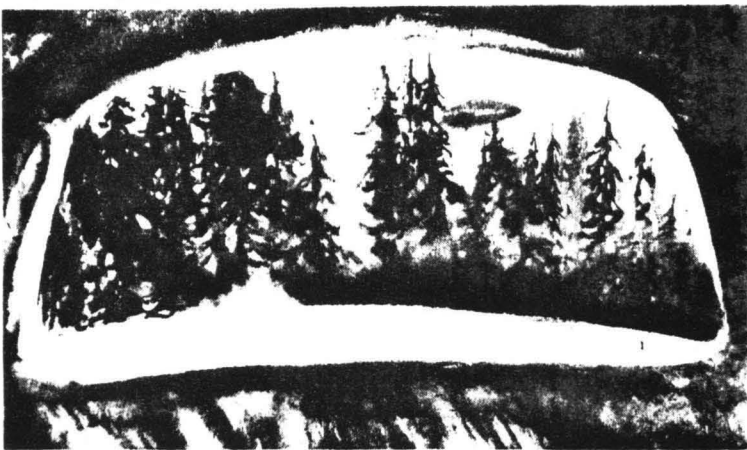
That night, at the workshop, Chrystal was giving a water color demonstration. Marie recalled that the other people at the workshop seemed to be especially in tune with Chrystal. "You give your all when you do this," Marie said. "There is a secret place within yourself, and when you reach it, it touches the secret place of other people. It's intangible, who can define it?"

Chrystal was very worked up about something in the painting that didn't look right. She pressed on to continue the workshop long after the allotted time was over, to perfect the painting. "I couldn't stop, I wouldn't

let them go. We were all held together forming a huge pressure of energy. There have been heat sensitive photographs taken showing an aura surrounding people. I think that together with the workshop students, we sent out an aura, a vibration, there in the middle of the woods, that touched or attracted whatever was out there."

"Or it attracted you," Marie adds.

Whatever they saw, or thought they saw, the controversy about UFOs continues. According to the Oneida County Sheriff's Department, no other UFO sightings were reported that night. It seemed to turn the Jacksons into believers, but until hard, tangible evidence is presented, much of the world remains to be convinced.



Both Chrystal and Chris painted their impressions of what the UFO looked like. In Chrystal's, the object hovers just behind the trees, and looks decidedly elliptical in shape.



Chris's painting is more detailed, showing three lights and stripes on the underside of the object. Both said the UFO was tilted up so they could see the bottom.

## Frankfort's UFO likely was hot-air balloon

STAR, Indianapolis, IN

August 21, 1981 CR: C. Jones

Clinton County Deputy Tom Catron watched the object for about two hours. The last reported sighting occurred at 4:30 a.m. Thursday.

McKinzie said the object had green, red and white lights and did not appear to be moving.

"We couldn't tell what it was," McKinzie said, "but we sure would like to know. It kept changing colors."

McKinzie said the officers looked at the object with field glasses but were still unable to determine what it was.

McKinzie said the balloon theory "suits me just fine," and added, "I just wish somebody could tell me what it was, I kind of feel silly about all this now."

McKinzie said he received calls from reporters all day Thursday.

was a balloon," Allen said. Allen said Grissom personnel have seen several balloons flying in the area in the past few days and added that the Indiana State Fair held its balloon race about 8 a.m. Thursday.

The object was first spotted by Wesley Thomas, 13, Frankfort, who called police about 11:30 p.m. Wednesday and said something was hovering over town.

Frankfort Patrolman Randy McKinzie and two other policemen investigated and spotted the object northeast of the city limits — apparently hovering over Kokomo, about 20 miles northeast of Frankfort.

McKinzie said he, Patrolman James Skinner and

GAZETTE, Schenectady, NY - August 25, 1981 CR: R. Girard

## UFO Report Weaves Indian Lake Incident

Upon their arrival, the ranger told of watching the speeding car and the pursuing object. Later, the two men, the ranger and several townspeople watched as three UFOs appeared and then disappeared behind a mountain.

From the ranger's station, state police were notified and Trooper Johnson responded. He went alone to investigate the campsite and found it as the men had left it, gear in place and a campfire smoldering.

In submitting his SBI report, Lowenski wrote, "I also interviewed all concerned in this case and conclude the number of witnesses involved, the apparent corroboration between all of their statements, and their conviction of sincerity of their statements encourages me to believe that this is a valid sighting."

The article says the two men later experienced "electromagnetic sickness" which was treated by doctors. Harmon and D'Ambrosio report that their pets no longer are friendly to them, but treat them as strangers. One of the two said he knew they would see a UFO on the trip, and Harmon said he had "great fear" during the hunting trip.

The SBI file has grown to 300 pages and the investigation has taken place over about two years. Details of interviews conducted with the subjects while they were under hypnosis where they relived the experience were not discussed in the article. The whole story is being prepared for book publication.

The author did give several hints of the type of things which have occurred since the incident.

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STAR STATE REPORT

Frankfort, Ind. — An unidentified flying object seen moving slowly across Indiana skies early Thursday was probably a hot-air balloon, said an Air Force spokesman.

The object, spotted over Frankfort about 11:40 p.m. Wednesday, was tracked by radar at Grissom Air Force Base near Peru for more than two hours, said Maj. Robert Allen.

Allen said the object was moving with the wind at a speed less than 3 miles per hour.

"There's no doubt that there was something up there but based on what we know I have little doubt that it

GLOVERSVILLE — More details of the November 1978 UFO sighting and reported abduction by aliens of two New York City men in the Indian Lake area of Hamilton County appeared as the main feature in the fall issue of UFO Report.

"Incident at Indian Lake," by Peter Mazzola, international director of the Scientific Bureau of Investigation, describes the ordeal of Dave Harmon, 29, and Tony D'Ambrosio, 34. He was aided in his story by the detailed site investigation conducted by Dan Lowenski, an SBI investigator and police officer.

Lowenski's responsibility was to interview the witnesses and to test at the site of the incident. A photo of Lowenski is included in the article, along with that of Trooper Tim Johnson, who responded to the initial call for help from the two New York men.

The pair was camping in the Moose River Recreation Area while on a hunting trip when on the afternoon of Nov. 1, they spotted the silver cigar-shaped object with a red pulsating light. Both men hopped into their vehicle and drove at speeds believed to be about 90 mph in an effort to escape the pursuing UFO.

They left their campsite about 5:30 p.m. in their attempt to reach the nearest ranger station about 12 miles away. Neither man was aware of any interruption of their flight over the logging road, but they did not reach the ranger station until 7:30 p.m. During the two-year investigation, it was determined that about 90 minutes were lost in the conscious lives of these two men.



# Dozens Report UFO Over Hamilton County

DAILY LEDGER, Noblesville, IN - August 21, 1981

CR: C. Jones

When Castor tried to relocate the object at about 2:15 a.m. after answering a couple of police calls, he said the object had disappeared.

country registered for night flight and at the present time I don't know of any in the state," Menchhofer said.

bling a building upright in the air with those colors. It was sighted Wednesday night and early Thursday morning northeast of Frankfort and then flew northwest to northeast at about a mile per hour for three hours. Nobody reported photographing it.

Ralph Givens said he did see the object. Hamilton County Capt. Benny Craig said he saw the lights from his home in Home Place.

Dozens of Hamilton County residents saw an unidentified flying object with flashing or revolving green, red and white lights hovering over the county last night.

By STEPHEN KEY

CR: C. Jones

Clinton County Sheriff's Deputy Tom Catron responded to an 11:36 p.m. caller who described the UFO but declined to give his name. Catron confirmed something was up there, but declined to offer an opinion about it.

Maj. Max Reed at Grissom Air Force Base said a radar was informed of the sighting, but he was unable to confirm it because of "ground clutter."

Staff Sgt. Randy Maylor at the air force base said the object was a hot air balloon that had been sighted several nights in and around the Peru area. Given the right wind direction, the balloon could be cylindrical in appearance, he said.

Craig then looked at it with binoculars. "I hate to say it but it looked like the lights were spinning." He observed the lights, located northeast from his home, for an hour.

Two Carmel paramedics, who didn't want to be identified, said they saw the object with flashing red, white and green lights at about 1:30 a.m.

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But Maj. Allen said that radar personnel tracked an object for several hours Wednesday night moving one or two miles per hour.

The Clinton County Sheriff's Office got four calls Wednesday night and Clinton City Police received one call about the object. Howard County police and state police at Lafayette said they received no calls.

Officer Castor said he would be looking for a reappearance of the object tonight.

"I'm off duty tonight, but I'm going to take a look tonight anyway."

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Menchhofer said if the object was a hot air balloon that when the gas jets used to heat the hot air were fired that it would light up the whole balloon bag at night.

"If someone was watching they would see that and the balloonist would have to fire the jets about every minute."

Don Menchhofer, director of Balloon Port of Indiana in Hamilton County, said it was unlikely that the sightings were of a manned, hot air balloon.

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BAXTER BULLETIN, Mountain Home, AR - August 27, 1981

## Letters to the editor ...

(Letters to the editor on any subject of public interest are welcomed for publication in this column. Letters should not be more than 500 words in length, and should be typewritten, if possible. Letters for publication must be signed, and no names will be withheld. Letters are subject to editing for length. — Editor.)

### Unexplained light

It can't happen, but it did. So what do you do? Believe your own eyes? The supernatural UFOs? Frankly, I'm stuck for an answer.

My wife had entered the Arkansas Poultry Association Cooking Contest and finished as one of the top 12 ladies in the state. So we were invited for a weekend of festivities to be held at the Majestic and Velda Rose Towers in Hot Springs, all expenses paid. Including a concert by The Oak Ridge Boys held at the Convention Center.

The dates were June 20 and 21. We stayed in our room Friday night and took in the roof garden. Saturday night we went to the Convention Center and had a table 10 feet from the stage. The Oak Ridge Boys were fabulous. After the show we came back to the hotel, went to another smaller concert with free food, drink and dancing.

The night was very hot, about 95 or 96 degrees. We talked it over, as we had no air conditioner in our old '67 Rambler, and decided we would just give up our last night there and drive home at night since the next day would be well over 100 degrees.

I started driving around 11 p.m. Saturday and drove to Marshall. By that time I was pretty well tired out, so my wife said she would drive. So I just fell back and went to sleep, and the next thing I knew my wife awakened me saying very

excitedly, "My lights are going out, my lights are going. You drive."

I woke up in time to see the headlights go from high beam right down to nothing, very slowly, and slowly come back on. They did that two or three times after I woke up. As she pulled to the side of the road I jumped out and started around the back of the car. I don't recall looking up, but the whole area was lit up. The lights came back on about the time I got to the driver's door. I did have a very strange feeling like my hair was standing up, and something was going to grab me. I got in and started driving, and it has never happened since.

The best I can pinpoint the location, it was in a rather remote area between the Buffalo River and the road that leads into the old mining town of Rush. I asked my wife how she managed to see while the lights were dying down and out, and she said there was some sort of light up on top of the hill to her right that lit up the area. She also said the lights went off and on very slowly at least six or eight times.

I drive through there pretty regular and I know there is no light on top of a hill that would light up the road like that. The time was approximately 3 a.m. on Sunday, June 21. I am still searching for answers. I have been unable to come up with any logical or mechanical reason how it can happen, but it did.

Thought maybe someone else may have seen something along about that time. Would like to hear from anyone that has any idea how it could happen. Maybe some mechanic might have some ideas. You can answer through this column or call me on the phone. I'll listen to any reasonable solution.

Thank you  
Bob Eason  
1023 E. 9th St.  
Phone 425-2394

CR: L. Willett

DAILY NEWS, Camarillo, CA - September 13, 1981

CR: W. Scott

## Cam 'n' Eggs Fishing trip yields UFO

By HAROLD KINSCH



"I won't say it was a flying saucer," said Tony Cuzzo. "I don't know what it was. But let me tell you it was weird."

What Tony and three other Camarillans saw recently near Lone Pine off Highway 395 seems to qualify as a definite UFO sighting.

Tony said he saw the mysterious object a week ago Friday while on a fishing trip to the Mammoth Lakes area with fellow Camarillan Skip Sorich and their 11-year-old sons, Kevin Cuzzo and Chris Sorich.

Skip, a member of the City Planning Commission, even took pictures of the "unidentified flying object." At this writing Tony and the others were anxiously awaiting arrival of the prints at the photo shop.

"It was about 7:45 -- just about dusk," Tony said, "when we saw this bright light."

"First star of the night," quipped Skip for the benefit of the two boys. Then everybody in the car began shouting, "Hey, that's no star."

"It was too low to be a star and besides," said Tony, "it was moving."

"We pulled off the road to get a better look ... All of a sudden it just shot away."

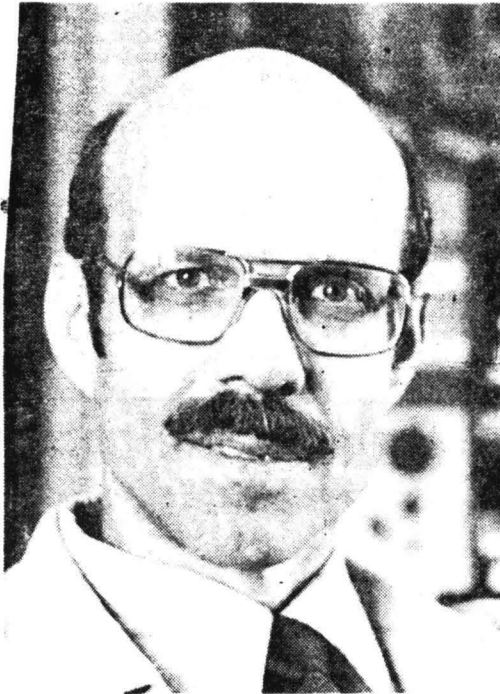
Tony said they continued up 395 until they spotted the strange light again. This time when they pulled off the road and stopped, Skip whipped out his 35 mm camera and managed to grab some shots of the UFO before it disappeared again.

"It was a very bright light, cylindrical in shape," Tony said. "It was definitely not a plane or a spotlight."

Skip left town to attend a trophy dealers convention before I had a chance to ask him about the experience. But while relating the incident to county reporter Gil Chan before he left, Skip used his hands to outline a dome-shaped saucer when asked to describe the object.

With luck the photos will reveal more detail.

# Wyoming Professor Zeroes in on UFOs



**A BELIEVER**—Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, professor of counseling services at the University of Wyoming, believes UFO encounters are real. (Photo by Downey)

By DAVID DOWNEY  
Eagle Staff Writer

Flying saucers...are they for real? According to some polls the majority of the United States population thinks so.

And according to Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, professor of counseling services at the University of Wyoming, about 11 percent of all Americans have at one time or another experienced a UFO encounter.

He said 100 reports of UFO contacts are generated around the world every day.

Many prefer to keep mum about their experiences but some, about one in 10, says Sprinkle, dare to come out before the skeptical public eye to tell their stories.

Those who have come out of hiding have produced some interesting stories to say the least, and, said Sprinkle, a surprising number of the stories are similar.

Sprinkle said those who claim to have had UFO encounters often say they see bright objects in the sky, experience a loss of time they can't account for and even led aboard alien spacecraft to be examined by creatures resembling those in the movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

Sprinkle, who has been studying the phenomenon for two decades now, has interviewed more than 1,000 people who claim to have had UFO experiences, and since 1967, he has put some 120 persons through hypnotic sessions to recall some of the specifics about their encounters.

Although the professor admits the hypnotic sessions aren't foolproof, that someone could lie because the person is not actually unconscious,

he believes that most of the experiences are real. Many experiences told by eyewitnesses, he said, leave many questions that can't be answered or explained away easily.

One of his most recent contacts with a UFO contactee involved a 57-year-old Texas woman, her 52-year-old friend, and her grandson, who said they saw a UFO last December 29.

Sprinkle put the woman, Vickie Landrum, under hypnosis last month to recall her experience.

"It was a very vivid recall that she had," the professor said.

According to her story, the three were driving on a two-lane highway about 20 miles northwest of Dayton, Texas, when they noticed a glowing object which Landrum said was "lighting up the whole sky."

Several minutes later the object, which she described as massive, blue and diamond-shaped, appeared directly in front of their car about 100 feet away.

The craft was said to be make a beeping sound and spewing down long red flames which made the automobile's interior extremely hot despite the cold 40 degree temperature outside.

After hovering over the three frightened earthlings the craft took off.

All three, said Sprinkle, received bad burns which could not easily be explained. Landrum reportedly had radiation burns on one of her hands, which, at first, caused the skin to swell, and later left sores.

The professor said Landrum also had a lot of trouble with her eyes after the ordeal, and, for a while, doctors thought she might go blind.



**OUT OF THIS WORLD**—This is what alien beings look like according to some persons who allegedly had UFO encounters. The statue is prominently displayed in Dr. Sprinkle's University of Wyoming office in Laramie. (Photo by Downey)

The other woman, Betty Cash, experienced a mysterious illness which caused skin to peel off her face, arms and legs, Sprinkle said. Both women lost significant amounts of hair.

Colby, the little grandson, was reported to have had digestive problems following the occurrence. And apparently the object was not only seen by the two women and the boy as several others living around Dayton also reported seeing a huge, bright, diamond-shaped flying object the same night.

This particular case, Sprinkle said, is one of the most significant cases he's ever investigated because of the physical evidence. He is confident the experience wasn't a hoax.

"I don't think she (Landrum) could have been that good of an actress, even though I have no way of explaining it," he said.

"I don't think she's a trained actress who can raise blisters on her hand. As far as I was concerned she was reliving a real experience."

Several UFO encounters have been reported in Wyoming and a rancher, Pat McGuire, who lives about 30 miles north of Laramie, has told of several experiences with UFOs.

Because of the publicity surrounding McGuire's stories, three young men journeyed to Wyoming from California in July of last year to camp on his ranch, hoping to have a UFO encounter of their own.

And apparently they got their wish as the men reported seeing UFOs and being unable to account for a loss of time. The three subsequently underwent a hypnosis session directed by Sprinkle in which they

recalled encountering alien creatures whom Sprinkle calls UFOs.

The UFOs were said to have told the three they weren't ready, "mentally or spiritually, for space travel."

Although few of the persons interviewed by Sprinkle said they got a free ride through the galaxy, many have said they were taken into alien spacecraft temporarily to be examined by alien creatures.

One woman, interviewed in 1977, said she was examined by alien beings and she has a small circular scar on her shoulder which she says she got during the examination.

And the stories go on.

The professor is always asked, "What kind of people have these experiences? Are they a little bit 'wack-o' or are they just normal people?"

"The majority of these people are normal, sincere people," Sprinkle says. McGuire, for example, went through psychiatric evaluations and psychological inventories and according to the results, Sprinkle said, he's just as normal as anyone else.

McGuire's scores resembled those of persons who are "friendly, dominant, conscientious, suspicious and hard to fool."

Sprinkle said women, younger people and those with a lot of education are most apt to report UFO encounters.

It's possible, he said, that the better-educated are more likely to have UFO experiences because they read more and are more likely to have heard more about UFOs. But he finds the number of reported encounters very intriguing.

Officers contacted the control tower at Duluth Airport, but were told that nothing had been spotted on radar for that area, the sheriff said.

Kozisek said he was not certain of the object's exact shape. He said officers found no evidence of anything in the area after the object disappeared.

Kozisek said earlier UFO reports were similar to the ones Wednesday night, but a sheriff's deputy arriving on the scene did not see anything.

Asked if an investigation would be conducted into the sightings, Kozisek replied, "What do you investigate?"

PIONEER PRESS, St. Paul, MN - Sept. 13, 1981 CR: M. Hall

## UFOs reported at Pine City

By the Associated Press

Some residents of the Pine City area have reported seeing UFOs in the last couple of weeks, Pine County authorities say.

Sheriff John Kozisek said that one of his deputies responding to a UFO report Wednesday night also saw an object which the sheriff described as "red, green and yellow, moving at great speed just above the trees."

The object was sighted on the northwestern edge of Pine City about 10 p.m., Kozisek said.



# UFO Makes Reappearance?

By STEPHEN KEY

An unidentified flying object may have made a reappearance over Hamilton County Friday night.

Hamilton County Sheriff's office, Noblesville Police, Indiana State Police and Grissom Air Force Base in Bunker Hill all received phone calls from people who said they had seen flashing red, green and white lights in the sky about midnight.

About a half dozen people in Clare watched an object in the north-northeastern sky for an hour, from 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

"After hearing about the UFO in Frankfort and reading the paper last night, I told my son, Mike, at 11:30 to go out and find that UFO and he came back in and said 'Come see what I saw,'" Gail Dell said.

What the Clark Dell family and neighbors watched with binoculars was an object with three distinct lights, Mrs. Dell said.

"There was a white and a green light toward the top that flashed off and on alternately," she said. "There was a red light on the bottom that revolved like a flasher on the top of a police car."

Mrs. Dell and her 14-year-old son said it was too high in the sky to distinguish any shape or attempt to get a picture.

"If it was a balloon, it was doing a good job of hovering," she said, referring to Air Force explanations of recent sightings as probably a night-flying hot air balloon.

After an hour of hovering, the object appeared to move higher in the sky and disappear, Mrs. Dell said.

"It was certainly different from what we're used to seeing in the sky and we haven't been drinking," Mrs. Dell said. "We're going to look again tonight."

Air Force Sgt. Jenny Montgomery of Grissom's public affairs office, said the air base had received about a dozen calls last night, but there wasn't anything picked up by the radar.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's office reported six calls last night, compared to 93 on Thursday night. The Indiana State Police reported two calls last night.

Noblesville police received two UFO sighting calls, one at about 9 p.m. and one at 10:30 p.m.

Patrolman Jim Crask said he thought the changing light in the sky that he saw last night was a star. He said he only observed the light from Cicero for a few minutes before clouds obscured his view.

At about 11:45, Sgt. Bob Jeffries reported a

very, bright red glow in the sky, but made no mention of flashing lights.

Last night's descriptions matched those of witnesses of unidentified flying objects seen over Hamilton County Thursday night and the Frankfort area Wednesday night.

Air Force radar personnel tracked an object moving one to two miles an hour for several hours Wednesday night, but have not reported any trackings of unidentified flying objects Thursday or Friday night.

Most descriptions center around flashing or revolving green, red and white lights.

Two Carmel paramedics, who refused to be identified, said that the object they saw at about 1:30 a.m. Friday was cigar-shaped and as big as two city blocks.

An unidentified witness Thursday night in the Frankfort area said the UFO resembled a building with flashing red, white and bluish-green lights.

While Air Force officials have said the sightings may be a hot air balloon, Don Menchhofer, director of the Balloon Port of Indiana, has said it is unlikely that there are any manned balloon flights being conducted during that time of night.

## What was that bright light?

(Source &amp; Date Unknown) CR: J. Moseley

## Allentown Couple Investigate UFOs

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) - The instructions called for a U-turn at the Sunoco station and a right at the dirt road. Only in the snow, a dirt road doesn't look much like a dirt road, especially when it's not much of a road anyway. And when the new snow is as trackless as the clear sky over Harmony, N.J., you hope to God the car keeps going until you get to the farmhouse the instructions promise.

The scheduled discussion is on UFOlogy, extraterrestrial beings, psychics and parapsychology. The road itself looks halfway to the twilight zone.

But the road leads to a sturdy new stone house, and inside are some down-to-earth people. They belong to ORION (the Organization for Research and Investigations of Nature) and look into the subjects at which they say traditional scientists turn up their noses and turn off their curiosity.

The farmhouse was built by Walter and Shelley Hnot Jr. She's an insurance broker. As an attorney, he specializes in unidentified flying objects.

The Hnots moved to Harmony last July. They now hope to interest people near the New Jersey community in ORION, a nonprofit organization dependent on membership dues

and a few donations. ORION also hopes area residents will share with its members their experiences of natural anomalies and phenomena.

Flipping through the ORION brochure gives a visitor an idea of the organization's interests. The brochure says that "possible extraterrestrial-entity contact, utilizing advanced concepts and techniques, is one of ORION's endeavors. This program is distinguishable from passive investigations."

At the Hnot's, stories are told by Ellen Crystall, a North New Jerseyan. She says she has sighted extraterrestrial ships in California, New Jersey and upstate New York and seen alien beings twice, once in a ship, once just feet away.

She was near Middletown, N.Y., where a group gathered last July through November and "witnessed an enormous amount of activity."

"There were space ships all over in a farmer's field," she said.

One night she went out to the field alone "to everyone's dismay, because everyone thought I'd be abducted." She heard something rustle and shined her flashlight.

"It caught on something, and I thought, 'Oh, a moth.' But then I said, 'Ah, hah, hah' - it was about 3 1/2 feet - and I said, 'Oh,

oh, oh. It doesn't have four legs. It's not a dog.'

"They were like the 'Close Encounters' figures," said Crystall. "Except the eyes. They had eyes halfway round their head, yellow slits. They seemed to have an internal light and were wearing metallic jumpsuits."

She ran. Crystall, who has done graduate work in meteorology, is working toward her Master's in music at Montclair State College. She's also a photographer, or as her business card reads, "UFO photographer - only the real thing." Her photos of the Middletown sighting are under option to a specialty magazine. The photos have odd light formations, shadowy disc-like shapes and sprays of light, as though coming from an electrical filament.

Crystall said the ships she saw land in a reservoir in northern New Jersey were triangular metallic craft that flew in over the ice, hovered for about 20 minutes and rotated lights. A clay model looks like a snub-nosed wedge of brie, but the real ship, she estimated, was 180 feet in perimeter and four times the height of a car, with many markings.

THIS WEEK, Scotland Neck, NC - July 29, 1981 CR: P. Guttilla

SCOTLAND NECK - "Right now, it just remains a mystery."

That's the way Deputy Joe Williams of the Halifax County Sheriff's Department described the bright light that he and several others saw slowly descending in the sky Friday night and apparently landing somewhere on the east side of US 258, in the vicinity of Bakers School.

Williams said he was patrolling near Moonlight, heading east on NC 125 around 10:15 p.m. Friday when he saw "a real bright, intense light that just glided down real slowly." The deputy watched the greenish-white light descend until the trees blocked his view.

"We didn't know what it was, so we had to treat it like an aircraft," said Williams. Consequently, there were about 25 or 30 law enforcement officers on the scene, looking for possible airplane wreckage or anything else, soon after Williams spotted the light. Within a half-hour, a plane was conducting an air search of the area.

All people in the Scotland Neck area who own aircraft were contacted and found to be at home. Law enforcement officials continued their search until midnight, and the Civil Air Patrol picked up the search at 1 a.m. and resumed it after daybreak.

One other person who saw the object, Bobby Bell of the Norfleet area, said it looked like it had aircraft landing lights. Williams said the object could have been a weather balloon, a flare, or something else.

Although all leads have been checked out, Williams still wants to get a positive answer concerning the strange light. "I haven't put the situation out of my mind," he said. "I'm waiting for an answer. I'm sure it'll pop up sometime."

# LOOKING BACK

(ALL CLIPPINGS FROM CALIFORNIA PAPERS; ALL FROM THE FILES OF THE LATE GEORGE F. HAAS)

POST-ENQUIRER, Oakland, CA - July 26, 1948

## RASH OF ROCKETS, FLYING SAUCERS

### Both East, West Coasts Report Aerial Phenomena

ATLANTA, July 26 (AP).—The flying saucer—or something—is back again.

Reports from widely separated sections of the country have described "it" over the week end as:

1. A wingless craft, spurring flame "like a Back Rogers rocket ship."
2. An aluminum covered balloon.
3. An unusually bright light.
4. A ball of fire.
5. A red and blue flame that burst in mid-air.
6. A flash of cherry red fire.
7. A meteor.

"It" first was reported by two Eastern Airlines pilots, each a

tighter pilot during the war, who said they encountered a wingless mystery plane, spurring fire, near Montgomery, Ala., on the Atlanta-Houston flight Saturday.

Next up, Clarence L. McKelvie of Columbus, Ohio, lent credence to the pilots' report by declaring he had seen "a flash of cherry red fire" while a passenger on the plane.

Then an Atlanta hunter stalking game in North Georgia reported "an unusually bright light—as a lighted room," at about the same time the Eastern Airlines pilots said they saw "it" over Alabama.

"It" was an aluminum cov-

ered balloon to observers at Yakima, Wash., where the police station switchboard was jammed with excited calls and inquiries. "It" was reported moving westerly, at a great height and against strong winds.

It was this way last year when someone said he had seen a flying saucer whizzing around. Right away dozens of persons from every which way said they had seen the same thing—or something.

At Montgomery, Ala., this time, two housewives reported a red and blue flame whirling across the sky. Mrs. Ruby Smith and Mrs. Clyde Cobb, suburban neighbors, were chat-

ting in Mrs. Smith's front yard when—zowie!—there "it" was. "It" burst in mid-air, the two neighbors said.

Another housewife—this one at Indianapolis, Ind.—saw "it" as a ball of fire.

"It" shot out two jets of flame, declared Mrs. Thomas L. Sayer, and after about three minutes flared up, shot the works, and disappeared.

This was Thursday night, Mrs. Sayer said, but she didn't pass the word along until after she had read the account given by the Eastern Airlines pilots.

On the West Coast, two employees of the Civil Aeronautics Administration kept their binoculars trained on "it" for hours and came up with the assertion that "it" was neither a weather balloon nor an advertising blimp.

### 'May Be Space Ship—From Another World'

LOS ANGELES, July 26 (AP).—An expert in mysterious occurrences said today that the strange aircraft reported over Alabama Saturday by two airline pilots may have been a space ship from another planet.

R. Dewitt Miller, author of the book "Forgotten Mysteries," expressed doubt that the flying "thing" was an Army project.

"It doesn't seem reasonable that the Army would allow top-drawer secret weapons to wander over the country fouling up commercial airline routes," said Miller.

"Our scientists inform us that we may soon build space rockets, so why wouldn't beings on some other world beat us to it?"

"The things in the sky may be from other dimensions of time and space. This seems fantastic, but science has recently discovered startling facts about the possibility of unknown dimensions."

INDEPENDENT, Richmond, CA - July 28, 1948

## Flying Disc Fad Fooling Folks Again

By INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE

New reports of flying discs and great ball of fire in the sky brought varying explanations today ranging from visitors from Mars, space ships, light from the planet Venus and just plain hallucinations.

The latest reports of the fiery visitors came largely from the deep South and the Pacific northwest and followed closely the widespread reports of last summer which set the nation agog with various descriptions of flying saucers.

At least 15 persons in the Atlanta area told of seeing a ball of fire with a short flaming tail which was variously described as red, green, blue and reddish white.

Two flyers in Alabama reported seeing rocket ships.

On the Pacific coast the flying objects were described as silvery and moving slowly westward during the daytime.

There were plenty of skeptics about the report, but they declined comment and took a wait and see attitude. Some ventured the guess of falling stars. Others, even more skeptical, called them hallucinations.

An attendant at the Naval Air Station in Atlanta said he saw what he thought was a meteor climb and bank away from the city.

But one authority who should know something about the subject is Moulton D. Taylor, an aeronautical engineer of Longview, Wash., who was in charge of the Navy's guided missile program during the last war. Questioned regarding the mysterious heavenly visitors, he declared without batting an eye: "It could be men from Mars."

And then with some though he added:

"You know, we could build such a 'planet ship' today—a craft that could escape the bounds of gravity and soar into free space among the planets. We could get there and back."

"You and I may be young enough to see the day when we will be united with Russia defending this planet against attacks from space."

What bothered Taylor most, however, was the lack of noise. None of those who reported seeing the fiery objects told of hearing any noise. Rockets, Taylor said, should sound like cannons.

Taylor admitted the reported flying objects do not answer the description of any secret weapon developed by the United States but they do behave like rocket ships.

Perhaps the best explanation of the silvery object seen on the Pacific coast was offered by Dr. J. Hugh Pruett of Eugene, Ore., regional director of the American Meteor Society.

Dr. Pruett suggested that the silvery object reported seen moving slowly westward during the day over Yakima, Wash., last Sunday may have been light from the planet Venus.

An inventor, too, was drawn into the discussion on the Pacific coast. He is Alvin Kost of Portland, Ore., who called the so-called rocket ships reported by two flyers in Alabama "a millionaire's jet-propelled space yacht."

But throughout Georgia, persons continued to crane their necks and look skyward early today, hoping to get a glimpse of the great balls of fire seen there.

The reports were confirmed in Augusta, Ga., by City Editor John Battle. After receiving his 12th telephone report from frightened citizens about the balls of fire, Battle looked out of the window and saw "it," and so did members of his staff whom he called to the window.

Varying reports as to the size and color of the ball of fire in Georgia came from Atlanta and nearby Chamblee. All seemed agreed it was moving from west to east.

DAILY GAZETTE, Berkeley, CA - Jan. 6, 1953

## 'Saucers' Outmoded: Texans Sight Flying Arrowhead!

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 6 (AP).—A bright, colorful object, "shaped like an arrowhead," was in sight over Dallas for two hours early today and officials who observed it said it "definitely was not a star or a plane."

Police Dispatcher Lewis Passons said he first began getting reports of the strange object about 2 a.m. (EST).

"People called in describing the thing as green, orange and red,"

Passons said. "They said it was arrow-shaped with a green nose and wings that gave off a white light and a whirling noise."

Passons said he didn't get "too concerned" until several squad cars reported seeing the object.

"Then we got in touch with the tower at Love Field (north of Dallas) and they said it was visible from there," Passons said. "Several boys climbed on top of city hall and said they could see it plainly."

W. B. Harris, Dallas Fire Department dispatcher, said he watched the object from the window of his office for about two hours.

### 'WISH I'D NEVER SEEN IT'

"I wish I'd never seen it," Harris said. "It's too fantastic, and now there'll be a lot of talk. I just wish I'd never seen it."

Harris said that the object changed colors while he was watching it, "from an orange to a bright red."

"I know this much," Harris said. "It wasn't a plane or a star."

Wyle Moore, controller on duty at the Love Field tower, said that when he first spotted the object he estimated its height at 30,000 feet.

"I marked a spot on the glass here so I could keep up with it," he said, "and within 30 minutes

I'd estimate it had gone up to 80,000 feet. In another hour it had gotten up to 100,000 feet and then, of course, you could barely see it."

Moore said that a number of pilots gathered in the control tower to watch the object. They pooled their guesses, he said, and the consensus was that the object was traveling 2000 miles an hour.

### EXPERT OBSERVER

Moore said that he had worked in the control tower for 14 years and that he had been a pilot for 27 years.

"I should know a plane or a star by now," Moore said, "and this wasn't either."

Passons said reports of the object came from as far away as Paris, Tex., about 100 miles north-east of Dallas.

He said he understood a jet plane had been sent up from Hensley Naval Air Station to chase the object.

However, the control tower at Hensley said that no aircraft had left the station since yesterday afternoon and that no pilots had reported sighting any strange objects.

Officers at Carswell Air Force Base at Fort Worth said that no plane had been sent out from there to trail the object.

POST-ENQUIRER, Oakland, CA - May 7, 1949

## Oaklander 'Sees' Discs

### 'Twas No Figment, He Says

Benjamin F. Smith, 66, 31 Randwick street, today was revising his previous opinions concerning persons who joined the rush of witnesses during last year's epidemic of flying saucers reports.

Smith said he saw "some kind of a flying-saucer-like phenomena streaking across the evening sky as he stood in the back yard of his home."

"I scotched those flying saucer reports as figments of the imagination when they became so numerous last year. But now, I'm not so sure," he said today.

### SIX OBJECTS

"I distinctly saw six strange flying objects following each other, speeding three abreast in perfect formation."

"They were going from south

to north and passed within a thousand feet over my house."

He said the objects appeared very much like the flying saucers described by other people, except these were square and came in two formations, separated by half the length of an airplane.

"At first I thought they might have been windows of an airplane. But they were going faster than an airplane and I did not hear the noise of any engines."

He rushed into the house to bring some friends out to share the sight but the objects had passed by the time he returned, Smith said.

Air Force headquarters at Hamilton Field said they had received no reports of anything but normal plane traffic in the air at the time.

## Saucer Pilot Talked to Us, Women Say

OSLO, Aug. 25 (AP).—Two Norwegian women claim they not only had a close look at a flying saucer, they talked to its "dark-skinned, long-haired" pilot. Skeptical police have launched an investigation.

The two women, Mrs. Aasta Solvang and her sister Edit Jacobsen, said the saucerman popped out at them from behind some bushes last Friday near Mofjell, in northern Norway.

Their story was published by the local paper Nordlands Folkeblad.

This was the sisters' account: "We were picking berries when suddenly a dark man with long hair—but otherwise looking very much like an ordinary human being—came out from behind some bushes."

"We were frightened at first, but the man appeared very friendly, and stepped toward us."

One of them addressed him in English, French, German and Norwegian. "He didn't seem to understand a word."

The stranger then attempted to communicate by drawing "circles and what looked like pictures of heavenly bodies" on a piece of paper. The stranger finally led them to his craft, which looked like "two deep saucers sandwiched together," about 15 feet across.

The mystery man opened a hatch and crawled into the disc. Moments later the craft "rose from the ground and began rotating, first slowly, then increasingly faster." Then, suddenly, it disappeared at an "incredible speed."

DAILY GAZETTE, Berkeley, CA - Aug. 25, 1954



# UFO CLAIM

GOODNESS. Gracious, Great Balls of Fire — that was the first thought of Mr David Hodges in the early hours of Monday morning, when he claims he saw a red and white flaming UFO over his home in Calcot.

Mr Hodges and his wife, Pam, were looking at the view outside their bedroom window at 12.15 am on Monday when the red floating ball came over their roof, turning white and dazzling them with its rays before disappearing in the direction of the recreation ground near Royal Avenue.

Said Mr Hodges: "I have never seen anything like it in my life. I have seen shooting stars before, but nothing like that. I was afraid it was going to hit the roof of the next house, it was so low."

In fact, Mr Hodges immediately phoned the police who came out to the scene but could find nothing.

Since then, he has contacted the weather station and various other organisations trying to identify the UFO, but has had no success. He said: "It was an extremely frightening experience. I never want to see such a thing again."

A police spokesman said it was assumed the UFO was a shooting star.

# Men puzzle over UFO

HUNGERFORD ambulance men Roger Dicks and Graham Brunsden feared they had a major disaster on their hands when they recently spotted a trail of fire in the night sky.

"It looked just like an airliner with its fuel tanks exploding," said Mr Dicks. So they rang Newbury police and check calls went out, but nothing was reported.

Now the mystery sighting has left both men scratching their heads and wondering what on earth the unidentified flying object could have been.

They saw it while chatting outside Hungerford ambulance station during a quiet spell on night duty last week.

"We thought it was a plane breaking up in mid-air. It was visible for about two or three seconds and seemed to be quite close, although it's difficult to judge distances at night," said Mr Dicks.

"We got the impression of smoke being emitted. It was going low before dipping down towards the ground. Then it completely disappeared as if someone had switched off a light," he said.

"Anyone driving on the M4 or A4 near Hungerford would have seen it as clearly as we did. It sounds mad but we were very shaken up by the whole experience."

"I don't think it was a meteorite because it was travelling horizontally and seemed to be going slowly. It appeared to be man-made to us, but precisely what it was we still don't know," Mr Dicks said.



# FOREIGN NEWS

ASAHI EVENING NEWS, Tokyo, Japan - Sept. 12, 1981 CR: Y. Matsumura

## UFO sightings in China

PEKING (Reuter) — Reports of an unidentified flying object (UFO) looking like a bright, spinning spiral have come from many parts of China, a country which takes such phenomena seriously, the New China News Agency said Friday.

The object, which one peasant said resembled a dragon coiling in the sky, was seen between 10:30 and 11:30 p.m. on July 24 in places as far apart as Peking in the north-east to Xinjiang province in the far west, the agency said.

Three thousand people watching an open-air film in Sichuan province saw the UFO, describing it as like a ball shining with greenish radiance four or five times brighter than other stars, it added.

The news agency said it had received the reports after it had issued a story on Aug. 5 saying that a UFO looking like a ping pong ball had been seen in Tibet.

While most reports agreed on the time when the UFO was seen, they differed on the direction it took, one saying it moved from northwest to southwest, another saying it went from east to west.

The object was evidently high in the sky because some reports noted that at times it was obscured by clouds.

But even then "the object was so bright that its light radiated from behind the clouds," a peasant was quoted as saying.

The news agency offered no

explanation for what the object could be, but said that it was seen in 13 provinces as well as in Peking.

NORTH CENTRAL NEWS, St. Arnaud, Victoria, Australia - August 11, 1981

## Mysterious Lights In Sky

Reported sightings of mysterious flashing lights in the sky have been in the news lately, and three local residents can now add their observations to the growing tally.

Leila Meade was travelling along the St. Arnaud North Road towards town last Thursday at 11.45 p.m. when she saw a huge orange ball on the horizon in the direction of Marmoo. She just kept on driving and when she looked again, it had gone.

The night before, Maureen Tillig and Marea Breisch were driving towards Gooroc at 7.00 p.m. when they saw a flashing red light to their left. They thought at first it might be a plane, but it seemed too low in the sky for safe flying.

The flashing light initially appeared to be stationary, but it then began to move, changing colour from red to a slightly bluish white. It came around from the west and moved south towards them for several minutes. The light hovered and moved in stops and starts before suddenly and very quickly moving off to the north.

Mrs. Breisch said they were both frightened by the light moving ominously towards them, and that she decided to just concentrate on her driving and hope it would go away.

CR: P. Norman

GAZETTE, Texarkana, AR - August 22, 1981

## Fireball hits Russian freight train

MOSCOW (UPI) — A rose-colored fireball flew into the engine compartment of a moving freight train in eastern Siberia and exploded, the newspaper Trud reported Friday.

The recent incident was the latest in a series of atmospheric phenomena reported in the region around Krasnoyarsk. Trud said the fireball, apparently a form of lightning, slammed into a searchlight on the train and melted glass and steel upon impact.

The engineer was knocked unconscious by the explosion, but the assistant standing near him was unhurt.

CR: B. Leet

## Space Age Draculas

A researcher in Brazil says that Indians living along the Amazon river are being attacked by UFO's which swoop down and suck blood out through laser beams. Antonio Jorge Thor reports that he interviewed a doctor who had treated a woman who claims to have seen a spaceship hovering in her yard. She then lost consciousness, but the doctor says he found strange markings on her breasts and a significant loss of blood. This, according to Thor, proves that not all extraterrestrials are friendly. Who ever said they were?

THE SIGNAL, Newhall, CA - July 8, 1981 CR: P. Guttilla

## Mystery Church Hill UFO's return

MYSTERIOUS UFO's have returned to plague householders in Church Hill. A spate of sightings in Church Hill was reported in the Indicator towards the end of last year.

And now UFO's have returned with a report from a housewife in Arley Close.

Mrs Betty Lloyd, aged 42, said she saw a cigar-shaped object about three feet long hovering over the houses in nearby Acton Close late at night.

"I went to close the curtains and I just saw it lit up in the air," said Mrs Lloyd.

"I wasn't frightened at all, I was just fascinated," she said.

She and husband John watched the object for 20 minutes until it came towards the house and disappeared into the night.

But her neighbours who were awake next door failed to look outside the house and so missed the strange sight.

"They said I should have gone round and told them about it," said Mrs Lloyd.

Redditch police said they received no reports of UFO sightings in the area.

REDDITCH INDICATOR, Worcestershire, England - July 10, 1981

## RCMP taking reported UFO sighting seriously

SMOKY LAKE, Alta. (CP) — RCMP officials are not laughing at a recent report of an unidentified flying object in the Smoky Lake area, 80 kilometres northeast of Edmonton.

A confidential report, with pictures and ashes from a possible UFO crater, has been sent to RCMP headquarters in Ottawa.

The excitement began Aug. 22 when Pat Wilson and her husband Jim saw a strange fire burning in a field on their acreage.

"It wasn't like a normal fire," Mrs. Wilson said in an interview. "There was no crackling sound, no smell and it was a bright orange color."

They went to the site and found no fire, "just mounds of cold ashes and a weird sulphur smell."

The Wilsons are convinced the fire

was a UFO taking off from their field.

"What we saw was definitely not normal," Mrs. Wilson said.

RCMP officials questioned the Wilsons and investigated the site carefully before filling their report.

"The ground was burned to a depth of six or seven inches," said an RCMP officer who wants to remain anonymous.

"The ash was grey black with a crater-like surface. It was soft. If you stepped on it you would sink up to your ankles."

"The area was cigar-shaped, about 30 feet across. If you let your imagination get away you could almost see jet propulsion marks."

Samples of the ashes have been sent to Ottawa and to a University of Alberta professor for analysis.

UFO! or Bird? -- This photos was taken by Masatoshi Egusa(49), a public servant of Hiroshima Prefectural Office at about 12:45 on July 29, 1981. He is an amateur cameraman and this time also he took ten shots of Cloud from his office, but the photographer did not see the object until the pictures had been developed. It looked like a Flying Saucer, and or bird.

CORRECTIONS: UFONS, #127 (February 1980), page 14; article entitled "UFO investigators in area" is from the Warracknabeal HERALD -- UFONS, #142 (May 1981), page 15; correct "Date of incident" for article entitled "ACCOUNT OF A STRANGE PRESENCE IN MANZANO AMARGO" should be February 15, 1981. Credit to Richard Heiden for these corrections.

## TRANSLATIONS

CREDIT: Luis Gonzalez (Translator: R. Heiden)

Location of incident: Critina Island,\*province of Huelva (Spain)  
Date of incident: Feb. 8, 1981  
Name of paper and date of clip: Pueblo, April 1, 1981  
City and country of paper: Madrid, Spain

### A LUMINOUS BALL CAME OUT OF THE WATER

Two boys studying in Bup observed an object that emerged from the water on the night of Sunday, February 8. According to their statements they suddenly saw how a light was coming up from the depths of the sea about 300 or 400 meters (1000-1300 feet) from the beach. (In the area of Critina Island,\*province of Huelva.) "This light was getting brighter and brighter, which made us think of a submarine, but suddenly it came out of the water and stayed still at a height of about 500 meters (1600 feet), disappearing without a trace soon after."

(Translator's note: this seems to be a summary of the actual article. It lacked quotes, which were added above in the most likely places, based on the use of the first person at one point.)

\*Probably an error for the coastal town of Isla Cristina [sic]--trans.

CREDIT: Jose Alberto Santos Victor

- 1) City and country of incident: Asselceira, Portugal
- 2) Date of incident: December 21, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: SETE, April 29, 1981
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Lisbon, Portugal

### A CIGAR-SHAPED OBJECT OVER TOMAR

We acknowledge to the OVNI-GRUPO-7 from Lisbon for having sent this report of a sighting in the environments of Tomar, to be precise in Asselceira on Dec. 21, 1980.

"The phenomenon was observed by two witnesses, Artur Cerqueira de Almeida, 45 years old, and Joao Carlos de Almeida, 15 years old, namely father and son.

On Dec. 21, 1980, the witnesses were travelling in a car using EN (highway) from Tomar to Lisbon. They were returning after spending the weekend in

Ferreira do Zesere. There were no clouds or wind. They passed near Tomar and at 7:30 p.m. near asselceira, they saw a strange phenomenon; a big cigar-shaped object with a strong light. It was blue coloured and white from behind. The object seemed to be falling down at an angle of 45 degrees. Then it appeared between them and the object, a little hillock, and they stopped seeing it. The driver was a little frightened, waiting for the crash that never happened. The OVNI-GRUPO-7 contacted the Air Force base of Montijo and was informed that nothing had been spotted by them. All the natural explanations can be refuted, due to the characteristics of the phenomenon."

CREDIT: Joe Brill

- 1) City and country of incident: China
- 2) Date of incident: July 24, 1981
- 3) Name of source and date: UPI dispatch, September 11, 1981
- 4) City and country of source: Peking, China

### UFO OVER CHINA

Peking (UPI) - The official Chinese news agency said today an unidentified flying object spotted over Tibet July 24th also was seen in Peking and at least 12 other provinces. The Xinhua news agency, in its third report on the UFO, said the sightings took place "almost simultaneously."

The agency also suggested last week that the same UFO appeared over San Diego, California, the same night. UFOs are reported infrequently in the Chinese press, but the July 24th sighting appears to have generated greater interest than earlier ones.

Xinhua said the object, characterized as a "bright spinning spiral," was seen in Peking as well as Xinjiang, Inner Mongolia, Ningxia, Qinghai, Gansu, Shaanxi, Sichuan, Henan, Yunnan, Guizhou and Anhui provinces.

"Most reports said the object was sighted between 10:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. for periods of one to 10 minutes before it vanished," the news agency said.

In one account, peasants in Guizhou Province spotted an unusual "star" which, in about two minutes, sprouted a tail, encircling the center of the object in five spirals. The object then assumed the shape of a "dragon coiling up into the sky, the star being its head," the peasant was quoted as saying.

## China thinks U.S. saw UFO, too

PEKING (UPI) - Chinese officials believe that an unidentified flying object spotted over Tibet on July 24 may have been spotted a few hours later halfway around the world above San Diego, Calif.

"The identical observation of the UFO on the opposite sides of the earth on the same day may provide a clue for exploring the UFO puzzle," the official Chinese Xinhua news agency said in a dispatch from Washington.

The agency reported Aug. 5 that a bright object surrounded by a ring of blue-white light was spotted over Tibet some 11 days earlier.

Another characteristic of the object was that its light was of variable brightness, dimming and then brightening.

The Chinese agency quoted the UFO Education Center in Valley City, Calif., as reporting that an American technician witnessed a similar object the same night.

"It was round or slightly egg-shaped in the center, with well-defined Saturn-like rings," he was quoted as saying. "The ring closest to the craft was an intense blue-white, something like hot metal."

The Chinese said the two reports from the two locations were similar in terms of "shape, color of the light, the rings estimated diameter, sound and duration of observation."



## FORTEANA NEWS

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# Bigfoot report doubted

By JAMES A. HARRIS  
Staff Writer

Wayne King, director of the Michigan Bigfoot Information Center in Caro, said he has concluded that a human-shaped figure a Stockbridge man saw shortly before midnight on May 20 was not a Bigfoot.

"There are too many inconsistencies in the story that I can verify with the media," said King, who has tracked Bigfoot across the breadth of the state since 1977.

ON THE night in question, Kenneth LaClear, 34, of 2257 Catholic Church Road, said he was awakened between 11 and 11:30 p.m. by sounds outside his mobile home.

He said when he got up to investigate, he saw "this thing about seven or eight feet tall" with a vaguely human outline.

LaClear said as he prepared to leave his mobile home to investigate further, he saw the creature run away "like a hunch-back. It wasn't bent over. It wasn't low, but it wasn't running straight up."

HE SAID when he and a neighbor went outside to investigate further they noticed much agitation among nearby farm animals and a putrid odor.

Roberta Quinn, of 2255 Catholic Church Road, said she arrived shortly after the disturbance began and also smelled "the most awful stink I ever smelled in my life."

King said statements made to him in his investigation of the sighting were inconsistent with media reports.

King said among the inconsistencies in the recent sighting was LaClear's denial that he

had ever described a hunched-back creature running away.

LaClear's sighting of a big, human-shaped animal would not be inconsistent with other unexplained sightings in the area.

Over the past three years, there have been several similar sightings of a large, human-shaped animal in nearby Dansville, including one in which two motorists claim a man-like animal ran across their path as they drove down a rural highway in front of two on-coming motorists and another in Fowlerville in which a man claimed he shot at the legendary beast.

King, who has said he believes there are at least 300 of the creatures in Michigan, said he plans to one day shoot a specimen so that scientists may verify its existence.

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## Riddle of the Loch Ness monster 'babies'

SCIENTISTS hunting the Loch Ness monster have found what they think could be a shoal of BABY monsters.

They have filmed the family of "wee Nessies" swimming along 700 feet down.

The underwater investigators from the Loch Ness and Moray Project Trust are excited about their find.

But they are refusing to release details or show their video films until they have been examined by experts.

Mr. Tony Harmsworth, who supplied sonar equipment to the investigators, said yesterday: "We haven't a clue what these creatures are."

"But we cannot rule out the possibility that they are related to Nessie."

There have been 400 claimed sightings of the Loch Ness monster since the first in 1933.



# He Believes 'Bigfoot' Is Roaming Michigan

By Steve Grinczel

Paul Rigney hopes he'll never be sorry he ignored his father's advice about stalking the fabled Bigfoot — a giant beast few are willing to publicly admit exists.

While on a fishing trip about eight years ago with his father 300 miles north of Thunder Bay, Ontario, one of the elder Rigney's companions talked of seeing a Bigfoot in the Manistee National Forest.

Rigney expressed a wide-eyed desire to see one himself, but his father gave him a stern look and said: "That is something well left alone."

The warning only stirred Rigney's curiosity — piqued when he saw a documentary about Bigfoot prior to the fishing trip. His father died before he was able to learn the reason for issuing such a warning.

Since then, Rigney, who lives at 4311 Flak Ave. NW in Comstock Park, has become probably the Grand Rapids area's most dedicated hunter and researcher of Sasquatch, the Indian name for the hard-to-confirm beast, and one of its most ardent believers.

He is one of only three members of the Michigan Bigfoot Information Center — an organization bent on proving or disproving the existence of Bigfoot.

"My belief is that he (his father) saw some-

thing while in Ontario," says Rigney, who searches for the huge beast in spite of his father's warning.

"I guess the reason is that I'm not too sure why he said it.

"Either he didn't want me to get involved in something with questionable public opinion, or he thought there's something there that is dangerous," says Rigney, whose interest was sparked anew by a newspaper report last month from Stockbridge in southeastern corner of Ingham County.

A man there said a Bigfoot came on his property. He said he knew it was such a beast because it left a foul smell, sometimes associated with the animal, behind.

However, Ingham County sheriff's deputies could find no evidence of trampled foliage or footprints to back up the man's claim.

If the report turns out to be a hoax, it will rankle Rigney, who says true Bigfoot aficionados don't need adverse publicity.

Rigney especially likes to uncover perpetrators of false stories because it "costs me a lot of money" to set up a field project to check the sightings. The information center is a non-profit organization supported solely by its members.

Rigney became committed to studying Bigfoot in 1979 after reading a newspaper article about Milford resident Wayne King, who has been tracking Bigfoot in the eastern part of the state.

Rigney contacted King, director and founder of the information center, and said he was interested in working with him. For the past two years, Rigney read everything for and against Bigfoot he could get his hands on.

Federal and state wildlife authorities refuse to admit there is such an animal, which supposedly resembles an apeman, is seven to eight feet tall and weighs more than 300 pounds.

Yet "I'm convinced they exist," says Rigney, who has seen authenticated plaster casts of foot prints and fecal samples believed to be left behind by a Sasquatch.

He has also seen the famous movie film shot by Roger Patterson of a beast said to be a Bigfoot fleeing to the woods in Bluff Creek, Calif.

Some researchers say the film is phony, while others contend the animal could not have been faked.

Rigney believes Michigan is a prime area for Sasquatch because of its abundant forests. Mecosta County has periodic sightings, and Rigney has twice set up camps there equipped with fish bait and special high-powered lights. He has been on one other field project.

Though he believes Bigfoot may number in the hundreds in the state, he has never seen one.

Rigney said Bigfoot isn't frequently spotted because it moves about only in the early morning hours. True, no one has ever recovered a corpse or even a bone of a Bigfoot, but Rigney doesn't find that unusual.

"Ask someone how many times they've seen a deer skeleton in the woods or a bear skeleton," says Rigney, an avid hunter and fisherman. "I've never seen one."

There also is the stigma of reporting one and then being ridiculed, Rigney says.

"I believe most people would think they (Sasquatch) don't exist because they have a hard time accepting something science won't get involved with. If science won't endorse it, people classify it as a joke.

"But science is a business, and researchers won't get involved with something they think can't be solved."

He says the information center prefers to remain low-key and steer clear of persons who lack credibility. It also is very restrictive about taking on new members.

"Unfortunately, it appeals to a few that seem to be involved in the occult or science fiction," Rigney says.

The search for Bigfoot remains primarily passive. Rigney usually won't go Bigfoot hunting until a report that sounds promising comes in.

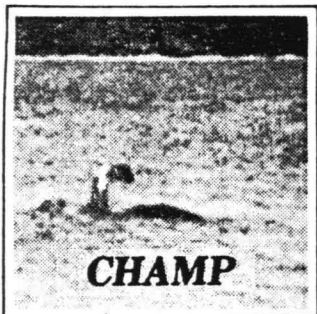
Then he'll head for the woods, with his elephant gun, and shoot to kill.

"We want to get one for scientific study," says Rigney, who is equipped with a .458 Magnum caliber rifle. "It's inevitable that we take an animal — if anyone."

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## French explorer first to report monster

### In search of ...



#### 4th in a series

By Ronald Kermani

Staff Writer

PORT HENRY — Small towns honor such notables as their war dead and the library's founding fathers. But seldom has a town honored a sea serpent.

Port Henry, wedged between the Adirondacks and Lake Champlain, has erected a plywood sign honoring those who, often at the risk of ridicule from their neighbors, say they have laid eyes on Champ — the elusive sea serpent which some say lurks and occasionally frolics in the cold lake near the village.

The names are there, but the sign painters forgot to include French explorer Samuel de Champlain, who reported in 1609 that here he saw "a creature that was serpentlike, about 20 feet long and as thick as a barrel, with a head that resembled that of a horse."

The sign, however, hasn't forgotten Pauline Weston (1926), and Renee and Robert Hughes (April 1981), and 34 other persons who said they saw the monster in the lake over the years.

Champ's supporters, mostly those involved in the local chamber of commerce, promise another cavalcade of names will be added to the wooden monument soon.

The lake and its alleged resident have united Esther Waldron and the Pratt family, John Wojewodzic and the Hughes clan. For an instant, or for as long as an hour, these witnesses gaped at something that most people thought died out eons ago, if ever existed at all.

A snake-like head and body has been seen repeatedly surfacing and submerging in the village's popular Bulwagga Bay, possibly feeding on an ample supply of fish that the creature, scientists have speculated, herds into the cool, deep lake on regular excursions to the sea.

Indeed, a photograph purported to be of Champ, taken in July 1977 by Connecticut resident Sandra Mansi was recently examined by optical scientists in Arizona, who determined that — whatever the photo was — it was not a fake.

After much haggling, Mansi sold the photo to the New York Times, and the Times-Union.

For almost four centuries, the curious have surveyed the 110-mile-long lake — with its dark, cold channels as deep as 400 feet, and its massive underwater crags cut into the earth by glaciers — hoping for a glimpse of the elusive Champ.

"I think these animals, including Loch Nessie and Champ, are primitive whales," said Dr. Roy P. Mackal, a University of Chicago biochemist specializing in cryptozoology, or the search for legendary or thought-to-be-extinct species.

"They have come in from the sea, go upstream into the rivers to feed," Mackal said.

In Port Henry, the plywood sign is a shrine for those skeptics convinced they have spotted the serpent.

"I was one of the worst critics of Champ in the world," said Jane Sullivan, who said she witnessed a "big, long, dark thing" frolicking in the bay about a half mile from her picture window on Good Friday of this year.

"I guess I didn't think anything on that order could be in the little village of Port Henry," she added.

After a few minutes of frantically looking at the creature through a small telescope, Sullivan said she collected her wits and called town employee Esther Waldron, who was in an office closer to the Bulwagga Bay shore.

Waldron said she also was treated to a serpent show — for about 25 minutes, she said, the creature romped above and below the choppy waves.

Waldron and Sullivan called others. At least four women in town claimed they watched something like they have never seen before on that misty Good Friday.

Then strangers started calling Sullivan: a radio announcer from California, local television talk show producers, newspaper reporters, photographers, and town residents who, typically, snorted derision.

"You been drinking that Champshine again?" asked members of Norma Manning's family only hours after she said she watched three undulating humps just off the Port Henry shore from her kitchen window June 13.

"I didn't know what it was," Manning said of the sight she had seen.

Not much has changed in the Manning or Sullivan households since the April and June sightings.

"It's just that company comes and looks out my kitchen window all the time," Manning said.

These Port Henry witnesses aren't off the wall, said Joseph Zarzynski, a Saratoga Springs teacher who has researched and searched for the Lake Champlain monster for seven years. Although Zarzynski said he hasn't seen the creature, he added "I'm a firm believer in what they say they have seen."

Zarzynski said he believes the Mansi photograph "is the best single piece of evidence we have" to substantiate the existence of an unusual creature in Lake Champlain.

"Most of the witnesses are very reputable people," he said, adding, "their information becomes an integral part of this giant jigsaw puzzle."

Actually, the sightings of this summer have not been too much different from those reported a century ago, except that the older accounts contain a little more hype and a little less attribution.

Back then, Champ was fueling an escalating newspaper war between small weekly papers along the lake shore. One paper would claim Champ as a resident of its subscription area, and then taunt the editor of a broadside down the shore to come up with a better account.

The results were amusing.

In August 1878, six persons left Westport on a small sail, and during their return to port, saw what they described as a "monster... with just back of the head, two large folds projecting above the water, and at some distance two more folds at what was

apparently the tail," the Plattsburgh Republican account reads.

"... while we have hitherto been skeptics, ... We now willingly put ourselves on record as firm believers in the being and existence of His Majesty The Great Snake or Monster of Lake Champlain."

Old Plattsburgh newspapers are peppered with spicy accounts of sightings from around the lake shore, occasional letters from witnesses, and a "scientific" explanation once in a while.

"Why not a whale?" asked the Plattsburgh Republican in December 1886. The myth of the sea serpent has become monotonous.

"He rolls and gambols among its old silurian sands and alongside its buried mountain ranges. But why not a whale? We know not precisely how far back into the glooms of ancient periods the deep waters and rocky recesses of our lake may not have extended as the happy fishing ground."

Another explanation, an expansion on Doppler's theory of waves, was offered in an August 1902 edition of the Plattsburgh Sentinel.

"... the motion of the wind and waves is in almost the contrary direction to the motion of the steamer's waves," wrote a boat passenger. "Their meeting produces a sea serpent; that is, a large convex wave about 20 feet long or more which follows along in the direction of the steamer, quite a distance behind."

"A short distance away, this phenomenon looks exactly like the sinuous movement of a great reptile moving along partly above the surface, and hundreds of people have been deceived."

Today, Peter Tromblee is one of the caretakers of the Bulwagga Bay beach and campsite where many sightings have occurred.

He said he saw something "smooth, with the head out of the water, and it swam like a snake," about 150 yards offshore last month.

"It gave me a funny feeling at first," Tromblee said about his sighting, "but I just stood there and looked at it."

"I didn't believe that monster crap at first," he offered, "but there's something big out there."

NEXT: The Business Community: "We're just a little village with a monster," says a local car dealer.

# Bigfoot only comes out on slow news days

There are days in this business, slow, dog-eared days, when half the news sources in the world just left on vacation and the other half are long gone.

So when the man from bigfoot called the other day, he managed to line up three cherries on the media slot machine.

"There is physical evidence for the first time that indicates sasquatch has some basis in reality," he said. There was nothing else in the hopper.

No fear-jerkers about little spinsters fighting utility companies. No scandal, scourge or scarecrow to expose.

Only Jon Beckjord, bigfoot expert, peddling the same old, furry myths.

Beckjord runs Project Bigfoot from Seattle. He pays an answering service to operate a 24-hour bigfoot hotline for insomniacs who need to tell somebody about beasts dancing before their eyes.

Jon Beckjord called to discuss his most recent evidence that 7 foot-tall, ape-like mammals are hiding in



**Chris Peck**

Spokesman-Review

the Northwest forests.

And Beckjord was a pro.

He didn't stop to detail the thousands of footprints, Instamatic pictures or tales from the campfires about sasquatch.

He headed for the one chink in the plaster of disbelief, the promise of physical evidence.

Beckjord's physical evidence of bigfoot's existence consists of 43 thick, bristle-like hairs gathered from four bigfoot sightings in Washington, Oregon, California and Maryland the past few years.

"They are four sets of unknown hair samples, collected under circumstances that indicate the possibility some new species of mammal might be involved," he said.

He was taking obscene advantage. He knew legends of bigfoot, like eyewitness reports of heaven, play to an ancient human desire for some good news about the unknown.

Beckjord willingly supplied it.

The bigfoot expert explained he had collected hair samples and then sent them to researchers in Wyoming and Maryland who were expert in hair analysis.

After waiting nearly three years for the results, Beckjord called to say the samples finally had been analyzed.

"We have enlargements of the hair — you can see them next to each other — compared to dog, gorilla and bear. And you can see that they are not the same," he said.

"We have something to answer the critics," he said.

## Bull Calf Found Mutilated

where livestock has been mutilated in Washington County. Within the past three weeks another mutilation was reported at the George Tyson farm in the Herman area.

Sheriff Bill Gutschow investigated the incident and said he could not find any bullet holes or evidence of an injury to the bull calf. Gutschow did say that the animal could have been tranquilized with a dart and an injury would not be evident. Gutschow and the Wilkins agreed that the bull was not the victim of another animal. The flesh was cut clean, not torn as if an animal had attacked.

The back legs of the calf where also spread apart until the leg bones were popped out of their sockets.

The Wilkins found the calf early Monday morning when they went down to their pasture near a small creek. They counted the calves and discovered one missing. They found the mutilated calf in deep grass near the creek. A

look around the area, of the tall grass, could not find any evidence of a vehicle being driven into the pasture.

Sheriff Gutschow said that he has called the State Crime Lab to see if they wanted to inspect the carcass further. At press time he had not received a reply from the Lab.

Bob Wilkins said that the dogs on his farm started making a fuss at about 4:00 a.m. on Monday morning. He thought that might have been the time when the mutilation took place. Wilkins said, "I can't believe people would do this sort of thing. It must be some type of ritual for one of those cults you read about."

Sheriff Gutschow is making a plea to area farmers to report any cars or things a little unusual in their areas.

Gutschow said that sometimes the most insignificant piece of evidence is all that is needed to answer a lot of questions and make an arrest.

Once again Washington County has been the target of a livestock mutilation. This time the mutilation was a calf found Monday morning on the Robert and Denny Wilkins farm located four miles east of Arlington. The three hundred pound calf was found by the Wilkins in their pasture about one fourth mile from the Wilkins farm place. The location was about one half mile north of Highway 30 and one fourth mile from the nearest rural road.

The calf was apparently cut with a sharp knife. The cut went from the rib cage down to the anus. The entrails were found in a neat pile about thirty feet away from the carcass. Missing from the entrails were the sex organs and the heart. Also missing was evidence of a lot of blood that would normally be present when an animal is killed. Value of the calf was estimated at \$250. This appears to be similar to the situation at other sites

COURTIER, Ottumwa, IA - July 28, 1981 CR: T. Adams

## Critters blamed for mutilations

Darold Smith. "It's only my opinion, and you don't have to agree with me — but when you just sit down and look at it logically, there's really no evidence to point to mutilations by people belonging to cults."

"If you did have cults operating in this day and age, surely by now some sort of evidence would surface that they were around," Smith said. The evidence, he added, could be as little as an anonymous phone call to a reporter.

Dr. John Andrews, professor of pathology at the veterinary diagnostic laboratory at Iowa State University.

CEDAR RAPIDS (AP) — The creatures who carried out recent cattle and sheep mutilations in eastern Iowa this spring and summer may have walked on four feet rather than two. Some may even have flown.

Humans may not be responsible for the mutilations at all, according to a Linn Sheriff's captain and a veterinary pathologist with Iowa State University. "These carcasses that have been showing up may have been mutilated by 'critters' (rodents, small animals) and crows," said Linn Sheriff's Capt.

agreed that scavenger animals may be responsible for some of the mutilations.

Some of the carcasses were brought to his laboratory, Andrews said.

"After an animal has been dead, scavenger animals will start nibbling away at the nose, ears, anus and genitals," Andrews said. "These parts are softer flesh. But the edges of the nibbled areas dry out. When the edge of the flesh dries, it looks sharp, and people look at it and assume that it was done with a knife."

"Most are jagged wounds," Andrews

continued. "It's not until the flesh is examined under a microscope that the teeth marks of the scavenging animals show up."

What tells the animals?

"Oh, several things can do it."

Andrews said. "Infectious diseases, viruses, pneumonia, lightning — there are all sorts of viruses that show up out in the fields. Poisonous plants can also be a factor, though it doesn't happen often. But if you check with farmers, you'll find there have been very few of them who have not lost animals due to disease at some time or another."

"For the first time (we have) something you can put your fingers on and touch. It's a piece of bigfoot, parts of the beast."

Beckjord's findings sounded plausible at first.

When they were printed on the glossy pages of Frontiers of Science magazine a few weeks ago, they looked nearly scientific.

The director of Project Bigfoot carefully noted that two separate scientists, working independently, concluded the hairs weren't gorilla, or human, or common black bear.

And, they said, the hairs probably came from some sort of primate.

"The interlocking circumstances, the mutuality and corroborative findings, the extremely high odds against such a combination occurring by chance alone, plus confirmation of these separate analyses, tends to indicate that there is finally physical evidence of an

unknown species of primate on this continent," Beckjord pronounced on the phone.

Oh, groan.

Jon Beckjord's claims of physical evidence are precisely why the bigfoot interviews have fallen to the bottom of the ink barrel.

Simply, he tried to weave an entire sasquatch from half a dozen hairs.

True, his hairs were sent to Tom Moore, a researcher for the Wyoming Department of Fish and Game. Moore concluded the hairs were unlike any of the more than 100 types of mammalian hairs he had analyzed.

"But you have to understand that there are over 1,000 hair-bearing animals in the world," Moore said a few nights ago from his ranch outside Laramie.

"I had no way of knowing whether the hair samples he sent me were authentic. I had no idea where those hairs came from. They could very easily have been trampled up or fabricated. All I know is that trying to prove bigfoot exists because it left some hair won't hold up."

In Maryland, Steven Rosen, who did the research on the hairs, begged not to be quoted at all.

"I took a look at the samples," was all he would say. "They could have been a primate, they could have been a bear."

"It didn't mean anything. Later I found out one of the people who submitted a sample got it from a ex-convict just out of prison. The source is suspect."

Yet Jon Beckjord maintained "physical evidence" at last has been found.

"I think maybe it's a creature that is operating on a different biology than we are," he went on. He suggested bigfoot is from another planet, and that explained why no one has found any bones or run over a cub on the highway.

That's why reporters stay away from the assignment about one more fuzzy picture of men hiding in the woods in gorilla suits.

Talk to the bigfoot expert today and tomorrow you get the sleuth who saw JFK in a wheelchair while on vacation in South America.



# Killing of cow appears to have religious cult overtones

SUN, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - July 26, 1981 CR: G. Duplantier

## Will Simcoe's beastie resurface?

By HEATHER BIRD  
Staff Writer

Igopogo, Kempenfelt Kelly, and Metro Maggie. Do these names ring a bell?

If they don't, they ought to.

These names, at one time, were enough to strike fear in the hearts of believers. They made old fishermen quail and children run home to their mothers.

They're the names for the Lake Simcoe sea monster who has hidden his face for almost a year now.

Although maybe not as grand or as famous as Nessie (the Loch Ness monster) this fellow has teased and tantalized us with occasional glimpses over the years.

The little charmer was first sighted years ago, when local Indian folklore said the monster dwelled in the bottom of the lake.

It was the early 1800s, Igopogo was 30-70 feet long and had as many as six sets of dorsal fins.

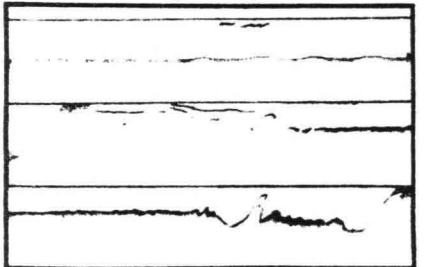
The next major rash of sightings happened in the early '60s when Indian fishing guide Wellington Charles caught a glimpse of old Iggy. He said the monster had a head like a boxer dog with two large horns.

Four years later, Iggy emerged from his murky home to scare the wits out of Neil Lathangue of Bradford and the Rev. William Williams of Mount Albert and their families.

They said Iggy was 50 feet long with dozens of black fins and he headed right for their cabin cruiser.

Bob Hollywood, with Barrie's chamber of commerce, says Igopogo could also be Kempenfelt Kelly, a name given to the monster in recent years.

Hollywood says the monster is quadra-sexual, meaning it changes sexes with the seasons because "it's more interesting that way."



THE squiggly line at the top of this sonar printout is reported to be Lake Simcoe's Kempenfelt Kelly.

There's also a theory there was illegal trading with Australia at one time for a duck-billed platypus which then bred with the lake trout, creating Kelly.

"When something like that happens, heaven knows what you can expect."

A few years ago, it's generally believed Kempenfelt Kelly wandered down the Trent water system and somehow made it into Lake Ontario, becoming Metro Maggie.

Maggie was sighted several times during the summer of '78, and even once in Grenadier Pond.

Hollywood insists Kempenfelt Kelly (a.k.a. Metro Maggie) has returned to frolic in the waters of Kempenfelt Bay.

"It's likely he/she has returned. If he/she did go down to Lake Ontario, the odds are the sojourn would only be a brief one for purely educational purposes," he said.

Two separate expeditions in the summer of 1978 failed to come up with even a scale to confirm the monster's presence in the lake.

And the creature hasn't been sighted since Barrie officials spoiled its lair by dumping over a million gallons of raw sewage from a malfunctioning treatment plant into the bay last summer.

It did make one guest appearance immediately after the incident in Cook's Bay, one stop down from Kempenfelt.

Jean-Claude Bergeron of Logan Ave. was fishing with his uncle, Gaston, early one morning when he spotted the monster.

"It was ugly and black, weighed 1,000 pounds and was longer than our 16-foot boat. We went back to shore because we were scared it would tip the boat over and eat us."

And that, it would appear, was the back end of Igopogo/Kempenfelt Kelly/Metro Maggie.

But the summer is young yet and the monster may return to its familiar haunts to rear its ugly head again.



BUT our lake monster probably looks more like this impression of her Scottish cousin, Nessie.

By Ray Horn

A bizarre satan worshiping cult may have killed a cow in Eagle Creek, the owner of the cow reported this week.

Jackie Ward of Rt. 1, Box 162, Eagle Creek said her cow was killed during the night of the last full moon in June.

Her 10 year old daughter found the cow two days later.

Deputies investigating the case reportedly told Mrs. Ward that the case seems similar to many reported throughout the country in recent years.

"They cut out her eyes, heart, milk bag, and vagina," Mrs. Ward said. The cow had not been shot first, she said. Deputies told Mrs. Ward that they either killed cows with a blow to the head or have used tranquilizer darts to subdue them. Mrs. Ward said her older milk cow "was so gentle that they may have walked right up to her."

Mrs. Ward said she believes she was awake when the cow was killed. "I had gone to bed early and was awake in bed when the dog started carrying on out in the pasture." Cows in neighboring pastures were also bellowing at the same time the dog was barking, Mrs. Ward said.

It may have been fortunate that Mrs. Ward didn't get up and walk into her pasture. "I wouldn't give you two cents for your life if you came upon those people during one of their rituals," one of the investigating deputies told Mrs. Ward. The deputy said cult killers usually clear a 75 foot circle and build a fire with in a half mile of their kill.

The persons who killed the cow apparently crossed neighboring pastures and then pushed over a section of Mrs. Ward's fence. All of her pasture is located directly behind her home on Highway 224 so neighboring properties had to be

crossed. The cow was found in a brushy area not visible from Mrs. Ward's home.

Mrs. Ward said she hasn't talked about the incident because deputies asked her not to. They said news of the killing might cause a panic. Mrs. Ward now believes the deputies' advice was ill advised because her neighbors have a right to know of the dangers a satanic cult could pose to them and their livestock.

It's possible that the investigating deputies may have failed to turn in a report to their commanding officers. If they had, all of the Portland area media would have been informed.

Sgt. Tim Grolbert of the Clackamas County Sheriffs Department attempted to find a report about the incident but couldn't Thursday.

The incident has been upsetting to Mrs. Ward. A week after the killing she felt frightened one evening and called the sheriffs department. "They were there within 10 minutes," she said.

One of the investigating deputies reportedly told Mrs. Ward that he's never heard of the cultists striking the same herd or livestock owner twice. While this may be true, Mrs. Ward is preparing herself for the worst. She has rifles and shotguns loaded in her home. During the night of the next full moon several friends will stay over night with her son just in case.

Incidents such as the one on the Ward property aren't new in the Estacada-Eagle Creek area. About three years ago several residents lost cows in the same manner. Cattle at the Diamond K Ranch, as well as several on Heiple Road, were among those killed. Law Enforcement officials are generally frustrated by these cases because there is little evidence to go on.

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## Legend of Knight Hollow: Beeps in the night

By George Hesselberg  
Of The State Journal

It's quiet now in the hills that close in around Knight Hollow Road in rural Arena, but for a while there, things got a little curious.

It wasn't haunted or anything like that, said Helen Knight, but still, "we never said anything to anybody, they would think we were a couple of loonies, you know?"

First, there were the sounds, a sort of intense beep-beep-beep, coming from across the field behind the house, from a hollow, late at night.

Mrs. Knight's husband, Burdett, mentioned it to some buddies in nearby Arena, and some came out to listen, and for a while it was a conversation topic at the Sandbar Tavern in Arena about 30 miles west of Madison.

So then the theories started.

"It sort of roused these young boys from town," she said. "They thought it was some sort of foreign object maybe, they thought they were going to find some space thing or something."

There were other theories. Some thought the noise was made by a large piece of earth-moving machinery working late at night in the thick woods, making a beeping noise that some equipment makes.

But no, there wasn't any machinery, and the beeping continued until some guys from Arena decided to check out Burdett's tall tale.

"We've had people up here listening for it," Mrs. Knight said. "But these boys, Ronnie Miller and his brother, came up from Arena and took their flashlight and went up on the hill."

"They said they scared something up, must have been a bird, and they figured it was a whippoorwill," she said.

"If it is, we've got one that whips, and doesn't will," she said with a hearty laugh, "it sure would be interesting to find out."

Jeff Bayliss, a zoologist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, also suspects that a bird is the key to the nocturnal noises on Knight Hollow Road.

"Yes, it could be a whippoorwill making a partial call," Bayliss said, explaining that even the "whip-poor-will" call is actually five notes instead of three.

Or it could be a type of bird that imitates sounds, he said, though the prospect of a bird camping out and learning the call of an earth-mover is unlikely.

Bayliss said a more probable answer is the nighthawk, also called a "goatsucker," or "nightjar." (The goat-sucker handle comes by way of the myth that the birds were thought to suck milk from goats.)

He described the nighthawk call as a "beepy-type buzz," which fits the description provided by Mrs. Knight.

Also, the nighthawk, though normally nesting in cities, is a relative of the whippoorwill, and makes its beeps at night.

But Burdett Knight said he had never heard anything like it, and he has been on his farm for 60 years.

"I've never heard a nighthawk," he said. "Could be, could be. Maybe the whippoorwill just picked up a buddy over the winter or something. I wasn't too alarmed, just curious, you know. No use getting excited about it."

# Port Henry peddles its 'monster'

5th in a series

By Ronald Kermani

Staff Writer

PORT HENRY — "We're just a little village with a monster," said Port Henry car dealer Thomas Wheelock.

Some cities have state capitols, others have military bases, theme parks, forts and Santa Claus villages.

Port Henry has a monster, or at the very least, a legend of a monster.

And so this has-been village on the shore of Lake Champlain enters its 112th year, not so much with dreams of money in the bank or ore in its mines, but with visions of a sea serpent in a lake.

Some local residents liken Champ, the nickname of the snake-like creature at least a hundred people say they've seen, to an offshore bonanza, a natural resource that, like other natural resources, should be promoted.

Champ, a handful of local businessmen feel, means business.

On the other shore of sentiment are businessmen who say the lake monster will turn into just that — a monster — and bring with it more problems and headaches than this village of 1,400 can bear.

"They can ride Champ the rest of their lives," said Bruce Brassard, a local clothing store employee. "But it's not going to help anything."

The ride has already started for Port Henry this summer — a bandwagon pulled by the fledgling Chamber of Commerce, an organization which once tried to promote the town as the "Ice Fishing Capital of the World."

Now the chamber hopes it can hitch its bandwagon to the as-yet-unproven pulling power of Champ.

It is a ride that could shake up an area whose business climate reflects an uneven pattern of stops and starts.

The town movie house is closed. The first radio station may be on the air sometime this fall.

There are no stoplights in Port Henry, so Route 9N leads out of town just as fast as it leads in.

Teenagers say: "I'm not working now."

"It's a nice place to live," said Brassard about his home town, "but I wouldn't want to work here."

The shoe store and drug store on the main street may close soon because the owners are getting old, and retirement — they say — is easier than turning the door key, waiting eight hours, and turning it again.

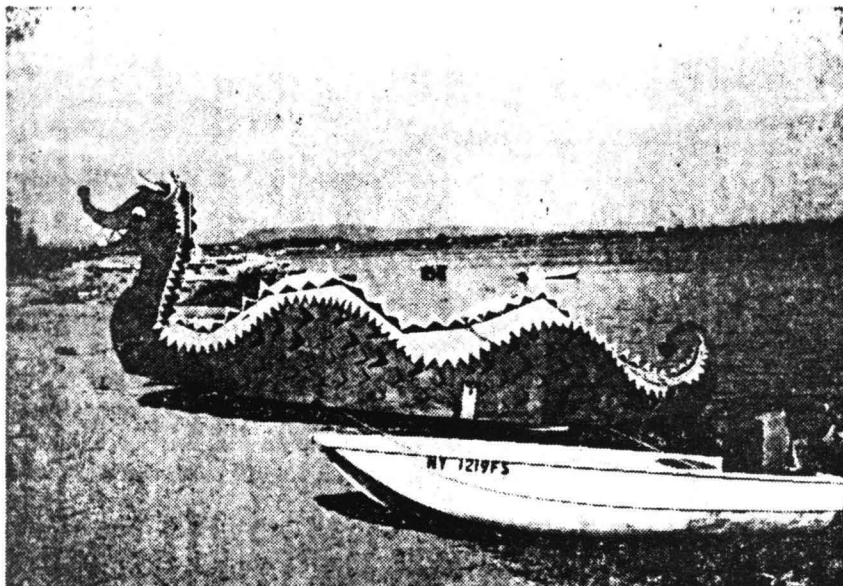
Champ broke the even water of this low-keyed marketplace with a splash, surfacing as a new commodity for Port Henry.

Eighty-five cents buys a paper plate, a napkin and a Champ Burger at Gene's hot dog stand.

George Daniels wants to sell Champ Bait to fishermen for \$1. When Champ sidles up to your boat and ignores the Green Mountain Grabber at the end of your eight-pound test line, throw him some Champ Bait, Daniels suggests.

The local chamber of commerce wants to put up a wooden sign of Champ on top of the bandstand the village is building, but it is going to have to wait.

The first cement block and rock bandstand built by volunteers and vocational education students



**MODEL MONSTER** — An 18-foot model of Champ sits beached on the shore of Lake Champlain. The model was used by the Port

collapsed, and was bulldozed away. The new one is almost finished.

Green and white Champ bumper stickers are 50 cents each, profits going to the chamber. Sea Serpent buttons cost a dollar.

A dime buys a cartoon Champ printed for the chamber on a post card. The description of Champ on the back contains two typographical errors, and you can't even mail the card. The Post Office says it's too small for a post card, and must be put into an envelope to be mailed.

A Champ T-shirt, another Chamber of Commerce enterprise, costs \$6.75. This is considered a lot of money for a T-shirt in anyone's resort.

Henry Chamber of Commerce during the 1980 summer to promote the community as the home of the so-called "sea monster."

erect "Monster Crossing" signs near Bulwagga Bay, similar to the deer crossing signs posted throughout the Adirondacks. The state's response: How about an imaginary sign for an imaginary monster?

The village erected its own sign.

"This whole thing was a promotion from the word go," said Ed Clonan, one of the founders of the chamber of commerce. "When we started the chamber, the town was dead. There was no spirit. Everyone had the attitude of utter defeat."

Through its efforts, the chamber united businessmen, and attempted to instill some pride in residents, Clonan said. And it started promoting Champ.

The chamber built a Champ float, which serves as the grand marshal of local parades and is towed around the bay in August during an annual regatta.

"When we started, we didn't give a hoot if he (Champ) was around, but the legend was there," Clonan added.

"We needed Champ more than he needed us."

Businessmen predict tourists will flock to Port Henry, spend some time in the town's handful of stores, look for Champ and return next year. Some foresee the building of motels and condominiums in a town that has none, and the development of tourist attractions.

"You set a camper up, then what do you do?" asked Brassard. "You go to the Grand Union and spend money. That's where 99 cents out of a dollar goes, and you spend the rest at a gas station to get out of here."

And, residents concede, once the tourists come to town, there is nothing for them to do after the fire siren blows at 9 p.m. except drink at the few local bars.

Warren Dobson, who happens to be running for village council, said he wants to change the sleepy town image. "This place could be such a tourist place, we have the best beaches on the lake," he declared.

Gordon Sherman stoked Port Henry's blast furnaces when he was a kid, and now 65 years later he's living a cooler life in Westport. A local historian, Sherman said his advice should help turn Port Henry into the wind.

"Port Henry will never be lost in history," Sherman, 79, wheezed as he recounted the iron ore heyday and the silent movies that once were made here.

"The future of that town," Sherman said, "is in its past."



**CHAMP FOR SALE** — T-shirts, bumper stickers, buttons and postcards promote Champ, the Lake Champlain monster. The items were created by the Port Henry Chamber of Commerce and a Port Henry businessman to advertise the area's claim to fame.

Staff Photo by Raymond B. Summers

After trying for about two years to stimulate and promote local business, the chamber ordered its Champ T-shirts from a Waco, Tex. firm.

"You have people doing these things (running the promotions) who do not know what they are doing," claimed Brassard, who said his store could have supplied the basic T-shirts for about \$1 each.

"They're trying, but in the wrong direction," he said of the chamber.

Bonnie Clonan, who drew the post card and ordered the T-shirts, said she priced the shirts at the local clothing store, but said the Texas firm quoted a lower price.

"They are so afraid someone in town is going to make a penny on it," said Judy Dobson, who with her husband, Warren, runs a photo studio in town.

"It's a comedy of errors here," Warren Dobson added.

The chamber and other Champ supporters wanted the state Department of Transportation to



# Sea serpent hunt prompts dreams of a carcass

By Ronald Kermani  
Staff Writer

PORT HENRY — He's confident there's nothing unusual in Lake Champlain.

But if anyone ever snags Champ — said to be the lake's resident sea serpent — state marine biologist Anthony Taormina said the foundations of biological science will start to rattle.

Scientists and researchers have been bickering for years about the existence of Champ, described by eyewitnesses —

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and more than 100 persons have claimed a sighting — as a snake-like creature that occasionally surfaces to splash on the water.

Whether it's a zeuglodon (an ancestor of primitive whales) or a pliosaurus (a short-necked, ancient marine reptile), no one knows. But there are many who point to the growing body of evidence and say they believe in the existence of an unusual lake creature.

Given a little more time and information, Champ may go the route of the giant panda bear and the coelacanth. The bear, thought to be a mythical creature, and the fish, considered extinct, were discovered this century. A giant panda was captured in 1938, and the coelacanth, a fish thought to be extinct some 60 million years ago, was netted several miles below the ocean surface off southern Africa.

"This is a classic case of having

something thought to be long extinct and all of a sudden, it pops up," said Joseph W. Zarzynski, the foremost Lake Champlain serpent researcher and hunter, from Wilton, Saratoga County.

"Let's have an open mind about this," Zarzynski asked. "Look at the 131 sightings on the lake, some of which are quite detailed and noting a head and neck. So you are not getting (a) huge sturgeon or barge."

Critics of Champ have dismissed the sightings variously as a flock of birds, schools of fish, an atmospheric distortion, floating logs, large sturgeon feeding, and optical illusions created by too many Molson's beers.

There is always the possibility the sightings are a hoax, Zarzynski conceded. But he pointed to the sightings by reliable, local people the last 100 years.

Dr. Roy P. Mackal, a University of Chicago biochemist who is also an expert in cryptozoology, the search for legendary creatures, has repeatedly said he believes Champ may be related to an ancient whale.

Champ, and the Loch Ness monster, Mackal said, are the same animals which swam inland from the sea in search for food — notably salmon.

Mackal said he thinks the creature in Lake Champlain may be a zeuglodon, thought to be extinct about 20 million years ago.

The zeuglodon is an oxygen-breathing, fish-eating mammal, about 30 to 40 feet long with small flipper-like appen-



**THE CHAMP** — A drawing of "Champ," the Lake Champlain sea monster, appears on a postcard from Port Henry, where more than 100 sightings of the

creature have been reported in nearby Bulwagga Bay. "Champ" is described as a snake-like creature that surfaces to splash on the water.

are confident Lake Champlain hosts an unusual creature, "what we drink to in the late evening is a carcass in our hands."

They may have to settle right now for the snapshot a Connecticut woman took

of what looks like a sea serpent poking its head from the choppy lake.

The photo was tested at the University of Arizona before it was released, and scientists said the photo was not

faked. They could not, however, identify the creature in the color snapshot.

Whatever it is, the creature has been called a lot of names. Thingumbob, Your Terrible Majesty, Belua Aquatica Champlainensis, His Grand Majesty the Snakeship, a muskrat, a whale.

And throughout the decades, the creature has compiled an impressive resume of frights. Clinton County Sheriff N.H. Mooney wrote of being nearly scared to death when a creature reared its head near his boat in 1883. Sailor Thomas Johnson was similarly impressed, the record shows, in 1897.

Marine biologist Taormina dismisses such older and more recent reports as bunk. "When you consider all of the years man has traveled Lake Champlain, I just can't believe that any such unusual creature living there was not discovered before this," said Taormina, director of the state Environmental Conservation Department's division of marine resources.

The eyes play tricks, he said. Like the times a deer hunter thinks he sees antlers in the brush ahead, fires a shot, and blows his hunting partner's head off.

Meanwhile, the hunt is on in Port Henry. Residents have loaded their cameras with 36 shots of color film, waiting to cash in on \$100,000 offers they said have been made for one good Champ shot. They wait on shore or prowl the lake in boats, looking for the creature which, with one exception, has eluded all viewfinders.

## Does Bigfoot Roam The Hudson Valley?

By JOE FERTILLO

ALBANY (UPI) — Hunters describe the beast as shaggy and tall — up to 10 feet tall. It's an animal, they say, that stands upright and moves in a lumbering trail.

The beast is "Bigfoot," and he's been spotted in the Hudson Valley.

According to Vestigia, a group of scientists based in New Jersey whose hobby is investigating such phenomena, there have been 94 Bigfoot sightings reported in the region over the past ten years.

Robert Jones, an IBM computer analyst whose Byram Township, N.J., home is Vestigia's headquarters, said Bigfoot sightings in New York seem to be concentrated in an area south of Kingston and north of Poughkeepsie. Other sightings stretch out from there to New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Bigfoot is one of those perhaps imaginary creatures, like the Loch Ness Monster and the Abominable Snowman. Whether he exists is the subject of continuing debate. The only people who are sure are those who say they've seen him.

The creature is believed by some to be a missing link in the evolution of humans from apes. The latest sighting was on May 23, Jones said, in northern New Jersey near the town of New

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According to Jones, a man in Oregon happened upon a set of Bigfoot prints in the snow one night. He followed the tracks far into the woods, where they went alongside a log, then disappeared.

The man was mystified. He searched the area for a hundred yards around, figuring the creature might have been able to jump away. No tracks. He gave up and was heading back for his jeep when he thought of backtracking. Was it possible that the big creature re-traced his steps to avoid detection?

The man ran into the woods and found that, yes, Bigfoot had back-tracked his steps on the log and for a few hundred yards. He then ran off into a dense section of the forest.

"Now that's extremely clever," Jones said.

Vestigia members have gone out in search of Bigfoot, and though they have yet to spot him, Jones said the group has collected hair samples, footprints and tape-recorded Bigfoot screams.

"But, it's still a dead end," he added. "For example, the hair, we've studied it and we know it's not artificially produced. And we know it's not the hair of any other known animal."

"But we can't make that leap and say 'It's Bigfoot.'"

Jones said Vestigia hopes to get funding for the Bigfoot search from government or private sources. But some government officials ask themselves whether public money thrown at Bigfoot might be a big waste.

Judy Ford, a conservation biologist at the state Department of Environmental Conservation in New Paltz, said she's never had anyone call with a Bigfoot sighting.

"If I were to look for it, I wouldn't go to such a heavily populated or farm-cultivated area" as the Hudson Valley, Ford added. "Yet, we do know animals of bulk, like bears, are able to sneak around some-how."

"It's entirely possible," she said, "for a fairly large animal to keep out of people's way."

Jones said Bigfoot's tactic are like those of a bear. "But with a little more skill. And more caring to avoid man ... maybe because of his closeness to that species."

"I don't know what I think about him, one way or the other," Jones advised. "But you listen to the people who have seen him. And you just know they're not lying."

## Several sightings

## Rome's Big Foot: fact, fake or fantasy?

ROME — Is there a Big Foot type creature in this rural area of Ashtabula County?

Two people who have devoted their lives to studying such phenomena think so.

One is Dennis Pilichis of Roaming Shores. For 18 years, Pilichis has recorded, documented and written about UFO's, Big Foot creatures and other perhaps unexplainable happenings.

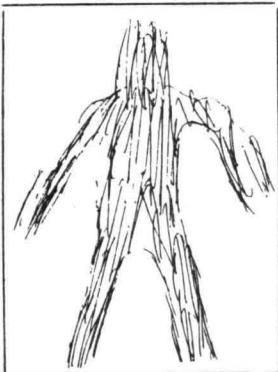
He first found about strange sightings now being described as "in the vicinity of Johnson Road" in an initial story two weeks ago in The Valley News. He sought out the family in question which still prefers its name not be printed.

"I told him I was sincerely interested in getting foot prints," Pilichis said. "I got some plaster of Paris and we got our first prints on July second. I didn't go out there until after I had seen the police reports."

The family first reported hearing "grunting screams" and later found four domestic ducks with their heads bitten off. Pilichis, who is affiliated with a nation-wide network, was intrigued.

As described in earlier stories, the creatures which have been seen bare no resemblance to bears. By comparison with trees and manmade structures which the creatures have stood next to, they are believed to be nine feet tall. Most often, a six-foot creature has been seen with one about nine feet tall.

Besides the strange sightings, an awful smell usually is noted



Sketch

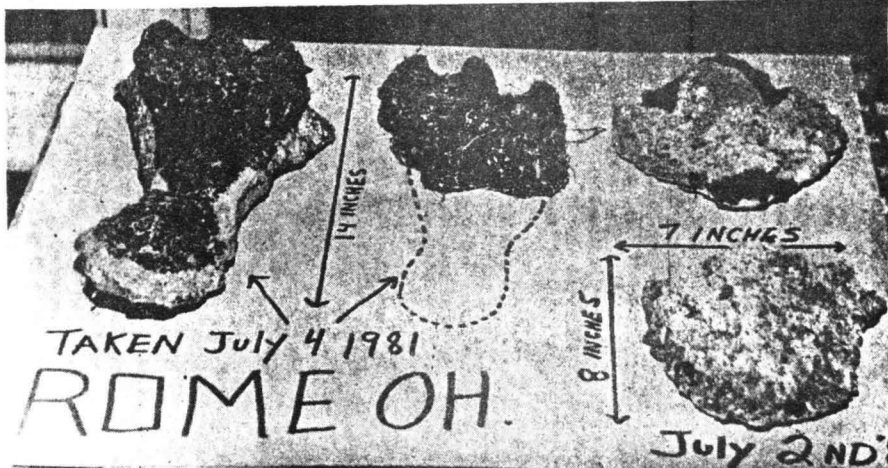
when the creature or creatures are seen. The creatures have now been sighted by several people from the initial family and other individuals.

The creatures are described as gorilla-like. Even those people who have seen the creatures at close-range seem to have trouble describing the things accurately.

Pilichis took plaster casts of foot prints found in the vicinity. He described the ground as quite hard, indicating that the creatures must be quite heavy to sink one and one-half to two inches into the earth.

Each of the creatures has "large red glowing eyes". A mystery even to Pilichis is that after clear sightings, often no tracks are left even though grass may be matted down and branches broken.

While these reports may sound



Feet

These plaster casts of a so-called creature seen repeatedly in recent weeks in Rome were taken by a student of Big Foot reports, Dennis Pilichis of Roaming Shores. The three-toed prints are similar to other prints taken in this part of the country in recent years.

bizarre at best to the uninformed, to Pilichis they are almost normal. For The Valley News he introduced books with reports from Pennsylvania and several surrounding states.

The large, three-toed tracks, glowing red eyes, the stench and other similarities make the Rome reports sound nearly identical.

"I want to make it clear that I have spent at least 60 research hours on these sightings," said Pilichis who has spent several nights in the area. "I firmly

believe these people have not made anything up. There is always a slight percentage factor of exaggeration but these people have seen something."

In similar cases, the sightings have continued for several months and then suddenly stopped.

A year ago in Lisbon, Ohio, similar reports of strange noises and breaking limbs were noted. As in the Rome case, even the most fearsome of dogs cowered in fright.

In June of the same year in

Russell's Point, Ohio, a six-foot tall creature which had a horrible smell scared a farmer and his dogs and left a 16-inch foot print.

Other Ohio sightings dating back to 1973 have been recorded in Minerva (1978 to present), East Liberty, Mecca, Mansfield and Oberlin.

It must be noted that in none of these cases were humans harmed or any great amount of damage done. Other than fright, these creatures seem to do no harm to humans.

## 'Champ' fans hold symposium

### Monster enthusiasts share experiences

By Ronald Kermani

Staff Writer

SHELBURNE, Vt. — This was the same place where photographer Mary Carty's dream came true.

It was here, on a narrow cleft of beach ground, hard and clean by Lake Champlain, where she said she nervously pressed her camera shutter at least 17 times last month at a 30-foot creature undulating just above the water's surface.

But Saturday, she was not surrounded by nearly hysterical or slack-jawed witnesses, but by a coterie of scientists and others who assembled to discuss what Carty and others have sworn they have seen — "Champ," the elusive Lake Champlain monster.

More than 200 scientists, witnesses, reporters and other curiosity seekers converged on a huge farm here just south of Burlington for the first time to share their information and accounts of the creature fondly nicknamed "Champ."

Eyewitnesses told the paying audience of their sightings of long-necked creatures with humps protruding from the water.

Nationally recognized scientists and writers listed hypotheses and compared notes culled over the years from the legendary Loch Ness monster in Scotland, said by some to be the lair of a creature resembling "Champ."

For years, residents and visitors to the 110-mile-long Lake Champlain had talked of seeing a 30- to 40-foot long-necked creature, resembling a snake romping in cool, deep currents just off shore. Skeptics have dismissed those sightings as adult nonsense or associat-

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ed the accounts with schools of large sturgeon or fish or debris.

The talk turned serious, however, on Saturday as a scientific show-and-tell began.

Connecticut resident Sandra Mansi brought her colored snapshot she said she took of a long-necked animal in the lake near St. Albans, Vt. in 1977.

After years of haggling, she sold that photograph to the New York Times for an undisclosed amount in June.

Although optical experts have said the photograph was authentic and not a composite or retouched, some scientists still are balking at the photograph because Mansi said she threw away the negative, as she usually does with all snapshots, and cannot remember exactly where the picture was taken.

But Carty, a 31-year-old Burlington native, remembers where she took her photograph and where her negatives are. Saturday she sat only hundreds of feet from the beach where she said she and a group of friends saw "Champ."

Carty also brought her copyrighted pictures she took last month but kept them hidden in a black portfolio she kept clutched tightly by her side during the daylong symposium.

The experts, she said, were going to analyze the pictures first before the world got its peek.

For the first time, various experts on the unexplained Lake Champlain phenomenon were in one place and were talking the same subject Saturday, said David Smith, one of the conference organizers.

Roy P. Mackal, a biology professor at the University of Chicago and co-founder of the Society of Cryptozoology, reiterated his belief that "Champ" may be a fish-eating mammal thought to be extinct about 20 million years ago.

The Zeuglodon is an oxygen-breathing mammal about 30 to 40 feet long with small slipper like appendages

Whatever the scientific classification, Plattsburgh State University mass communications professor Phillip Reines said there are four ways to approach a sighting of "Champ" and witnesses should "maintain a healthy skepticism."

"I do believe in the existence of these

unidentified wonderful animals," Reines said, adding "witnesses should consider that their sighting may either be a hoax, an honest misinterpretation of a natural phenomenon, an illusion or a serpent.

Reines also urged scientists to search for the location from which Mansi took her famous photograph so that additional geographic information such as water depth and current could be analyzed.

Since she snapped that photo, Mansi said she had been barraged by reporters and doubted by friends.

"If I took another picture of 'Champ,' I'd tear it up and I'd never tell a soul," she said. "I don't think I would go public with it again because I'm a very private person."

Mansi admits that, at first, she did not want to publish her picture, but as time went on, "I had to prove what I saw.

"It was living, breathing and magnificent. I'll believe it until the day that I go to my grave."

Photographer Carty said she hasn't had any memorable financial offers for her pictures but has become a celebrity of sorts in Burlington.

"I had this dream a couple months ago," Carty said. "I saw this monster in the lake near Burlington and the creature walked up on the beach," Carty recounted. On July 17, Carty said the monster revealed as many as six of its humps during a 15-minute swim just off the Shelburne Farms shore, and she snapped the pictures.

If you don't believe Carty or Mansi, consider a sighting off Port Henry on Friday.

Joan Pietro, a Port Henry area resident, who said she has a "big stake in Champ," said 17 persons witnessed "Champ" Friday.

"There were 17 Bible school kids who saw it," she reported to the symposium.

"And they were interdenominational," she stressed.

Those accounts should be added to the "hard-core of numerical evidence" — the more than 140 sightings recorded the last 300 years.

Mackal and other scientists urged Saturday that New York and Vermont

state governments and local communities adopt resolutions banning the capture or harm of the creature or creatures.

Village of Port Henry passed a resolution protecting "Champ" last year.

Despite that protection the debate about "Champ" will most likely continue for another year until a second conference is held, or "Champ" is harmlessly trapped or those incessant Lake Champlain waves deliver a "Champ's" body to shore.

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Record run: The Boston Globe, in a Sunday edition, said a woman looked through the window of her Saranac Lake business establishment, spotted Champ, the Lake Champlain monster, and ran all the way down to the lake to get a closer view. I consider this an amazing feat, since Lake Champlain, and specifically Port Henry, where Champ has been sighted, is a good 40-50 miles distant from Saranac Lake.

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# Terrorized by 'Big Foot,' say three Racine youths

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By John Yanny

"When the story comes out, everyone in Racine is going to think we're crazy," maintains Patty Brehm.

Patty, Kim and Dave Brehm say they saw a creature - tall, white and hairy - that looked like the legendary Big Foot monster, and it trapped them in a cabin south of Stevens Point for two days.

That's what happened, the three Racine youths claim, and they are sticking by their story whether people think they are crazy or not.

Patty, 19, and Kim, 15, are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Rolly Brehm, 3028 Valley Forge Drive. Their father is a local real estate agent. Dave, 15, is their cousin, the son of Marion Brehm, Racine.

The three had gone on Aug. 6 to a cabin owned by Dave's mother for what they thought was going to be a relaxing weekend vacation. It turned into what they said was a terrifying experience and a nightmare caused by a mysterious creature that would not let them alone.

An incredible sequence of events started that Thursday.

When Patty, Kim and Dave arrived at the A-frame cabin near Plainfield, they unpacked their belongings and that evening walked through woods to a nearby pond.

"We heard these deep growls in the woods and we couldn't figure out what they were made by," says Dave. "Whatever it

was, it yelled about 10 times in a row."

The trio passed it off as some kind of animal and returned to their cabin for the night.

Friday morning, Kim arose before the other two. She went outside the cabin and was sitting on a bench when she thought she saw something watching her from the woods that surround the cabin.

"I watched it for about ten minutes. At first I thought it was my imagination," she remembers. "Then I thought it might be an Indian because it stood there so still."

But when the creature started moving towards her, she ran crying into the cabin. "I told

David what I saw and he said I was crazy and to go back to sleep," Kim said.

She told herself it was her imagination and tried to dismiss it. But later that morning she saw the creature again - and this time close up.

"I had gone down the outside

stairs and when I got to the bottom I saw it standing next to the car," Kim said. She estimates "it" was only 20-30 feet away.

Kim describes the thing as "at least seven feet tall, with huge shoulders." She said it was covered from head to toe with thick, white hair which was "slick, not shaggy."

"The eyes were like deep black hollows in its head and you couldn't see any nose or mouth. I was the only one who saw its eyes," she recalls.

Kim, crying, ran up the stairs and into the cabin once again. "They thought I was nuts, crazy," Patty next went out onto the deck that surrounds the cabin. "I looked down and it was standing next to the car, looking up at me," Patty said.

She went back into the cabin and Dave came out, but the creature was gone.

Now that two of them had seen the thing, the three decided to call the police. A police officer came to the cabin questioned them, looked around, and saw nothing.

"The police thought we were a bunch of crazy kids, but I think the officer who came out believed us. We were scared," Kim said.

Friday night, after dark, the creature appeared again. "I seen it at the edge of the woods and I could see the upper half of its body," said Dave. "When I saw it, it kind of bent sideways, then it ducked down and shot out towards the house. I went in and locked the door."

That night Patty, Kim and Dave claim they heard noises outside and downstairs in the garage area.

"We heard crashes and doors slamming and we didn't sleep all night," Kim remembers. "We tried to convince ourselves we weren't crazy."

Finally, when daylight came, the three were calm enough to sleep. In the early afternoon, they woke up. Kim says she saw the creature again early Saturday afternoon while she was putting make-up on outside the cabin. Later that afternoon, Dave had gone for a walk when the girls claim they heard the creature outside the cabin.

"We heard clawing on the outside of the house and pounding, so we ran out while it was on the other side, jumped in the car and got Dave. When we got back, nothing was there," Kim said.

When the sun went down Saturday night, the three youth decided to lock the doors. "As soon as it turned dusk, we were locked in until Monday morning. It just terrorized us, like," Kim said.

Dave said the three could see the shadow of the animal walking back and forth in the light from the cabin.

It was at that time that he thought he saw a second creature approach.

"The second one came up the stairs. I yelled at it. You couldn't put what I said in the paper, but you can say I cussed at it. We were sick of it."

Dave says that when he yelled, he heard the creature break one of the garage door windows. "It could've gotten in. There was nothing stopping him," Dave said.

The youths did not have a camera in the cabin so they could take no pictures. In fact, "We didn't want to see it. We were scared," said Kim.

But the creature or creatures continued to stay around the cabin, looking in the windows, pacing back and forth in view of the cabin and making noises outside.

"We stayed up at night and fell asleep during the day," Kim said. "Sunday night was worst. It got very bold. It was patrolling us, like."

The Brehm cabin has living quarters upstairs with sliding glass doors that look out onto the deck. "It came right up onto the deck," Kim said, "and we could see it walking back and forth in front of the sliding windows. We sat there on the couch with axes and hatchets and kitchen utensils for weapons."

The Brehm youths stayed awake all Sunday night. When morning arrived, the creature left.

When Patty, Kim and Dave arrived home with their story, their family was unbelieving. Rolly Brehm recalls: "I questioned each of them over and over and their story was the same. I was skeptical at first but I saw fear in their eyes. Kim had to sleep with her mom the night they got back and from what I understand from Dave's mom, Dave has had nightmares about it."

Rolly, who had recently recovered from a heart attack, decided he would go up to the cabin to look around. He enlisted the help of a friend, Gordy Laren, owner of Gordy's Wheel Alignment, 1107 10th St.

The two men went up to the cabin Saturday, Aug. 15. They saw no creature but found evidence they say supports the story of the creature.

The men found two sets of human-like tracks in mud next to the pond near the cabin. They made a plaster cast of one of the prints. "The rest of the tracks were in the water," Laren said.

The casting shows a foot about 11 inches long with what appear to be six toes. The heel is relatively narrow.

"From the way the front of the foot dug in, I would say the animal walks with its weight forward and I would say it weighs about 165 pounds," Laren said.

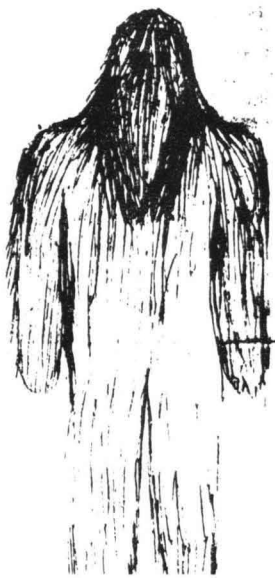
Laren and Brehm also found two hairs they think might be from the creature. They plan to have the hairs analyzed.

Brehm and Laren said they do not want the exact location of the cabin known.

"If people find out where it is you'll have guys from Milwaukee and Madison and Racine up there with their guns and their six packs shooting at anything that looks like it will turn white," Laren said.



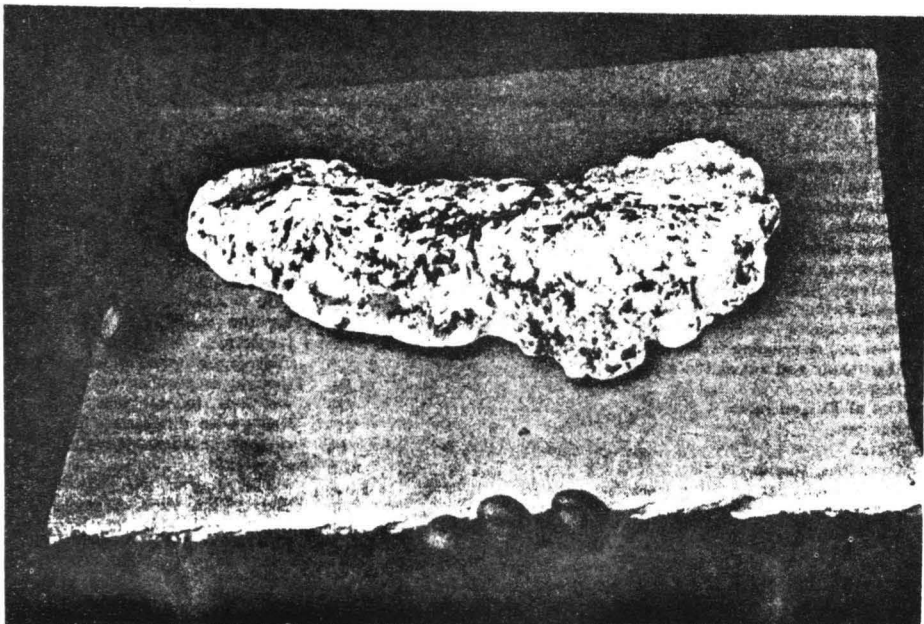
Patty Brehm



Patty Brehm, 19, drew this picture of the creature that she, her sister Kim and cousin Dave say they saw.



From left: Kim, Dave and Rolly Brehm.



Plaster casting of a footprint that may have been made by a 'Big foot.'

# Elusive Mutilators Again Strike Cattle

By MARY FREI  
Journal Staff Writer

TIERRA AMARILLA — Those elusive cattle mutilators seem to like the herd of Victor Salazar of Tierra Amarilla.

Every year about this time Salazar reports that they have visited his pasture off U.S. 64, leaving mutilated cattle near Tierra Amarilla Creek.

Last month Salazar discovered two mutilated cows, one on Aug. 20 and the second on Aug. 23 about 125 feet from the first.

In that same area, Salazar found a mutilated cow on July 27, 1980. And he found another in the same place in 1979, although he can't remember the date. "It was around this time of year," he said.

All four incidents have been declared "genuine" mutilations by State Police Officer Gabe Valdez of Dulce, who has been investigating the phenomenon for several years.

Valdez was on vacation when this year's mutilations occurred, but he says he had no doubt they were genuine mutilations after he inspected photographs taken by officer David Osuna of Chama.

What Valdez regards as a genuine mutilation involves surgically precise cuts, with the reproductive organs and the tongue removed and in some cases an ear and the tail missing.

On the first cow this year, the tongue and anal area were cut, but it was hard to tell what was missing, Osuna said. On the second cow, half of the udder was missing and the anal area was cut. Some small bones on a hoof were also cut.

The officer said these were the first mutilated cows he's seen.

On Aug. 22, the night that Salazar's second cow was mutilated, the livestock owned by Manuel Gomez of Dulce behaved in a very strange manner, Gomez reported.

"They were very spooked," he said. "Something went through here that night. I don't know what it was. They just got scared."

Gomez, who has lost seven cows and one horse to mutilations, thinks there is a connection between the two inci-

dents, even though his ranch is some 40 miles from Salazar's.

"We have a bull," Gomez recalls. "He just went through the gates."

The bull was found the next day, hiding in some bushes. "He wouldn't move. Our animals are not that tame. They're kind of wild."

His sheep also ran away, Gomez said. They were found the next day hiding in the hillsides.

Gomez has had his own problems with annual mutilations. About June 14, he found two of his animals, a cow and a horse, mutilated east of Dulce.

Gomez found his first mutilated cow in mid-June in 1976. Exactly two years later to the day there was another mutilation in the same general area, he said. "They had it in for me, I guess."

Like the other years, there were reports this June of bright lights in Dulce the night the mutilations occurred.

In the case of the horse, a mare, the head was skinned from the ear to the mouth. The brains, an eye, the tongue and reproductive organs were removed. On the head, Gomez noted, "the bone was white, white. Something really unusual."

Gomez said there were no tracks near the animals, but some kind of clamp had pulled up the grass in the area.

Salazar also said he saw no signs of coyotes or other predators around his dead cows. The only footprints were from the calves found standing next to their mothers' carcasses.

"I don't think they did the job right there," Salazar remarked.

Like Gomez, Salazar feels bad about the annual mutilations. With a herd of 34 cows, he said, "I don't have any to spare."

But the beleaguered rancher is no longer frightened by the mystery. "It gets to be a habit now," he said.

Last year former FBI agent Ken Rommel concluded after an investigation through the 1st District Attorney's Office that the mutilations were caused by predators. But Rommel's findings have been criticized by ranchers and others who contend Rommel didn't investigate genuine mutilations in the first place.

## New Cattle Mutilation Baffles Huerfano Sheriff

WALSENBURG — The Huerfano County sheriff's office is investigating a suspected cattle mutilation at a large dairy farm about four miles east of here, Sheriff Harold Martinez confirmed Thursday.

"This is the same as the mutilations we had before," Martinez said. "There's only one gate to the dairy ranch. But there were no tracks leading to the animal or around it."

The remains of a heifer were found with one eye, half its face, one test and the rectum removed, Martinez said.

There are no leads yet in the investigation of the mutilated animal

found at about 9:30 p.m. Sunday at the Corsentino Dairy Farm, Martinez said.

The cattle mutilations "have been going on throughout the whole country since 1963," Martinez said. "It's been two years since we had one. We've had about 15 since 1973. No one's ever been able to solve them."

Martinez said he hadn't reported the suspected mutilation to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. "They usually don't handle them."

Carl Whiteside, deputy director of the bureau, said Thursday the bureau would do laboratory work or participate in the investigation if the sheriff requested such assistance.

GAZETTE, Schenectady, NY - Sept. 7, 1981 CR: R. Girard

## Couple Hunt Dinosaurs in Africa

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two explorers set off Sunday in search of surviving dinosaurs in an expedition that will take them to the center of a 55,000-square-mile swamp in the jungles of the Congo where the mokele mbembe is reputed to live.

Herman Regusters, formerly a space scientist for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, and his wife, Kia, will be joined in Africa by a third member of their expedition, Judy Benjamin.

Stories of a very large animal that looks like a brontosaurus have persisted for more than 200 years among pygmies living

near the swamp. In 1776 a missionary reported seeing animal tracks that were 36 inches in diameter.

Several people have made expeditions into the area through the years but most have returned only with stories of the mokele mbembe.

One of those explorers says he saw and filmed the mokele mbembe last year, but observers say the animal that appears on the film is difficult to discern, although it appears to have a long dinosaur-like neck and is sticking its head up from the middle of a river.

Scientists say the last of the dinosaurs became extinct 60

million years ago.

A friend of Regusters, John Sack, said the couple left Sunday from Los Angeles International Airport with 640 pounds of luggage and scientific equipment, including a "starlight scope."

Sack said the scope uses light from the stars and intensifies it, enabling the user to see and photograph objects even in the dark. He said the Regusters intend only to photograph the animal and not to kill it or try to bring it back to this country.

The Regusters are financing the planned four-month expedition themselves.

PRESSMAN, Kingston, NY - Sept. 2, 1981 CR: J. Moseley

## George Montgomery

### In search of Bigfoot again



KERHONKSON — The pick-up truck and driver were right on time. This would be a new adventure. This mysterious man had made contact with me because he wanted to show me something. And I was game.

He wanted me to come alone, so I met him in the parking lot of Ray's Tavern in Rosendale. It would soon be twilight, but that would be perfect, said the old-timer as we rattled along Main Street on our way to Kerhonkson, a place the Indians called the land of wild geese.

When Ben first contacted me, he warned me not to bring anybody with me. I finally talked him into letting me bring a friend. She couldn't make it, so as he wished, the adventure would belong to only Ben and me. As Ben's pick-up truck rattled through the main street of Tumbleweed, he chattered all along about how much I would enjoy this trek.

I noticed a rifle hanging up on the back window.

Was this guy bringing me for a ride? I asked myself.

For a minute I wished I were sitting back at Ray's Tavern, tossing the ball over a cocktail, instead of bouncing my way possible eternity.

But as we drove through High Falls, Ben eased my nervousness. "Monty, we are going to get a look at this creature, both of us, but I didn't want no high-falutin picture-people scaring it away. I trust you."

I still wasn't sure what was in store for me but I included some Rondout Monster that might splash its tail around enough to make a flood in the V.I.P. Lounge up Kerhonkson-way among the possibilities.

I also got a kick out of being called Monty, for only New Jersey and older Greenwich Village folks called me that back in the early '60s.

Ben took over the conversation. "The place we're going to belongs to a relative of mine. I've been up here all spring and summer, doin' a bit of handy work. Rest of the time I look for the creature," said

Ben. "He's so big, and I hope I don't hafta kill him. He's kind of nice company and so shy, but so freaking big, bigger than a giant!"

It added up: Bigfoot was making his debut in the southwestern part of Ulster County. Here I was bouncing around in a pick-up truck with an old man I didn't know and was afraid of. I was excited but without a camera or a friend for a witness.

Before I knew it, we were driving into a bumpy driveway where two deer were interrupted as they nipped on some vegetation. I was daydreaming so much that I didn't pay any attention to where we were.

"We should be seeing him after we shut off this truck and sit for a while," said Ben.

We sat for a while. Not even a deer. Ben said he would go into his house for some beers. He brought out a six-pack and we sat and we sat until it was almost dark.

The a noise came from the brush. "That's the guy," said Ben as he burped.

"How many times have you seen it?" I asked Ben.

"Didn't count, but I'll bet ya it was 20 times. And he saw me too; looked right at me with that blue face and gorilla nose... My cousin in the hospital now in New Jersey, he don't talk no more. He saw the monster lots of times, even shot at it; thought it was a big bear. My cousin is a good shooter; was in the Army, but he couldn't kill that creature. I got to liking it; it's company for an old guy like me!"

I wanted to go into the brush, but Ben said it would be better to hold my seat in the balcony where we were. Ben started to snore as darkness set in. I jolted him slightly so his gun wouldn't go off into my head. I talked him into a ride back to Rosendale, and promised him I'd return someday to look again for Bigfoot. I gave Ben my number and talked him into a camera and a friend for the next trip — that is if Bigfoot doesn't move on to become the Monticello Monster.

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## Loch Ness pictures 'not likely to be' family of monsters

PICTURES of unidentified creatures at the bottom of Loch Ness are likely to be fish — and not a family of "monsters", it was declared yesterday.

The pictures were taken earlier this summer by Mr Jim Hogan of Caley Cruisers and an underwater photography expert, Mr Mike Carey, from Mr Hogan's specially-equipped charter boat New Atlantis.

Yesterday, English newspapers claimed the film might show a family of Nessies, but last night, the speculation was firmly quashed by Mr Tony Harnsworth of the Loch Ness Monster Exhibition, Drumna-dochit. He said that comments he had made had been misinterpreted.

"For the record, the creatures in question are quite likely to be a larval form of fish," he said. "They were first spotted by Jim and Mike, Adrian Shine, the naturalist in charge of the Loch Ness and Morar Project was aboard at the time. He became interested and no doubt will pursue the matter further."

Mr Harnsworth said it had been hoped to maintain a low key until the pictures were identified, but the reaction had done nothing to help the credibility of sincere researchers. "All the pictures prove at

present is how little we know about Loch Ness," he said.

Mr Shine, who has carried out investigations at Loch Morar and Loch Ness for many years, is currently based at Doros on the south bank of Loch Ness where he and his team are familiarising themselves with new sonar equipment which will be used to determine the most commonly-visited spots where cameras can be located.

Dr Robert Rines of the Academy of Applied Science, Concord, New Hampshire, USA has rebuilt his raft which suffered wear and tear from several years in Urquhart Bay. Cameras have been suspended from it on several occasions during the summer. Dr Rines has now returned to the US, but plans to return to Loch Ness later in the year.

Before he left, he told "The Press and Journal" that a dozen pictures had been taken of unidentified objects in the loch last season but that none of them had been of scientific significance. Mr Harnsworth said that another veteran monster hunter, Mr Tim Dinsdale, had been active on both Loch Ness and Loch Morar this summer. Despite the activity, however, the season had proved to be one of the poorest ever for Nessie sightings.