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Sky watchers see visions of fireballs over area

By Tom Drury
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DANBURY — Something weird traveled the darkening skies over western Connecticut last night — and, perhaps, dropped down for a visit.

Several persons called The News-Times and the Danbury Municipal Airport to tell of a "beautiful" flaming globe that streaked soundlessly below the clouds at around 8:15 p.m., apparently a burning meteorite taking an unerring path parallel to the earth and possibly dying over eastern Danbury.

"It almost looked like it was guided," said a former Air Force officer.

An 18-year-old Bethel woman described in detail a bizarre encounter with an oval craft that she said hovered in over trees near her and shone some sort of spotlight on a road in Chimney Heights at about 8:25 p.m.

When it moved close, she said, "I was so overwhelmed I wanted to throw rocks. I hid behind a tree. I started to cry." She declined to identify herself, except to say she graduated in May from Bethel High School and is attending college.

The incident, she said, took place not far from Bradlee's on Newtown Road.

Eldridge Brown, of Durant St., was the person who reported sighting the flaming object farthest east. He said it was headed toward Bradlee's.

Officials offered possible explanations — meteorite or burning space debris — for the fireball seen tearing a path from the Pawling area. Danbury Airport personnel also reported the sighting in East Fishkill, N.Y. of "a huge fireball that came out of the clouds."

Traffic controller Ray Ilich said, "I don't know if it was the same object or one of two."

An operator with the Center for UFO Study, a private monitoring organization in Evansville, Ill., said there were 18 reports of a comet over New England between 8 and 8:30 p.m., from New Jersey, Connecticut, Boston and New York.

But what the Bethel High graduate says she saw is a little harder to explain.

At first she thought the craft was an airplane, she said, because it had three lights. But as the lights turned toward her and the craft moved in over trees, "it came so close to me

that I got afraid and I hid... I was in front of a house and there was a tree next to me and it was above the tree."

The craft was "oval with squared-off sides," she said, like a bathtub or the top of a vaseline jar. She saw only "black, shadowy-like stuff" on the surface of the craft, which was flat on the bottom.

"They had a floodlighty type thing, like they were looking on the ground; a cone-type light, but not bright, soft, and I could see the edges of it," she said.

"I was really afraid it was going to come right on top of me," she said. "The light was shining. I thought somebody was going to come out." She considered running across an adjoining lawn and knocking on the doors, "but I felt I could've been seen."

After a time the woman said was probably several minutes but seemed longer, the light faded and a humming noise began, "not a rhythmic-type noise or a motor-type noise." The craft then appeared to turn and float off toward Danbury and the Bradlee's, staying parallel to a hill but not descending.

"They didn't seem to — 'they,' isn't that weird — it didn't seem to be there because I was there," the woman said. "It was one of those residential nights when everyone's living room light is on and the sprinklers are on."

"It was the most weird feeling I've ever had," she said. "I went running up the road crying. The feeling it felt like was fear; not that they were going to get me, but just that they were there." She said she wondered whether the craft was a secret spy plane being tested in the area. "Everyone laughed at me when I told them," she said. "It's so frustrating, because I'm not crazy."

From the number of the calls, there seemed little doubt something tore through the air at 8:15 p.m. Those who saw it were unsure of the altitude, but it was below the clouds. The level at which broken layer of clouds covered half the horizon was 25,000 feet, according to Ilich of the Danbury Airport.

Three persons who claimed they saw the fireball with friends and from different locations called The News-Times, and at least two callers talked to personnel at the airport.

Their reports indicate that the projectile streaked over King Street near Clapboard Ridge and possibly veered in the Lake Avenue area,

traveling parallel to White Street over the central city. Several callers asked not to be identified for fear of ridicule.

A woman in the West Terrace area said she viewed the object with six others. "It was shooting right along," she said, "gases or whatever burning behind... It was really beautiful. It was like a piece of something that's bright."

The assumption in the group was that it was a meteorite, she said, but "it just looked different than everything we'd ever seen."

She said that watching it fade into an area between downtown and Wooster Street, "We said, 'Oh, there, it died out over there.'"

A King Street resident and former Air Force officer said he watched the object cross the sky silently toward Danbury in about 10 seconds — "definitely faster" than a jet.

"I happened to notice coming from New Fairfield this bright orange ball of flames," he said, adding that his first thought was it might be leftover fireworks. "The more I looked at it I could see this thing was huge and totally engulfed in flames. It was just getting dark, and overcast. It was coming in a straight line, level with the ground. That I think made me more curious."

He said, "I was in the Air Force and I know what planes are and I'm familiar with things in the sky somewhat, but I'd never seen anything like this close up..."

"It almost looked like it was guided, you know what I mean, rather than moving erratically."

An air traffic controller at the Federal Aviation Administration's Control Center in Ronkonkoma, Long Island, said nothing unusual was seen on radar last night, although there was a report from a pilot of some falling space debris. He said he'd received two reports of UFOs yesterday. "You get used to it," he said.

Brown of Durant Street said he observed something burning and moving east through the sky, from the area of the railroad station toward Bradlee's. He said the object appeared to change direction. "It was weird," he said.

Ilich said there is not much airport personnel can do in response to UFO reports. "Unless it's on the ground and surrounded by police and responsible-type individuals, all we can do is just say 'mmm-hmmm,'" he said.

REPUBLICAN AND PLUM, Fairplay, CO
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Believe it or not — at approximately 9:30 p.m. last evening, August 17, I was awakened from a very sound sleep by my dog barking. Now you must realize this is very strange indeed because my dog does not bark. Most Siberian Huskies howl if they do anything. Anyway, Kiska was barking like the devil, so I got up to investigate.

With my dog by my side growling deep in her throat at some unseen object, I proceeded to check the area in and around the cabin to see what had excited her and Tippy's dogs also. I was standing under the trees when I looked towards Mt. Silverheels, then I saw what appeared to be a white shining sphere of light ascending into the heavens. This light went off to the left again. It was going very fast and disappeared within minutes from the time I first saw it.

What was it? I don't know. I must admit that I do believe in unidentified flying objects, outer space and things of that nature, but I really cannot explain what I saw. With the moon so bright, perhaps it was the moon or a shaft of light that played tricks on my imagination — I don't know, would you???

CENTRAL OREGONIAN, Prineville, OR
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Thursday eve UFOs?

Strange lights have many wondering

Probably nobody will ever know for sure, but several Prineville residents are convinced that the area was visited by unidentified flying objects (UFOs) last Thursday night.

The city police department received seven calls from residents who said they had sighted unusual lights to the northeast and the west. All calls reported that the objects were pulsating red, green and blue lights.

Officers Randy Sommers and John McMurran, their curiosities aroused, drove out McKay to get a better look at the strange lights.

"I don't know what it was," Officer McMurran said. "There were two bright stars that turned red, blue and green. They stayed there about four or five hours then kind of fizzled out."

"Another officer came over from the valley that day and said that he observed some balloonists on the way over. It's possible that's what everybody was seeing," he said. Another theory suggested that the objects were reflections from Northern Lights.

Teresa Close of 515 S. Main said that she and two friends sighted seven of the pulsating lights on Thursday night, and watched a smaller number on the following night. She added that the group also saw "white light that appeared to break off of the largest object of the group and streak across the sky."

What was that light in the sky?

By RICHARD ROSS
Bulletin Staff Writer

NORWICH — A intense, bright light, described by one person as "large as a house" was seen by at least three persons in widely separated parts of Eastern Connecticut.

The first reported sighting was in the Pomfret area, at about 8 p.m. The second sighting was in Lebanon, a few minutes later, and the third in East Haddam shortly afterward.

Two of the three sightings were reported to the state police, the third to the *Norwich Bulletin*.

The first sighting, in Pomfret, was reported to the State Police Barracks at Danielson, by a woman who refused to identify herself, but told troopers she saw a bright light in the sky.

The second sighting was reported by Henry Chepyha, a dairy farmer, who lives on Route 87 in Lebanon. Chepyha said

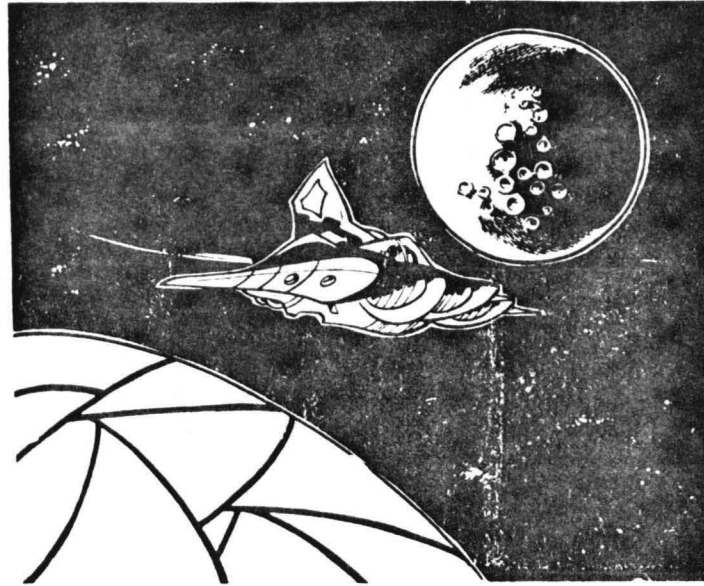
that he and his 19-year-old daughter, Bertice, saw an intensely bright ball, about the size of a house, moving across the sky towards the west shortly after 8 p.m. "It was yellow-blue-green, with intense fire behind it, and was moving slowly at about 1,000 feet," Chepyha said.

The third sighting, reported first to the East Hampton Police Department, was made by Larry DiNatale, of Middle Haddam. He described it as "looking like a gigantic sparkler, making a droning noise, and white in color." He estimated it was 1,500 feet above the ground, traveling parallel to the ground, and moving fairly slowly. DiNatale, who said he does not believe in UFO's, feels it was manned, but said it could have been a meteorite.

Sightings were also reported by people attending the Preston Fair, but neither the National Weather Service office at Bradley Field nor the Coast Guard Station in New London reported any sightings.

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Were they visitors from another world?



Some people think they were

By TED ALBASINI
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THE SIX HIGH SCHOOL students from Upham would remember what they saw that night in 1965 for the rest of their lives. They were juniors then, driving home from play practice on a dark, cool October night. As they drove west up a slight hill one half mile northwest of Upham the conversation in the car was light and cheery. Youthful frivolity permeated the air.

Suddenly they saw it and cold silence replaced joking and giggling. The driver stopped the car and all the lights went out. In the eerie blackness they made out the murky shape of something slowly settling

to earth about an eighth of a mile in front of them. Without a sound it set down in a summer fallow field across the road west of the cemetery.

AS THEY WATCHED in breathless silence the "vehicle" estimated to be about 14 feet in diameter, gave off a yellowish light before an antenna slowly emerged from the top, its tip glowing softly in the night. Window-like shadows ran along the length of the vehicle, they recalled later.

Unable to move, the six students watched with fear and anticipation as the object glowed, making no sound. What was it? they thought. What was it doing here?

they half expected someone—something to come out of the vehicle, but there was nothing, only silence.

After about 30 seconds it slowly began to rise straight up into the cool night sky, hovering briefly, then turning at a sharp right angle before it sped out of sight in a sideways direction.

THEY REPLACED A fuse that had caused the car lights to go out, then drove to the field where they found impressions in the soft summer fallow. Although they didn't see anything below the centerline while it was landed, they figured the impressions were made by some sort of tripod or landing apparatus.

Excitedly the students drove back to town where they told their stories to students, teachers, the police, and others who would listen. No one believed them. "Overactive imaginations, or worse, the kids were crazy," they said. But the students knew what they had seen—a flying saucer, better known as an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO).

THE STORY OF THE UFO sighting made big news in Upham. The teenagers were interviewed on the radio and by Air Force investigators. The Air Force people also searched the "landing" area, taking measurements and looking for other clues. Questionnaires were sent from Washington to be completed. The incident soon died down, however, possibly lost forever somewhere in the Washington bureaucracy.

What did the six youngsters see that night? Where did it come from? Why?

"ROCKY" WAS PLAYING on the car radio as the 19-year-old Coed from NDSU-Bottineau was driving home to the Turtle Mountain foothills. It was about midnight on October 24, 1975, about 2 miles north of Bottineau on highway 14. Suddenly she saw a lime-green object about a quarter of a mile ahead, about 5 or 6 hundred feet above the ground. The car stalled in the northbound lane of the highway when, in

her excitement, she slammed on the brakes. She left her car staring in disbelief at the object, which she later described as being "round with concentrated horizontal ridge looking as if you could pick it up and lift it by the handles." She estimated its width to be about 10 feet, with a "glow" extending an additional 4 feet around it. The glow reminded her of pictures she had seen of gases shooting out from the sun.

THE OBJECT STAYED ABOUT 10 minutes then rose slowly, moving eastward at incredible speed before making a right angle turn as it changed from vertical to horizontal flight. She watched in stunned amazement as it grew smaller flying eastward. Before it disappeared from sight it made another 90 degree turn to the north.

There was no noise or sound on that cool, starless, moonless October night, only the beating of the young woman's heart.

As she drove home thinking of what she had just seen, her mind raced with thoughts of UFO's, flying saucers, and such things. She never really believed in UFO's, but was certain that's what the thing was. Static crackled from the car radio as she fumbled with the dial. That's funny, it worked perfectly a short time before, she thought.

USUALLY WHEN SHE GOT home from work her two dogs would greet her; one would poke his head from his dog house, the other would bark. Not that night. One dog barked a welcome, but the other acted strangely.

He ran to meet her as she got out of the car, whining as though he "wanted to be comforted."

The girl's parents didn't believe her when she told them what she had seen.

Both cases were taken from actual case histories as told to Walt Knudson, a faculty member in the Science department at North Dakota State University in Bottineau. What did they see those October nights in 1965 and 1975? Could they have been spaceships from other worlds, other

galaxies? Perhaps we'll never know.

KNUDSON HAS HAD a keen interest in the phenomena of UFO's for many years. He believes it is possible that UFO's are spaceships from other worlds. In 1979 he interviewed a 19-year-old student who claims to have seen one near Garrison Dam in Riverdale when she was 9. The child's mother saw it too—a "ribbed-like saucer with flashing lights hovering over the airfield about 500 yards away." They described it as flashing red and pink lights.

Newspaper clippings provided by Knudson tell of sightings near Berthold, N.D., Stephen, Minn., and near the Minnesota, South Dakota border at Ortonville, Minn.



UFO sightings are nothing new. They have been so frequent, in fact, that the U.S. Air Force once had a special department that did nothing but investigate the sightings. They may still have it.

KNUDSON SAYS although there is no hard proof that alien spaceships occasionally visit earth, he has his own theories. One such hypothesis is that if the space travelers were from a universe where time runs backward from ours, perhaps they stop on earth to fuel up on time.

He explains further: "If, for example,

the space travelers were going from one place to another at a distance of many lightyears, by the time they reached their destination, entire lifetimes would have lapsed, and it would be virtually impossible to complete their journey."

BUT IF THERE WERE planets such as earth in between, where time ran in the opposite direction, said Knudson, "then all they would have to do is stop briefly at those planets and get back the time they had lost." They would be young again, and able to complete their journey, something like a fountain of youth. Far-fetched? Maybe.

Another Knudson theory is that the aliens stop at earth to take on water. Perhaps they convert the water, through advanced technology, to be used as fuel.

Stories abound where farmers and ranchers throughout the country have discovered carcasses of badly mutilated cattle in their fields with no apparent reasons for their mutilation. In most cases it was found that the reproductive organs of the animals had been cut away and carried off, and in some cases the ears of the animals.

SOME THEORISTS SAID the mutilation was the work of cultists or devil worshippers, a theory that has never been proven. Knudson says perhaps aliens from another universe are responsible.

It's possible, he says, the alien might have wanted to take the cattle back home and reproduce them for their own use. "But they would be just too large and cumbersome to transport in their craft," he said, "so couldn't they take the reproductive parts back with them, and through advanced techniques, fertilize the female ovaries once they were home, and create their own animals?"

What about the ears? Knudson wasn't sure why they would take the ears, except perhaps as some type of nutrient (possibly blood) for the reproductive organs to survive the long journey into space.

KNUDSON ADMITS that although these are just theories, nothing is impossible when you consider the vast capabilities of nature and the universe.

There have not been many reports of UFO sightings recently, according to Knudson, who says they come in cycles. You get a great rash of them all over the country, then for a long period of time, nothing. He says we should be hearing of more sightings before too long.

Who knows, perhaps there is an armada of weary space travelers approaching earth at this very moment, eagerly waiting to replenish "time" to be young again.

Lexington Has Close Encounter?

Is Lexington being "scouted" by visitors from outer space or do the lights spotted several times this week in the southwestern sky have a perfectly reasonable explanation? That is the question being asked by several Lexington area residents and members of local law enforcement.

The first report of anything "odd" appearing in the sky was turned in to the Lexington Police Department about 9:00 p.m. Tuesday night, but since that report and a subsequent report Wednesday, other people have come forward with sightings that occurred Monday night.

According to Officer Gene Brummet of the Lexington Police Department, the first report came from a resident in southwest Lexington who reported seeing two brilliant lights hovering in the sky. Upon further observation, one of the lights "went out," turning into a multi-colored object that proceeded slowly across the sky to the east. The other object remained in the sky over Lexington until the officers arrived.

"I thought he was crazy, but then I saw it too," Sgt. Hubert Pierce said. But his opportunity

to observe the phenomenon was limited because shortly after the officers arrived, it started moving across the sky toward the southwest.

The officers followed the light westward out of town, observing a "reddish-glow" from the object. The officers continued to track the object across the sky until they reached the Darr Bridge road. The object disappeared over the southwest horizon shortly after.

Contact with other law enforcement agencies in Gosper, Frontier and Lincoln counties failed to produce any other sightings Tuesday and reports from air controllers in Grand Island and Denver listed no aircraft in this area at that time.

Among others reporting a possible sighting was Lexington Twin Weeklies publisher Jim Kelly. Upon hearing the first report of the UFO sighting, Kelly reported seeing a bright star in the western sky a few minutes earlier in the night. However, after a brief look to confirm his suspicions, he returned only to say "It's not there anymore."

While Tuesday night's plea for a confirmation drew no re-

sponses, Wednesday night brought another sighting. About 8:30 p.m., a Gosper County Deputy Sheriff notified the Lexington Police Department with a short message, "It's back."

Brummet and Officer Steve Finke took an observation post on West Walnut at the city limits. "It's definitely something besides a star," Finke said. "At first it appeared to be getting closer and closer, but the longer we looked the smaller it got."

"It might be a satellite," he speculated. "I don't think it's an airplane, but it could be a helicopter."

Finke described the object as a white light with a shadow around it, and he said he planned to take binoculars with him on patrol Thursday night to get a closer look because the officers' curiosity is demanding an explanation.

"We want to find out what this thing is, at least for our own satisfaction," he said.

The officers again reported seeing the object Thursday night, but they were unable to get a close enough look to determine what it is.

UFO: 'I wouldn't believe it, but I saw it'

By WHITLEY WOFFORD
C-T Staff Writer

RICH VALLEY — Several residents in Rich Valley claim they have seen a UFO hovering over their community at least nine times recently.

Rich Valley, a community of about 120 people, is about six miles west of Wabash along Old U.S. 24.

The residents of the rural community first saw the UFO about three weeks ago but waited until Wednesday night to report it to the Wabash County Sheriff's Department because they were afraid people would think they had been inhaling too much manure.

But Brenda Purdy, 28, Rt. 2, Wabash, wasn't afraid to talk about the craft Thursday night. In fact, she reported it to the sheriff's department Wednesday night and claimed she and about other 12 people saw it again Thursday night.

"We watched it disappear completely in front of our eyes," Mrs. Purdy said. The craft is shaped like a football and bordered with red, green and blue lights.

Mrs. Purdy said, "It seems as though the lights are going around it in circles." She said it is not a low-flying craft and it is usually spotted in the west at about 8 p.m. Mrs. Purdy said a neighbor who lives across the road from her first saw the craft

and reported it to her reluctantly.

"She said, 'Everybody thinks we're crazy and it's a figment of our imagination, and we want everybody else to see it,'" Mrs. Purdy said.

So, Mrs. Purdy, her family and a few friends went to the area to see the craft. "It looked to be about as low as what a plane would fly," she said, adding it hovered in the west for about an hour. She said the craft often turned from a vertical position to a horizontal position.

Suddenly, it disappeared while the group was watching. "It's as though every light in it goes out. It's all of a sudden," Mrs. Purdy said. "It's just completely gone."

About 10 minutes later, it reappeared in the northeast, Mrs. Purdy said. The residents were amazed at the craft, but none of them would report it to law enforcement officials.

"They figured everybody would think they were nuts," Mrs. Purdy said. "I don't believe in flying saucers and things like that, but it's something flying up there," Mrs. Purdy said. "No plane or anything like that can disappear in front of your eyes and then reappear in another place."

No one has taken a picture of the craft, Mrs. Purdy said. They plan to borrow a telescope soon to get a closer look at it, she said. Mrs. Purdy was asked if she thinks most people will believe her story. "Probably not," she replied. "I wouldn't believe it, but I seen it with my own eyes. You'd have to see it with your own eyes to believe something like that."

Major Bob Allen, chief of public affairs at the Grissom Air Force Base, said officials there had not received any reports about a UFO seen in nearby communities by Thursday. "Generally we're swamped by phone calls when that happens," he said.

However, they received report about a UFO about three weeks ago in an area southwest of Logansport, he said. The Air Force stopped investigating UFO reports in 1969, Allen said.

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UFO reported Friday

Yet to be identified is an object several local people saw wing over Ipswich at dusk Friday evening.

The unidentified flying object (UFO) is described by Maureen Perkins of 25 Upper River road as conical in shape with a "bluish-green flame at the end. And maybe a yellow shield in front."

Perkins was backing her new Honda out of her son-in-law's driveway (Jamie Fay's) at 7 Fellow's road at precisely 8:14 Friday evening when she saw "a ball of fire heading rapidly over Route 1A in the direction of the Don Bosco property."

In the car with Perkins were Theresa Sullivan, 7 Upper River road, and a friend, Jean Morin of Cambridge.

"I looked hard to the left and it was traveling across Appleton Farms toward Don Bosco," she says.

"I told the others to look and then it was gone."

Perkins says she pinned down the exact time, 8:14, because her new car has a digital clock.

The object passed over the tree tops ("just a football field away") and disappeared, says Perkins.

The women, curious to see more of the object, drove to Don Bosco "looking for evidence."

"There was nothing," says Perkins.

A few miles away, Jack Whittier was bringing his small boat into the Ipswich River. He says it was about 8:15. He'd just watched the sun go down.

"I was coming in over the breakwater at the mouth of the river and was watching the sky," says Whittier, who lives on Waldingfield road.

"From right to left this rocket-type object went across in front of me."

Unlike the women, who are unable to guess the dimensions of the object, Whittier said he estimated it to be about 12 feet long and five to seven feet in diameter.

A neat toy
"It was sort of stubby," he says. "I immediately thought 'some kid has a great toy.' But it was going too fast."

Whittier, an engineer at Xenergy in Burlington and chairman of the town's Energy Advisory Committee, says the object was a dark silver color "with a

bluish-green flame at the rear — like a bunsen burner flame."

"It went up Fox Creek toward Essex," he says. "It stopped abruptly and then went straight up into the air and disappeared."

Perkins and Sullivan estimate the length of time they saw the object at about five to ten seconds. Whittier said it lasted no more than five seconds.

"I subsequently went up the river and saw people on the Little Neck dock," says Whittier. "They'd seen it too and said they'd have to sell their house if those 'things were going to fly over Ipswich.'"

Whittier doesn't know the names of the people at the Neck but he says they were a young couple and five-year-old child.

His curiosity peaked, Whittier says he called the Air Force Antenna Station on Great Neck to report what he saw. He did not call the Ipswich police. But he did try to reach UFO expert, Raymond Fowler of Wenham several times this week. (The Chronicle also repeatedly tried to reach Fowler but no one answered the telephone at his Wenham observatory.)

Skeptical about what he saw, Whittier says he tends to "believe it was some sort of Air Force stuff. I remain healthily skeptical it was a UFO," he says, "but sitting there watching it, I got a little tingly. I never saw anything like it before."

Theresa Sullivan wonders if the object was a meteor. But she says she's talked to several people who say meteors don't behave that way.

"Or maybe it was a satellite that burned out," she guesses. "I don't really know."

Was she frightened when she saw it?

"Not a bit," says Sullivan, adding she could see no engines and no people aboard the object.

Police clerk Joyce Gysan says no one reported the incident to the Police Department.

Brenda Sheldon of the Air Force Solar Observatory on Sagamore Hill, Hamilton says that place closed up at 7:45 p.m. Friday and even if it had been open, it does not have equipment to track UFO's.

"We track the sun," says Sgt. Sullivan.

And Bill Mavroides, a physicist with the Antenna Station on Great Neck, says no one was at the station Friday evening. Apart from the call from Whittier, Mavroides says he's heard nothing else about the UFO.

"We have no way of tracking it," he says.

Could it have been an Air Force object? Mavroides doesn't know. And he says, even if it was, the Air Force wouldn't tell him about it.

HERALD STATESMAN, Yonkers, NY
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It was primary eve, but Yonkers resident Sue Johnson wasn't thinking about candidates. She was thinking about the UFO she said she spotted at Yonkers and Kimball avenues near the Bronx River Parkway.

Describing it as a Frisbee-inverted, plate-shaped object that had white and red lights all around and looked like a blinking star, she said she watched it from 9:30 to 9:55 p.m., Wednesday. And she noted that it passed beneath two airplanes so, she said, it certainly wasn't a conventional aircraft.

Serious UFO probes goal of organization

By Catherine Enns

The phenomenon of unidentified flying objects is something that at once fascinates and repels people. People enjoy hearing about them, but whether or not they believe those stories is another thing.

Most often, the people who report UFO encounters are written off as "kooks."

The Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (MUFON) is an organization which is attempting to scientifically investigate UFO sightings and lend credence to occurrences that are often skeptically dismissed. It is also the organization's aim to prove that UFOs are something that need to be studied and taken seriously.

Massachusetts' MUFON has about 1,000 members who have joined by invitation-only. The group has 30 field investigators who voluntarily interview witnesses and probe UFO sightings.

Barry Greenwood, a Stoneham resident and historian for the state group, spouts out sightings and dates with a computer-like memory. While he coordinates information for the state group, he has been responsible for having dozens of U.S. Government documents on UFOs declassified for release to the public.

In Massachusetts alone, there have been 900 to 1,000 reports investigated in which there was convincing evidence that the witness did see an unidentified flying object. That means the person saw something, usually a pattern of lights or an object, that traveled in an unconventional manner that could not be explained by the presence of other aircraft in the area at the

time of the sighting.

"There are a large number of sightings made by highly reliable people," said Greenwood. "Only about one percent of all reports are true frauds, and government data supports that."

While witnesses are sometimes able to take photographs — perhaps the only hard evidence available for UFO study — investigators generally rely on the person's word.

"You have to take the stories from whence they come," Greenwood said. "You can't have actual proof, but if the people are very sincere, we take it all into consideration."

"It's frustrating," he continued. "The UFO investigators want to get something the scientists will look at. But the nature of the phenomenon is that these things are very elusive. It's a transient phenomenon, but it's real. It's there and we have to deal with it."

Greenwood told about a sighting in Massachusetts from what is considered a reliable source — a former pilot of the Royal Air Force. The man was in the Sears parking lot in Cambridge when he spotted a disc-shaped object in the sky.

"He watched it for several minutes and then it disappeared. The witness was very reliable and gave a very good description. He said he saw it and we believe it," Greenwood said.

MUFON members do not go out and watch the skies for UFOs, Greenwood emphasized. "That would be like sitting on a

street corner waiting for an accident to happen," he said. Greenwood himself is conservative when it comes to describing the lone UFO he has spotted.

"It was nothing spectacular, just a light in the sky which seemed to jockey back and forth," he said.

But it is the more spectacular sightings that excite Greenwood: the ones in which several witnesses independently report the same thing; instances where the seemingly-impossible occur; and government documents which detail pilots' encounters with strange aircraft.

Greenwood is troubled by the government's decision to stop official UFO investigations.

"The government has said that UFO studies won't further scientific knowledge and that UFOs are not a threat to national security. If that is true, why do I get documents like this?" he asked, holding up a C.I.A. report totally blacked out by censors.

Greenwood, who is employed by the U.S. Postal Service, has been following UFOs for 17 years. He has a "pet theory" to answer the argument that if there are UFOs and beings from another world why they have yet to contact us — at least officially.

"I can't prove it, but I think it is a reasonable explanation. These beings must be very advanced and highly intelligent. They are studying us very much like our culture might study a group of tribesmen in New Guinea. You observe but you don't interfere. They are collecting data," he said.

REPORTER, Fond du Lac, WI
Sept. 22, 1981 CR: R. Heiden

'UFO activity . . .'

I have a prediction! And that is that the next wave of UFO activity will be the most spectacular ever.

In my view, it is extremely obvious that terrestrial beings have been an audience to a very effective, well paced indoctrination program played out by our extra terrestrial friends (I call them friends as these people with their knowledge of matter, and energy, and the higher being could be nothing else) a program when viewed as a whole from its beginning in 1947 (the beginning of the stepped up program) to now becomes self-evident.

As example; in 1947 only 01 percent of our citizens believed in extra-terrestrial life, but then Kenneth Arnold spotted his nine small silver discs over Mt. Ranier (naming them "Flying Saucers") and the UFO era began. Since then what have we seen but an evolution to larger and more elaborate vehicles seen by more and more people (going from small silver discs to huge, multi-colored complex curvilinear and rectilinear configurations) with the result being that now 70 percent of our population believes in extra-terrestrial life (and if that is not effective indoctrination I do not know what is).

Our friends caught our eye, and taught us, and now it seems we are nearly at the end of this phase (no thanks to the mocking, satirical, materialistic media which attempted to pervert our understanding of this phenomenon, as it does with all other subjects basic to our lives) awaiting phase II (a phase which has to follow) with its apparently intrinsic element of formal contact — and to that I say "here's to phase II, and a step up from this world as we have known it."

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Veneta couple have encounter with red lights

VENETA — Jimmy Trent and Linda Anderson were watching a television movie at his place Sunday night when a bright red light began shining through the living room window.

Trent told Lane County sheriff's deputies they went outdoors and saw several of the strange lights, including one perched on a car and one that caused a plant across the street to glow.

A fan-shaped, rotating light "swooped down near the road and accelerated at a high rate of speed southbound on Third Street," the police report said. The deputies found no physical evidence of a UFO visitation but said there is "no reason to dispute" the report.

Trent said that shortly before he called the sheriff's office, the lights "sort of evaporated."

DESERT DISPATCH, Barstow, CA - Sept. 1, 1981

Couple Bewildered By UFO Encounter In Trona

By STEPHAN STERN
Dispatch Staff Writer

TRONA — "It was pretty weird. It wasn't just going through the air — it was going sideways and in circles. I don't know. I can't really explain it."

What 24-year-old Vicki Young was trying to explain today was the unidentified flying object she and her 28-year-old husband and their 4½-year-old daughter claimed they saw Monday night as they were leaving a friend's house in this small desert town.

"We were leaving a house and my wife said 'What's that, Frank?'" recalled Taylor, a machinist trainee at Trona's Kerr-McGee Trona.

Taylor said it was about 7:30 p.m. when he peered out of the front windshield of his green, 1969 Chevrolet pick-up truck. His eye caught the UFO.

"I think it was a little flying saucer," he said. "It was coming kind of right at us."

The disc-shaped, silver and red-colored object measured approximately three-feet across at the bottom, Taylor said, and flew almost directly over the front of the truck. It made no noise.

A small dome poked out of the top, and from there emitted a vertical "cat's-eye light that kept opening and closing, opening and closing," Taylor explained.

The mysterious craft itself was about

a "telephone pole and a half high" off the ground, about 25 to 30 feet in front of the truck and at a 45-degree angle up from where the Taylors were sitting in the pick-up's front seat.

Once over their initial astonishment, the couple clambered out of the truck for a closer look at the strange flying phenomenon.

"It was really a bright, shiny silver," said Vicki, recalling the sighting from her Trona home over the yells of Stacey and her three-year-old son, Jesse.

"It was shaped like a flying saucer," she continued. "That's when we all got excited by it. It really looked like one."

The couple said they were able to get a better look at the UFO when it "turned sideways," exposing its dome-shaped top and red-banded sides.

"It was silver on the bottom and red around the middle," said Vicki. "But the red, it didn't look like a color, it was some type of light that was blinking on and off."

Just seeing the craft wasn't enough, though. The couple wanted someone else to confirm it.

"I really wanted to find someone else to look at it so I didn't think I was seeing things," Taylor said.

Taylor dashed back to his friend's house. When his friend came outside, the saucer was about 500 feet away and still visible, although barely.

The Taylors said the saucer slowly

moved north in a circular fashion. They watched for "five minutes or so" until it disappeared behind the Slate Mountain Range that drops over onto the western fringe of Death Valley.

They then went home. Vicki called some of her friends to find out if anyone else had seen the UFO. Nobody had, but one friend suggested she call authorities.

Her husband called the Barstow Sheriff's Substation at 7:47 p.m. A Trona deputy was assigned to go to the Taylor's house. Vicki said the deputy told her that within the last month two other sightings had been reported, though the UFO's appeared different than the one the Taylors reported seeing.

After the deputy left, the Taylors tried to go to sleep but couldn't.

"We talking about it all last night," said Vicki. "It was on our mind quite a bit."

Vicki, who explained she wasn't "the type to really believe in all that crazy stuff," said she has now lost her skepticism.

Her husband, however, is a firm believer. "It was a little flying saucer all right."

Asked if perhaps the craft held some denizens of outer space, Taylor thought for a moment, then replied quickly — "No, the saucer was too small for people."

Carpinteria police get 7 UFO calls

Carpinteria police were trying to figure out Saturday night what has three orange lights and hovers over houses.

Dispatcher Linda Larette said that by 9:30 p.m. the department had received at least seven calls from residents who claimed to have seen UFOs.

"They're gone now," said Ms. Larette, "but a lot of people saw them."

Ms. Larette said most of the objects were seen over Carpinteria's downtown area. "Everybody states that they hovered over their house, and now they're hiding in the clouds," she said.

Two policemen also reported seeing something overhead, but, Ms. Larette said, the officers decided the objects were nothing more than helicopters on maneuvers.

STAR FREE PRESS, Ventura, CA - Oct. 11, 1981

Scientist won't discount close encounters

MINUTEMAN, Lexington, MA - Aug. 27, 1981 CR: B. Greenwood

would want to contact human beings. His scientific background allows him to concede only that "we may be visited by extra-terrestrial beings."

But he says that through his investigations and extensive interviews, he has reason to believe that some people may be "selected" for observation by the beings because they report having several encounters during their lives.

"It is possible that it could be a training or early education exercise that could encompass the whole human race," he said. "What we are studying is just the tip of the iceberg."

Webb, who works in solar astronomy and has worked on a contractual basis for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said he has kept "a very low profile" in his UFO work because of the skepticism he has met from the scientific community.

"But I feel very encouraged that more and more scientists and engineers are saying that they are interested in the subject and are willing to work in the area," he said.

Webb feels that once scientists begin questioning witnesses, they will become more open to the "bizarre aspects of the phenomenon" such as humanoid encounters.

Under hypnosis, Webb said the people who claim to have close encounters describe a common scenario.

They describe going through physical examinations, and report similarities in the lighting of the craft and the type of machinery on board. Webb said telepathic communication is commonly reported and that the beings talk only in generalities and go about their work mechanically.

The beings people describe are also similar, Webb said.

They are usually short in stature, between three and five feet tall, with large heads and "spindly" arms and legs.

"Their skin is described as being a whitish or grayish tone and they wear tight-fitting one-piece garments that start at the neck area," he said. The beings' eyes are described as "cat-shaped or oriental-like."

Webb said the creatures have no ears or very small ears with a slit for a mouth that usually doesn't move and a couple of holes for a nose. The beings' fingers are usually covered by mittens or gloves, but individuals who claim they have seen them say they have three or four fingers with a large thumb. Their fingers are often long, but some witnesses describe them as being chubby.

Webb is hesitant to theorize why creatures from other planets

ther down the road; or a person who is finds that one or two hours have passed without explanation. This happens fairly frequently," Webb said.

Webb is currently investigating an early 1970s occurrence on the South Shore. A woman who dropped off newspaper bundles for carriers and often had to drive along lonely back roads early in the morning reported a series of encounters over a period of about a month.

"In her first encounter, she was driving on a road in a wooded area and saw red lights which seemed to approach the car and then go away. She didn't think a whole lot about it then," Webb said.

But as she was driving along the same area days later, an object landed in the woods and a group of beings on "rotating flat platforms elevated off the ground" came toward the car. The woman panicked and rolled up the windows and locked the door.

"She said she felt communication for her to open the door and she wouldn't. Suddenly, all four doors flew open automatically. One of the beings came over and touched her in the back of the neck, where later a couple of marks appeared that she couldn't explain," Webb said. The woman then passed out. She believes she was kidnapped and taken aboard the craft.

the leader of the beings conversed telepathically with her and convinced her to go on board their craft.

"She was hesitant to go on board, but it seemed they overcame her will," said Webb. The woman reported she went through a three-hour induction period in which she was given a physical examination.

"She went on a rather strange journey, possibly to another planet, where she had what can best be described as a religious experience. She was brought back in the craft and then released," he said.

The woman remembered the initial encounter in the kitchen, but had no conscious memories of her time in the spacecraft, Webb said. When Webb began the investigation into the occurrence in 1978, the woman underwent 12 hypnosis sessions and reported her experience in the craft.

Webb admits that he knows the uncertainties of information received under hypnosis, but noted that the method at least provides the investigator with more information on the case.

"Usually the person has a feeling that there is something more that happened — that there is something else that has to come out. Oftentimes, it confirms a missing period of time: a person who is driving down a road and suddenly comes to at a point fur-

MUFON's humanoid study group and began compiling a computer catalogue of reported encounters.

Interestingly, of the 2,200 entries in their catalogue, about 12 percent of those cases are what Webb refers to as "Type-G" cases — people who reported having been taken on a spacecraft by beings.

"About one-half of those reports have had some degree of reliable investigation," said Webb. "The reports date back to the 1940s, but most of them occurred in the '60s and '70s and in 1979 about half the cases reported were Type-G. It could mean this type of behavior is increasing, but it might also mean that the public in general has become more excited about this and is willing to report it more frequently."

One of the most fascinating investigations Webb participated in was the report of the central Massachusetts housewife.

It was a January night in 1967, a year in which Webb says there were an extraordinarily large number of sightings in Massachusetts and the world in general. The woman was in her kitchen when a group of "three to four" beings came into the house.

The woman's mother and father and daughter also gave detailed reports of the encounter with creatures. The woman said

By Catherine Enns

A central Massachusetts housewife is kidnapped one winter night by a group of "beings," is taken on board a spaceship and whisked off on a strange journey to another planet where she has what she describes as "religious experience."

It is the stuff hit movies are made of, but for David Webb, it is only one encounter in a catalogue of more than 2,000 that he keeps for the Mutual UFO Network, Inc., an international civilian organization which scientifically investigates sightings of unidentified flying objects.

Webb, who lives in Burlington, is probably one of the most knowledgeable persons on this planet when it comes to CE-3s, or, in the popular vernacular, close encounters of the third kind. A senior scientist for American Science and Engineering in Arlington, Webb has independently studied UFOs for 20 years.

His interest began in the 1960s, when he was associated with the Aerial Phenomenon Research Association, one of the earliest UFO study organizations concerned with what Webb calls "alleged entities."

Later that decade, he met Ted Blocher, a New York City resident who was also studying humanoid encounters. The two men became co-chairmen of

Military men see giant 'cigar'

On January 30, 1981, six military men sighted what looked like a giant cigar moving slowly through the sky creating a cloud cover as it moved along.

At an isolated military installation near Florence, Arizona, William E. Heft of Mesa, Arizona and the five unidentified men sighted the strange object about 1 p.m. as it moved east at a steady pace. According to the description given in the AFRO Bulletin, the object was "as big as a football field" and was the shape of a cigar, was dark, with misty cloudlike vapor along the ends and middle part of its bulk."

The men watched the object for 15 minutes before it disappeared into the clouds.

AFRO reported that the "object was going from west to east at a steady pace, and either it was going in and out of the clouds occasionally moving some of the cloud cover with it, or was moving in and out of the clouds and giving off vapor or it was sucking up the clouds and dispersing them out the rear."

Heft, who had his camera with him, took three photographs of the object. The UFO was so large he couldn't get the whole thing in a single photo. Heft said it "was so huge that (I) would have had to hold a 1-foot ruler at arm's length to cover its length."

POST-HERALD, Birmingham, AL - Sept. 26, 1981

Center Point man claims seeing UFO

A Center Point man spent three hours last night trying to report the sighting of a UFO, which he said was chasing a jet.

The man, who did not give his name, called the Post-Herald about 10 p.m. to say he had been trying to report seeing the strange yellow and bright orange object hovering over a plane near his Center Point apartment.

He said a few minutes later a helicopter came into the area and the large object dropped out of the sky. Since that time he said there had been an unusual amount of plane traffic in the area.

The man said he called police and they sent an officer out to talk to him. He said the officer told him to call the Alabama Air National Guard and when he did, they took a report. But he said when he called back later the guardsmen told him he would have to call a national number for reporting UFOs.

Birmingham police said they took a report on the sighting, but only had the one call. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department's Center Point office did not get any calls, a spokesman said.

An airman on duty at the Air National Guard office said he got a couple of calls about the sighting and referred callers to the Federal Aviation Administration. A spokesman for the Birmingham office of the FAA said he did not receive any UFO calls last night.

Specialist John Mosely with the Alabama National Guard on Graymont Avenue said his office received several calls last night about the sighting, including one from one of its officers who lives in Center Point. Mosely said he had reported the sighting to his superiors in Montgomery.

UFO sightings

I want to express my thanks for the UFO story on Sept. 15. My complaint is that you do not cover enough of the sightings that are going on all the time.

In reference to the Frankfort, Ind., sighting, the hot air balloon theory came from Grissom Air Force Base. Here we go again readers, mass hysteria, balloons, aircraft, misinterpretation of celestial bodies and etc. Someone wants you to believe that you didn't see what you know you saw.

On Aug. 18 of this year, five children saw a UFO. The brightness of the object enticed two parents outside. All they could see was a white light zig-zagging above the trees. Perhaps the residents on South West 19th Street in Richmond saw the same object that was seen at Frankfort. Both sightings were on the same night. This sight was not reported for the usual reason — fear of ridicule.

At the present time, there is more interest than laughter.

I would like to have some information on the possible Bigfoot sighting at Covington, Ky. The creature was said to be 7 feet tall with long, shaggy, gray hair. I wonder if it turned out to be a hoax.

Have you had an encounter that you did not report?

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PALLADIUM-ITEM, Richmond, IN - Sept. 27, 1981

DAILY SUN, Lewiston, ME - Oct. 1, 1981

Is there anyone I can check out a "sighting"? At about 8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 27 at Webb Lake, Weid, we noted at dusk a plane passing over going east. There were no stars apparent but slightly to the south of the plane I noted what I thought was one star but as I watched it, it moved steadily in a straight line spurts of speed then would stop and then it would go again. I asked my husband if I was seeing things and he watched and agreed it was moving. The plane continued east over Mount Blue and out of sight. The "thing" traveled a hailing straight path for about five to ten minutes then started turning northward. I thought, but it ended up going by short straight spurts, in a circle, clockwise. I watched it until 8:35 p.m. and it continued this sort of hexagonal circling seemingly going higher during the maneuver for it continued to get quite difficult to see by the end of a half hour. By that time I could see a few stationary stars as low ceiling was clearing. I am wondering if anyone else watched this?

PT. WILTON

Sightings are recorded by the Brunswick Naval Air Station 134th Road, Brunswick.

Visitor sees strange 'fog'

By LEE DIXON
Record State Editor

An unusual incident has happened here, to swell the number of UFO sightings and other odd occurrences in this corner of New Mexico.

"All of a sudden, I look up and see something on the highway in front of me," Thomas Hundley told the Daily Record Friday afternoon. "It looked like ground fog does in Florida."

Hundley, a booking agent from Sarasota, Fla., was driving north on U.S. 285 from Artesia Thursday night, where he had just stopped for a cup of coffee. He'd asked the distance to Roswell and had been told it was about 35 miles.

A few minutes later, at 10:40 p.m., "I thought I was driving into a patch of ground fog," he said, "but then I thought 'It can't be fog,' and I looked up and saw all the stars out and not a cloud in the sky."

"It covered the road from side to side, as wide as my headlights showed," he went on, "and it was, oh, 10, 12, maybe 15 feet high."

Hundley said he drove toward the "fog" for "five, maybe six, not more than seven seconds."

As he got closer to it, he said, "It looked like there was light in it, but not like a flashlight or car lights, not a concentrated beam — just sort of glowing with light."

Then, as he came up still closer to it, "it just went straight up in the air, whoosh."

And "within a second, two at the most, a red light flashed in the sky at about a 20-degree angle off to the left," he said.

The red light, Hundley said, was not a diffused glow like the white one, but sharply outlined and lasting only a split second, "no longer than it would take to pull a trigger."

He said he saw nothing else and heard no sound of any kind during the few seconds the entire incident lasted.

"But I got to thinking about it," he said, "and the more I got to thinking about it — it scared the hell out of me. The hairs on my arms raised up and stood up like they were waxed."

Arriving in Roswell, Hundley said, he called the Police Department and told them what he'd seen.

He even offered to take a breathalyzer test "or anything," he said, to prove his good faith. "But I'm not nuts. I know what I saw," he declared. "Hell, I don't even believe in flying saucers and all that stuff."

Since Roswell has no city statutes covering such matters, the officer suggested that Hundley call a radio station or newspaper about his experience.

Despite his skepticism, Hundley recognizes that there are people who seriously study such off-beat phenomena.

He said he is willing to talk to such inquirers during the few days he will be in Roswell at the Roswell Inn, or that anyone seriously interested may write to him at his home address: 3274 Palm Aire Drive, Sarasota, Fla. 33508.

TELEGRAPH, North Platte, NE - Sept. 19, 1981

Strange lights spur UFO reports in area

By MARIE WHITE
Telegraph Correspondent

LEXINGTON — Even though everyone is hesitant to discuss the sightings of an Unidentified Flying Object, or UFO, near here for fear of ridicule, the reports keep coming in.

Members of the Lexington police department as well as the county sheriff's office observed the strange lights again Wednesday night between 7-8 p.m. from the observation post they had set up at the airport.

The Kearney police received a call early Thursday morning from a Kearney resident of sightings observed by five people of strange lights in the Sumner area.

"There is definitely something there, but we don't know what it is," is the general consensus of the people who have seen the UFO near here. The unidentified lights are still appearing at various times. The location seems to be southwest of Lexington and east of Darr.

The lights are variously described as brilliant lights, dancing lights, a white light with a red glow, multi-colored, and when observed through binoculars, red and green. They are often seen in pairs, and at one time, observers saw three of them at once. They suddenly disappear, sometimes one at a time, an observer said.

These unusual lights have been seen by a number of people, including law officers from Dawson and Gosper counties. Groups of people have been seen observing the unusual lights, some with binoculars and scopes.

The first report was received by the Lexington police department at 8:52 p.m. on Sept. 9. But since that time, residents have reported sightings as early as Sept. 8.

The lights have been observed at some time every night since they were first spotted, unless there is a cloud cover. A man employed at Darr reported seeing one east of Darr at 5 a.m. one day.

The Lexington Chamber of Commerce reports that whatever it is, it is not sponsored by the chamber.



After deadline She believes

By DOUG MARGESON

She believes.

She doesn't know why she was chosen or what it means, and she knows it is hard for others to believe. But she believes. The reporter went over her story word by word. He read parts of it back to her incorrectly, hoping to trip her up. But it didn't work. She believes it, or she is a well-rehearsed liar, he told her. She shrugged.

Think what you want, she said, I believe it.

She says she was abducted by an unidentified flying object on 151st Avenue Northeast, just north of Southeast 176th Street Renton, at about 11:40 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 10. Her abductor said, "You will see us again."

Her name begins with K, but because she doesn't want to lose her job, we won't use it. We'll call her Kathy. She is a 25-year-old "health professional" she doesn't want her specific profession revealed either, married about two years.

A college graduate with a 3.7 grade point average. She is telling her story because she thinks others have been contacted by extraterrestrials, but are afraid to come forward with their stories.

Here is her story

She was driving home from work the night of Feb. 10. She came off the Valley Freeway and started up Petrovitsky Road, passing Valley General Hospital at 11:35 p.m. She drove on, a song by Earth, Wind and Fire came on the radio. About an eighth of a mile west of the intersection of Southeast 176th — as that stretch of Petrovitsky Road is called — and 151st Southeast, she approached the crest of a small hill. Just before she reached it a dark-colored sports car with two vertical headlights and a loud engine passed her and roared on ahead through the intersection. When she came to the crest of the hill, she saw the UFO.

It was a horizontal ring of red and blue lights, flashing from left to right in an apparent sequence. It was about 75 to 100 feet in diameter and hovered above a grove of trees at the southeast corner of the intersection.

Curious, she slowed down and drove on for about 30 seconds, looking at the lights. When she reached the intersection, she turned left onto 151st, putting the UFO behind her.

Drove home

She drove a short way down 151st, and turned left into the parking of her apartment building. She parked her car and looked toward the UFO. It was not there. She then looked to the left and saw another UFO. It was a cluster of red and blue lights, about 25 feet in diameter. It hovered about 100 to 150 feet off the ground, across the street about 200 feet from her car.

She thought, "If this moves or drops, I'm getting out of here."

Then it began to move; dropping in a falling leaf motion to an altitude of about 20 to 50 feet. It stopped and started coming toward her.

Frightened, she got out of the car to head for her front door. She noticed her headlights were still on, got back in the car, closed the door and turned off the lights. And sometime, probably when she got out of the car for the first time, she believes she was abducted.

Consciously, she only remembers that after turning off her headlights, she left her car and ran for her front door 75 feet away. When she reached it, the UFO was gone.

Hypnosis sessions

The next day, Kathy contacted the UFO Contact Center in Seattle to report her experience. Dan and Aileen Edwards of the center came to interview her Feb. 13 and asked Kathy if she would be interested in undergoing hypnosis, to find out if she had experiences she didn't remember.

In a series of four hypnosis sessions, she revealed that as she sat in the car, it suddenly was filled with a bright, white light. The next thing she knew, she was standing in a dome-like room, about 15 feet wide, with white, very smooth floors, walls and ceilings. An arched doorway was in front of her. A desk-sized white box with "zillions" of colored lights on a dark field was in front of her. A long white table perched on a single pedestal was behind her.

She stood there, "calm, but kind of bewildered," and absently reached to unbutton the collar of her dress. The next thing she knew, the garment was at her feet.

Two beings came through the door. They were about 4-feet-8 inches to 5 feet tall, with thin upper bodies, long, sloping shoulders and arms that hung to about their knees. They seemed unable to straighten their arms completely, she said.

They had four, very long fingers. Their heads were shaped rather like a light bulb and they had large, wide-open eyes. Their noses were very small, just a ridge; they had slits for mouths and small holes with a slight skin flap for ears. Their skin was gray-white and very cool.

All in uniforms

They were dressed in from neck to toe in blue-spray metallic fabric. On the upper left chest of their uniforms they had an insignia, an isosceles triangle inside a white circle. They took her by the upper arms and guided her to the table.

"The whole thing seemed to go like clockwork," she said. "I got on the table and they gently pushed me down. I wasn't frightened. I had no real thoughts."

She sensed a third person in the room. He was like the other two, but wore a red-orange uniform with a black stripe around the neckline. He put a silver, mallet-like object to his eye and then placed the other end on her abdomen. He moved it around a bit and then left. He came back a short time later and the three beings stood around the table.

"What is the purpose of this?" she thought. "You are progressing physically and mentally as planned and are very receptive to us," they responded by telepathy. They added that they were pleased with what her father had taught her and then told her she must go.

"I didn't want to," she said, "but they assisted me off the table. I put my dress on; they said, 'You will see us again' and the next thing I knew I was back in my car."

She has no strong opinions about who her abductors were, but thinks they are probably creatures with higher intelligence who traveled to earth from a different galaxy. She found out why she might have been chosen when she called her father after the hypnosis sessions.

"He cried," she said. "He never told me before, but he has had four encounters with the same people."

(Friday: More on UFOs)



After deadline

Is area UFO focal point?

(Editor's note: The following is the second in a two-part series on UFOs.)

By DOUG MARGESON
Staff Reporter

Dan Edwards, director of the UFO Contact Center, said he interviewed nearly 50 people during June and July who had been contacted by UFOs in King and Pierce counties. Of those 50, only two had what he considered invalid stories.

"The King-Pierce County area seems to be one of a number of focal points for contact around the nation," he said. "Lately, groups like ours are forming in those other focal points too. We don't know why, but there seems to be a trend."

The UFO Contact Center is a non-profit organization founded earlier this year to investigate UFO sightings. Other organizations, mainly government organizations, investigate them, too, but they do it in the wrong way, Edwards said.

"They want facts, only cold, hard facts. They learn nothing. We care about the individuals who have a contact. And we are trying to gain an awareness beyond facts," Edwards said.

Awareness

Awareness is what UFO contact is all about, Edwards said. The beings that abduct people like Kathy are not studying us like specimens in a zoo, he said, but are instead passing on an awareness to us.

"People who have been contacted find themselves quietly driven to do things; read books, take courses in school they hadn't thought about before and so forth. They are being driven and directed," Edwards said.

Most of those individuals have been contacted more than once or will be, he said.

"I can't honestly say I know who is contacting us. I think they are probably from another galaxy, but I can't prove it," he said.

Note he said "contacting us." Both Edwards and wife Aileen say they have been contacted.

Aileen was first contacted in 1953 while

driving through Eastern Oregon, he said. The night suddenly lit up with a brilliant green light. Her husband at first thought perhaps the atomic reactor at Hanford had exploded. They drove on, rounded a hill and the light was gone as quickly as it appeared. Since then, she has had other contacts, Edwards said.

Edwards had what he calls, "an awareness experience" in 1979. He woke up one night to

find three beings standing in the doorway of his bedroom. He said, "Oh no," turned his head and went back to sleep.

Shoes moved

The next morning he found his pair of shoes near the head of his bed. He had not put them there. In addition, the toes of the shoes were crushed. They had been normal the night before.

Finally, he found a distinct puncture mark in his arm. Although he believed he had been contacted, he had no proof until a man called him.

The man claimed the beings had abducted him and taken him to Edwards room. When Edwards woke up, the room filled with a bright white light, the man said. Then one of the beings sent a gold-colored beam of light shooting from his hand to Edwards. It entered his body and then returned to the being which sparkled with different colors, Edwards said.

What does it mean? The colors of light seem to have meanings, Edwards said. Green involves mind-expansion, for example, he said.

Through hypnosis session at the Center, Edwards has heard similar stories from a number of people. He hypnotizes them to "Level Seven," which is one level above a state of hallucination, he said. Therefore, they remember what occurred accurately and often can later remember what they said during their hypnotic trance, he said.

Self-taught

Edwards is not a school-trained hypnotist. He is self-taught through reading and practice and holds no educational or professional credentials.

He said he is especially careful during the sessions to suggest nothing to the contacts.

He does not know why contacts don't consciously remember their experiences. Many become nervous or troubled after a contact and are confused because they don't understand why. If a person has seen a UFO and feels unusual afterwards, they may have had contact, he said.

Sighting reports raise questions

Unidentified flying objects are attractive things. They offer a taste of adventure in our often too-orderly world, a hint of the unexplained, the mysterious. They are the sort of thing we want to believe in.

Kathy's story (which appeared Thursday) is consistent. She appears sincere and, if appearances are an indicator, she seems to be telling the truth. Still, there are three reasons to doubt her:

- She did not hear the tapes of her hypnotic sessions. She saw only the transcripts, which jibe with her memory of the sessions. The UFO Contact Center would not let reporters listen to the tapes and, when asked, did not release copies of the transcripts.

- Her hypnotist, Dan Edwards, has no formal training in hypnotism. He is entirely self-taught.

- Although she says otherwise, Kathy may have a predisposition toward believing in UFOs. She said she used to watch them with her father when she was a child in Eastern Washington. Her father also claims to have been abducted by a UFO, although he never mentioned it to Kathy until after she revealed her experience to him.

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A mystery in the night sky

By CYNTHIA JONES
Telegraph Staff Writer

HUDSON — It wasn't little green men, but there was definitely some unexplained activity taking place in the skies over Hudson Tuesday night — and a minimum of 20 people reportedly witnessed it.

One individual who declined to identify himself described a "long and low" object "hovering over Centronics" Data Computer Corp. on Rte. 111 between 9 and 11 p.m.

A security guard at Centronics, who also refused to give his name, attested that he had observed an object at four or five different spots, "sometimes low, sometimes high in the sky." The guard added that he had seen something similar last year, but during the daytime.

Stanley Searles, another security guard at the Hudson plant and a self-described skeptic with an open mind, was the best eyewitness, observing the object twice.

Searles, of 19 Derry St., Hudson, sighted "it" at about 8:30 p.m., some 50 feet above the tree line, he said.

"There was a straight line of light coming from it. It didn't move, and it was there for about 15 to 20 minutes. But, because of the distance, even with the light, I wasn't convinced."

The guard said he proceeded on his nightly rounds and, at about 10 p.m., went outside to the guard shack facing Route 111. Because of the darkness, he was able to get a clear view of the object, he said.

There were two other guards at the shack who witnessed the same display.

"It wasn't a plane, because there was no sound, but I saw something, and I don't know what it was," Searles said in calm, measured tones.

Searles judged the distance with his fingers as he had been taught years ago in the army. He said the terrain in the area slopes upward, and he was looking to the north, toward the center of Hudson.

The second time around, the object had red lights "as bright as the stop light at the foot of the street," and, this time, Searles and his colleagues were certain they

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were seeing something unusual, an object they couldn't identify.

At 10:20 p.m., the object, still noiseless, disappeared, just dropping behind the tree line.

Another witness, baffled by what he had seen, said the object was much too low for an aircraft. He said that it "seemed to flow" in the manner of an aircraft, stopped dead in the sky, then moved straight up and straight down.

'It was no star, because it came sideways. The red lights were so bright that the pine trees reflected red.'

— A Hudson witness

"It was no star, because it came sideways. The red lights were so bright that the pine trees reflected red," he related.

The phenomenon was perplexing to him, because, he said, "two seconds after it has gone, you really don't know what you saw."

He said it was about this time last year that a similar object appeared during daylight hours and was observed by at least 14 guards and maintenance men at Centronics. Whatever it was made appearances for two days.

Coincidentally, continued the guard, three days later there were media stories about similar sightings in the town of Hillsboro.

Lt. Debra Hendrix at Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth reported that no military aircraft were flying in the Hudson area Tuesday night.

Walter Webb, assistant director of the Charles Hay-

den Planetarium of the Boston Museum of Science, was keenly interested in the Hudson incident. While he noted that the planet Venus is spectacular at this time of year, he said the spotters were probably not viewing the star, which sets around 8 p.m.

The scientist said he would not discount the possibility that the object had extra-terrestrial origins. Webb has, in fact, been studying atmospheric phenomena for 30 years and is a UFO investigator for the Massachusetts chapter of MUFON, Mutual UFO Network.

Webb was also able to answer questions regarding government efforts to research UFOs.

The official information, according to Webb, is that the U.S. Air Force stopped investigating sightings in 1969, but he said that, as he investigates sightings, he always notices men in uniform at the location, making the same inquiries as he is.

Having interviewed people all over New England who have witnessed unusual antics in the sky, Webb said he is convinced that people are not making up stories.

"I don't dismiss the idea that these (sightings) might be extra-terrestrial. I think that hypothesis should be given a higher priority," he said.

The event that turned Webb into a "ufologist" occurred in 1951 when he was a nature counselor at a summer camp in Michigan.

Recalling the experience, Webb reported, "We saw this thing describing a perfect wave on a straight plane ... This is a characteristic pattern of UFOs. We were so surprised, we forgot to put the telescope on it."

That episode aroused his curiosity, and he's been researching other sightings since then.

MUFON is part of an international organization that records data from people who have witnessed sightings, and while MUFON members say 90 percent of the sightings are explainable, it is the 10 percent that are without explanation that they find exciting.

Further information about the organization may be obtained from a local member, Joseph Kelley, Box 4704, Manchester, 03108. Kelley is also a representative of the national organization known as the Center for UFO Studies.

UFO INVESTIGATORS

Do they believe in men from outer space? Not necessarily. But by interviewing people who have seen UFOs, two North Shore women are trying to find scientific explanations for the hundreds of mysterious flying things people see each year.



Marge Christensen, section director for MUFON.

Nancy Shackleton photos

By SHEILA BARTH

Marge Christensen and Linda Seal are investigators for MUFON — the Mutual Unidentified Flying Objects Network.

And while their line of work may sound exotic, it is really quite down-to-earth.

"We're talking about nuts and bolts, not Star Wars," said Mrs. Christensen, a former school teacher and a Beverly resident.

"I'm a normal person," said her investigating partner, Linda Seal, a teacher at Beverly's Briscoe Middle School. "I'm a former Peace Corps worker, a food co-op. I belong to the League of Women Voters and the First Baptist Church in Beverly."

Mrs. Christensen said she was lured into investigating UFOs because she was intrigued how unexplained flying objects were reported to fly in ways normal aircraft cannot. She said she decided to work with MUFON director Raymond Fowler because his investigating approaches are scientific and thorough.

Mrs. Seal, 38, said investigating UFOs provides welcome relief from her everyday life. She said she never had any interest in unidentified flying objects until her friend, Mrs. Christensen, asked her to accompany her on a UFO investigation nine months ago.

"We were like two scared chickens at first," Mrs. Seal said.

MUFON has 30 investigators in Massachusetts, and 1,000 nationwide. The two work under the direction of Fowler, a Hamilton resident well-known for his UFO studies.

Mrs. Christensen, as MUFON's section director for Essex County, travels to local police departments, leaving her name and that of other investigators. According to Mrs. Christensen, a person who has seen a UFO often goes to the police first, usually to find out if what he or she saw was something easily explainable: an air balloon, a helicopter, an advertising airplane with lighted wings, or some other unusual flying machine.

If the person wishes, he is put in touch with the investigators. All the investigations are done in the strictest confidentiality, said Mrs. Christensen, because some people are reluctant to admit they've seen something they can't explain, fearing they'll appear silly to their friends or family members.

First, an interview is held over the telephone. Then, if necessary, a personal interview is held.

A person who claims to have seen a UFO is asked to fill out as many as 12

long, detailed forms.

The first form includes questions on the physical description of the light or object seen; time, date, and place of the sighting; flight characteristics of the object; and personal information on such things as hearing and vision. The person is also asked to make a drawing of the object.

Another questionnaire, designed as a multiple-choice checklist, asks about psychological and physiological effects of the encounter; relationship of the UFO to the witness (did it hover over the witness, approach the witness, touch, or merely fly over without any apparent interest to the witness); and whether the witness is interested in or has abilities in psychic phenomena.

"Usually, the type of sighting we handle is something flying overhead that doesn't stay and is gone within five to 20 seconds. It doesn't leave markings or kidnap people. Ours are generally routine," Mrs. Christensen said.

Recently, however, Mrs. Seal and Mrs. Christensen responded to a call on the North Shore (they would not publicize the location) where a woman reported seeing several round, cylindrical objects close to ground level come into her view, hover, and disappear. She described the objects as pastel-colored, and non-metallic, each 10 to 20 feet in diameter.

When the investigators checked out the area, they discovered unusual patterns in the grass, 40 feet away from where the woman saw the UFOs. The markings on the ground could possibly be "tracings," physical characteristics left behind by the UFO, said Mrs. Christensen. They staked out the area foot by foot, and took many photographs. The matter is still under investigation.

Once the interviews and other field investigations are finished, a lengthy report is sent to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., as well as MUFON headquarters.

Mrs. Christensen said her curiosity about heightened when she found out government agencies turned their backs on increasing numbers of UFO reports. She said pilots must report all UFO sightings to the government only. Their reports are kept confidential.

According to Walter Webb, assistant director of the Charles Hayden Planetarium in Boston and another UFO investigator, pilots are bound and gagged by the Freedom of Government Act.

"Their (the government's) philosophy is to keep quiet until you have all the facts together," Webb said.

"Therefore they conceal information from the public."

The United States is far behind other countries in studying and investigating UFOs, Webb said. Policemen in some parts of Europe, including France, must take a course in UFOlogy, the study of aerial phenomena.

Webb defines a UFO as "any unexplained aerial phenomenon that is visible in the air or on the ground and remains unexplained even after evaluation by competent investigator."

While many sightings are of the flashing-lights-in-the-sky type, some are much more dramatic "close encounters of the third kind," a term made famous by the movie of the same name.

According to Mrs. Christensen, close encounters of the third kind are UFO sightings that produce physical, psychological, physiological, emotional, or mental differences in the person who came in contact with them.

Webb said persons who have experienced extremely dramatic encounters often cannot relate what they've seen either because they are too terrified, or because it has been blocked out of their minds, possibly through mental telepathy emanating from the spaceship.

"Many abduction cases are wild. A large percentage of these cases are hidden or not reported," Webb said.

Webb has not had a close encounter, but said he did see something on August 3, 1951, while camping with a group of youngsters on Silver Lake, Mich.

"Between 11 and midnight, we saw a yellowish light moving east to west over the southern hills bordering the lake."

Webb said the light moved in a perfect wave-like pattern across the sky.

In the course of investigating UFOs, Webb said, he has learned that what he saw flew in a way characteristic for aerial phenomena — it traveled in a pulse-like wave path, going faster on the downswing.

Webb said the summer after his sighting, there was a "flap," or wave, of UFO sightings. The last flap occurred in the United States in 1973, he said.

Webb said Massachusetts produces a smattering of reported UFOs compared to the White Mountain area of New Hampshire, which is a hotbed of outer space activity.

Webb told a story of one woman who saw a light pacing her car as she traveled home late at night.

As she approached busy, lighted areas, the bright light blended in with

streetlights and neon signs.

Suddenly, she was aware of a globe-shaped brilliant orange-colored craft, manned by a humanoid, hovering overhead.

Her hands seemed frozen to the wheel. Her car suddenly accelerated.

As the UFO loomed closer, the woman drove across a lawn, stopped the car, and ran to a nearby house. The "thing" disappeared when she sought aid from people living there.

Webb calls this experience the "witness car control factor," a phenomena in which both the person who sees the UFO and the person's vehicle are affected.

Today, cases where cars have been directed to other areas by objects hovering overhead is more commonplace, said Webb.

The 47-year old scientist said people who have had a close encounter with a UFO often suffer from "high strangeness," caused by being very close to the object.

Personal contact by a humanoid or outer space craft often results in the victim suffering from amnesia, and memory of the encounter can only be recalled through hypnosis, Webb said.

Currently, the astronomer-biologist is preparing a documentation of 114 reports of unexplainable encounters with extra-terrestrial travelers. He plans to analyze the information on a computer.

According to Webb, 80 to 90 percent of reports received by the Hayden Planetarium are IFOs, identifiable flying objects.

He said many astronomers say they are sure no life from outer space is visiting this planet because any civilization that could live in space would be too far away.

"Astronomers believe there is life out there; they just can't believe that life is visiting us," Webb said.

Meanwhile, public belief in visitors from outer space seems to be growing. Mrs. Christensen said a recent Gallup poll showed 60 percent of all Americans believe in the existence of UFOs.

Joseph Santangelo of Reading, a member of MUFON for 13 years and the group's state director, said 25 years ago "investigators wouldn't touch a case that involved entities. They simply threw out a lot of information that didn't fit."

Ten years ago, investigators began accepting cases involving humanoids and reports of outer space visitors abducting humans.

"Now we take all information, whether it fits or not," he said.

Sheila Barth writes for the Beverly Times. (continued on page 9)



Linda Seal, interviewing a man who has seen a UFO.

Samples of the questionnaires used by MUFON investigators when interviewing people who claim to have seen unidentified flying objects.

UFOs seen locally

By SHEILA BARTH

According to the Mutual Unidentified Flying Objects Network, only five percent of all UFO sightings are reported, mainly because people fear ridicule or embarrassment. MUFON promises total anonymity to any person who reports a UFO sighting. For each of the following interviews, the reporter was given only a phone number, and then only after the person being contacted had approved the contact.

It was Dec. 2, 1980. A woman, worried about her husband lying in the coronary unit of Salem Hospital, sat by her window aimlessly watching television.

Looking out the window, she saw a long, thin, cigar-shaped, fluorescent object appear over a rooftop.

Startled, she called the Salem police to ask them what she saw. "The whole thing lasted five seconds," she said later.

Later, she found out from two UFO investigators 56 people from Portsmouth, N.H. to Salem, saw the same thing she did. They called their local police and newspapers looking for answers.

She got no explanations from the police or anyone else, and is still waiting for an answer from the UFO investigating team that interviewed her, documented the details of the sighting, and supplied her with information from other people who reported they saw the same thing. According to the investigators, drawings of the objects the others saw light up the sky matched what she said she saw.

The woman's daughter said she had her own UFO sighting in Georgia a few years ago when she and two companions were driving to Florida. The daughter has believed in visitors from outer space for a long time, but is surprised that her mother now believes she witnessed an unidentified flying object.

"We're as different as night and day," said the 31-year-old daughter. Her mother is a retired insurance underwriter, while she is a self-employed astrologer who reads astrological charts, tarot cards and biorhythms. She's a witch, she said, who seeks out the unknown with a passion. Her mother is a dedicated bingo player who does not embrace the occult.

Another North Shore woman, a policewoman, told this story of an incident in 1976:

"I was traveling northbound along Route One, started going downhill, when I saw a strange configuration.

"At the top of the road, coming southbound, was a brilliant blue light which was traveling along the center strip. I thought it was another car with only one headlight coming toward me.

"As it came closer, the light, which was about two feet above the ground, disappeared into a pinpoint of brilliant blue, then disappeared."

"I suddenly became aware the car radio was playing. I didn't turn it on," she said, baffled.

Her husband suggested it was the reflection of car headlights traveling in the opposite direction. Another person suggested it might have been a motorcycle.

But the woman said that as a police officer, she's seen enough headlights to know the difference between them and what she saw.

Five years later, she still isn't sure what it was.

"All I can think is I saw a scout from outer space," she said. "We can't refute anything we see. We have to keep an open mind."

Jack Whittier said he won't forget what he saw when he was fishing on the Ipswich River three weeks ago. Other Ipswich residents aren't about to forget it either, he said, until they have a logical explanation for what they saw.

Whittier, a 28-year old engineer-economist, was in his boat traveling up-river along Great Neck early in the evening when he saw a dark, silver rocket-like object, about fifteen feet long, pass overhead traveling north to south.

It initially flew horizontally overhead, less than 100 feet in the air, he said, and its underside had a blue, bunsen-burner type flame.

"It looked like a large toy and was traveling extraordinarily fast," he said.

The UFO traveled in an undulating, wave-like pattern, accelerating on the upswing, stopping and going as it ascended and descended, he said. Then, it suddenly disappeared.

"I was tingly all over. I was excited," Whittier said. He was not afraid or apprehensive, only curious, he said.

People on shore said they saw the same thing.

He called the United States Air Force radar station located on Great Neck. Air Force personnel did nothing.

He went downtown to ask others if they saw the UFO. Some people said they did.

He called the local newspaper, which advised him to call Raymond Fowler. Fowler was away on vacation at the time.

Whittier said two MUFON (Mutual Unidentified Flying Objects Network) investigators contacted him and are now trying to provide him with answers.

Whittier said if his UFO sighting proves to be a visit from extra-terrestrial visitors, he'd be excited.

If it turns out to be a government cruise missile, he'd feel relieved.

Either way, Whittier said he is not about to devote himself to looking for UFOs.

"I've got better things to do with my time," he said.

DAILY PRESS, Victorville, CA - Sept. 20, 1981

It's that time again — UFO sightings mount

Wharry says she watched the mysterious object for about 15 minutes as it hung suspended in air slightly east of Apple Valley then shot off to a point almost out of view at the speed of an average jet plane. It finally returned and came to a dead stop, except for its spinning motion, she says. "It took off then it hovered then it came back."

Lynn Wharry says she saw her first UFO at about 8 p.m. Thursday while driving toward the Village Safeway Store. It was a fast-moving disc-like object with white, red, and green lights.

"It looked like a disc a whole bunch of lights going in circles. At first we thought it was the Goodyear blimp or something or a helicopter, then we looked at it and it was just going so fast, just shooting across the sky," she says.

The sighting was described as a "round, thin light," which flashed quickly out of sight. However, an airplane with lighted advertising for a Pow Wow Days street dance in Apple Valley was also spotted at about the same time over Victorville.

Another UFO report was submitted to the Sheriff's Department last week. Janet Hartman, a Hesperia resident, says she was looking north toward Victorville with her children and a neighbor Tuesday night at about 9:15 when she saw 10 round, yellow lights appear in a straight row on the horizon.

"We sit out there every night and I've never seen those," she says. "I believe in UFO's but I've never seen them before."

Her neighbor, Elaine Phillips, confirms the report. She says the

sight included two horizontal rows of four lights each, with one row emerging below the other. It all appeared to be taking place west of the Victorville Holiday Inn, she says. "It was weird," Phillips says. "She was ready to go in her house when I yelled at her. All of a sudden, you looked up and they came on just like somebody plugged them in."

Each light disappeared twice. The first time, she says, the two outside lights on the bottom row disappeared then the two middle ones on the bottom row were gone.

She says she watched the sky for about 15 more minutes before seeing the lights reemerge about half a city block eastward.

Phillips says she doesn't drink or take drugs. "We're just normal housewives," she says with a chuckle.

Unidentifiable aircraft sited near Pine City

"It might have been something new by the government or something Russia has made and sent over," said Theresa Schmidt about what she saw hovering over her driveway five miles east of Pine City.

Schmidt reported seeing something the size of two cars about 200 feet in the air over her driveway on Aug. 18. It was reported to have red and green flashing lights and didn't appear to move except to be rotating.

"At the time I thought it was a UFO. It appeared to be round or octagon in shape; I couldn't tell for sure," Schmidt said. "It was 20 to 25 feet in diameter. There was no sound at all."

Schmidt and three of her children reported the sighting at about 10 p.m. on Aug. 18. She could offer no positive explanation as to what it might have been.

"We checked in the Twin Cities and Duluth to see if any airplanes were in this area that night," Schmidt said. "There were none that either airport knew of."

Schmidt feels that what she saw was not the known aircraft that are seen on a daily basis. Due to the lack of movement and sound of what she saw, she thinks it was something else.

"When it took off, it took off at a fast speed and then stopped again," Schmidt said.

"A lot of people I have talked to say they wish they had seen it," Schmidt said. She and her children were the only ones to report seeing the craft.

"I've heard that some of the neighbors saw it, but they don't want to report it because they are afraid they will be called crazy," she added.

Mystery surrounds lights that brighten rural area

Something has been lighting up the western sky near the Richard Reyzlik farm south of Tekamah for the past few weeks and so far no one has come up with a definite explanation for its existence.

There have been a lot of different theories about the bright light that appeared near the farm around September 14, but all Mrs. Reyzlik knows for sure is that the thing is unidentified, flying and an object of some sort. Explanations offered by the curious who have come to view the phenomenon have ranged from alien spacecraft to the planet Venus.

Mrs. Reyzlik labeled herself as "skeptical," saying that she was "really not a great believer in spaceships." She is certain, though, that there really is something out there — the question is "what?"

When the light first was sighted it was "big as a table," according to her husband, who thought someone might have been trespassing on their property. A search of the property produced nothing and the light disappeared.

The first two nights the light appeared very close to the Reyzlik home, which is located on a hill, but since that time it has been moving farther away. It follows the same pattern each

night, coming up about 8 p.m. and moving downward until about 9 p.m. when it disappears.

To the naked eye the light is "brighter than a star" and usually round. Through binoculars, the object appears to be multi-colored — ranging from silver, blue and most recently red and orange.

Many local residents have viewed the light, which also can be seen in the western sky from atop Reservoir Hill in Tekamah, Mrs. Reyzlik said.

Among the skywatchers were two "UFO experts" from Omaha, who have studied sightings across the United States. They labeled the object as some sort of ship and told the Reyzliks that more of the same can be expected in 1983.

A Tekamah-Herman school teacher suggested that the heavenly body might be Venus, but the spaceship authorities did not agree.

What ever it is, Tekamah area star gazers aren't the only ones to have reported the sightings, according to Mrs. Reyzlik. "After we'd seen it there were a couple of newspaper articles about similar sightings around Hastings," she said.

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Women believe UFO encounter was to be of the third kind

By JOHN GILCHRIST
Bulletin Staff Writer

KILLINGLY — Heather Chinigo was a believer before her close encounter Tuesday night, but now the Moosup woman is convinced that there are spaceships flying about that neither NASA nor the Star Wars people know about.

Heather was driving along Route 6 Tuesday night towards Rhode Island with her friend Judy Gudaitis, when she noticed two bright lights, much brighter than the stars, blinking and hovering over their rust colored Mazda.

The lights were square, about 12 inches in diameter and 14 feet apart, Heather said. And in the glimmer of the light, she could see an outline of a spaceship in the shape of a lopsided stop sign.

As they headed for the Rhode Island border, so did the ship. And when they turned around to come back, so did the object, following along above the trees.

By 9:15 p.m., the lights were following them along Route 52 and off the highway at exit 90.

As the girls headed down Squaw Rock Road, their new companion was still with them. Heather thinks the newcomers wanted to communicate with them, for she and Judy are self-proclaimed believers in unidentified flying objects.

They stopped at the intersection of Moosup Pond Road and watched the incredible sight, until a red Ford Pickup truck came to the intersection.

"I really think it wanted to communicate with us, but when the truck came, the lights started going away."

The whole encounter, from first sighting to the eventual whisking away, lasted for about 45 minutes.

The girls then went to the police and reported the phenomenon to Sgt. William Holmes, who asked Heather to draw a sketch of the craft.

"I know what I saw," the 18 year-old said with a tone of conviction. "I'm not a radical person. I don't just go to the police about something unless I'm sure."

Gary Bent, assistant director of the University of Connecticut Physics department, has heard many similar tales, some from people he knows to be stable. And while he finds it hard to say UFOs are possible, "I'm not saying they don't exist either."

"If they do exist, they have a different technology than we know of," he said. "But based on what physical principles we have, it's very hard to say it's possible."

Heather isn't arguing the scientific explanations and principles. She said she knows what she saw. And she plans to go out searching for it again, along the same route, trying to make contact with whatever it is.

"I know it was for real. There are no doubts in my mind."

DAILY INDEPENDENT, Newport, AR - Oct. 29, 1981

UFO'S may be hovering over Galveston, Texas

GALVESTON, Texas (UPI) — Reports of eerily pulsating lights and hovering star-shaped objects in the night sky over Galveston Island have piqued the curiosity of flying saucer investigators.

John Schuessler, a former space agency engineer now in McDonnell Douglas Corp.'s space flight division, said his group — VISIT for Vehicle Internal Systems Investigative Team — has started cataloging Monday and Tuesday night's sightings.

Police officials said dozens of residents from one end of the island to the other called in reports of a weird glow emanating from an unidentified source.

One witness, police dispatcher Lucy Smith, said, "The object itself was shaped like a star. It had points on it like a star, but it was much larger than what you'd think a star would be."

She said in one hour Tuesday 25 people along the 25-mile-long island reported a similar object with glowing and flickering lights that lit up entire streets of the city.

Schuessler said, "We're sure there's something to the sightings, that people are not

making these reports based on mass hysteria. But we're not into giving a pat answer. Enough people have tried — the Air Force and other government agencies — and they did not come up with much."

Coast Guard spokesman Martin Taylor attributed the sightings to an off-shore gas well that was burning waste fumes. A helicopter pilot said the fire's light was reflected off a haze layer at about 7,000 feet and that is what Galvestonians saw, Taylor said.

Schuessler said 12 aerospace scientists involved in VISIT have compiled 70 cases of unidentified flying object sightings to help construct a model of what people are reporting.

"We know how to design the inside of a space craft," he said. "What we are trying to do is take the reports we are getting from people and translate them into engineering lingo."

"Physical evidence is very important. Last December two women and a boy reported they had been abducted and they had been burned with radiation-type burns. From those effects we are trying to determine what kind of systems could have caused them."

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, AR - Oct. 31, 1981

Scientists study reports of light over Gurdon, Galveston Island

The Associated Press

GALVESTON, Texas — Residents who have spotted an eerie, glowing light hovering over Galveston Island this week have nothing on the citizens of Gurdon, Ark.

Some people in Gurdon have been seeing a mysterious light for the past five decades — and not just at Halloween.

While authorities, scientists and other cynics usually scoff at such reports, they're now trying to figure out the source of both lights.

Police and the Coast Guard in Galveston have been inundated since Monday with reports of an unidentified flying object described as a flying saucer. Residents in nearby Winnie, LaPorte, Texas City and Hitchcock also claimed to have seen it.

Galveston County Constable Joe Scrofne said he saw a flicker-

ing object with red, yellow and green lights on the edges through his binoculars.

"I've never seen anything like it," Scrofne said. "I don't know what it was. It could have been just a reflection from the sun or something."

But the constable said he was just glad others have reported seeing the object "so people won't think I'm crazy."

A Coast Guard helicopter pilot has dismissed the glow as a reflection of an offshore oil rig fire off the clouds.

But in Arkansas, some residents have a more fanciful explanation of a light that has been seen since the early 1930s along a four-mile stretch of a Missouri-Pacific railroad track.

They have theorized it's the light of a lantern carried by the spirit of a murdered railroad man. Others dismiss it as "a

scientifically explainable phenomenon that can't be explained."

According to published reports, the sightings began after a railroad employee killed a foreman with a shovel in 1931.

Mike Clingan, 22, a Gurdon native and graduate student in physics at the University of South Carolina, has conducted tests on the light.

"A lot of people think it's caused by headlights from a nearby interstate, but it's been seen all the way back in the 30s, long before the interstate was built," Clingan said.

He also has ruled out mirage light and swamp gas, saying the light causes a light deflection in a galvanometer, which measures electric current. He said the deflection could be produced by a ball of charged particles coming from pressurized crystals under the track.

GAZETTE, Texarkana, AR - Oct. 28, 1981

Galveston UFO still unexplained

GALVESTON, Texas (UPI) — Police had no further explanation Tuesday for the appearance Monday night of an eerie, stationary bright light which caused one officer to get in his car and drive toward it.

Before Sgt. Dennis Langford could get near it, he said it moved away and disappeared somewhere over the airport.

"We don't know what it was," a police dispatcher said.

The night desk fielded five calls reporting it, but only the first at 7:54 p.m. was recorded. It said: "UFO sighted west of 34th and Ave. H, and then at the airport. Advised it was red, green and yellow, glowing and large. Was spotted by several citizens and by several officers."

Langford said when he and other officers stepped out the back door of the station, they saw a "large white light" hanging low over rooftops in the same area of the first report — near the center of town.

"I don't know what it was. It didn't look like any kind of aircraft and it didn't have any blinking lights. If it was an aircraft, it hung there a long time," he said.

The Coast Guard reported getting a citizen call identifying it as having flashing red and green lights. Another police officer told the dispatcher it looked like an orange star.

State, private agencies probing claim of UFO encounter

BY CINDY HORSWELL
Chronicle Staff

The Texas Department of Health and three private agencies are investigating reports that two Dayton women and a child may have been exposed to an unidentified flying object and suffered radiation exposure as a result.

It was a cold, cloudy evening on Dec. 29 when Vickie Landrum, 57, a waitress, and her former employer, Betty Cash, 52, then owner of a cafe in Dayton, and Mrs. Landrum's 7-year-old grandson, Colby Landrum, were driving from New Caney to Dayton.

Along an uninhabited stretch of FM 1485, about 30 miles northwest of Houston near Huffman and about 15 miles west of Dayton, they spotted something strange. "I saw a long, red thing in the sky about three miles ahead," said Mrs. Landrum. "I was trying to figure out what it was."

She said that within minutes the object was in front of them. Mrs. Landrum said she screamed at Mrs. Cash to stop the car and they all jumped out.

Colby, who lives with Mrs. Landrum, ran back to the car a minute later and hid on the floorboard, said Mrs. Landrum. She said she remained outside about four minutes and Mrs. Cash, the driver, got the closest to the object and watched it for about 10 minutes.

"It was diamond-shaped and as tall as a water tower," Mrs. Landrum said. "It was a dull, gray metallic color, and it just floated there."

She said red-orange flames were intermittently spewing from the bottom and that it produced a noise she will never forget. "It made a roaring sound like a flame thrower and then high-pitched beeps. It had a flammable smell, like lighter fluid," she said. The heat, she said, was so intense that it caused sweat to pour off her and her companions.

"It was so bright. The glow lit everything up. It was as if the whole woods was on fire," she said.

As the object began heading to the northwest, said Mrs. Landrum, she saw large, double-rotary helicopters following it. She said she and her grandson counted about 23 helicopters.

"It (the object) was a monstrous thing. It seemed like it was having trouble flying, and so it would let out those flames and then shoot up again while making that shrill beeping sound," said Mrs. Cash, a divorcee who is now staying with her elderly mother in Fairfield, Ala.

Mrs. Cash went to Alabama recently to recuperate from burns, blisters, weakness, diarrhea, headaches, eye problems and loss of hair — all problems she attributes to her encounter with the flying object. Mrs. Cash lost about 50 percent of her hair and had to be hospitalized twice after the sighting.

Mrs. Landrum said she had similar symptoms, but to a lesser degree: Colby was nauseated and had "kind of a bad sunburn." They say the degree of illness corresponded to the



Photo by Cindy Horswell, Chronicle Staff

Vickie Landrum, a 57-year-old Dayton waitress, says she and two other Dayton residents saw a strange object in the sky nine months ago. Since then, the three have experienced symptoms similar to the effects of radiation exposure.

length of time each was outside the car and bathed in the bright light.

"I felt so hot inside, as if I was burning from the inside out," Mrs. Cash said. "The light blinded me so much that I couldn't see to back the car up and we were afraid to go under the object."

The two women and boy initially made a pact not to tell anybody about what they had seen because they felt they would not be believed.

"It was just too weird to mention, but we didn't know then that we had been hurt," said Mrs. Landrum.

By 1 a.m. that night, Mrs. Landrum said both she and her grandson had blistered as if badly sunburned and both suffered from nausea and diarrhea.

"We were starving for water. Just couldn't get enough and couldn't stand a warm bath. It had to be cold, for weeks after that. Didn't like being near a stove or hot food," she said.

She said that two days later she visited Mrs. Cash, who lived alone, and found her so weak she could not get a glass of water. Mrs. Landrum said part of Mrs. Cash's body was covered with egg-sized knots and blisters. Mrs. Cash was hospitalized the next day at Parkway Hospital in Houston.

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The trio broke their secrecy pact then and told doctors about the incident. Mrs. Landrum also reported it to Dayton Police Chief Tommy Waring.

Waring said he has known Mrs. Landrum for about 30 years and "after talking to her for 35 or 40 minutes, you knew she was reporting what she thought she saw. She appeared highly nervous and upset."

Mrs. Landrum said her hair began to "come out in wads" and her eyesight began failing about three weeks after the incident. She then sought medical attention. Her hair has since regrown, though she says it now has a burnt, frizzled texture.

The three have been interviewed by John F. Schuessler, a mechanical engineer employed as McDonnell-Douglas' project manager for space flight operations in Clear Lake City. He is investigating her case in his capacity as a volunteer with the Mutual UFO Network.

He and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, founder of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., say the Dayton incident is the most significant sighting that has occurred in the Houston area in 10

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years. "That's because there is something you can actually examine afterward — the physical injuries," said Schuessler.

Dr. P.B. Patil, a specialist in cardiology and internal medicine, said he and his colleagues hospitalized Mrs. Cash twice at Parkway Hospital in Houston for a total of about 3½ weeks. "She definitely had a bad burn on her face and her hair came out in clumps in two or three areas," he said.

He said consultants were called in, but "we cannot say for sure what caused it," though he would not rule out radiation exposure.

Dr. Steve Chandler, a Liberty optometrist, treated Mrs.

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Landrum for a puffy, red eyes. "There was quite a bit of irritation and swelling, redness due to some type of burn around the eyes, but I don't know the cause of it," he said, acknowledging that her eyesight has worsened. He said an allergy to sunlight, chemicals and other things could have caused the same symptoms as radiation.

Dr. James Easley, a Houston radiologist, examined the women more than six months after the incident but said his results were not conclusive because he saw the women so late.

Schuessler has two theories about the sighting: Either the object came from another planet or it was an experimental, top-secret U.S. government project.

To substantiate the trio's story, Schuessler has gathered reports from several persons in the area who also say they saw something strange.

On that same night, Angie Stanley, 26, a Dayton postal clerk, was coming home from New Caney on FM 1485 about 13 miles west of Dayton. "I saw a really bright light in the sky pretty far away," she said. "It looked like the bright headlights of a car on an oval-shaped thing."

Jerry McDonald, 24, an oil field roughneck, also witnessed something strange that night from his home in Dayton. "I heard a sound like a rumble, and I thought it was the Goodyear blimp," he said. "It was kind of triangular or diamond-shaped and had two twin torches that were shooting brilliant blue flames out the back." He said it also had two bright lights on it and a red light in the center as it passed about 150 feet above him.

Belle Magee, 55, a bakery clerk, was in her home in Eastgate, about eight miles west of Dayton, when she looked out and saw a bright light heading in the direction of New Caney. "It was bright, like the light of a football field, but up in the sky," she said.

Dayton police officer L.L. Walker was off duty and driving home from Cleveland, five miles north of Dayton on FM 321, when he saw several large helicopters flying in formation. He says he is not sure of the exact date, but thinks it may have been Dec. 29.

To jog Mrs. Landrum's memory, she was hypnotized twice by Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, a psychologist and director of counseling and testing at the University of Wyoming. Sprinkle has studied about 250 persons who have reported UFO sightings during the last 20 years.

Under hypnosis, Mrs. Landrum did not reveal any new details, he said, but she did not alter her story, either.

"She showed very dramatically what her feelings were as she relived it," he said. "She kept pulling on her blouse and cradling her arm like she was holding Colby close. She said she thought it was the end of the world and Jesus was coming out of the light."

Sprinkle said there is no way to know if a person is hypnotized, "but based on my 15 years experience, she was — or else she has been taking acting lessons." Hypnosis recall does not prove an incident happened, he said, but "it's her truth, what the individual thinks is true."

At the request of state Rep. Larry Browder, D-Coldspring, the Texas Department of Health's Bureau of Radiation Control is investigating the Dayton incident.

"We came into this thing fairly late in the game," said Russ Meyer, manager of the state's public health department in Houston.

On Sept. 16, he drove the stretch of road where the sighting is supposed to have occurred. His radiation detection equipment did not find any traces of remnant radiation in the area. He also took soil samples, but testing of them is not complete yet.

"If there had been radioactive contamination in large amounts, some would still be left there," he said. However, he said certain types of radiation — such as ultraviolet light, infrared light and low-energy X-rays — might not leave any residual traces.

Meyer has recommended that the trio's medical records be reviewed by the state health department's medical advisory board. Specialists, he said, could differentiate between radiation and symptoms that could be attributed to such things as chemical toxins.

The helicopters, as described by the women, would appear to be CH47 Chinooks, used by the military as troop carriers. However, spokesmen for the Army and National Guard, both of which keep helicopters in the Houston area, said there are no records of military helicopters being flown on Dec. 29.

Attorney Peter Gersten of the Bronx, N.Y., representing Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, said he is interested in the Dayton women and "particularly interested in things to do with the military."

Two weeks ago, he sent letters to the National Guard and U.S. Air Force headquarters requesting information on helicopters which may have been involved with the "startling encounter of a UFO" near Dayton and requesting all records they might possess on the subject.

Military authorities said his letter has been forwarded to their legal departments.

CHRONICLE, Houston, TX - Sept. 25, 1981

Citizens fight gov't cover-up of massive data on UFO mystery

It's government's turn to 'put up or shut up'

By Larry W. Bryant

A year ago, at a UFO research symposium sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., a vocal anti-UFO writer exhorted the audience's pro-UFO contingent to put up or shut up.

What he meant was that he's tired of hearing that the UFO subject deserves serious attention on the part of the government. He feels that the intellectual noise pollution on the part of UFO advocates who refuse to bear the burden of proof is a disservice to science and to sanity. He wants them to submit their case to binding arbitration, as it were. If they can't produce convincing (to him) evidence in a reasonable period of time — say, 12 months from the date of the Smithsonian event — then they ought to agree to abandon their cause.

Aside from the simplistic slant of the critic's proposal — it's impractical for the meager resources of privately funded UFO research to be focused on a single aspect of such a broad issue — the critic misses the point, for the verdict is already in. Over the past several years of its evolution, the verdict reached its high point this July with the 12th annual symposium of the Mutual UFO Network, held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Effort to suppress reality

One of the featured speakers was New York attorney Peter A. Gersten, active in pursuing official UFO documentation via the U.S. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The symposium's theme — "UFOs: The Hidden Evidence" — was epitomized by Gersten's presentation. Marching through a chronicle of documentation thus far released through FOIA litigation, Gersten left no doubt in the audience's mind that this emerging body of testimony reveals a systematic effort by the Federal Government to suppress its hard-core evidence of UFO reality.

Indeed, mused Gersten, if the testimony were the substance of a criminal law case, the defendant (i.e., the government) would be in deep trouble. Proof to a lawyer need not be the same as proof demanded by a physical scientist.

Where goes Gersten from here?

Right now he's pondering the recent Federal appeals court decision in an FOIA case involving the UFO-related records of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency — records whose very existence was denied by the Agency before advent of the Act. The court's decision in favor of the Agency is important not only to UFO-oriented citizens; if let to stand, it will strengthen CIA efforts to achieve full exemption from provisions of the Act.

Another suit for vital UFO documentation is also pending at the appeals level. The defendant, none other than the supersecret National Security Agency, which declines to release some 135 documents on the grounds that to do so would jeopardize national security. The NSA position contradicts the earlier, formal government pronouncement that the

(Right) Copy of the letter sent by then Congressman Gerald Ford to L. Mendel Rivers, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, recommending an official government investigation of UFO phenomena. After becoming president following President Nixon's resignation, however, he fell suddenly silent on the issue.

reported UFO's pose no threat to the nation's security. Oral arguments in the appeal are scheduled for October 28th at the U.S. Courthouse in Washington, D.C.

Informants urged to talk

In the meantime, Gersten is asking all reluctant participants in the 34-year-old

"UFO coverup" to come forward with the final facts and figures. Of course, this isn't as easy as it seems — given the intelligence community's hold on its members' past present future conduct, as guaranteed by their oaths of secrecy. But here's one way to get around that hold, for the purpose of the public's right to know:

If you're a present or former principal in the coverup, merely write to President Reagan with the request that he free you from your secrecy oath as regards your hard-core UFO knowledge. Specify in your letter that no reply from him will be

taken as a go-ahead to tell all. If the government means what it says about the declassified status of official UFO-related records, then you need fear no reprisal. Send a copy of your letter to us (anonymously if you prefer), along with whatever reply you receive, and we'll discreetly proceed from there.

Help us let "the evidence speak for itself."

The address is Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, P.O. Box 4743, Arlington, Va. 22204.

Larry Bryant is administrator of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS).

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
OFFICE OF THE MINORITY LEADER,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., March 28, 1966.

Representative L. MENDEL RIVERS,
Chairman, Armed Services Committee,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CHAIRMAN RIVERS: No doubt you have noted the recent flurry of newspaper stories about unidentified flying objects (UFO's). I have taken special interest in these accounts because many of the latest reported sightings have been in my home State of Michigan.

The Air Force sent a consultant, Astrophysicist Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, to Michigan to investigate the various reports; and he dismissed all of them as the product of college student pranks or swamp gas or an impression created by the rising crescent moon and the planet Venus. I do not agree that all of these reports can be or should be so easily explained away.

Because I think there may be substance to some of these reports and because I believe the American people are entitled to a more thorough explanation than has been given them by the Air Force to date, I am proposing that either the Science and Astronautics Committee or the Armed Services Committee of the House schedule hearings on the subject of UFO's and invite testimony from both the executive branch of the Government and some of the persons who claim to have seen UFO's.

I enclose material which I think will be helpful to you in assessing the advisability of an investigation of UFO's.

May I first call to your attention a column by Roscoe Drummond, published last Sunday in which Mr. Drummond says, "Maybe all of these reported sightings are whimsical, imaginary or unreal; but we need a more credible and detached appraisal of the evidence than we are getting."

Mr. Drummond goes on to state, "We need to get all the data drawn together in one place and examined far more objectively than anyone has done so far. A stable public opinion will come from a trustworthy look at the evidence, not from belittling it."

"The time has come for the President or Congress to name an objective and respected panel to investigate, appraise, and report on all present and future evidence about what is going on."

I agree fully with Mr. Drummond's statements. I also suggest you scan the enclosed series of six articles by Bulkley Griffin of the Griffin-Larrabee News Bureau here. In the last of his articles, published last January, Mr. Griffin says, "A main conclusion can be briefly stated. It is that the Air Force is misleading the public by its continuing campaign to produce and maintain belief that all sightings can be explained away as misidentification of familiar objects, such as balloons, stars, and aircraft."

I have just today received a number of telegrams urging a congressional investigation of UFO's. One is from retired Air Force Col. Harold R. Brown, Ardmore, Tenn., who says, "I have seen UFO. Will be available to testify."

Another, from Mrs. Ethyle M. Davis, Eugene, Oreg., reads, "9 out of 10 people want truth of UFO's. Press your investigation to the fullest."

Ronald Collier of Los Angeles, who identifies himself as "a scientist from MIT," urges that you "do everything in your power to make Air Force Project Blue Book (the Air Force name for its study and verdicts on UFO reports) known to the people." Are we to assume that everyone who says he has seen UFO's is an unreliable witness?

A UPI story out of Ann Arbor, Mich., dated March 21, 1966, states that "at least 40 persons, including 12 policemen, said today that they saw a strange flying object guarded by 4 sister ships land in a swamp near here Sunday night."

Matt Surrall of Station WJR, Detroit, cites an eye witness account of a recent UFO sighting by Emile Grenier of Ann Arbor, an aeronautical engineer employed by Ford Motor Co. He points out that an aeronautical engineer can hardly be considered an untrustworthy witness.

In the firm belief that the American public deserves a better explanation than that thus far given by the Air Force, I strongly recommend that there be a committee investigation of the UFO phenomena.

I think we owe it to the people to establish credibility regarding UFO's and to produce the greatest possible enlightenment on this subject.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD, Member of Congress.

Enclosures.

Private groups battle to release UFO secrets

By Hal McKenzie

NEWS WORLD STAFF

It might not be as powerful as the American Rifle Association's gun lobby, or the lobbyists for oil companies and other big corporations, or most of the innumerable other special interests that haunt Capitol Hill and pester the government in support of various causes. But in terms of persistence and determination,

the growing citizens' UFO lobby can match any of them.

Private citizens' attempts to pry open the lid of secrecy clamped by the government on UFO data has already won impressive victories and they are continuing the battle without letup.

An enormous amount of information about UFOs from thousands of government documents has been made

available to the public through Freedom of Information Act suits brought by Bronx lawyer Peter Gersten, legal advisor for Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS). Gersten, who works for the law firm of Rothblatt, Rothblatt & Seijas in the Bronx, is continuing the fight with a suit against the supersecret National Security Agency (NSA) which he says is withholding at least 135 documents entirely relating to UFOs.

The U.S. District Court in Washington D.C. recently decided against CAUS' suit on the grounds that release of the material "could seriously jeopardize the work of the agency and the security of the United States." Gersten is appealing the

case to the U.S. Court of Appeals which has scheduled oral arguments on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 2:00 p.m.

Gersten urged in a letter publicizing the hearing that "since this case is extremely important we would like to publicize both the decision and the court date as widely as possible." He also wrote that plans are being made to have the week of October 26 declared National Freedom of UFO Information Week with a press conference scheduled for Oct. 27, at which time the filing of new FOIA lawsuits will be announced.

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NEWS, Perth, W.A., Australia - Aug. 26, 1981

UFOs SPOTTED OFF BUNBURY

A big formation of unidentified flying objects was reported to have been seen off the Bunbury coast yesterday.

CR: P. Gildea via P. Norman

In separate reports three Bunbury men said they had seen up to 15 bright objects flying in formation about two kilometres offshore just after 4pm.

Descriptions of the objects and their movements were almost identical in all three sightings, but neither the Department of Transport nor the RAAF could shed any light on the incidents.

Flight operations at Perth Airport said there were no big groups of planes operating in the area.

Surveyor's assistant, Mr John Harvey, of Bunbury, said about 15 of the bright silver symmetrical objects had hovered over the ocean.

He said the objects then moved north rapidly and suddenly shot up vertically without changing speed.

Those who saw the objects said they looked nothing like aircraft.

A Department of Transport spokesman said there were no U.S. Navy exercises in the area.

Billinge UFO mystery

RESIDENTS in Billinge and Garswood had a close encounter of the UFO kind last night when they saw bright lights and a conical shaped craft flying overhead.

Local police stations were inundated with calls from excited onlookers who claim the object was flying at about 1,000 feet.

They say the "spaceship" appeared just before midnight and circled the area for about 45 minutes before disappearing.

A spokesman for the police said today: "A UFO was spotted at Billinge and Garswood and was described as an object with a number of lights."

"It flew at about 1,000 feet and several people used binoculars to look at it."

"The nearest airport, Speke, say they had no reported sightings." He was unable to offer any explanation as to what the "sighting" might have been.

EVENING ADVERTISER, Swindon, Wilts., England - Aug. 27, 1981

SHOCK FROM OUTER SPACE!

by JIM HATLEY

UFOs have turned a Swindon woman's life into a nightmare.

She says she cannot sleep properly after spotting a mushroom-shaped craft near her house.

And last night the 37-year-old mother of two claims she saw another mystery object from outer space hovering near Wootton Bassett.

The woman — who did not want to be named for fear of ridicule — says she saw three bright lights the size of footballs. She watched for a couple of minutes then went to get a friend to witness the UFO.

But when she got back the lights were gone.

"They were as big as footballs and just hovered, moving up and down slightly."

Two weeks ago she was one of several people who saw the mushroom or parachute-shaped object lit up in red.

"It hovered about eight feet above the roof of a house across the road from me," she said.

"I've had nightmares ever since and now I can't sleep properly. I can't take it any more."

A spokesman at RAF Lyneham said the base knew nothing of the lights the woman saw last night.

UFO fans are now gathering on a hill near Warminster expecting a "visitation."

They say alien craft make regular visits to the area and this time of year in 1979 several "sightings" were made.

UFO & the Spirit of Darkness

One of the most devastating landing sites I've ever seen is the way that free lance UFO expert Gilbert Funk describes the Wilson's site near Smoky Lake, which he visited recently.

The 52 year old painter decorator has been taping interviews for over 30 years and examining 12 UFO sites in the province. He ties in the mysterious rings left by UFO's with cattle mutilations, space creature killings, and a pattern of general mayhem, calculated to terrorize people.

"These things are fiendish," says Mr. Funk

"and they are sadistic in origin."

He points to the normally tame dog that was left locked in one of the trailers on the Wilson's property. "The dog went wild when the mysterious visitors came," said Mr. Funk. Then there's the usually locked doors that were left wide open when the wedding guests came back from the dance. "The area people are taking it well, but mysterious things did happen out there," said Mr. Funk.

Mr. Funk sees UFO's in a spiritual light, feeling that they are creatures from the forces of darkness.

More Sightings Reported

The reports of a strange sighting near the Wilson acreage east of Smoky Lake are still coming in. Neighbouring farmer John Bolechowsky saw a bright light in the sky the week before. He and his son Norman were driving in from the hay fields around midnight. Norman, in the pick up ahead of his father's car didn't notice anything but John Bolechowsky did. He drove through the farm yard and to the field behind the house to see it more clearly but it disappeared before he got out there. It was a bright light low in the southern sky.

The strange thing is, Norman saw it next. In the same spot through a space in the treed wind break behind their house, around midnight on Friday night, August 28th. That's the same night as the mysterious fire that left the deep ash pit at the Wilson's farm.

Norman said it looked like a bright very white light in a roughly oval shape, 8 feet wide and 5 feet high hovering at tree top level 1/8th mile away over the

fields to the south of the house. When he called his sisters to come out and see, it vanished. The next day he heard about the Wilson's fire and ash pit. "You'll never believe these things until you see it with your own eyes," said Norman.

The Edmonton Journal picked up the Wilson's story and CBC TV followed it up with an on the spot interview of the Wilson's on August 30th.

Canadian Press passed the story along to papers across Canada. The Wilson's have since been inundated with calls from radio stations in centres as far away as Ottawa.

So far amateur UFO watchers have streamed out to the site but no one from the government has come. Local R.C.M.P. were there to take ash samples. Depending on what the tracking station at Vegreville saw in the skies over the area that night, more detailed investigations are possible. Eat your heart out St. Paul. The little green men chose Smoky Lake.

SIGNAL, Smoky Lake, Alberta, Canada
Sept. 2, 1981 CR: T. Tokaryk

Tribesmen report UFO

Jakarta, Indonesia (UPI) — Tribesmen on a remote Indonesian island watched a flashing red object speed across the sky and explode in flames above them, police said Saturday.

As the object flashed over head, it suddenly gained speed, flames surrounded it and it exploded with a loud roar, said the tribesmen, who have scant knowledge of modern aircraft.

No parts of the object have been recovered.

STAR, Indianapolis, IN - Nov. 8, 1981
CR: C. Jones

Purple sphere mystery

A Whitby resident has seen and heard a UFO which, it is claimed, hovered over Whitby cemetery and which in perspective appeared "bigger than the moon".

The UFO, which appeared at ten minutes to midnight on Wednesday night, was described as a purple, incandescent sphere by the woman, who wishes to remain anonymous.

It hovered motionless above the cemetery cross, apart from a slight see-saw motion. It was a deeper colour in the middle, becoming light at the edges.

The noise heard was described as a humming sound mixed with a noise like that of a generator.

This oscillated in time to the motion of the craft, according to the witness.

Whitby police say they have not, so far, received reports of any more sightings of this nature.

But recently, a UFO was sighted apparently hovering over RAF Fylingdales.

GAZETTE, Whitby, North Yorks., England
Sept. 18, 1981

More UFO sightings

THE triangular UFO sighted over Bovey Tracey and Dawlish this week was also seen in Torbay.

Mr Anthony Prentice, of St Luke's Road, Torquay, saw an object flying over the bay.

Mr Prentice, a shop manager, was standing on a fifth-floor balcony at around 11 pm on Wednesday when he saw a triangular red and white light between Berry Head and Brixham. Suddenly it moved across the bay to Paignton — in less than ten seconds, he claims.

"It made a noise like a powerboat, only it was much faster," he said. "After hovering over Paignton it moved back out to Brixham and then disappeared out to sea."

Teignmouth hotelier and Teignbridge district councillor

Mrs Sylvia Russell also reported a UFO, seen on Wednesday.

Mrs Russell saw an orange light moving noiselessly through the sky; her husband described it as two orange lights in tandem, very bright in the middle and paler at the edge.

Mrs Joyce Shears, of Ferncombe Road, Paignton, today reported that she and her daughter watched a bright object in the sky for about half an hour from 9.45 last Monday. They were disturbed by bangs and the barking of dogs, and looked out to see a flashing object much larger than a star above the trees just beyond the infant school. The object flashed red and white alternatively, and stayed more or less in one spot for about half an hour. The sky seemed very light.

EVENING POST, Nottingham, England
Sept. 3, 1981

UFO MEN PUZZLE OVER DISC

IT'S THE high season for investigators of UFOs — unidentified flying objects — and Nottingham UFO Investigations Society is being kept busy with calls of sightings over the city.

While a large number of UFO spotters from the East Midlands joined others to scan the skies over Warminster for alien space craft, investigators from the society have been puzzling over a sighting in the St. Ann's area of Nottingham.

Several witnesses reported seeing a small, silver disc-shaped object low down in the direction of the Union Road area.

Mr. Sid Henley, the group's sighting co-ordinator, said: "This is an interesting object seen by independent witnesses. We have ruled out the possibility of it being ball lightning or an astronomical phenomenon."

Young couple

"We would like to hear especially from a young couple with three children who also saw the object and reported it to the police."

A large number of witnesses have also reported seeing a large oval-shaped object drifting slowly across a twilight sky over the Loughborough Road and Melton Road area of West Bridgford.

And Mr. Henley added: "We would like to hear from anyone who may have observed this object."

Anyone with information may contact him at 443 Meadow Lane, Nottingham, Tel. 874615.

COASTGUARD IN UFO MYSTERY

A MYSTERY flying craft officially logged by coastguards as an unidentified flying object "whooshed" up past the coastguard lookout at St. Aldhelm's Head in the early hours of Sunday morning. And the mysterious object has baffled coastguards, police, naval and air force authorities.

During a weekend of intense activity by Swanage lifeboat and coastguards this was the most unusual and sensational feature.

The incident is described graphically by coastguard David Priddle — "At 2.29 am I was looking out with particular awareness because we were in the middle of a lifeboat and coastguard combined search, four or five red flares having been reported along the coast in the vicinity of Anvil Point.

"All the lights were out in the lookout, and I was watching the lifeboat move closely in to shore in the Anvil Point vicinity.

RUMBLING

"There was a rumbling noise, and I wondered what was happening. The noise grew to a roaring and I thought that it was a helicopter coming in close.

"The noise continued to increase in volume and I stared out with concentration — I was sitting at my stool close to the coastguard lookout window.

"All of a sudden there was an orange glow and with a whoosh something came up from below. It seemed to come from almost the foot of

the cliffs, which are 300ft. at that point, and it shot straight up past the window of the lookout.

"I ran out and from the front of the lookout I saw a faint orange glow disappear into the sky. It was all over in a few seconds, it seemed — the speed of the thing was fantastic."

Mr. Priddle immediately signalled the occurrence to Portland coastguard headquarters.

INVOLVED

"They got in touch with RAF, Royal Navy and other possible sources of helicopters or aircraft. All of them reported that nothing they could account for was involved in any flying operations anywhere near St. Aldhelm's Head at that time of the morning."

Mr. Priddle, 19, has been a member of the auxiliary coastguard service at St. Aldhelm's Head for over two years. He is highly thought of by his superiors as a very reliable and enterprising coastguard.

"I don't really believe in UFOs but I think you have to keep an open mind on the subject."

"Looking at it rationally afterwards I thought maybe

it was a helicopter on some illicit purpose, coming in with no navigation lights and flying very low to avoid radar detection.

JUST POSSIBLE

"It was just possible that a helicopter pilot flying without lights would not realise just how high the cliffs are at that point — 300ft. — and have to make a very sudden ascent."

David is the son of Purbeck district councillor Mr. Norman Priddle of Halcyon Cottage, The Hyde, Langton.

His experience was part of a weekend in which the lifeboat was out shortly after 1 am after two yachts reported seeing red flares inshore at Anvil Point.

The lifeboat made a search of the sea and coast in the vicinity without result. At first light the search was taken up by coastguards and the coast from Durlston Head to St. Aldhelm's Head, Worth Matravers was combed but nothing at all found to explain the flares.

However a yacht was discovered in difficulties during the search. The yacht, the Ben Dee, with a couple on board from Penge, South London, was taken in tow.

SHUTTLE, Kidderminster, Worcs., England - Oct. 9, 1981

UFO SIGHTED OVER STONE



An unidentified flying object has been sighted flying over Stone, near Kidderminster.

The large, black, doughnut shaped UFO was spotted by many eye-witnesses as it passed low over houses in Stanklyn Lane on Monday afternoon.

Independent reports given to the Shuttle all agree on the description of the UFO.

It was about 30 to 40 feet in diameter, shaped like a flat cylinder with rounded sides and had a black metallic underside with a shiney top surface.

"I've never seen anything like it before in my life", said one woman.

"It was about the size of a balloon, but it was a different shape," Mr Roy Little of Stanklyn Lane told the Shuttle.

"It was flying at about 2,000 feet, and was going at quite a slow speed, about 30 mph."

"I could see some sort of mark on the side which showed that it was rotating slowly."

"It seemed to be shimmering, and didn't make any sound at all", another housewife in Stanklyn Lane said.

"It just appeared over the back of the fields, skimmed over the power cables and went off to the north east."

If it continued on the same course the UFO would then have passed over Spennells Valley Estate, and the Offmore Farm Estate.

NO RECORDS

The Shuttle contacted air traffic control at Birmingham airport to find out if there were any unusual aircraft in the area, but they had no records of anything out of the ordinary.

A spokesman for the airport said: "We have had no reports of unusual sightings and have had no unusual sightings on our radar, but we have had one or two club aircraft in the area."

NEWS WORLD, New York, NY - Oct. 10, 1981



Same UFO seen in Oregon and Germany

This shield-shaped craft with rotating flange and a periscope-like protrusion on its top, photographed by Walter Schilling over Hasseladorfer Marsh in Brockdorf, West Germany, on March 7, 1977, exactly resembles a UFO photographed in McMinnville, Oregon by farmer Paul Trent on May 11, 1950. The photo is remarkable because of the identical shapes appearing over a 27-year period.

AMAZING UFO DEATH RIDDLE

By JOHN SHEARD and
STEWART BONNEY

A MAN'S mysterious death is at the centre of one of the biggest UFO riddles in years.

His body was found with strange, unexplained burns in a town he had never visited before.

Experts believe that Polish-born Zygmunt Adamski, 56, could have died of fright.

And one of two policemen called to the scene is said to have told of seeing a flying saucer only hours before.

Extensive inquiries ordered by West Yorkshire coroner Mr. James Turnbull failed to reveal any "ordinary" reasons for Mr. Adamski's death.

And last week Mr. Turnbull told us: "It is quite the most mysterious death I have investigated in 12 years."

Mr. Adamski, who lived quietly with his wife Lottie in Thornfield Crescent, Tingley, near Leeds, was found on a pile of coal in a yard at Todmorden 30 miles away.

He had been missing for five days.

There were burns on his scalp, neck and the back of his head from a corrosive substance that experts have failed to identify.

Mr. Turnbull said: "As a trained lawyer I have to rely on facts. Unfortunately we have not been able to uncover any facts which may have contributed to this death."

"I tend to believe that there may be some simple explanation."

"However, I do admit that the failure of forensic scientists to identify the corrosive substance which caused Mr. Adamski's burns could lend some weight to the UFO theory."

"As a coroner I cannot speculate. But I must admit that if I was walking over Ilkley Moor tomorrow and a UFO came down I would not be surprised. I might be terrified, but not surprised."

"I cannot believe that all the thousands of reports of this sort of phenomenon—covering almost every country in the world and going back through the ages—result from human error."

UFO investigators say they interviewed the policeman who spoke of the sighting.

They say he agreed to undergo hypnosis and while in a trance he recalled seeing a flying saucer earlier on the day that Mr. Adamski was found.

West Yorkshire police would not allow us to interview the officer.

This is the unbelievable story uncovered by Sunday Mirror investigators.

Mr. Adamski vanished on June 11 last year after setting off on foot from his home to buy potatoes at a corner shop.

Pile of coal

Coal merchant's son Mr. Trevor Parker found his body in a hollow on top of the pile of coal in Todmorden where Mr. Adamski had no known connections.

There was no indication as to how he got there.

His face, cheeks, forehead and clothes were NOT marked by the corrosive substance, suggesting that when the burns were inflicted the top half of his body was naked.

Mr. Adamski, who became a soldier and later a miner after fleeing Poland in the war, was found wearing a jacket but without a shirt.

His watch and wallet were missing but he had £5 in his pocket.

Consultant pathologist Dr Alan Edwards said death was caused by heart failure, possibly due to "a severe shock or fright".

Police probed Mr. Adamski's background in an attempt to find clues to his death.

But they found that he drank little, did not gamble, showed no interest in politics and was unlikely to have enemies.

Coroner Mr. Turnbull adjourned the inquest three times and appealed for anyone who could solve the riddle to come forward.

Eventually he recorded an open verdict.

Mr. Turnbull said: "An open verdict means that this case is still technically under investigation."

Hypnosis

Mr. Graham Birdsall, area co-ordinator for Contact International UK, the largest UFO study movement, said: "There is worldwide interest in this case. It is the biggest UFO story for many years."

"The fact that the police have even considered the possibility of UFO involvement is unique."

Mr. Birdsall and Mr. Walter Reid, of the British UFO Research Association, confirmed that the PC involved underwent hypnosis.

"There is no obvious explanation why the body was there", said Mr. Reid. "It would seem he was literally dropped there."

Mr. Adamski's widow, who is confined to a wheelchair, said: "He was a good man with no enemies."

"He must have been kidnapped, by who or what and for what reason, I don't think I will ever know."

Police files remain open on Mr. Adamski. UFO enthusiasts' files list him as a CE-3—Close Encounter of the Third Kind.

Bright sky lights leave viewers in dark Aurora polyvinylis?

EVENING FREE PRESS, London, Ontario, Canada - Sept. 16, 1981

SARNIA (Bureau) — Maybe it was a promotion for Mork and Minky.

Or perhaps the bright lights in the sky over Lambton County Monday night about 10 p.m. were a previously undiscovered constellation native only to the Chemical Valley — aurora polyvinylis.

The lights certainly caught the imagination of several area residents who called radio stations and police departments trying to find out what they were.

Brian Fader of Bonnydoon, near Camlachie, was on his way home along Highway 402 when he noticed three large lights in a V formation and two lights in the centre of the back.

At first, he thought they were a reflection on his windshield, but noticed the lights were still evident after he turned off the highway onto Lambton County Road 26.

"It (the bright light) was still there so I got out of my car to look. I distinctly saw it start to move toward Sarnia."

Just to make sure he wasn't imagining things,

he spoke with two other people who were parked along the road. They, too, had witnessed the lights, Fader said.

What lighted the sky hasn't been determined — but he will be the first in line when someone comes up with a logical explanation.

"It's got me curious now. I'd really like to know what it was. There must be a logical explanation."

Fader stressed in an interview Tuesday he's not a believer in unidentified flying objects (UFOs). But he doesn't buy the suggestion that he saw a couple of military jets refueling.

He said he couldn't hear the roar of jet engines or see any shape between the lights. Even with the lights precluded the jet theory, Fader said.

A check with the Selfridge Air Force Base in Mt. Clemens, Mich., indicated military jets from that base were not in the air around 10 p.m. and the Sarnia Airport doesn't have any record of a plane taking off or landing there.

NEWS WORLD, New York, NY - Oct. 17, 1981

Finns encounter UFO at sea

The current issue of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization Bulletin reported a UFO encounter in Finland.

The encounter, near Vaasa, took place on a Sunday evening in 1980. Two witnesses observed the UFO. The encounter occurred at sea.

Ake Hurin had been fishing with a friend and was heading home. After sailing about a kilometer, Hurin saw a bright light approaching from the right.

Thinking a large boat with a powerful light was approaching he slowed his boat to three knots to yield right of way to the other boat. When the other object continued to approach, Hurin, fearing a collision, turned off his lights, stopped the motor, and made a hard left.

Fearing he would be run over by the object, Hurin ducked down. Though he didn't hear a sound, he felt heat radiating from the object as it passed near him and his boat. The object was so bright it lit up the entire area.

Hurin estimated the object's diameter

to be one and a half meters and it flew three or four meters above the sea. He couldn't make out the shape of the UFO but said it was orange in color. Then without knowing how, Hurin says, the object disappeared.

Meanwhile, Hurin's friend, Kurt Bergfors, watched the whole thing from the shore.

Bergfors saw the object, which he described as saucer shaped, approach, lower itself and hover about 150 meters from Hurin's boat for about five minutes. The UFO then gained altitude and disappeared in the same direction from which it had come.

Immediately after the UFO disappeared Hurin "sailed in the area for some time before he found his way back home," according to the Bulletin. And then for a couple of days after the incident "Mr. Hurin found it difficult to maintain his physical balance. He was so frightened by the encounter that he later bought a gun to protect himself."

TRANSLATIONS

CREDIT: Irene Granchi

- 1) City and country of incident: São Luis Maranhão, Brazil
- 2) Date of incident: October, 1981
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: O DIA, November 3, 1981
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

UFOs LIKE REFRIGERATORS

4 hunters killed in encounter with extraterrestrials in Maranhão

SÃO LUIS (AGS) - A UFO, similar to a huge, luminous refrigerator, with lights of intense brightness of green, orange, red and yellow hues, capable of provoking a kind of electric shock. It also makes people feel hot, go dumb, feel paralyzed and have the sensation of weightlessness, according to the witnesses, and the UFOs are provoking fear among the populations of the municipality of Paranaama, 530 km's distance from this Capital.

According to hunter José Soares Rodrigues's report to the newspaper "O Estado do Maranhão," the unidentified object caused the death of four hunters in the forests of the region. The Police Chief of that town, Military Police Colonel Geraldo Magela, is investigating the case among the population of the region, in little towns like Flor do Tempo, Canafista, Paixão do Coco and Paiol do Narroco, the main centres of such apparitions.

The first victim was hunter Abel Boro, who was found at the foot of a tree. He was pursued by the vehicle at night while he was out hunting, says his companion Antônio Miranda who managed to escape after having suffered a terrific shock and lost his voice for a few moments and felt his legs paralyzed.

The second victim, Raimundo Souza, was found dead by his children in the forests near Canafista, with a strange expression of fear stamped on his face, which was entirely purple, according to José Soares Rodrigues's report. This hunter has decided to give up hunting from now on.

The third victim, José Vitório, who used to live on Morro (hill) do Jaquinto, died in the same circumstances as Abel. His close encounter with the vehicle, according to neighbors, happened at Chapada da Formosa. The fourth victim,

taken by surprise in the Pranarma woods, was hunter Dionizio General, of the village of Paixão Grande. His family still hopes that he will reappear. The deaths occurred last month. No autopsy was performed on Raimundo Souza, the only body that was recovered.

- 1) City and country of incident: Santiago do Chile, Chile
- 2) Date of incident: October 31, 1981
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: O DIA, November 2, 1981
- 4) City and country of paper: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

FLYING SAUCER APPEARS IN THREE DIFFERENT LOCALITIES AT THE SAME MOMENT IN CHILE

Santiago do Chile (AP-O DIA) - A flying saucer was seen last Saturday night, at about nearly the same hour, in this Capital, in Vina del Mar at about 120 km northeast of it, and in Arica, a thousand km to the north, according to the Press and to visual witnesses.

According to these sources, a brightly luminous rounded (oval-shaped) object, with a dark centre was seen a little before 21 hrs, which then took off at great speed. The Press points out the simultaneity of the apparition in such distant localities of our territory. The Meteorological Department and Air Force representatives discarded the possibility that the object could be a globe-probe or other conventional ship. According to the Press, the saucer was seen by hundreds of people in these three different localities of the country. The broadcasting stations also received dozens of telephone calls from people saying they had witnessed the phenomenon.

The newspaper "El Mercurio," in a dispatch from Arica, writes that in the parroquia church of Virgem de Las Penas, the faithful abandoned it so as to better observe the phenomenon.

There is also information that the crew of a commercial plane, on arriving in Santiago, saw the object, but the operators at the terminal declared not to have registered the passage of any flying object.



Iced 'Bigfoot' in Swansea Mall 'only a myth'



Science

By C. EUGENE EMERY
Journal-Bulletin Staff Writer

The spirit of P.T. Barnum came to Swansea Mall this month, encased in ice.

It was heralded by a Sunday Journal advertisement headlined: "Is the Bigfoot Creature Only a Myth?" The ad invited curious folk to the mall to see "the missing link between man and the apes... still frozen in solid ice."

For fifty cents, I was told, I could see "the same mysterious specimen that is the subject of books, magazines, movies and scientific journals published throughout the world."

What the ad didn't tell people was that the "frozen creature" was really a "fabricated illusion" that makes the rounds of shopping malls under the watchful eyes of a fast-talking Minnesota who likes to tell people that scientists are convinced that the ape-man in the refrigerated, glass-topped coffin is authentic.

In the process, he has helped turn a county-fair curiosity into a pseudo-scientific phenomenon.

THE EXHIBIT has been a success for nearly 15 years because virtually nothing is known about the object. And Frank B. Hansen, the man who brought the exhibit to Swansea, seems intent on keeping it that way. Although the discovery of a frozen ape-man would revolutionize anthropology, scientists have been barred from making any tests that would establish its authenticity.

Hansen claims the object is owned by a multi-millionaire who pays him to exhibit it. For years, Hansen said, he drew customers to the block of ice with a simple sign that asked "What is it?" But in May 1969, *Argosy* magazine — not exactly a bastion of good science journalism — quoted Bernard Heuvelmans, a Belgian who has searched for the Abominable Snowman and similar creatures, as saying the object in the ice is "most probably" a Neanderthal man. "I defy anybody to fool Bernard Heuvelmans in a case like this," said *Argosy's* science editor, Ivan T. Sanderson. "You cannot 'make' a corpse like this.... (It) is the genuine article." Heuvelmans never directly examined the object in the ice.

NONETHELESS, books on Bigfoot have cited the object as evidence that ape-men exist. All the publicity has managed to propel the exhibit into a top mall attraction, according to Hansen.

Pressed about what is in the ice, Hansen quickly insists that the anonymous owner claims the exhibit is a "cleverly fabricated illusion." But he goes out of his way to make people think that the "cleverly fabricated illusion" label is designed to keep nosy scientists from examining the find.

WHEN THE TAPED narration quotes the "owner" as saying that the apeman

is a hoax, it quickly adds that "some scientists believe this to be impossible." (Hansen got angry when I paid for two Brown University anthropologists, Jane Phillips-Conroy and Glenn Conroy, to see the exhibit, insisting that he should have been told that experts were examining the coffin. He warned me not to write a story that called the object a fake because "the owner can buy and sell your newspaper 50 times over.")

The presentation also includes hints that the owner might soon turn the exhibit over to scientists for examination in a year or so, but that claim has been made since 1969.

IN ADDITION, Hansen's spiel contends that the creature is being exhibited "as a public service by community-oriented shopping centers," leaving one to wonder why any public-spirited multi-millionaire would stoop to showing a hoax.

"We never claimed it was authentic," Hansen insisted, bristling when one of the Brown researchers referred to the exhibit as a "hoax." He said he didn't know what was in the ice and "even if I knew what it was, I wouldn't tell you." But the booklet on the creature (sold for 25 cents) says Hansen does know what is in the ice.

The "frozen creature" is mostly covered by frost. Yet we could see the outlines of a large, husky body with lots of hairs that resemble neither human nor ape. Many of the features seen in the *Argosy* magazine artist's rendition of the object turned out to be figments of an artist's imagination. In fact, the Brown anthropologists had a better look at the figure than Heuvelmans because, according to Hansen, the ice was much thicker when the Belgian examined the coffin.

THE CONROYS were unimpressed, citing body features found on neither man nor ape. "We see it as a sideshow," Glenn Conroy said. "But it might mean more to people who don't have the background to evaluate it."

His wife, for example, noted that the "hands and feet are absurdly large. They look like pink plastic dolls with hair on them. With feet like that, it would have to be an aquatic ape. It looks like they put together every kind of anatomical oddity."

The face also had visible no mouth, no chin and no jaw structure, according to Glenn Conroy. Also, the ankles were too skinny and the "frozen creature" had hair on places such as the bottom of the feet where no man or ape has them.

Their conclusion? "We agree with the owner," Conroy said. "It's a fabricated illusion."

Champ the monster is king of Lake Champlain

By Robert Taylor
Boston Globe

Is he alive after 250,000,000 years? Has he left the peat-stained waters of Loch Ness, where he has been Monster-in-Residence, to emerge in the depths of Lake Champlain and save the tranquil village of Port Henry, N.Y., from economic decline and fall?

In Port Henry, which overlooks Bulwagga Bay on the southwest shore of Lake Champlain's 125-mile inland sea, Champ, the resident monster, is king. He may be a zeuglodon, a dinosaur-like rare and elusive mammal preceding the whale. Actually, he's not the only prehistoric marine creature around, since similar sightings have occurred in Canada and in the flooded volcano of Tien Zhi, "the lake of heaven," on the Chinese-Korean border.

But Champ is Port Henry's own, an eel for all seasons, especially this summer when he has been sighted by dozens of local residents not given to fantasy.

A decade ago, Republic Steel closed its iron mines in Port Henry, forcing older residents into retirement and young people to travel elsewhere for jobs. One out of every 15 residents moved away between the census of 1970 and 1980.

The village, with few opportunities to promote itself, has nevertheless managed to exploit monster-mania. In Japan, France and Australia, which have devoted extensive media coverage to the phenomenon, Bulwagga Bay is as celebrated as Nessie's home waters.

Don Schermerhorn, the personnel director of Lake Champlain Transportation Co., says none of the crews on the Champlain ferries has sighted the monster. You can see

why they might, however. Toward evening, as the light lengthens, each distant wavelet can be mistaken for a sinuous neck and emergent snout. As it happened, last month while I was churning from Burlington, Vt., to New York on an evening which seemed to reveal nothing more than the ferry's placid wake, farther down the lake there was another sighting.

The Williams family, which runs a Michigan hot-dog stand on the beach, found Champ surfacing in front of them, and Kelly Williams took four "good quality" color photographs.

To the visitor, who doesn't encounter Port Henry's economic headaches, it's a halcyon neighborly place, virtually Our Town.

A reporter can walk into the Catchpenny thrift shop on Main Street, where a painted Champ covers the windows, and a few min-

utes later, wind up in Barbara Boyle's kitchen, listening to her account of the events of April 17 when she was having coffee with Jane Sullivan and noticed the creature through a dining room picture window.

"I couldn't see the head at first, but there were three humps on this thing, whatever it was. It reminded me of an eel, maybe 40 to 50 feet long, with fins all the way down the back, and it was just enjoying itself out there."

A neighbor, Camilla K. Rich, arrived with binoculars and the three women watched the animal for nearly an hour. "When it submerged finally it didn't dive; it just seemed to sink."

Boyle has found that her story has been derided in some quarters but not at the Essex County Fair, where she met several believers this summer. They've seen Champ, they

said, but kept mum for fear of ridicule. "One man was bound he was going to shoot it with his 30-30. 'Wipe it out,' he said."

Mayor Robert Brown, however, who was working on his barn roof but who came down to talk about Champ, has, along with his Village Board, passed protective legislation.

The mayor keeps a detailed scrapbook on the village monster and proffers the theory that algae, which tends to accumulate in Bulwagga Bay, accounts for Champ's fondness for the area.

In 1904, Mayor Brown says, a man named Warren Decker seems to have buried a zeuglodon's carcass, which washed ashore at Westport; and there may well be a family of the creatures rather than simply one.

A systematic and serious study of the phenomenon is currently being

undertaken by Joseph Zarzynski, a Wilton, N.Y., schoolteacher.

Meanwhile, the monster fever and the selling of Champ continues. After all, it began with Samuel de Champlain who described the creature in 1609, and the roster of eyewitnesses includes Walter Hard, the editor of *Vermont Life*, and the scores of people listed on Port Henry's official billboard — state troopers, water skiers, swimmers, two carloads of women on the Crown Point Bridge. Gordon Baker has his helicopter ready to fly for CBS.

There are Champ T-shirts, knickknacks, beguiling verse by schoolkids, a coloring book at the Main Street drugstore featuring a romance between jolly Champ and lovely Nessie. I'd feel better about the romance, though, if I could forget that guy with his 30-30 at the Essex County Fair.

Mutilated beef cattle mystery

by Lorne Leach

Were they mutilated? Were they attacked by predators? If they were mutilated, were the mutilations carried out by some religious cult, aliens from outer space, or some deranged person or persons out for "kicks"? If they were attacked by predators, what kind of predators were they?

These are some of the questions that remain unsolved by the authorities investigating the strange and unusual deaths of a number of purebred cattle throughout British Columbia in recent months.

The most recent death occurred at the TLR Ranch of Rob and Lillian Ternier in Armstrong the night of July 2. A purebred Hereford cow with a three month old calf at foot was discovered dead by Ternier the morning of July 3. She had been dead several hours and the only visible signs of injury were the removal of the upper lip, the udder (with the exception of one teat) and the outer portion of the vagina. A subsequent autopsy by Dr. Reg Maidment of the Vernon Veterinary Clinic failed to determine the exact cause of death, although the presence of a massive hemorrhage in the throat area led Dr. Maidment to speculate that strangulation was the possible cause.

Country Life interviewed several experts involved with

this particular case and it became apparent that the two theories — death by mutilation or death by predators — will be argued for some time to come. Interviewed were Rob Ternier, Dr. Maidment, Keith Miller, secretary of the B.C. Hereford Association and one of the first on the scene, and Constable Mike Chorney of the RCMP Stock Section in Kamloops.

Dog kept quiet

Chorney was the one individual who appeared to hold fast to the theory that predators were responsible, going so far as to say that he "doesn't believe in cattle mutilations." Chorney also pointed out that on the night of July 2, the Ternier's neighbors' dog was outside only a short distance from where the dead animal was discovered. The dog, which according to Chorney is rather excitable by nature, made no noise the night the cow died, something that would be expected if there were strangers nearby.

On the other hand, there were reports of two strange vehicles being seen in the vicinity of the incident the evening before and again in the early hours of the morning the cow was discovered by Ternier.

To add strength to his predator theory, Constable Chorney told Country Life that in the past two years with over 550 dead animals complaints received in Alberta, all with the exception of seven possible mutilations, had been eliminated as being caused by

natural causes or predators.

The mysterious circumstances surrounding the manner by which the Ternier cow died led Dr. Maidment to advance with conviction the mutilation theory. He emphasized, that in his opinion the removal of the tissue from the animal was performed with precise surgical skill and could not possibly have been the work of predators. Death by natural causes was virtually ruled out when Dr. Maidment reported that all the vital organs were perfectly normal.

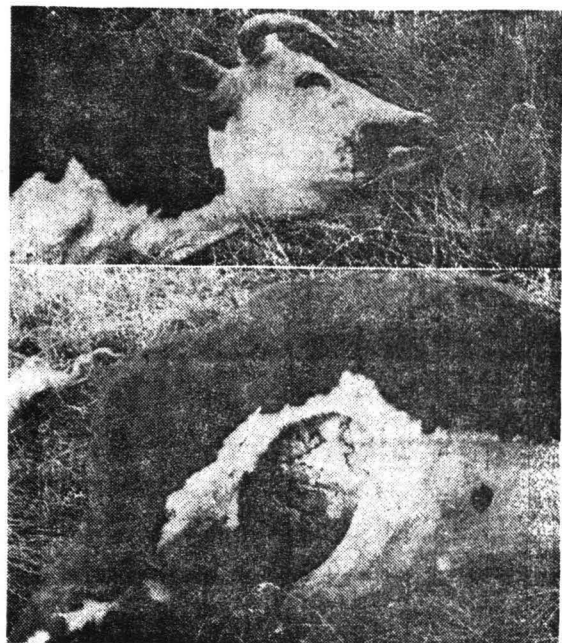
Surgical cleanliness

The mutilation theory was supported by Keith Miller who confirmed the "clean" surgery statement and added that there was not a drop of blood in evidence on the animal or surrounding ground.

When questioned on the prevalence of predators in the area, Ternier, who has lived in Armstrong all his life, said that there is the odd bear or cougar reported about every ten years and the last wolf he was aware of was reported about 27 years ago.

The case, as this issue of Country Life goes to press, remains unsolved.

The mutilation theory predominates. It is supported by the B.C. Hereford Association with the announcement by Alan Syme, president, that the Association is offering one reward of \$2,000 leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the mutilation deaths of cattle in B.C.



DEAD FROM UNKNOWN CAUSES, this cow from the herd of Rob and Lillian Ternier of Armstrong died under strange circumstances in July. The mutilated condition of the carcass demonstrated a marked similarity to cattle mutilations reported elsewhere in Canada and the United States. The perplexing questions that remain unanswered include: the cause of death; the removal of organs with no trace of a struggle or blood; no clues left behind and why predators did not touch the animal afterwards.

DAILY STAR, Shelby, NC - Sept. 16, 1981

Is It Knobby Junior?

By Mark Hames
Star Staff Writer

"I don't know what it is," says Mrs. Gene Hunt. "It's a big old tall, hairy thing."

Sheriff Dale Costner doesn't know what some residents near Swainsville are seeing either, but he's had at least two reports in the past week from people who say they saw a tall, dark critter running loose over the countryside.

The latest report came last night when Mrs. Hunt's 14-year-old son, Robert, spotted something. He was walking from Anthony's Trailer Park on Webb Road to his home nearby.

"He said it was about 50 feet from him," Mrs. Hunt said in an interview this morning. "He took off running and run through the kitchen door and fell in the floor. He said, 'Mama, get me the gun!'"

Robert grabbed a shotgun and went back outside to the pasture. "He went across the road and shot at it," she said. "At first it started toward him and then it turned around."

"I got a glimpse of it. It was draggin' one leg like it was hurt. It looked awful big to me — about eight feet tall."

The reports were reminiscent of the "Knobby" scare in upper Cleveland County about two years ago. Residents in that area reported seeing a similar creature that was nicknamed "Knobby" because it was spotted near Carpenter's Knob.

Last Saturday night, according to Costner, the Sheriff's Department received a call from a man

who described seeing a similar creature in the same area. When sheriff's deputies arrived in the area on both occasions, nothing unusual was in sight.

"We've had several calls in Swainsville area about a big monster," Costner said. "The figure walked upright like a man."

Mrs. Hunt said that children in the area — including her own 10-year-old son, Tommy — have been telling of finding large footprints in the area. "I hadn't paid much attention to them," she said.

Several people in the area have spotted the creature, according to Mrs. Hunt. One man, she said, looked out from his car one day and saw it standing nearby.

"Several people said it has been spooking the cows for the last two or three days," Mrs. Hunt said. "It's just been different reports. I wouldn't have believed it until I saw it in the field."

Costner said the incidents could be serious. "It's hard to say," he said. "I don't know what it is." He noted that deputies are also investigating reports that someone has been dressing in a skeleton suit and mask, driving a vehicle and scaring children.

The two incidents may not be related, Costner said. "I hope it's not somebody just doing that (wearing a costume)."

The sheriff warned that anyone in either case found wearing a masked costume will be prosecuted because it's against the law for anyone over the age of 16 to do so. Deputies are patrolling the areas.

"If we find out it is somebody doing this," Costner said, "we'd have to prosecute them."

Meanwhile, Mrs. Hunt is keeping her doors locked. "That thing has everyone around here scared to death," she said. "It has everybody stunned and scared."

FORUM, Fargo, ND - Nov. 4, 1981 CR: M. Hall

Dinosaur hunters make 50-mile hike

By YARDENA ARAR

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Word reached home Tuesday that a safari of Californians hunting dinosaurs in Africa had set out through 50 miles of dense jungle on foot after discovering their maps were wrong.

John Sack, acting as spokesman for the group, said he received a communication from Herman Regusters, 47, a consulting engineer and expedition leader. The message was cabled to Los Angeles on Monday from the Republic of the Congo's capital city, Brazzaville, but was dated Oct. 22, Sack said.

At the time it was written, the group was about to leave a tiny pygmy village called Boa — "100 miles from the nearest telephone" — for a 50-mile hike through swampy jungle to Lake Tele, where pygmies have reported sighting huge creatures that Regusters believes may be dinosaurs thought long extinct.

"It doesn't say anything about dinosaurs here, so I guess it's safe to assume they haven't seen any," Sack said.

The expedition, which includes Regusters, his wife, Kia, cameraman Darby Switzer of Reseda and five African officials, flew the 500 miles from Brazzaville to a makeshift airfield in Epena — the nearest airstrip to Lake Tele — earlier this month. They had originally hoped to make the trip to the lake in 18-foot dugout canoes equipped with outboard motors.

"Everyone assumed it was a 90-mile journey up one river and down another," Sack said.

But when they got to Boa, a

primitive village some 40 miles from Epena, the explorers had to deal not only with swarms of hungry mosquitos but the discovery that their maps were incorrect and that the trip would have to be completed on foot.

"The expedition has left overland, going through the jungle, going through the swamp on foot through a very dangerous area," Sack said. "It's not so much the leopards and the elephants there as it is the poisonous snakes."

Sack said the group had hired 15 pygmies to help carry their gear and take care of other chores, including relaying messages.

The message received Tuesday had to be taken by boat from Boa to Epena by a pygmy who "wouldn't be using a canoe with an outboard motor, I don't think," Sack said. From there it was flown to Brazzaville on the commercial plane that goes in and out of Epena once a week.

The hike from Boa to Lake Tele was expected to take four days, Sack said, "so that would mean that either they're at Lake Tele or they've been eaten by a snake and stomped on by a leopard or whatever."

He said he hoped Regusters would send back another message via pygmy, boat and air once the expedition reaches the lake.

"These pygmies are very expensive," Sack pointed out. "In the past they were \$35 a day. But maybe he (Regusters) worked out a deal for 15 (pygmies)."

Regusters is personally financing the expedition, which left California in September and is expected to last four months.

CR: F. Hudson

Ancient Prints

Scientists Believe Tracks at White Sands About 15,000 Years Old

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE (AP) — In the gypsum beds here on White Sands Missile Range, an area haunted by stories of lost gold mines, unsolved murders and elusive Indian warriors, one mystery may have been solved. Scientists studying tracks discovered in the beds have concluded that the prints were made by three huge mammals around 13,000 B.C.

The giant footprints first were discovered by Ellis Wright, a government trapper, who spotted the strange tracks in the alkali flats in 1931. Forty years later, Wright led a team of scientists to the same print, but in the following years, the path to the prehistoric tracks was forgotten.

About two weeks ago, the footprints were re-

cated and a group of scientists and researchers who studied the frozen desert tracks agreed that the prints were of the late Pleistocene Age and could be between 8,000 and 15,000 years old.

The tracks, ranging in size from 14 inches to 24 inches across, apparently were made by mastodons, camels and an unidentified mammal.

The researchers also said that if more extensive investigation is conducted on the site, traces of ancient man might be located.

The team of researchers included Peter Eidenbach, president of Human Systems Research and Tularosa; John Hawley, geomorphologist and soil expert David Love, a geologist, and Donald Wolberg, a vertebrate paleontologist.

Officials at the missile range said the prints studied two weeks ago by the scientists are the same that Wright discovered 50 years ago.

Eidenbach, in writing of the group's findings, said the prints can be attributed to large artiodactylid — four-toed — mammals.

Eidenbach said the area is so large the possibility of older archaeological materials might be found.

Plans are being made to preserve the footprints for future study, officials at the range said. Members of the team are scheduled to meet with range officials to work on having the area registered as a national historical site.

Misinformed on Ancient Prints

IN YOUR Friday, Oct. 2 Journal issue, there was an article entitled "Ancient Prints," concerning some "discovery" of ancient fossil elephant footprints. The article contains incorrect information and is highly misleading due to biased and erroneous information given to your staff writer.

To begin with, Wright's tracks were not 22 inches long; they averaged 16 inches. Your article states the prints discussed in the article were from 14 inches to 24 inches in diameter (round). Wright's prints were 16 inches long (each one) and eight inches in width.

Each had a heel narrower than the ball of the foot and appeared to be made by moccasined feet. Beside the trail of prints was the distinct impression of a walking stick used by the individual.

I have the only photo taken in 1931 of those prints and made by the people who went out with Wright, and I obtained this from his widow, Mrs. Wright, in Deming. They clearly show the outline of a human-shaped foot, not rounded and larger.

The two above prints are also located in two different areas. According to Wright, there was an old barbed wire fence there between the Baird and Richey ranches. The prints ran toward the fence and disappeared, then a few appeared on the other side of the fence going in the same direction.

J.R. Lovelace, assistant public affairs officer at White Sands, was taken there during the 1974 visit. He and I corresponded for a while and he tried to relocate the prints for me, as he was not sure where they were; he was taken by the only person in that area that had ever seen them.

We finally went out and drove the required miles from a certain gate and stopped. There was the old fence, but we couldn't find the human prints.

I did find and photograph footprints of an elephant in the area (four prints). We later went back last May, as Love-

lace said someone had relocated the prints, this time going far beyond the area where we had previously gone and where the 1974 expedition had gone.

Here we found a long line of more elephant footprints and a TV crew took footage of me with the prints, which was shown on their station that night. I identified them as elephants, but stated they were not the human prints Wright had found.

So you see, we are looking at two different sets of prints made at two different times in two different areas. Other photos of the prints were made in 1974 by two people on this expedition, but I could never locate them.

It was just a sorry state of affairs that your writer was given misinformation and erroneous facts concerning what could have otherwise been an accurate, fine article.

DON CLINE
Albuquerque

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Angel drives bus, tests faith of riders

LEON, Spain — Spaniards returning in a bus from a pilgrimage said last Sunday their driver shut his eyes and took his hands off the steering wheel for nearly 20 miles of night driving.

The national news agency EFE said a priest returning with the pilgrims from the Portuguese shrine of Fatima affirmed he sat next to the driver during the incident.

The driver put his right hand behind his head, shut his eyes with a smile and then took the left hand off the wheel, the priest told EFE.

The lights of the bus signaled to other cars on the road, although the driver, identified only as Juan, never touched any switches, passengers said.

After a 20-mile ride, the bus stopped. The pilgrims said they heard a voice speaking through the driver's mouth:

"I am your brother, Archangel Michael. God had the grace to give this bus Himself as a test of faith for our brother (the driver)."

United Press International

TRANSCRIPT, North Adams, MA
Nov. 3, 1981

Geologist: No meteorite

NORTH ADAMS — After examining an alleged meteorite, which supposedly fell here Saturday evening, a geological expert said today the object is definitely not a meteorite.

Anthony M. Sarkis of Walnut Street and his son, Anthony Jr., 13, who told authorities he saw the object streak to the ground and crash, traveled today to Cambridge to have the would-be meteorite examined by John A. Wood, a geologist with Harvard College Observatory.

Dr. Wood examined the object today and reported that "by no means is it a meteorite." He said "it is certainly nothing out of the ordinary and it appears to be a piece of industrial slag," according to the Associated Press.

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"Dinosauroid"

Man Almost Sprang From Dinosaur?

BERKELEY, Calif. (UPI) — But for a twist of evolutionary fate, dinosaurs rather than apes might have been our ancestral forebears, says a Canadian scholar who has developed a model of the imaginary reptilian creature.

Dale Russell, curator of fossil vertebrates at the National Museums of Canada in Ottawa, has developed a theory that intelligent life forms could have developed from the large reptiles that roamed the earth millions of years ago.

Russell calls his imaginary creature a "Dinosauroid" which would look like a hairless, green-skinned reptile with a bulging skull, luminous cat-like eyes and three-fingered hands.

Russell, an expert on evolution, is a visiting scholar in the paleontology department at the University of California at Berkeley.

All it would have taken, he said, was

an adjustment in the Earth's history that would have kept the giant dinosaurs as the dominant form of life on the planet.

In developing his lizard-man, Russell followed evolutionary trends he believes were already under way in one line of dinosaurs 78 million years ago.

The stenochysaurus, a long-tailed carnivorous forest dweller that stood about 5 feet tall, had many of the attributes that man's own ancestors possessed 3 million or 4 million years ago, Russell said.

The creature stood on two legs, had thumbs, binocular vision and, for a dinosaur, large brain.

The result of the conjectures, Russell admitted to science correspondent Charles Petit of the San Francisco Chronicle, made even him nervous while he was evolving the theory.

"When I saw the direction it was going, I started having second thoughts," he said. "This is not the kind of speculation most of my colleagues are comfortable with."

"Can you imagine the reaction from Biblical creationists to this?" he asked.

So far, the reaction at Berkeley has been positive. "Most of the people are absolutely fascinated," he said.

The first creatures that began developing along the natural line toward intelligence were reptiles, dominated by the dinosaurs, Russell said.

When the dinosaurs abruptly disappeared along with half the species of life in the world 65 million years ago, mammals underwent an evolutionary explosion to fill the void. Russell said mammals picked up the natural line toward developing intelligence right where the dinosaurs left off.

Reports of monster keep area guessing

By WILLIAM MENKE
staff writer

Only two people, Roger and Barbara Crabtree of Decker Chapel, claim to have seen it. But the alleged monster they claim to have seen has caused quite a stir both locally and in other places across the country.

Some say it's Big Foot. Others say it's nothing more than a wild coyote or wolf. And some say the monster is at best nothing more than spirited imaginations.

Believe what you will.

The "Big Foot" scare in Knox County got its start the night of Aug. 26, when the home of Terry and Mary Harper, 2006 S. 15th St., was gnawed on by an unknown creature.

An unidentified animal tore the bottom of a door and ripped a few pieces of aluminum siding from the house causing about \$200 damages.

Found at the scene were a tuft of dirty white hair, some teeth marks and blood.

The Harpers didn't hear the beast at work — just the barking of their dog, which they said, was nothing unusual. But when the Harpers investigated they supposedly found the damage and their dog with its paws covering its eyes while shaking and whinnying in fear.

The Harpers called the Knox County Sheriff's Department. Deputies guessed the incident was caused by a wolf because of teeth marks found on the siding.

After a few days of speculation, the incident at the Harper residence was forgotten by most of the people in Knox County and visions of a monster prowling about were put to rest.

Monster reappears

That is until about 9 a.m. Sept. 25, when Barbara Crabtree of Decker Chapel claims to have seen the monster in a corn field behind her rural home.

By all accounts, the day started like any other day for Mrs. Crabtree. She said she went outside to dump garbage onto the trash pile when she saw the hairy creature standing in the cornfield.

"It had dirty white hair and stood somewhere between 7 and 8 feet tall," Mrs. Crabtree said. "He emitted a bad smell and had huge eyes but I couldn't tell you what color they were because I didn't stand around long enough to look."

Mrs. Crabtree had thrown a chicken onto the trash pile that morning and by that afternoon it was gone. She believes the monster took it.

That night she had her husband Roger went to a drive-in movie at Princeton. They were returning home about 2 a.m. Saturday when he spotted the creature.

"We were coming home from Princeton, it was about 2 a.m., and we were on the Decker Chapel Road when Roger saw it," Mrs. Crabtree said.

She said it was coming from a woods which lead to the road. He called the county police.

The police log shows Crabtree reported the incident at 2:34 a.m. Saturday Sept. 26. Deputies were sent to investigate but found no evidence that the monster existed — no tufts of hair, no foot prints, nothing.

For the next few days things were peaceful — no monster — but:

About 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, Mrs. Crabtree was at home and heard a loud growling noise outside the house combined with the barking of their dog. She woke her husband who turned on the front porch lights. The growling stopped. A few minutes later it resumed on the side of the house, she said.

Again the Crabtrees called the county police who investigated and found no evidence that the monster had been there.

Since Sept. 30, neither the Crabtrees nor anyone else has been disturbed by the alleged monster.

Perhaps it is best to recall the words of Phaedrus, a philosopher who lived in the fifth century B.C. "The mind ought sometimes to be amused, that it may better return to thought, and to itself."

SCIENTISTS TO SEEK ANIMAL OF LEGEND

Half Elephant, Half Dragon, Resembling Dinosaur, Said to Be in African Jungle

By JOHN NOBLE WILFORD

American scientists plan to leave for Africa next Sunday on an expedition in search of a large jungle animal that the pygmies fear and explorers have heard described as "half elephant, half dragon" — which is to say that it bears a remarkable likeness to the dinosaurs.

This legendary creature of the swampy Ubangi-Congo basin of central Africa is known as mokele-mbembe, pronounced moh-KAY-lee-muh-BEM-bee. A German explorer of the region,

Dr. Mackal, 56 years old, a research associate in biology at the University of Chicago, has conducted searches for the storied monster of Loch Ness in Scotland, advised the seekers of a similar monster in Lake Champlain and written a book, "Searching for Hidden Animals."

Several Sources of Funds

The expedition is being financed in part by Jack Bryan, an entrepreneur from Plano, Tex.; the National Geographic Society, Geo magazine and advance payments for a book. Dr. Mackal said that he expected the expedition to remain in the field one month to six weeks, based on the shores of Lake Tele, west of the village of Epéna on the Likoula-Herbes River. The area is in the People's Republic of the Congo, which Dr. Mackal said is cooperating in the venture.

If any of the animals are discovered, Dr. Mackal said, they will be photographed and, if small enough, perhaps trapped for further observation. If the mokele-mbembe eludes them, he said, the expedition should return with reports of other hitherto unknown animals and plants.

"This is virgin territory from the standpoint of botany and zoology," Dr. Mackal said.

In preparation for the search, Dr. Mackal and James H. Powell Jr., a crocodile specialist, visited the region last year, showed villagers pictures of animals and asked whether they recognized them. The villagers nodded at the pictures of the hippopotamus and the gorilla. They were shown a picture of a bear, which was a test, for there are no bears in the area.

Eventually, the researchers would ask about mokele-mbembe, flashing a picture of a sauropod, an herbivorous dinosaur. They said that it was the feared creature of their jungle.

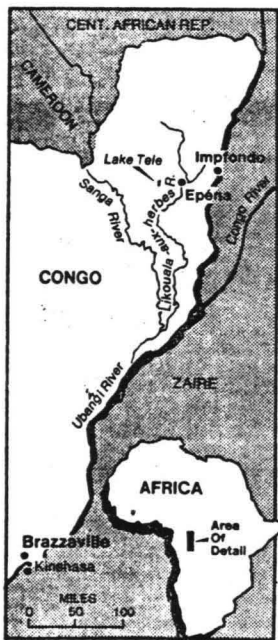
People in Epéna described a reddish-brown, snake-like head and neck about six to eight feet long, attached to a large body, Dr. Mackal said. The people said they never went to the river bank in the late afternoon because that was when the beast fed on vegetation at the water's edge. There were also stories of people eating the flesh of the mokele-mbembe and dying shortly thereafter.

Standing on Short Legs

In another village, the scientist said, a resident told of seeing mokele-mbembe rising out of the river, "making the water run backwards," and standing upright on short legs. A frill on the animal's head, the researchers were told, resembled a chicken's comb.

"We came away convinced that, although rare, the mokele-mbembes do exist and that they correspond to no other living forms known to science," Dr. Mackal wrote in the December-January 1981 issue of the magazine *Animal Kingdom*.

"The Likoula region has remained relatively unchanged since the Cretaceous," Dr. Mackal wrote, referring to the last geologic period when dinosaurs lived. "It is ideally suited for the survival of a relic species. That all eyewitnesses, primitive or educated, unerringly singled out reconstructions of sauropods as being mokele-mbembes certainly is remarkable. It does not, of course, mean that a sauropod still survived, but it does raise the possibility."



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Region where scientists will search for dinosaur-like creature.

Capt. Freiherr von Stein zu Lausnitz, heard accounts in 1913 of a brownish-gray animal the size of an elephant, with a long and flexible neck and a muscular tail like an alligator's. Stories of such an animal have persisted to the present.

And so Dr. Roy P. Mackal, not one to leave rumors of exotic animals uninvestigated, is setting forth with two other scientists, a photographer, a missionary, 10 Pygmy porters and a security guard to see what there might be to see.

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Seen a sasquatch? It might be found in St. John swamp

By ROBERTA RAINWATER

River Parish bureau

On this Halloween day, it again becomes time to probe the pressing questions of life and the universe, such as, is there a sasquatch in St. John?

For more than 15 years, old-timers have told of seeing oversized footprints and hearing strange noises in and around the swamps of St. John the Baptist Parish.

Emmett Perilloux, 54, of LaPlace says that one day, after clearing some of his land with a bulldozer, he and a friend found some large footprints in the soft earth. "This land is between two swampy areas," he explained, "and the footprints went from one body of water to the other."

It had rained the night before, Perilloux said, so the tracks were very clear. The two men measured them and found the left foot to be 20.5 inches long, and the right 19 inches.

"We wanted to get plaster casts of the prints, but we didn't have the stuff we needed then, and it rained again that night, so we didn't get them."

Another time, Perilloux had an unexplainable experience. He owned two Doberman pinschers, one of which was trained to attack. "They were both vicious dogs," he said. I was out with them one day about six years ago when they both froze, neither making a sound.

Perilloux stopped what he was doing because, he said, it was "the only time he had acted that way in their life." He didn't see anything, but he felt something.

"Don't ask me to explain this, but the impression I received was that whatever it was, was about a foot taller than me (he's about 6 feet tall), 150 pounds heavier, and a female."

The next day, he said, both his dogs were found decapitated.

One night about two months ago, Danny Simoneaux, 18, of LaPlace said he was alone on the levee near the newly constructed Bayou Steel Corp. plant on River Road.

He was waiting to go hunting with his brother in the swamp when he