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## Several area residents report sightings of flying objects

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If you're driving along Amity Road in the dead of night and your engine stops, look up — if you dare.

The area between Mountain Pine — north of Hot Springs — to around Bismarck has been the scene of several Unidentified Flying Object sightings, according to some area residents.

The most recent sightings were reported last weekend in an area about 20 miles from Arkadelphia.

A Garland County sheriff's deputy reported seeing the UFOs from atop West Mountain in Hot Springs.

Capt. Norman Hall of the Garland County Sheriff's Department was one of six law enforcement officers who said they saw the objects with flashing, colored lights in the early morning hours Saturday.

"I don't know what it was," Hall admitted, saying the UFO was too big to be an airplane. "I don't believe in UFOs, but I know it was something."

Hall said he saw the outline of the UFO, and said it seemed to have points, like a diamond.

He said he observed the UFO from his vantage point in West Mountain at about 1:30 Saturday morning. Others, he said, had reported seeing it and others earlier.

A U.S. Air Force spokesman said the Air Force had received reports of the sightings, but told callers to

contact the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash.

A spokesman for the center said it had received no direct contact from anyone observing the UFOs Saturday morning.

A report in the Hot Springs Sentinel Record says some police officers actually pursued UFOs along Amity Road.

And they've been seen before, according to Pam Trumble of Mountain Pine and dispatcher Leon Woodall of the Bismarck Fire Tower.

Woodall said he has seen "at least a dozen" in the past 12 years. He described the objects as silver and about 80 feet long.

"...And when it moved it shook the ground," he said.

Woodall said he heard reports of UFOs Saturday morning on a scanner, but didn't bother to get out of bed to look.

Woodall did tell of this incident, however:

He was driving along a back road near Bismarck and was meeting another car when the lights on both cars went out. The motors also died.

"The lights went off and the car just stopped," he said. "and the motor died."

A UFO appeared, he said, then left. After the object was gone both cars began running again, he said.

An Amity Road resident, Betty O'Neal, told of seeing five UFOs about 1:10 a.m. Saturday.

"The first one we saw was on up the Amity Road... a mile or two," she said.

She said the object that came closest to her was "quite a bit larger than a good-sized airplane."

One man who was closer to the object reported it emitted a light so bright "it was blinding him," she said.

She said one UFO may have landed behind some trees. The UFOs had flashing red, yellow and green lights, she said, and each had what appeared to be a single headlight.

At one point, she said, three UFOs formed a triangular formation. She said she saw one UFO traveling very low over the crest of a hill, as though searching for something.

She said an airplane couldn't make movements like the objects did, and although a helicopter might be able to, "there was absolutely no noise."

Ms. Trumble said "I have taken pictures" of UFOs sighted in the Mountain Pine area. She said the UFO center in Seattle has the photographs.

She said the six law enforcement officers made good witnesses to the sightings Saturday morning.

After watching them for awhile, Ms. O'Neal did what may be the best reaction to a UFO: "I jumped in bed and covered up my head."

search from 1965 to 1977 and his investigations on Project Blue Book.

In 1947, a young pilot Kenneth Arnold, said he was buzzed by nine "pie-shaped objects" while flying over the Pacific Northwest. Arnold's story prompted Project Blue Book, a 23-year Air Force investigation into UFO sightings which ended in 1970.

Only a fraction of the information the military has accumulated has been released, Lewis said.

Citizen groups across the nation have unsuccessfully challenged Air Force and National Security Agency policies which cite national security to deny freedom of information requests for UFO information.

Lewis, who helped gather much of that information and had access to the rest, simply shakes his head, saying, "That movie, 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind,' is more realistic than you'd believe. You can believe that or not."

He admitted that many UFO sightings have more plausible explanations than others.

After World War II, for instance, the United States and Canada constructed "flying saucers" to test theories that disc shaped aircraft were aerodynamically superior, he said.

Numerous flying saucers reported over the Pacific Northwest in the early 1950s were those experimental aircraft, he said.

However, more recent sightings of pulsating, cigar-shaped, brilliantly lit craft are not so easy to explain, Lewis said.

The Air Force, he said, finds that of the thousands of UFO reports it receives annually, only 10 percent have any merit.

Yet, most of the "sincere" reports have one feature in common — sightings are connected with very bright, very blinding lights, Lewis said.

The Air Force theorizes the lights may be an advanced system of propulsion, enabling the craft to travel at the speed of light, Lewis said.

And, if a craft can travel at the

speed of light, then its pilots theoretically could reach the outer edges of the solar system within a normal human life span.

Lewis noted that some scientists believe as many as 136,000 planets within our solar system may be capable of sustaining life.

"If I were an alien being," he said, "I'd try to find an observatory or scientists (when I visited earth). They're the people who believe" — as did others in the room.

"Why should there be any doubt that inter-galactic travel is possible?" asked Bob Schwarz, the club's vice president, who works at McDonnell Douglas Corp. "Civilization as we know it is in its infancy; yet, we're sending men to the moon and sophisticated robots to the outer reaches of our galaxy."

Gene Middlebrook, an engineering consultant and former chief gas processing department engineer for Shell Oil Co.'s mid-continent division, said he thinks simple probability dictates the existence of intelligent life within our solar system.

"There are billions of stars and planets out there. There are just too many chances for there not to be other intelligent beings," he said.

And this surmise opens a vista of philosophical questions as vast as outer space itself, he said.

The more skeptical among the group wondered whether unearthly visitors wandering the solar system looking for a civilized place to settle, already might have ruled out the earth as a home, since so many UFOs have been sighted over military installations and nuclear weapon storage sites.

Perhaps, another speculated, the earth is simply their amusement park.

The group begged Lewis to tell them what convinced him that the spacecraft were from other planets rather than top-secret military aircraft.

Lewis smiled mysteriously, shuffled his feet and cleared his throat. "The records, the information I saw while in my job. I no longer rule out what the possibilities might be..."



Forrest S. Clark

### Psychic says he willed UFO crash

A 25-year-old Edison man, a self-avowed psychic, claims he may be responsible for causing an unidentified object to crash into the ocean off Atlantic City last month.

Marc Popelsky of Jeremy Court said he was in Atlantic City on Jan. 12 when a mysterious object streaked across the night-time sky, hit the ocean and burned up.

Many people in Atlantic City and along the shore saw the streaks in the sky and reported them to the Air Force and Coast Guard, but subsequent investigations never confirmed what caused the phenomenon.

Popelsky is a psychology graduate of Cook College who says he can use his mental powers to move objects.

During his visit to Atlantic City, Popelsky said he decided to try to make contact with a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object).

He said he chose the shore for his experiment because previous UFO accounts indicated most such objects fall near or in the water.

Popelsky said he selected a fairly secluded beach, took a stance on the edge of the ocean and tried to concentrate on making contact with a UFO.

After about 15 minutes of intense concentration, he claims he felt a powerful, unexplained force surround his body. He said it was "like an electric or magnetic field" surrounding him. There was "a humming sound" in his mind, he said.

Popelsky said he was thrown onto his back on the sand by the force. He looked skyward and saw the object falling. "Whatever it was struck the ocean and caused a bluish, green fire with streaks of yellow, burning for about one minute," he said.

"Since that time I have felt rather guilty because I feel responsible, but at first I didn't want to say anything about it. But now I feel I must come forward and tell my part in the incident."

Popelsky said there was no one with him at the time and he therefore had no witnesses to what he described.

He said he would like to try to bring down a UFO in the Pine Barrens with members of the media present as witnesses and to make some contact with the legendary Jersey Devil in the Pine Barrens.

Popelsky has set his sights on a more ambitious project, however. He envisions a worldwide network of psychics participating in an effort to slow down Halley's Comet, due to appear in November 1985. He wants to see the psychics pool their powers to cause the mighty comet to slow its advance across the solar system.

Popelsky makes appearances at private clubs, conventions, parties and other social functions as a "psychic entertainer."

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## Prober shares tales of UFOs

By KATHERINE FORAN

Steve Lewis believes in close encounters of the third kind.

The soft-spoken former military intelligence officer said the 12 years he investigated Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) here and abroad for the military convinced him intelligent, extraterrestrial beings visit earth.

"Most people think you're a quack, a crackpot if you say you believe," Lewis told about 30 members of the Tulsa Astronomy Club Friday.

But a straw poll conducted after his talk revealed at least half of the 30 people needed no conversion.

And even the most skeptical listeners said they consider the subject too serious to dismiss as pure bunkum — after all, most had a UFO sighting or two of their own to report.

For the attorneys, geophysical and electrical engineers, computer specialists, electronic technicians, high school science teachers and college professors who meet monthly to explore the mysteries of outer space, space travel and the possibility of intelligent life on other planets makes perfect sense.

They discuss these ideas in conjunction with Einstein's theories of relativity and time dilation, the intricacies of telescope construction, and the complex harmony of the movement of the stars.

The group was simply disappointed Lewis couldn't tell them more.

He apologized for not being more specific, explaining he was under orders from the Air Force not to divulge specifics about his UFO re-

# Police Spot More UFOs Over Windsor

By SALLIE GRAZIANO

Valley News Staff Writer

WINDSOR — Unidentified colored lights were again seen in the sky over town last night, according to the police.

Details this morning were sketchy, but a police dispatcher said two officers and two firemen saw colored lights, shaped in a "V" in the western sky about 11:30 p.m.

The officers, William Heinz and Ronald Walker, were patrolling on Hunt Hill Road when the colored lights caught their attention, according to the dispatcher.

The lights were also seen by firefighters Ralph Burnham and William Seeley, according to the police.

In all, three sightings were reported: from Hunt Hill Road, the Grand Union parking lot and the Windsor police station. The police and firefighters could not be reached this morning for details of last night's sighting.

According to the police dispatcher, the description of last night's UFO matched stories of

## Police Report

sightings reported over Windsor last month. On Feb. 2, five UFOs were spotted hovering over the east side of town. In both incidents, observers saw colored lights arranged in a "V" shape.

No explanation has been found for the February sightings, and last night's lights remained a mystery this morning.

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## He saw the light, but what was it?

By SHERRY CRAWFORD

Free Press Staff Writer

WATERVILLE — Craig Gilbertson of Elysian isn't sure what he saw Thursday night outside Waterville, but his description of strange lights in the sky echoes that given a week ago for a similar sighting near the Mankato airport.

Gilbertson Friday said he spotted what some may call "unidentified flying objects" about 7:30 p.m. Thursday as he was heading east on Highway 60.

"I wouldn't say they were UFOs," Gilbertson said, "but they were weird. At first I thought they were airplanes, but the sound wasn't like a plane or a jet, and the lights were strange. They were so low . . . I don't know."

Gilbertson said he saw two sets of lights, and estimated that each sighting lasted "about a minute."

In the first sighting, Gilbertson reported seeing three objects "in triangle formation" which flew over his car as he drove slowly. Each "object" had three, "constant" lights on the front which were red, white and blue.

Gilbertson said he stopped the car, turned off the ignition and heard a sound that "wasn't as loud as the sound of a plane."

"Then they went south and moved into a different formation. It was partly cloudy, so it wasn't real clear. But they were just above the treetops, not moving too fast."

Then, about three more miles down the road, Gilbertson said he briefly spotted a "red, flashing light" about five miles north of Waterville. About 10 degrees to the east of the red light, he saw a "clear, blue strobe" flashing quickly.

"They weren't connected," Gilbertson said. "It [the blue light] dipped, it moved to the east and then to the west."

Le Sueur County Deputy Terry Wentto reported seeing a "blue-white light" about 1:45 a.m. last Saturday. Wentto, who spotted the light as he was driving just east of St. Peter, said he and an intern radioed Mankato police after spotting the light moving horizontally from north to south.

Neither Mankato police nor Blue Earth County sheriff's officers found a trace of the UFO reported by Wentto. Airport radar screens detected nothing.

Gilbertson said he called the air traffic controllers' station at Farmington Friday afternoon to report the sightings, and was told that the military frequently "run low-flying aircraft patterns in Southern Minnesota." Authorities there told him the type of lights he had seen were "not uncommon," Gilbertson said.

"All I know," said Gilbertson, "is I saw weird things in the sky, that's for sure."

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Two Ipswich residents, one from Little Neck Road, the other from Southern Heights, reported sighting a UFO off of Little Neck Road at 11:07 p.m. According to a police report filed by Officer John Poirier, the two males said they saw two orange lights "hovering" near the river. They said when they first observed the UFO there was only one light seen over the marshes with a reflection in the water which they thought was a light on a tower. The second light, which appeared to be a distance in the back, they said, came forward and the first light reversed direction. They added that both lights then went through a series of motions as if playing tag for about 15 minutes. Officer Charles Cooper then took one of the residents to the Cowles Memorial Cemetery to observe the skyline towards Boston and try to locate an aircraft flying in that area which could be the cause of the strange lights, according to the report.

## Officers saw something — was it from outerspace?

By Debra Skelley, Staffwriter

Sibley County Deputy Bennitt Bade wasn't going to say anything about seeing the unidentified flying object until he realized several other police officers reported similar sightings.

Bade was responding to a call at about 2 a.m. Saturday, February 27. He and Ellerd Mathwig, a part-time officer who happened to be riding along, were headed toward Gaylord on Highway 19. They were just west of Winthrop when they saw the UFO.

"All at once we looked at each other," Bade said Monday. "Ellerd asked, 'Did you see that?'"

Bade says they saw the object for only five or 10 seconds. "It had a bunch of green lights that were not flashing," he explained. "It had like a smog or fog underneath it; and it was clear out that night."

"It was hard to tell the shape of the thing because it was moving so fast. It was flying at about tree-top level. It was moving faster than any plane I've ever seen," he added.

Henderson police chief Norm Pettis was driving toward Gaylord at about the same time February 27, when he reported a similar sighting. He isn't certain of the exact time as he didn't check his watch.

He was about two miles west of Henderson on County Road 65 when an unidentified flying object passed directly over his patrol car, he told The Hub.

"It was flying low," he said. "I couldn't distinguish its shape, but saw blue, green and white lights."

He also reported seeing a smog or fog under the object. "Before I could get the car stopped, it was gone," he explained. He didn't hear any noise, he added.

Pettis said Sibley County Deputy Kevin Guggisberg also reported seeing what is believed to be the same object, as did several people in McLeod County.

The Mankato Free Press reported February 28, that LeSueur County Deputy Terry Wentto also saw an UFO at about 1:45 a.m. the same morning as Sibley County police. Wentto was just east of St. Peter when he and an intern saw a "blue-white light" in the southern sky near Mankato's airport.

Mankato police and Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office found no trace of the UFO. Airport officials did not report such a sighting and radar screens detected nothing, according to The Free Press.

Dean Fulmer, airport assistant manager, said it sounded like a hoax to him.

In talking with Sergeant Douglas Ames of Minnesota Air National Guard, Flight Operations Department in Minneapolis, The Hub learned that flight maneuvers done by that organization usually take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

"We were not doing maneuvers that night," he said. "The National Guard uses large four-engined transport airplanes that are easily distinguished."

"If any airplane gets low enough, radar won't detect it," he added.

The mystery continues.

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## Fund for UFO research makes money awards

By Richard Hall

SPECIAL TO NEWS WORLD

Washington — A new record for non-governmental UFO research support was established in the first quarter of 1982, when the Washington based Fund for UFO Research granted just over \$2,400 for five projects here and abroad. The grants, two of which provided seed money and will eventually be larger amounts, will support historical research, educational and legal activities, and an in-depth study of physical evidence cases in Spain.

The largest single amount, \$635, went to noted Spanish UFOlogist Juan-Vicente Ballester-Olmos whose catalogue on Iberian peninsula physical trace cases was previously published by the Center for Studies in Evanston, Illinois. It will be used for further investigations and update and expansion of the catalogue, including statistical studies of the data.

UFOlogist Tom Benson in New Jersey was granted \$578.56 for an educational slide show and script outlining the case for UFOs as a scientific mystery. Later this year, the Fund for UFO Research hopes to make the program widely available to interested libraries and service organizations.

The Fund also granted \$500 on a matching funds basis to Citizens Against UFO Secrecy for its Supreme Court appeal of its lawsuit against the National Security Agency, attempting to obtain 135 UFO-related documents that NSA acknowledges it is withhold-

ing on "national security grounds." However, the Supreme Court has since refused to hear the case.

The historical research projects will be multi-thousand dollar awards; meanwhile, Ralph Neely, an Illinois researcher, has been granted \$500 to begin an intensive research project on the famous 1896-97 "airship" reports which swept across the country in those years, and may have been the first extensive UFO wave in modern history.

Similarly, Dr. Louis Winkler, a university astronomer in Pennsylvania, received \$200 to begin work on a catalogue of pre-1947 UFO cases in general, and an astronomical analysis of them to determine which — if any — might have been mistaken reports of meteors, stars, or planets. Although the "airship" reports have received attention from some researchers, no extensive catalogue of other pre-1947 sightings has been compiled.

The Fund for UFO Research has been in existence for 3 years, and is now receiving sufficient support from public contributions to increase its grants for research. In the past two years it has granted \$2,500 to Citizens Against UFO Secrecy for a lawsuit against the Central Intelligence Agency (which resulted in the release of many UFO-related documents), and \$1,500 — of an eventual \$3,000 — to a group of New York City investigators for an in-depth examination of witnesses who report having been abducted by UFO occupants. The group includes Dr. Aphrodite Clamar, a clinical psychologist and hypnotist, author Budd Hopkins, and researcher Ted Bloecher.



# NE Ohio 'sightings' checked

Area groups think  
locale 'home' to  
space visitors

By GARY BROWN

ALLIANCE — A couple, en route to Cleveland, heard a beeping sound. That was the last thing they remembered until pulling into the driveway at their destination — more than an hour later.

Three teen-aged Maximo girls, joyriding after a dance in Louisville, saw a light descending from the sky on Paris Rd. NE near Elms Inn.

The driver said when she turned onto Route 62, "something" forced her hands from the steering wheel, but the car continued on, passing several cars on two occasions, before pulling back into the right-hand lane. Finally, in Canton, the car turned into the Perkins Pancake House parking lot.

Are the stories figments of overactive imaginations or truth?

As part of Unidentified Flying Objects Researchers Alliance (UFORA), Paul Rozich is eager to find out. The answers may prove or disprove his theory that Northeast Ohio is one of the "homes" of visitors from outer space.

"The phenomenon manifests itself here as much as in any other part of the country," said Rozich, an Alliance resident who in the 16 years UFORA has existed has talked to 1,200 to 1,500 local residents who claim to have seen something in the sky.

In personal interviews and public proclamations at monthly meetings of Tri-County UFO Study Group, UFORA's public arm, Rozich and other researchers have listened to some "highly questionable" tales, but some he claims are not so questionable.

"We have to listen. It's generally accepted that there is life out there (in space)," said the supervisor of the technical graphic section of the Babcock & Wilcox Alliance Research Center. "Roughly, in about 70 percent of the cases, we've been able to come up with a logical explanation.

"In (the above two) cases, we could not find one thing that would be detrimental to their stories."

Lack of logical explanations and presence of witnesses that might be believed are elements of UFO stories that perk Rozich's interest and make him spend 20 to 30 hours of his week researching and lecturing on area "extraterrestrial visits" that skeptics might find absurd.

One of his favorites occurred in 1964.

In that year, Dale Spahr and W.L. "Barney" Neff, two Stark County sheriff's deputies, chased what they believed was a UFO for 75 miles, from Randolph, over Berlin Reservoir, around Salem and across the state until they ran out of gasoline near Conway, Pa.

The negative pressure put on the pair drove Neff to a job in the street department of a city in Florida and forced Spahr to move to Pennsylvania. The last time Rozich heard from either was when Spahr turned up at a Tri-County meeting two years ago to "set the record straight" and to say he'd seen the craft a second time.

"That part of it was highly debatable," agreed Rozich, but he uses details of their initial sighting in lectures.

The tale might be the most celebrated one in the area, but there are more.

Wheat in a field near Carrollton was depressed in a counterclockwise fashion, as if a spaceship 54 feet in diameter landed or hovered above it in July 1965. Five years ago, a farmer in Louisville discovered the same thing had been to his field of corn.

Silver threads of an aluminum-magnesium alloy — space grass — has been found in piles near Mansfield and East Liverpool as if

put there by alien beings — used in travel, but needed no more.

A man from Sebring wrote a book about talking to people from outer space, which Rozich described as "highly questionable," and a woman from west of Alliance said her car struck a large object with pulsating lights as she drove west on Route 62.

"The phenomena are real," Rozich said. "The question is what are they (the sightings):

"You can't say they all are satellites and solid radar lock-ons. Nuts and bolts — the three-dimensional, critter-made spaceship — may be a part of it. Religious apparition and overactive imagination, they could be all of those things."

Added to all this investigation into reportings of sightings of "Big Foot" in the area, some as close as Alliance, Minerva and Rome, and Rozich and others at UFORA have more than enough "evidence" of alien interest in Northeast Ohio.

"Why not?" Rozich said. "This part of the country has everything. Heavy industry. water, woods. It's a biological paradise. It's one of the better parts of the country to be in if there is an earthquake because of fault lines. It has densely populated and sparsely populated areas. Everything that is found across the country is found here."

And, as a result of the sightings or as a result of "copycat" incidents, Northeast Ohio has an abundance of groups similar to Rozich's. At least 12 UFO study groups exist in this part of the state, researching — and proving that at least comedian Bill Cosby was right.

In an early skit, Cosby, as a child, was returning from a horror movie when he asked a friend what time it was. "Ten o'clock," was the reply. "That's when the monsters come out," said Cosby.

According to Rozich's research and other investigations, the most likely seasons for UFO sightings in Northeast Ohio are spring and fall and the majority are made on Wednesday night.

Prime time is 10 p.m.

# What's up? Is it UFOs or meteors?

Puzzled Eugene residents reported strange darting lights in the sky to Eugene police again Monday night, the fourth night in a row that unidentified flying objects have been seen in the skies.

Eugene Police Lt. Jim Horton said calls have been coming in at the rate of 10 to 15 a night, usually between 10 p.m. and midnight.

"We placed a long-distance call to the UFO Center in Washington, D.C.," he said, "and they told us the probable source is meteors entering the atmosphere, then breaking up and darting toward the earth."

Chris Snyder, of 240 N. Adams St., one of Monday night's observers, dismissed that theory.

"That's a good one," he said. "Do meteors fly in formation? Do they turn their lights on and off?"

Snyder said he and his two roommates watched the objects over the western skies for about an hour. He said the three bright orange objects flew in a horizontal formation, darted into diagonal formations and covered a wide expanse of sky. When watching with binoculars, he said the objects appeared to have a flame that flashed when they jetted into new formations.

Roger Ray, controller at the Eugene air control tower, said the tower received a phone call about 10 p.m. asking if radar had made contact with an unidentified object that appeared to be over the airport about 8 p.m. Ray said no radar contact was made.

A former coastal resident remembers when a rash of UFO sightings at Reedsport several years ago turned out to be caused by kids flying kites with candles in them. He speculated that kites and candles are causing the current rash of observations.

"No way," said Snyder. "They were too high, and they moved around in too much of the sky."

# Space invaders

Stanley man reports UFO  
described as silver ball

By Sally Griffin  
Gazette Staff Reporter

STANLEY — Flying saucers may not be confined to the screens of video games in this town.

Slade Hicks, of 509 Mauney Road, claims to have photographed an unidentified flying object on Tuesday afternoon.

Hicks said he was in his yard, snapping pictures of his dog and some of the local scenery when he spotted the round, silver object moving rapidly and silently overhead.

## Photo

He said he snapped the picture at 1:35 p.m. as the saucer moved out of his camera range in the direction of Mount Holly.

"It scared me to death," Hicks said. "My reflexes must have taken the picture."

Hicks, 20, said he was alone at the time he sighted the UFO.

"It came up from the outline of trees, like it was coming from Charlotte," he said. "It was perfectly round. The

bottom was toward me and the top was shiny. It shot like a rocket and it was gone just like that."

## Surprise

Hicks said he never thought he would see a flying saucer.

"I always thought that people who saw those things were crazy," he said. "I want to tell people who don't believe in them that things like this can happen in Gaston County."

That's for sure, said George Fawcett, a Lincolnton UFO expert, who examined Hicks' photograph and mailed it to a UFO center for evaluation.

Fawcett said he questioned Hicks at length Thursday and that he does not believe the sighting is a hoax.

He also said North Carolina ranks fourth in the U.S. for reports of UFOs and that most of the sightings are reported in the Piedmont and western mountain areas.

## Reports

Reports of UFOs came from 56 North Carolina cities two years ago and 26 North

Carolina cities last year, Fawcett said.

Worldwide, an average of 150 sightings per day are reported, he said.

Fawcett also said sightings are beginning to pick up worldwide.

"We are in the middle of a 26-month, five year-ten year cycle," Fawcett said. "Three weeks ago, there were reports by people in Maiden and Conover."

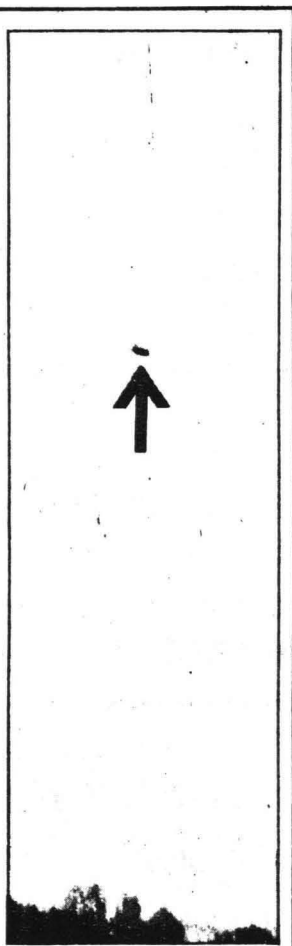
Most of the sightings are near power lines or water reservoirs, he said.

## Picnic

"They seem to be a free picnic table for them," Fawcett said. "There are times when the objects have protrusions wrapped around power lines or poked into the reservoirs."

Hicks said his house is located about 1,000 feet from Stanley's water reservoir.

Fawcett said that anyone else who might have seen the UFO should contact him or Hicks.



Arrow points to 'UFO'  
... in Hicks' photo

# Many UFO sightings go unreported



From  
this  
corner

By JOHN D.  
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Editor emeritus

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### Existence of alien life

Not too long ago I was talking to an Air Force officer and mentioned that it was about time the government and the military came out with some real truth on the existence of alien life. He looked at me in shock, then laughed until I thought he would pass out. He said, "Oh, please don't tell me you believe all that hogwash about aliens visiting Earth, do you?"

"No," said I. "With me it is not belief, because about six neighbors and myself saw a ship from space, and now if you call me a liar, you had better be able to show me a cigar-shaped ship that can hover, then take off like a rocket, that is either in the U.S. military equipment or a foreign power's equipment." I continued, "If you cannot, then shut up."

What I really wonder — do they use hypnosis to brainwash their officers in the Air Force?

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For one reason or another, and for good or ill, some of us are more likely than others to be told certain things.

Some of this is quite natural. For example, since I've written a couple of columns over the past several years on the subject of unidentified flying objects (UFO's) — sometimes referred to as flying saucers — a number of people have gone out of their way to talk to me about them.

I'd do well to explain that my knowledge of the 'subject is strictly limited. I've never seen a UFO and hold no expectation of seeing one. If I did see one, it would probably scare the bejabbers out of me, and so I'm not anxious to become a viewer.

Nonetheless, the subject attracts me, as I'm sure it does millions of others. The very thought that there may be "something out there" is more than mildly tantalizing.

Anyway, I hadn't given the subject of UFO's any thought for a long time when this middle-aged Shelbyville man whom I did not know, called me to say he had read a column I had written some time

back about such things and asked if he might talk to me about extraterrestrial phenomena.

Although he asked confidentiality, this person fully identified himself and I agreed to meet him. We got together a few days later over cups of coffee and I was delighted to find this individual not only "normal" in every visible way but highly intelligent and even somewhat shy to relate his story. The latter was simply that he had seen a UFO, wanted to tell someone about it but was afraid he would be laughed at.

What he had seen, he said, was a brilliantly illuminated object which he described as being shaped like an egg and roughly the size of a large automobile. He said he was returning to Shelbyville from Indianapolis shortly after one o'clock in the morning and that the sighting was off to his left before he had reached the location of the Pleasant View branch of the Central Indiana Bank.

When he first saw the UFO, he said it appeared to be hovering motionlessly some 20 or 30 feet above the ground. He

said he slowed his car almost to a stop as he pulled onto the berm and that the UFO seemed to settle gradually to touch the earth. In another moment, it lifted slowly to a height he estimated at around a hundred feet and darted away at terrific speed. He said it finally disappeared in the distance.

"I don't believe I imagined anything," he told me, then added that he was "completely sober, felt well and was not sleepy." In brief, this man knew he had seen something he couldn't explain and wanted strongly to discuss it with someone he felt he could trust; I was picked.

This small incident reminded me once more that there must be possibly thousands of such sightings which never are reported to anyone because the viewers feel they would not be believed and would be laughed at.

This reluctance of numerous people to report sightings takes me back to the story I read in a newspaper a little more than four years ago concerning the so-called Stonehenge incidents which took place in North Hudson Park in North

Bergen, N.J., on Jan. 9, 1975.

The story is told partly by a man named Jerry Stoehrer who is an unpaid investigator covering the Northeast for MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) a private group of UFO buffs whose findings are taken seriously by the federal government.

Stoehrer has gathered a library full of tapes and reports on the Stonehenge incidents, which have officially entered UFO lore and are part of the mysterious five percent of UFO sightings which cannot be explained. The Stonehenge incidents were independent sightings of a landing by an unidentified flying object at the location already mentioned.

Stoehrer's investigation of the Stonehenge event or events led him to a responsible, sober and reluctant man by the name of George O'Barski who didn't want to come forward until some 10 months after the thing occurred. "I never wanted this to happen," O'Barski told Stoehrer. "I tried to forget it, but I couldn't. I think about it more and more."

O'Barski was driving home from his liquor store (he doesn't drink) at 2:30 a.m. He took a shortcut through North Hudson Park. Suddenly, he said, his radio was jammed with static, then he saw a disk-shaped object land. Several occupants emerged, he said, and took samples from the soil, then the craft left at unbelievable speed. O'Barski, who said he was about 100 feet away, described the aliens as about four feet tall, with human-like appendages and wearing what appeared to be coveralls.

The most prominent landmark at the location in the park where O'Barski experienced his sighting, is an apartment building called the Stonehenge. Stoehrer and another investigator visited the park with O'Barski and then went over to the Stonehenge on the off chance that a doorman might have seen something on the night in question.

It turned out that the doorman who had been on duty at that time, William Pawlowski, had quit, but the management of the apartment helped Stoehrer locate him. Pawlowski also was reluc-

tant to talk when asked if anything unusual had happened to him when he worked at the Stonehenge. Finally, he admitted that something strange did happen one night in early January 1975. He saw something land in the park, and when he looked closer, the front window in the lobby shattered.

Pawlowski said he had reported the broken window, and the investigators found the report on the police blotter. Stoehrer said there was a flurry of other reports which he didn't think were significant. "The significant reports," he said, "are from these two men who had not spoken to each other, and each described the same thing."

Since reporting his experience, O'Barski said he had received calls from surgeons and professors who said they, too, had similar sightings, but they couldn't report them for fear of jeopardizing their careers.

It causes me to wonder how many true sightings have occurred and continue to occur — beyond the cranks and hoaxes.

## TRIBUNE, Cheyenne, WY - March 25, 1982

### Lights in Sky Remain a Mystery

No one seems to know what it was that lit up the southern horizon last, but it prompted several area residents to call local radio and television stations with reports of the unusual occurrence.

Sue Huff, 2205 Gordon, and her family were driving home along College Drive at approximately 9 p.m. when she said the sky to the south lit up with a purplish glow from the ground and then just as suddenly dimmed.

"It was like a huge power surge," she said, "and it lasted about 10 to 15 seconds before the second and last surge."

Mrs. Huff said her children were frightened by the phenomenon.

Professor Harley Thronson of the University of Wyoming's Astronomy Department said he couldn't give an accurate answer as to what the glowing light could have been.

"These reports are difficult to track down because the sky shows all kinds of unusual phenomenon," he said, "and trying to identify something from another's description is very hard."

Thronson said his "best

guess" would be some kind of lightening effect behind and through the clouds that formed a cover in last night's sky.

He said that if the clouds were in the appropriate position and contained the right content of ice, then lights from as far away as Denver could be reflected on the cloud cover from low on the horizon.

A spokesman for the National Weather Service in Cheyenne said the department has no idea what the sudden glow could have been and that the only report they had heard was on the local radio station last night.

Lt. Dave Lamp, public information officer for Warren Air Force Base, discounted the possibility that the Air Force could have been testing in one of the missile silos south of town.

"The Air Force does not test in open skies," he said. "We send the missiles to be tested to Vandenberg Air Force Base where they are tested over the Pacific."

Lamp added that Warren's Command Post did not record any reports about the unusual light last night.

## JOURNAL INQUIRER, Rockville, CT

### April 3, 1982

### Teen-agers say they saw UFO

WINDSOR LOCKS — While they didn't say they thought it was a late April Fool's joke, Air National Guard and Bradley International Airport officials were not overly concerned about a local report of an unidentified flying object in the Stevens Road area Friday evening.

A group of eight teen-agers said they saw a large object hovering over a house on John Street at about 7:30 p.m. while they were playing in a field off Stevens Street.

Lisa Daigle, 14, said she and her friends saw a large, somewhat round object about 50 yards across with three blinking orange lights. Once they began to run toward the object, it flew silently away, she said.

Scott McGuire, 16, another witness, said the object's lights changed to red as it flew away. It made no sound or wind as it left, he said.

"This was no helicopter," he said. "We didn't hear anything. It was about 150 yards away from us when we started to run toward it and it started getting smaller and smaller."

Police late Friday said they had received no reports of UFOs, and the Air National Guard at Bradley said the only call they got about the sighting was from the Windsor Locks teen-agers.

An Air National Guard official who declined to identify himself said while his organization received UFO sightings occasionally, it was unusual for one to be reported by a group. He said no Air National Guard aircraft were in the area of the sighting Friday night and a spokesman at the air traffic control tower at Bradley said no commercial aircraft were in the area either.

State police at the Stafford barracks, however, said they were investigating a report of a UFO sighting in Mansfield at about 8 p.m. Friday. They said the sighting was being investigated by a local constable and they had no further information about the sighting other than the time it was reported.



CR: T. Lind



**NANNETTE MORRISON POINTS TO SKY**  
She Says UFO Hovered There Tuesday Night

## Mother, Daughter Claim UFO Sighted

By EILEEN MEAD  
of The Progress Staff

Nannette Morrison and her mother, Carolyn Morrison, claim they saw an Unidentified Flying Object Tuesday night in Charlottesville.

"Initially, it sounds very good," Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., said Thursday after hearing Ms. Morrison's account of how a very bright light "paced" her car all the way home and then hovered overhead.

Ms. Morrison, coordinator for the neuroscience program at the University of Virginia Medical Center, said she had been out to dinner Tuesday and was heading toward her home on Lester Drive at about 11:30 p.m.

Just after she turned onto Hydraulic Road and passed K mart, she saw it.

"Directly in front of me and overhead I saw a great, big, very white light. I didn't pay any attention to it at first. I thought it was an airplane with its landing lights on. When I turned onto Brandywine, I still had the light in sight. It stayed the same size and there was no sound.

"It was when I got to Meadowbrook Heights that I noticed the light seemed to be following my car on the left side. ... It was still with me on Yorktown Road. By then, the object was close enough

that I could see that the light was coming from inside, and there seemed to be five distinct sections with light coming from each," she said.

"I was scared to death, but fascinated. I rolled down my car window and turned off the radio, and I couldn't hear anything. When I stopped in front of my house, I had the feeling that I wanted to sit and watch it, but I also wanted to get somebody else to see it," she continued.

Ms. Morrison left the car lights on and ran up to the house to get her mother Carolyn, a teacher at Walton Middle School.

Carolyn Morrison, who has lived in the area for more than 20 years, said that when she got outside she saw a very large light gliding away toward the Greenbrier area. It was larger than the street lights and it certainly wasn't car lights, she said, and there was no sound.

"We stood outside for a long time waiting to see if it returned. We're the only night owls on our street, and everybody else seemed to be in bed," Ms. Morrison said.

Dr. Hynek said it is not unusual for people to report a bright light "pacing" their car. If it follows a car through a number of curves and onto different roads and the witness seems reliable, an investigator is usually sent out to talk to the witness in detail.

DAILY PROGRESS,  
Charlottesville, VA

April 14, 1982

### That Flying Object May Have Been a 737

I read with interest the story that a UFO had been sighted over Charlottesville ("Mother, Daughter Claim UFO Sighted," The Daily Progress, April 2). I believe that Ms. Nannette Morrison and her mother saw something, but I do not believe that what she saw was a UFO.

On the same night, my three brothers and I were outside at approximately the same time that Ms. Morrison says she saw something. We live on Rt. 20 North, and we are on the landing and take-off pattern for big passenger planes from the Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport. At about 11:30 we saw a large jet come in from the east, then turn north. It was almost directly above us as it passed over.

This plane was unusual in that it had a large number of brilliant white lights on it. It was going very slow, it was barely making any noise, and it was quite low. It was so brightly lit that it looked like a flying Christmas tree. I told my brothers that it must be in trouble because of the number of lights that were on. We have lived here all our lives, and we have never seen a passenger plane lit up like this one — and we have seen many planes come and go at night.

Sections of both wings had several bright, white lights illuminating them, and there were two bright headlights. There also were white lights shining upwards from the base of the tail, like flood-lights, shining against the vertical part. If we had not seen that it had portions of the wings illuminated, I suppose it could have been mistaken for something else. We could also see faint outlines of wings.

We couldn't hear the engines until after it had passed over and we were behind the engines.

I would like to know why this aircraft had all those bright lights on, when usually all that is showing is the familiar red and blue, and maybe headlights.

Ms. Morrison could have seen something other than what we saw, but the time factor, the brilliant white lights, and the fact the plane made very little noise makes me think that she might have seen the same aircraft we saw, only at a different angle. Because of the lights on the wings, they looked like they were in sections (portions of the wings weren't visible).

Several times, while driving, I have noticed planes that looked like they were pacing my car. Sometimes they appear to be just hanging there in the air and not moving. My brothers and I also noticed that the plane that night made a turn and after it did so, the lights were all lined up, and it showed as one large white light.

We know what we saw was a big passenger jet, possibly a 737. But it would have been confusing had the plane not been so close overhead, and if we had not seen the wing portions from underneath.

Jimmy Smith  
Charlottesville

A Piedmont Airlines official told *The Daily Progress* that a 737 landed at the Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport at about 11:45 p.m. on the night in question.

CR: P. Huyghe

### Objects Sighted In Sky

Sunday, April 4, will be remembered by Chuck Linnell for sometime to come. The retelling of his experience will explain why.

"I was driving south on 96, about 8 p.m. I went to pick up my son Allan at Hawkinson's. I saw it when it was a ways away, it looked like a light on an airplane, as it got closer it got brighter and bigger. About 1/4 of a mile away it was so bright you couldn't look at it. I had to squint to see the one big ball that was reddish pink. It seemed about treetop high. I could see the tree lit up and there was a glare shining on the ground. There was smoke coming from the top of the ball. Two or three cars were watching it on highway 95 by 243 when I went by. It went beyond the ridge and when I drove to the top of the ridge it was gone. I just couldn't believe it. I stopped the car and got out but couldn't hear anything."

Chuck Linnell was just one of many people who spotted the reddish pink balls Sunday. Each had a different story to tell of what they saw in the evening sky, but there was a similarity to them all.

Orin Succo had just finished the milking, his son Jeff had gone to join his brother Jerry in the house at 8:04 p.m. Orin left the milkhouse with his grandchildren Jason and Katie. The door opens to the east, where he saw "Two big fire red objects," off towards the river and Osceola. He sent the kids into the house to get their father, Jerry. Jeff followed them into the yard.

The house sits on a hill near Highway 243 so that you can see across the river to the Osceola airport. Sunday night they watched two "big pinkish, reddish" objects. One went behind the hill near the steel grainary and was not seen again. The other flew towards the east at approximately eye level. "A mass of smoke was going straight up" from the ball. "Something dropped out of the ball that appeared to be on fire." The ball continued to move east at a steady, even moderate speed.

"Then the red just shut off," and looked like a "yellow light the size of a flashlight." The object moved rapidly away until it was out of view. Orin walked the kids to the house, when he checked the clock the time was 8:13 p.m.

The Joe Mallory family arrived home around 8 p.m. His wife Nancy brought some groceries to the house as Joe prepared the items that would go to the barn. He saw two lights in the sky towards the southeast. They were "reddish, pinkish balls, one about the size of a basketball" and one a little smaller, "about the size of a soccer ball." Bobbi Jo their three year old daughter got "scared of the funny lights" and went in the house to join her mother. The balls seemed to come down closer to the ground with "smoke coming up from them."

Jane Green was driving to her home south of 243 as she returned from Taylors Falls. It was close to 8 p.m. She was alone in the car when she saw "two of them to the northeast." "They were very bright reddish balls." She parked the car and went into the house to get her husband, George, so he could see them, too. When they came out the balls were gone.

What these objects were is the question each person who saw them must be asking himself. Whether he viewed them with curiosity, awe or fear, I'm sure all would agree with Jane, "I was very surprised."

NEWS, Millerton, NY  
April 1, 1982

At least two local residents reported sighting unidentified flying objects (UFO) over the general area last week. Charles "Bud" Hoffman, employed at a surgical instrument plant in Canaan, said he stepped outside a building at 1:30 a.m. Thursday morning and said his vision was attracted to a very large blue and white light, moving easterly at a fast rate of speed. He described the object as flying at a very low altitude, which necessitated it to climb sharply to clear nearby mountains. What appeared to be orange exhaust flames, he said, could be seen after it passed but no sound was heard.

Another Millerton resident, Mrs. June Sedlak, also reported seeing a UFO as it passed over here. She has seen three separate objects in the sky over this area in recent months. — March 30, 1967.

# UFO hunting:

## Clear Lake resident investigates the unexplained

By KAY HUNING  
Local News Editor

**CLEAR LAKE** — Clear Lake Area resident John F. Schuessler investigates unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings.



JOHN F. SCHUESSLER

As a deputy director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), Schuessler recently appeared as a guest on the ABC television program Good Morning America. He discussed the sighting account and the results of the investigations of a UFO encounter by three Dayton, Texas

residents who also were present and interviewed on the show.

Schuessler is founding member of the Seguin-based 1200 member organization MUFON, an international nonprofit organization that investigates UFO sightings throughout the world. He is also a member of MUFON's board of directors and a member of the scientific board of the recently organized Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

In the Clear Lake Area, Schuessler heads up a small investigative group called VISIT, the acronym for Vehicle Internal Systems Investigation Team.

One of the objectives of this group of engineers, scientists, and medical specialists is to collect and analyze data on the physical effects of UFOs on the people who sight them.

The 1980 sighting, roughly 20 miles north of the Houston Intercontinental Airport, by Dayton residents Betty Cash, 51; Vicki Landrum, 57; and Landrum's grandson, Colby, 7, has demanded a large portion of Schuessler's spare time.

According to his report in the November 1981 issue of the MUFON UFO Journal, the sighting was made while the threesome were on their way home to Dayton. Betty Cash was driving.

They were on the Cleveland-Huffman road just north of Lake Houston when they noticed a bright light over the pine trees several miles ahead. Suddenly, as they came through the trees, the light was just ahead of their car hovering over the road.

Landrum describes the UFO as an enormous, diamond of fire that lit up the entire area with an intense heat.

The three initially got out of the car but Landrum got back inside the vehicle while Cash remained outside next to the front of the car for five to ten minutes.

The UFO reportedly lit the entire area as if it were daytime and it periodically belched flames downward. Each time it did, the object would rise. When the flames stopped, it would drop in altitude. An irregular beeping sound was heard by the threesome throughout the sighting.

The temperature was 40 degrees that night, but when Cash returned to the car, the door handle was so hot she had to use her leather coat as a hot pad to open the door.

After the UFO had risen out of sight, the three resumed traveling turning on FM 2100, only again to sight the UFO. But this time it was surrounded by more than 20 helicopters. Through use of

helicopter identification charts, it was established that at least two types of helicopters were present. One model clearly identified was the Boeing military C114-Chinook.

Cash, Landrum and her grandson have physically suffered from the UFO encounter. Exposed longest to the UFO, Cash was later hospitalized. She has lost patches of skin on her face and 50 percent of her hair has fallen out. The three have experienced severe vision disturbances, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pains, loss of energy, skin ulceration - the list goes on.

Schuessler said that he was not brought into the case until a month after the UFO sighting.

Initially, the people involved had chosen not to discuss their encounter for fear of ridicule. In fact, Landrum reportedly threatened her grandson with a "thrashing" if he told anyone. But when their severe sickness did not subside, they sought medical help and also inquired with whom they could report and discuss what they had seen and experienced.

When they did not receive help from the radio, television, the Air Force and other agencies in the Houston area, Cash thought of NASA and called the public information office, who in turn referred her to Schuessler.

In the meantime, a Dayton policeman, whom Landrum had previously contacted, found a UFO Hotline card buried in his desk, and he gave her the phone number listed on the card. This phone number was in the state of Washington. She made the call and she was referred to MUFON in Texas, who also referred her to Schuessler.

Schuessler commented that had the authorities in Dayton had a Houston UFO Hotline phone number, he would have been brought into the case earlier. He said around 12 UFO sightings were reported last year in the Houston area, including one as recently as Dec. 1, in Hitchcock.

All of this has prompted VISIT to establish a local UFO Hotline card which lists the following phone numbers: (713) 482-6702 and the following addresses: VISIT, P.O. Box 877, Friendswood, TX. 77546. The cards are being distributed this week to authorities within a hundred mile radius of the Clear Lake Area.

Schuessler said a sighting account will be referred to a VISIT member who in turn will immediately contact the person who reported it. He said a VISIT member generally can obtain information of natural phenomena such as meteor showers or military

activities in the area in question, and sometimes the UFO sightings are explained this way. However, the Dayton sighting is still a mystery.

Schuessler is employed by McDonnell Douglas Corp. as project manager for space shuttle flight operations support. Responding to the question how he first became interested in investigating UFO accounts, he said that during the mid-sixties the Gemini pilots reported some sightings during their missions.

"I was involved in the life support system for McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis and I listened to the Gemini astronauts reporting their sightings. It appeared to me, working in engineering in the space program, that we should be able to give answers to what's going on in the skies - but I found it wasn't that easy."

Does Schuessler believe UFO's are from outer space? He said there were a lot of questions unanswered at this point in time, but added, "something's going on that's out of the normal, ...without all the pieces of the puzzle together, the answer can't be made yet."

Schuessler is married to Kathy Schuessler and they have three children: Laura, Steven, and Barbara. They live in Clear Lake City.



## The 13th. Was Unusual Day

Slade Hicks, 20, an employee of J. P. Stevens Company, Inc. in Stanley, had the experience of a lifetime Tuesday afternoon, April 13 at 1:35 p.m. when he encountered and photographed a domed UFO near his home at 509 Mauney Road in Stanley.

Hicks was snapping pictures of his cat and dog in his yard Tuesday, when he was distracted by a jet plane flying overhead. After the jet left the area, he spotted a round, silver object moving rapidly and silently overhead.

At its closest approach, Hicks estimated that the mysterious object was about 150 feet away and it was at this distance that he noticed the UFO had a chrome-like top and dark oval flat bottom, about 30 to 40 feet in diameter. Hicks could see sticks, bushes and dirt "falling off" the bottom of the object, which led him to

speculate that the UFO had perhaps landed nearby.

The object stopped, hovered and moved from side to side "like a falling leaf" before it speeded up and left the area at a 75 degree angle. Hicks was able to get one shot of the object when it slowed down on his one step Polaroid Land Camera and he was extremely lucky, because this was the last film in the camera.

The UFO moved out of camera range in the direction of Mount Holly. He noticed, "no smoke, no smell, no sound" coming from the large object. The UFO was seen moving near the Stanley Reservoir.

In the photograph, Hicks was able also to catch the trees on the horizon beneath the daylight disc.

The Stanley encounter was brought to the attention of

George D. Fawcett, a UFO investigator in Lincolnton and a member of the Maiden Times newspaper staff. Fawcett interviewed Hicks and has forwarded both his report and photograph to a national UFO center for follow-up investigation and evaluation.

Fawcett is asking that anyone else that may have seen the object please get in touch with him at 704-735-5725 or Mr. Hicks at his home at 704-263-8494.

Fawcett contacted Ben Wenning, Deputy Chief at the Douglas Airport tower and radar room in Charlotte. "No visual sightings were reported, but the radar there would not have been able to pick it up on their screens there, because of the reported low altitude of the still unknown flying object at Stanley."

## Woman reports UFO hovering in field near Maine home

A sighting occurred near Castine, Maine during the summer of 1967 by a woman walking out near the summer home she and her husband had. Attention was called to the sighting by a reader of The News World.

Mrs. M. went out for a walk with one of her dogs through the countryside one night at about 11:00 p.m.. As she walked, she was surprised to see a UFO come around a turn in the lane and land in a field near her.

### Skeptic is converted

Her dog whined and whimpered at her feet as it reacted to the presence of the craft, but the woman remained calm and observed as much as she could. Trained as an officer in Naval Intelligence during World War II, Mrs. M. had served in a varied number of missions including acting as a courier for Top Secret documents. Calmly noting the time on her wristwatch, she later recalled, "I was a skeptic until then" but she "got immediately converted."

The craft had landed what she estimated to be 150 to 200 feet away from where she and her dog were. "There was no sense in running. This...was a UFO. If 'it' wanted me, run-

ning would do me no good. So I just watched."

There were no windows according to her description later. She described the craft as about 50 feet by 30 feet, flat in shape. She said that the craft pulsed and rocked where it was in the field. The craft changed colors during the time that she watched it, going from an all orange to a blue and finally to a pale green.

Mrs. M. said that she didn't observe anyone leave the craft during the time that she observed it.

### Craft speeds away

"Finally, it slowly rose and then zipped away at incredible speed."

The entire encounter had lasted ten minutes by her watch. Mrs. M. hurried home where she recounted her sighting to her husband. Her husband, a former appointed official to the Defense Department, phoned the Department of Defense and gave a report on the sighting. At this time Project Blue Book was still in operation with the Air Force and was designated to handle reports of sightings.

After phoning the Defense Department Mr. M. phoned the local sheriff's office to report the incident.

Mrs. M. says that her husband remains a sphinx on the subject, he doesn't "buy" nor "scoff" at the idea of UFOs. He remains the sort who would rather change the subject to sports or politics when the subject comes up, despite his years in the defense industry and his years at the Department of Defense.

There were no physical side effects reported from the sighting, but the nearness of the encounter (placing it in a C.E. 2 category) and the quality of the observation make it worthy of further study by UFO investigators, even with the elapsed time since the sighting.

## Police car still shows reported UFO damage

WARREN, Minn. (AP) — What to do with a UFO-stricken car?

This northwestern Minnesota town still faces that puzzler, more than 2½ years after a deputy said an object that appeared to be a space vehicle swooped down on his squad car.

The car was damaged. Deputy Val Johnson said he was temporarily blinded by the light and passed out for awhile. And followers of the unidentified flying object theory were intrigued that Johnson's watch and a clock in his vehicle both stopped for the same number of minutes, as if some electronic power controlled them.

It happened one August night in 1979 on a lonely stretch of road near Steven, Minn.

A six-month investigation never revealed what happened. The car is the way it was after that encounter — smashed windshield, dents, bent antennae and broken headlamp.

Sheriff Dennis Brekke says Marshall County commissioners often discuss what to do with the car. Some think it would be good to sell it, or to offer it to a historical society.

Johnson no longer works for the sheriff's office. Brekke said he lives in nearby Oslo, Minn., where he serves as a part-time policeman and a full time security officer at a Grand Forks, N.D., shopping center.

## UFO sighted in downtown Stillwater

By KEVIN REGAN  
Gazette Editor

Four persons saw a flashing silver disk swoop down over downtown Stillwater about 12:30 p.m. today. All four were serious and appeared shaken by the sighting.

Sally Dalluhn of Stillwater Book and Stationary said she came out of her shop onto the sidewalk when she saw several people gathered outside. That was when she saw the disk, which she described as a metallic in appearance.

The disk, she said, came out of the northwest, headed out toward the river behind the Maple Island factory, cruise about two feet above the water for some distance in the bay north of the bridge, then up and over Houlton Hill.

She said the object was about two feet wide, shallower in depth, and moving at a rapid clip.

Lloyd Arndt of St. Croix Dental laboratory saw it, too, and so did Sue Jacoby of Stillwater Paint and Wallpaper and Julius Beer. Beer called the Gazette and said he was neither drunk nor crazy.

Dalluhn said when the disk headed out over the river she felt certain it was about to crash. But at an altitude of about two feet it leveled out, hovered for a time, then proceeded along closer to the Wisconsin shore.

As it drew closer to the Stillwater Bridge, she said, the craft started gaining altitude, making the hill, and flew directly over the blue house that can be seen from Stillwater on top of Houlton Hill.

Gaining more altitude, the UFO disappeared in a puff of smoke.

Arndt recalled that the object was flashing, a detail confirmed by Sue Jacoby. She said it was flashing in a very regular pattern. Arndt said the disk was moving along at the speed of an airplane as it approached town from the northwest.

"He's looking at us like we're crazy," he said while three of the witnesses were interviewed on Main Street. "But we saw it!"

"I don't believe in that stuff, UFOs," said Beer. "But it had to be something. It's not a hoax. No way."

## Stillwater UFO ID'd

By KEVIN REGAN  
Gazette Editor

Stillwater's UFO was nothing more than a toy balloon, city attorney David Magnuson said today.

"I didn't read the newspaper last night," he told the Gazette today. "But when I saw the story on television I couldn't believe it."

With a true feel for the legal process, Magnuson has witnesses to back up his story.

He and colleagues from the local law firm of Turrentine and Magnuson were crossing the Stillwater Bridge for a lunch date in Wisconsin when the object was spotted.

Riding in the same car with the attorney were Dave Jaehne, Pat Sparks and Barb Christianson. Bob Turrentine was following in a second car.

Magnuson said construction on the bridge had slowed traffic so he had plenty of time to watch as the silvery disk approached the bridge from the north. Meanwhile, four witnesses were watching the same thing from North Main Street, but at a much greater distance.

Like several others who saw the disk, Magnuson said it was sparkling quite brightly. The fact that it was a tin foil-like material and was catching the sun seems to account for the flashing seen in Stillwater.

But as the disk grew nearer and passed overhead, as the attorney and his companions reached the end of the

bridge, Magnuson said it was quite plainly a toy balloon. The kind vendors at the State Fair might peddle with a name like Space Balloon.

There was no mistaking what it was, he said, because it was no more than 10 feet overhead at the time.

While Magnuson's description of the IFO's flight pattern (IFO stands for Identified Flying Object) matches closely with witnesses in Stillwater, his estimate of its size was no more than 18 inches to two feet.

One witness in Stillwater said much the same thing about the size, but others either guessed wrong or stretched the proportions. One woman who called the Gazette today said the disk was in excess of four feet.

What is unusual about the whole incident is the direction in which the IFO was moving. Wind speed and direction recorded at Minneapolis-St. Paul International between noon and 1 p.m. Thursday was 18 knots from the Southwest. The IFO was heading south.

But an official with the Minneapolis Flight Service said it is not at all unusual the funnel effect of a valley like the St. Croix to alter wind direction.

Thus one might speculate that the balloon escaped the grip of some innocent child in one of Stillwater's many residential areas. When it hit the lip of the bluff at the north end of town, the funnel effect of the valley pulled it toward town and probably more fame than any balloon's had in a long time. So much for UFOs!

# "White hot" UFO sighting

that this whatever it was, maybe an airplane was about to blow up in a trillion pieces.

"But nothing happened. There was no noise. This brilliant whiteness began to dull, to tone down to about a blacksmith's horseshoe red, like when you pull a piece of iron out of the fire. 'For the first time I could see its outline. It appeared to be a saucer-shaped object 30 to 50 feet in diameter that was between 50 to 100 yards away.

"Then it began to move very slowly back in the other direction. When it got fairly far away, it looked more spherical than it did saucer shaped.

"This object continued moving until it got back over the tops of the distant pine trees. Then two other lights somewhere in the distance rose up from the other side of the trees. The three objects then moved off the southwest and disappeared in a minute or so."

Kohlase, who is the mission design manager of the Voyager space mission at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, added:

"I went out for a couple of nights after the sighting and sat in a chair in the field, but I never saw anything again." (c) Bob Pratt 1981

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seconds. The light appeared to be going back and forth, left to right, above the trees about the width of the field.

"We soon began to lose interest and decided to return to the house. Then we looked again and the light wasn't moving back and forth any more. It seemed to be coming slowly toward us, pulsing off and on.

"It kept coming and finally stopped at a place that was about a 45-degree angle of elevation to us. It emitted no sound and no exhaust.

## White hot UFO

"Then the first thing happened that really scared us. This thing just turned a brilliant white hot. I shouldn't say hot because I didn't feel any heat from it, but it was extremely bright.

"I crouched down covering my face with my arms in anticipation of a possible explosion. I was convinced

## UFO hovers nearby, threatens to explode

where it came from. Here is his story:

"I returned home one evening in August 1956 from a six-week midshipman summer cruise on a destroyer. I was a college student at Georgia Tech and was enrolled in the Naval ROTC program."

His home was 3 miles south of Americus, Ga. It was about 10 p.m. when he arrived and found his father watching television. His stepmother was out playing bridge.

## UFO seen in sky

Part of the cruise had been spent on navigation and locating stars. His father, an amateur astronomer and a civilian pilot, suggested they go outside and see how well he could locate stars.

Their house sits in a dense grove of trees, so they walked to a cornfield 200 yards away and for 15 minutes Kohlase tried to find stars his father named. Then they spotted something.

"We noticed over the far end of the field a light moving parallel to the horizon and blinking on about every 10 seconds for a duration of 2 or 3

One summer night when Charles Kohlase was still in college, he and his father watched a UFO moving across a field near their home in Georgia for about ten minutes.

"However, the UFO was close enough to be seen well for only about two minutes," said Kohlase.

"Being of a scientific discipline, I do not believe in 'flying saucers'. And yet, what I saw did look like a large 'flying saucer' of a diameter of 30 to 50 feet and a thickness of 5 to 15 feet.

"It is my opinion that the object was solid, that it contained an energy source that was the cause of the object's luminosity, and that it was under control. I will always remember and be impressed by this UFO sighting."

Now a space scientist, Kohlase is reluctant to discuss the sighting with the media for fear of seeing some sensational headline such as "Space expert believes UFOs are of extraterrestrial origin."

Which would be nonsense, of course, for the only claim he makes is that he saw a UFO, whatever that may be. He does not know what it was or

## Close encounter?

### West Virginia man claims conversation with alien outside saucer-shaped craft

AUGUSTA, W.Va. (AP) — Donn Shallcross had just gotten home from his job with the Hampshire County Emergency Medical Service when his cats "went at the front door like they were going to tear it off."

It was 4 a.m. on March 22, and Shallcross at first thought his cats were reacting to a deer in this sparsely populated, hilly area of West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle, near Frederick County, Va.

Looking out the door of his mobile home, he spotted what he thought were the lights of a small plane going down.

The Virginia native is reluctant to talk about what happened next, for fear of being branded a "nut." He tells visitors, "I know what I saw. I have good vision, and I don't drink either."

Since the incident, the 37-year-old Shallcross has scoured libraries and made long-distance calls to places like Mexico and New York to help him interpret the experience.

He recently accompanied some visitors along the same path he took that morning.

As he describes it, after the lights went below the horizon, he woke his wife and daughter and told them to be ready to call police while he drove the half-mile on a dirt road to see what had happened.

As he approached a pasture on an adjacent, abandoned farm, "my car went off."

"I got out and saw a light blinking in the field," Shallcross says. "There was waist-high grass and it was overcast, so I had a flashlight to cross the fence and field.

"I was flashing the light back and forth on the ground," Shallcross says, swinging his arm to re-enact the scene. "Then I caught a pair of legs and a telephone pole."

"At first I thought it was somebody from out of the plane. I asked him, 'Are you all right,' but there was no response. And I'm realizing that something isn't right."

The person facing him, Shallcross says, was about 5-foot-5, and weighed around 130 pounds. Standing erect like a soldier, he wore a silver, skin-tight, one-piece garment, a visor over his eyes, and held "a baseball bat-type object," according to Shallcross.

"I said, 'Who are you?' He said he was a watchdog. He gave very short, precise answers. 'Where are you from?' He said, 'Not from here.'"

While they talked, Shallcross says, "we're moving. The whole time I'm petrified. I'm scared to death. I was shaking so hard. I thought I was going to vomit. But when we got there, I could see what it was. And it's some sort of craft."

What Shallcross says he saw in the pasture could have come straight from the 1950s science-fiction movie, "Plan 9 From Outer Space."

He describes the craft in detail, saying it was about 25 feet in diameter, and hovered about 10 feet or more above the ground, motionless and quiet.

According to Shallcross, the craft was saucer-shaped and had several lights and a band around its center. "When we got real close to it, a ramp opened, and that's when I got burnt real bad, like I was in Miami sunshine for six weeks," he says.

"When it opened I assumed he would show me something, but he said he had to go," Shallcross says. "He said he had to leave, 'But I'll be back,' or 'We'll be back,' or something like that," Shallcross says.

"We're standing next to it, and within a blink of an eye, he's gone

and the door closed. The band across the center starts up, and the lights go on. Then the center starts going around and starts humming. It starts going up really slow.

"Then the lights start going lickety-split. It moved over to the mountain range and got brighter as it went. Then it was gone."

Later, a state police officer arrived. Trooper D.B. Burkhardt says that in addition to a telephone call from Shallcross' daughter about a possible plane crash, "we received a call from a telephone operator saying that a fellow reported a plane going down. And we received another call that a truck driver reported he also saw a plane go down."

But when Burkhardt and Shallcross returned to the pasture, "I didn't see anything," the trooper says. "There was nothing there. I couldn't substantiate or verify anything."

Burkhardt does say that Shallcross had burns on his hands and face, but adds, "he could have gotten them from welding or something."

"He appeared to be scared. But I really couldn't make a judgment on it," Burkhardt says. "There was nothing out there, and I don't know the man."

Gray Barker of Jane Lew, the author of several books on UFOs and a researcher on the subject for more than 20 years, visted Shallcross later. He says Shallcross' story does not follow the same lines as others he has heard.

"After all I've seen, I tend to be skeptical. But it's one of the best contact stories I've ever heard," Barker says. "If he's read a whole lot, these details could have come out of books. But he would have had to read a whole lot."

"He's not doing the current thing that's popular, which is a 'positive.' What's popular is abduction, usually from an automobile, and examination on board an aircraft."

Barker says Shallcross' story "is difficult to sort out. At least he talks pretty sincerely about it. All these guys tell these fantastic stories. I don't know why they would make them up."

"I sort of take him at his word. It's not easy to prove him wrong."

As for the burns on Shallcross' skin, which had disappeared by the time Barker visited Augusta late in April, he says, "I would have believed it more if he had gone to a doctor."

Shallcross' seeming obsession with the "meaning" of his experience is typical, Barker says.

CR: J. Starchild

## UFOs are real

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the Daily News March 8 headline, "Court Rebuffs 'Saucer' Bufts."

It's unfortunate that the Supreme Court dismissed the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) case so lightly.

The fact is UFOs are real. The question is real what? Ninety percent of UFO sightings can be explained in terms of natural phenomena and conventional/unconventional aircraft. The other 10 percent? We don't know.

Public UFO organizations taking government agencies to court is nothing new. In 1977, Ground Saucer Watch (GSW) vs. CIA resulted in the release of over 900 pages of official government documents pertinent to UFOs. Ironically, in 1970 the Air Force announced it had ceased investigating UFOs because all reports could be identified. At the same time, an airline pilot who talked about a personal UFO sighting after filing a report, was liable to a 10-year jail sentence and/or \$10,000 fine.

Atty. Peter Gersten has represented CAUS in their Freedom of Information suits against the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Federal Aviation Administration. In the past 4 years, over 3,000 pages of previously classified documents on UFOs have been released involving the expert testimony of scientists, military personnel, intelligence personnel and law enforcement officers on the subject of UFOs. I will quote Gersten:

"I am a defense attorney in criminal cases. I know what evidence is. If the evidence contained in these documents were to be presented in court, it would provide overwhelming proof that UFOs do exist and that some UFOs are unconventional aerial objects. I do not hesitate to say that what we are dealing with here is an advanced form of technology, and I will use the government's documents to prove my case."

Over 400 of us witnessed these documents first hand during the Mutual UFO Network's annual symposium last summer at MIT. These documents, photographs and other evidence presented by experts in the field from around the world were quite impressive. The public should know the proper channels to go through if they want to separate the facts from the rhetoric. The Mutual UFO Network in Seguin, Texas and the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill, are two major national and international networks dedicated to the scientific study of UFOs.

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# Navy tracks UFO at 3,000mph

## Navy destroyer spots flight of alien craft

Are UFO's real? Certainly, most of those people who see them believe they are real. Even more convincing, UFOs are sometimes picked up on radar. Following is a case that occurred at a time when no nation on earth had any rocket or aircraft capable of doing what this object did. In fact, we still don't have such capabilities.

The USS Dyess steamed slowly through the night off the Atlantic Coast, keeping track of all air traffic within hundreds of miles to prevent any sneak attack by the Soviet Union.

"We were afraid the Russians were going to bomb Washington at that time because we had gone into Korea," said Dr. Robert Wood, who was then a Navy lieutenant commander.

The Dyess, a radar picket destroyer, was about 125 miles southeast of Cape May, N.J., and Lt. Cmdr. Wood, the ship's operations officer and an air controller, was manning one of the radars at the time.

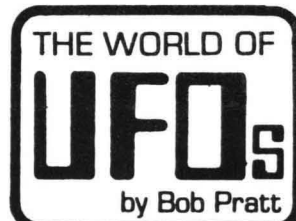
"We were plotting all the aircraft going north and south along the coast and inland as far as the Appalachians and any objects that were coming in from the northeast, the east and the southeast.

"Every aircraft had to have a certain set of parameters — distances, heights and whatnot — on their point of arrival over us.

"On this particular night — it was about 11:30 one night in March 1951, I forget the exact date — this object came in from the east and got within about 30 miles of us when it just stopped dead.

"It had been moving rather slowly, about 85 to 90 knots. We didn't have the altitude-determining radar on at the time and we had to get one of the operators to come up. When he did, we found the object was somewhere in the neighborhood of 3,000 to 4,000 feet altitude.

"This object gave us a blip on the radar screen about the size of a large



aircraft, like a DC8 or a DC9. I phoned the bridge and they informed the captain, who ordered the ship to head out in the direction of the object.

"We'd been loafing along, steaming in circles, and didn't have all our boiler power on. We did about as much as we could, about 22 knots, out in that direction.

"We got to within about 15 miles of that object when it suddenly took off at a very high rate of speed. It was going so rapidly that as the radar turned we could see the blip just jumping across the screen.

"We estimated it was going 5,000 kilometers an hour or roughly 3,000 miles an hour.

"Then, when it got up within 35 or 40 miles south of Nantucket, it sud-

denly just took off and went straight up!

"I called the bridge and said, 'We're losing contact, the object is fading.' And the operator on the altitude-determining radar in the other end of the room said, 'NO! I've still got it! It's 100 miles high and it's still going straight up!'"

The object then faded from the second radar.

Altogether, they had tracked the object about 35 to 40 minutes, said Dr. Wood, who is now a professor of astronomy and director of the observatory at Brevard Community College in Cocoa, Fla.

"We reported it to the Pentagon but we never heard anything more about it."

He couldn't explain what it was he tracked that night. He has long accepted the idea that it was an unidentified flying object, whatever that may be.

"That was in 1951," he said. "I knew radar and I knew what it could do. We didn't have any aircraft that could go that fast, especially after it came and hovered. And then when it got up near Nantucket it just went straight up and disappeared.

"There must be something there. There's more than just smoke. There must be fire."

ENQUIRER JOURNAL, Monroe, NC - April 19, 1982

## UFO sighting?

### Residents report 'something' in sky

By DAN GREGORY  
Staff Writer

What was the thing in the sky above a field south of Monroe last night? A new tower? Or an Unidentified Flying Object?

Roland Lowery, a retired farmer living near the end of unpaved Joe Collins Road, off N.C. 207 seven miles south of Monroe, and his family were on the way home from Mt. Zion Baptist Church last night about 9:30 when they spotted a group of strange lights in the sky in a place there aren't supposed to be any lights.

"Something — we don't know what, really" appeared in the sky at a spot that looked to be in a field between his house and the intersection of Buford Short Cut Road and

Griffith Road, said Lowery in an interview this morning.

He described a cluster of lights — a red one and a blue (or green) side-by-side with a white light just underneath, circling "like a patrol car" light.

About 200 yards to either side were two amber-red lights, said Lowery.

LOWERY'S TWO SONS, David and Jimmy, went into the field to search for the object but could find nothing.

The family speculates it might have been a new tower near the Monroe Airport, about eight miles to the northwest, but they are still perplexed.

"What we saw was something we had never seen before," said Lowery.

Benton Heights Elementary fifth-grader Tiffany Gill and her family were just home from church when Lowery and his family came over to tell of the sighting.

"My father has three bird dogs and they were all barking, the chickens around us were clucking and the cows were all up," says Tiffany. "My poodle was running all over the house and jumped in the car with us."

Both families drove through the area looking for the object. The poodle jumped back and forth from the rear seat to the front and stood up to the window "like it was trying to tell us something," says Tiffany.

THEN they saw "it."

"We saw a red flashing light and

I screamed," says Tiffany. "I saw the red light and the little yellow light and under the red light there was an itty-bitsy red light. My family saw it."

The thing they saw was about tree height. Tiffany says what she saw was a big red light with a smaller one beneath and a faint line separating them. Above the lines, about 50 yards to either side were two blue lights and above all was a small yellow light.

From the vantage point of Flint Hill, near Griffith Road and Buford Short Cut Road, the object appeared to be "over our house," back on N.C. 207 (Wolf Pond Rd.), says Tiffany. "We thought it was a tower light but there's not a tower between my house and Flint Hill."

When they drove over to the Lowery house, the object appeared to have moved in the direction of Monroe Airport.

Might the object have been the aircraft loaded with seismographic equipment, supposedly searching for likely gold deposits recently?

"That plane has been gone for months," says airport manager Alan Pfaffinger, adding that no new equipment that could account for the phenomenon has been added recently.

BOTH FAMILIES gave up the search about 11 p.m. and went home with the object still in the sky.

After the Gills returned home they noticed several planes flying over the area where the object was seen.

Several occurrences yesterday struck Lowery as odd. He heard sirens from both Sandy Ridge and Stack Road volunteer fire departments go off yesterday afternoon about 3 p.m. but heard no communications concerning a fire over his monitor.

And, "Yesterday, my boys saw a helicopter going by with a glider in front of it," as if it had just been launched, said Lowery.

The Gills are not giving up the search.

"We're going back tonight and see if it's still there," says Tiffany.

NEWS, New Castle, PA - March 23, 1982

## 2 policemen spot UFO in Shenango Township

A disc-shaped flying object emitting a white glowing light reportedly followed two police officers in their cruiser in Shenango Township at dawn today and then climbed vertically out of sight.

This unidentified flying object was reported by Neshannock Township Police Officer Anthony Nativio and Shenango Township Police Officer Ronald Bongivengo.

Officer Nativio reported he first spotted the bright object about 5 a.m. approximately a quarter mile east of Ellwood Road across from Cascade Park as he was driving south toward his Rose Stop Road residence.

As he glanced at the object, which was about a quarter mile up, Officer Nativio first thought it was a star. But as he continued south on Ellwood Road, the policeman noticed the object moving along with his police car at the same speed.

Continuing past Lawrence Village Plaza, the UFO stayed with Nativio as he turned onto Rose Stop Road toward home. Officer Nativio pulled his car behind the house, with the

silent glowing object following. It then hovered about 800 feet above the house and moved back and forth across the road, Nativio said.

Unable to estimate the size of the object, Officer Nativio said, "It looked pretty big to me." It was shaped like a dinner plate and gave off a white "glow light," he added.

After observing the object for about 15 minutes from the time he first spotted it from his police car, Nativio then called Shenango Township Police Officer Ronald Bongivengo.

Officer Nativio pointed out the object, which was then about 600 yards away. Bongivengo said it looked like a "search light on the bottom of a helicopter, but larger." He said it was very bright and the area around the object was illuminated.

Nativio said the object would follow them if they drove away. Both police officers drove off in the cruiser, and they said the glowing object followed.

They drove on Rose Stop Road to Ellwood Road and turned north, traveling about a quarter mile. It was dawn by then, and the object was

about 1000 feet above the police car, Bongivengo said.

The police officers did not have a camera, so they called Neshannock Police Officer Robert Shaffer, who arrived a few minutes later and took some pictures.

But by then the UFO had started to rise slowly and very high and eventually out of sight. But it was still a small speck by the time Shaffer arrived, Nativio said, adding Shaffer was able to see something. Officer Nativio's mother also reportedly saw the object.

Bongivengo first was hesitant to report his experience. He said he does not believe in UFOs, but added, "I know what I saw."

Township Police Chief David Rishel said there have been other sightings in the Ellwood Road area before.

"It bugged me a little bit. I never saw anything like it before," Nativio said. But he added, "Maybe I saw something similar to it a couple of weeks ago in the same area." But Nativio did not think anything of it and decided not to report his sighting.



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# Amazon River site abounds in UFO reports

There is no way to predict when or where a UFO will appear, but there are times when UFOs will be seen in one area for several weeks or months or even longer.

This is true right now of at least one area of the Amazon region of Brazil, where UFOs have been seen frequently for the past two or three years and are being seen now.

If you want to go UFO hunting, try the area around Santarem, some 400 miles inland from the mouth of the Amazon River. Be sure to take plenty of mosquito spray.

In Curuai, Guajara, Quindira and other villages along the Amazon between Obidos and Santarem, many people claim they have seen the "chupa chupa" as they call it. It often resembles a ball of fire.

The fishermen in some areas rarely go fishing at night any more. This is because many times in the past UFOs have suddenly appeared whenever they built a fire on the shore or lit oil lamps in their boats.

The UFO would shine a beam of light down on them and they would run terrified into the jungle to try to hide. Sometimes the light would follow them wherever they go.

The fishermen are afraid the UFO will take them away or do something worse. Just as bad, they are afraid of stepping on a poisonous snake as they run from the UFO. That could be fatal.

One Guarjara fisherman who had a close encounter was Manoel Da Morta, 56. He and a friend were fishing with nets one September night last year when a brilliantly lighted object stopped near them.

"My friend and I ran very fast, afraid we were going to die," said Da Morta. "We ran all the way home with the nets tangled around us."

The object made no sound, nor did the one Manoel Dos Santos, 55, and his brother, Anesto, 40, saw two weeks later. They were fishing on a small lake near the village when a bright UFO that changed from white to light blue stopped over them. It lit up the whole lake.

"It shined a beam of light down on us and we ran and tried to hide," said Dos Santos. "Then I stopped and the beam stopped and focused on us. The light then turned off and went away."

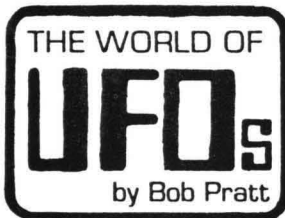
In Curuai, the people said they see the UFO almost every night. It looks like a big ball of fire crossing the sky from west to east, going toward the nearby Tapajos, an enormously broad river where one very deep section is called the Devil's Graveyard.

Some people think the UFOs are based in the Devil's Graveyard but no one has ever seen a UFO go into or out of the river there.

In Quindira, a farmer said his workers are afraid to go out at night because as recently as July 12 UFOs were seen beaming lights down as if searching for someone.

It is not only villagers who see these things. Businessmen and professionals also see them, although they refer to them as UFOs rather than chupa chupas.

Shortly after midnight last July 1,



Noemi Rodrigues was standing at the rear of a double deck overnight sleeper boat that was going from Alenquer to Santarem.

The other passengers were asleep in their hammocks but Noemi, a 28 year old teacher who had recently married an air taxi pilot, was feeling nauseated because of the motion of the boat and couldn't sleep.

"As I stood looking back, I saw light come out of the river about 1,000 meters behind the boat," she said. "It was very big."

A tall, dark eyed woman, she stretched her arms wide, indicating that even at that distance the object was as wide as her hands were apart.

"It was disc shaped and was just a dull red glow. I could see water dripping off as it rose above the water. "Suddenly it became very bright and looked just like a big ball of fire. Then it zig zagged back and forth across the river behind us, but it never seemed to come any closer. After a few minutes, it disappeared."

"I was speechless. I was afraid to say anything. I didn't believe in flying saucers before, but now I have no reason not to."

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Newport, England

March 20, 1982

## New UFO riddle in Gwent

A UFO has been spotted in Gwent for the second time this week.

The mystery object was seen hovering over Beechwood Park, Newport. On Wednesday a policeman spotted lights in the sky over Blackwood.

Mrs Monica Joyce, who saw the second object, described it as "beautiful." "There was a bright light in the sky which gradually got larger," she said.

"It appeared to be the size of a car headlamp. Then it hovered and swooped."

"My daughter Nicola and I could actually see underneath it. The grey object was shaped like a cone with the pointed part at the top."

"It had about five red, amber, white and green lights."

"I am a very rational person, but this was a fantastic sight - a chance in a million."

The UFO hovered for a while and then moved out of sight.

Gwent police have revealed that a Croesycelligres resident had seen a similar object over Cwmbran at 8.25pm - five minutes before Mrs Joyce's sighting.

CHRONICLE &amp; ECHO, Northampton, England

Feb. 15, 1982

## Mystery object in the sky frightens girls

THREE Northampton schoolgirls claim to have had the fright of their lives after spotting a UFO hovering over houses on a town estate.

The girls, who are friends and pupils at Cherry Orchard Middle School - are adamant they saw a mystery object which resembled a flying saucer - over Eastfield.

Twelve-year-old Louise Mason said: "It was round with flashing lights at both ends and there was a pyramid dome on top."

"It also made a noise and was about the size of the base of two houses," added Louise, of Upland Road, Headlands.

Louise was roller skating with friends Jane Clark (12) and Dawn Cooke (12) when they had their "close encounter" in Broadmead Avenue at about 7.30 pm.

The mystery object rested above a shop for a short while, then zoomed off at great speed say the girls.

### Tears

They hurried off to Jane's house at Broughton Place in fright and the girls say they shed a few tears over the episode.

In the rush to get away from the scene, Dawn, of Eskdale Avenue, said she fell over and grazed her knee.

The girls claim to have lost sleep over the sighting and now do not go out on their skates at night.

Jane said: "I had a dream a few months ago in which I was in contact with aliens and they beamed me up."

Louise believes the UFO might have come from an unknown planet.

None of the girls believed in "little green men" until their experience on Thursday night. Now they believe in UFO's. And they claim other school pals witnessed the UFO.

Mr. David Abbott, a UFO and UFO-related phenomena expert, who lives at Smith Close, Piddington, said that over the last few weeks in Northamptonshire there had been three or four sightings.

CITIZEN, Gloucester, England

March 13, 1982

## UFOs over Stroud: an inquiry

THE Adams family's repeated early morning UFO sightings have prompted an investigation.

Mr. Lionel Adams, his wife Frances and their children have twice spotted strange objects in the sky from their home at Butterrow Lane, Rodborough, Stroud.

Now Probe, a Bristol-based UFO research organisation, has taken an interest in the family's experiences.

Probe has appealed to any other local people who have witnessed similar UFOs to contact it.

Mrs. Adams said her violin-maker husband was the first to notice a long, U-shaped, black silhouette in the early morning sky over Thrupp. He alerted his wife and their sons Peter (9) and Malcolm (8), who also witnessed the UFO sighting.

"It was silent. A long U-shape in the sky," said Mrs. Adams

today. "We looked at it through binoculars and ran up and down stairs to try to get a better view."

While the family watched, the shape disappeared behind the horizon and was followed by the appearance of a bright, orange light.

"We are open-minded about what it was. But the second sighting was a long, black object in a gap in clouds again early one morning and could have been the same U-shape on its side" said Mrs. Adams.

NEWS &amp; ADVERTISER, Lynn, England

March 12, 1982

## Mystery object is seen again

A STRANGE sky-borne object seen by Terrington St Clement residents over the Wash on Thursday of last week was spotted again the following afternoon.

After seeing a report in Tuesday's Lynn News, South Lynn residents reported seeing the "thing" hovering overhead, and this time there was a plane circling it, as if investigating.

Mrs Joan Smith of 36 Wisbech Road, says seeing the object has made her a firm believer in UFOs, even though she was sceptical beforehand.

"We saw this big round object, like a football, coming towards us," said Mrs Smith, who was watching with South Lynn butcher, Mr Terry Mann and one of his customers.

"We could just see it was a round ball with no wings, and all the time it had a silver light flashing."

"This aeroplane went up and circled around it. We must have been watching it for about 15 minutes."

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said there could have been hundreds of explanations for the object, ranging from an advertising balloon to reflected lights.

But, he said, the RAF had had no planes investigating anything in the area at that time.

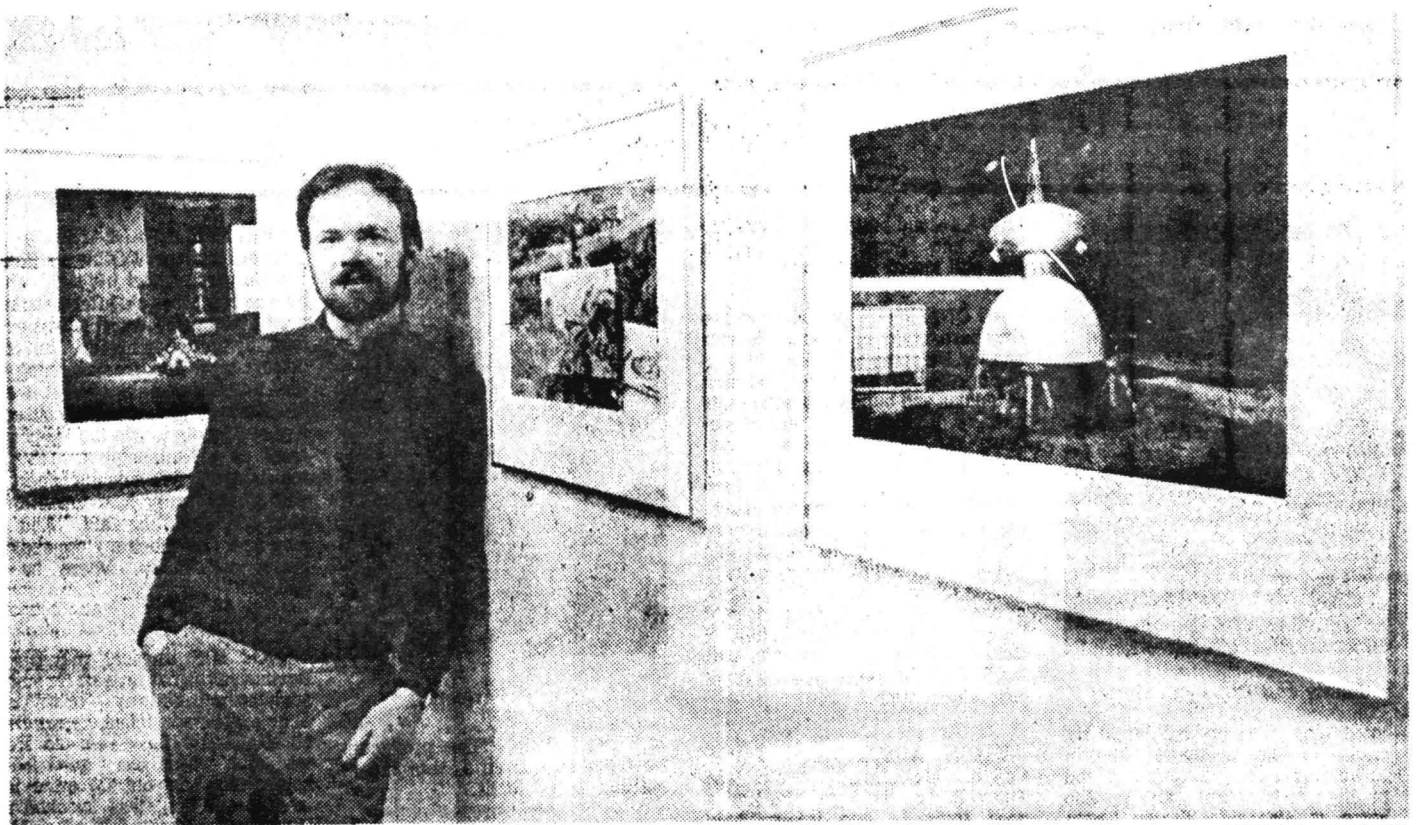
A spokesman for the Civil Aviation Authority said, although there are no air routes over Lynn, it was quite possible a private pilot had seen something and gone to investigate.

EVENING NEWS, Edinburgh, Scotland - March 10, 1982

### GEORDIE UFO

Two Newcastle police officers who sighted a "lighted, inverted, crescent-shaped object" in the skies, have logged it as a UFO.





—S-P Photo by Peter Blashill

Doug Curran displays collection of photos at The Photographers Gallery

# UFO photos evoke outrage, interest

By Sheila Robertson  
of the Star-Phoenix

Edmonton photographer Doug Curran evokes a response in viewers of his photostudy. That response varies from skepticism, outrage, or interest to fervent belief. The subject is man's fascination with unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

Curran has travelled thousands of kilometres since 1977, when he decided to study and photograph people and objects relating to outer space. The result, a collection of color and black and white photographs showing at The Photographers Gallery, is as much about people and their beliefs, as it is about rockets and flying saucers.

Curran was in Saskatoon recently to open his exhibition entitled *In Advance of the Landing: Folk Concepts of Outer Space*. In an interview, he said he prefers to use the camera to describe or illustrate the world, rather than for artistic creations.

According to Curran, who studied photography at Ontario's Ryerson Polytechnical College, "the most compelling photographs are those that document the world, that concentrate on describing a particular social, cultural, or historical time." His goal is to use the camera "for its narrative, descriptive qualities" rather than to create formal, artistic constructions.

"I had to look at my own time,"

Curran said. "What is my society doing now? What are its motivations and beliefs? I started looking, and I figured if (Carl) Jung was right and we had a subconscious, we had to be building totems of our beliefs."

He found those totems along the roadsides, in barns and fields and back yards from New Brunswick to California.

There are two, complementary levels to the UFO mythology Curran documents. The first level includes such UFO phenomena as the flying saucer gift shop in Cavendish, P.E.I., and the flying saucer drive-in restaurant in Niagara Falls, Ont.

Passing by one of these structures, many are sufficiently intrigued to pull off the road for a closer look, even if they have about as much faith in flying saucers as in the tooth fairy.

"The owner of the restaurant had a reason for making it look like a flying saucer," Curran said. "He knows it appeals to people as an object, and that it must represent something."

There are others who quietly construct rockets in their barns, or band with those whose beliefs are similar, to prepare for the landing of extraterrestrial beings. Photographs of these people comprise the second level of Curran's work.

Since man first looked up and wondered at the stars, he has imagined contact with them. Curran sug-

gests this primal yearning has been one motive in the American space program.

Curran said most of the hard-core ufologists combine their beliefs in a superior race of extraterrestrials with fundamentalist religion. "The idea of getting off the earth is that we attain heaven, and go back to our rightful place with the gods," he said.

Several of Curran's photographs illustrate the activities of the Unarius Foundation in Southern California. This group has created a doctrine which incorporates space mythology with traditional religion, spiritualism, and a belief in reincarnation.

When Curran contacted Ruth Norman (alias Archangel Uriel), the head of Unarius, she agreed to meet with him, because his voice on the telephone was unmistakably that of an "old soul." Norman said Curran was imbued with guilt for his deeds in other lives, and was destined to be an instrument for spreading the word about Unarius.

Curran's photo of Norman, spreading her rainbow-striped cape like wings, is humorous, but not because the photographer has set her up for ridicule. His work is non-judgemental. If anything, he has captured the pride his subjects take in their activities.

Each photograph is accompanied by a brief explanation. For example, a photograph of a large disk under construction in a shed is labelled: "Detour Village, Michigan."

The "Bluebird" was begun by a religious group in 1969. It was constructed with plans telepathically received from extraterrestrials."

According to Curran, a certain segment of the population looks to outer space for salvation. For them, the UFO is virtually a religious symbol.

"These people are not kooks or cranks," Curran said. "They exhibit a good deal of courage. ...They speak for a kind of latent desire that runs throughout our society."

To those who wonder if Curran's work has affected his own beliefs about outer space, he says he doesn't really care whether or not UFOs exist. He is interested in the subject because it is "just another aspect of human experience. I'm not a believer, I'm an empathizer. I've spent too much time with these people to laugh at them."

Curran, who divides his time between photography and carpentry, financed his travels by speaking to university photography classes along the way. He has had many requests for showings of his work and within the next year, the exhibition will have travelled from one end of Canada to the other.

At present, Curran is working on a book about his UFO artifacts, also to be called *In Advance of the Landing: Folk Concepts of Outer Space*. The book is to be published this fall by Edmonton's Reidmore Books, in conjunction with McLellan and Stewart.

SCOTSMAN, Edinburgh, Scotland - March 27, 1982

## Some doubt

47a Easter Bankton,  
Murliston, Livingston,  
West Lothian,  
March 23, 1982

Sir, — Your correspondent, Zbigniew Leszczynski writes today that it is without doubt that the experience of Mr Robert Taylor, reported on March 15, was a case of "ball or globular lighting."

Naturally, this hypothesis has been most carefully considered by the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association. A paper, by S. Campbell, was published by the association on a natural hypothesis for such reports. The point was also made by Campbell at our national conference in Edinburgh that the ball lightning hypothesis was one which he was working upon to explain Mr Taylor's experience.

However, to claim "no doubt" is rather an Olympic jump for anyone who has read of the case, without studying the evidence objectively. Those who have done so, including Lothian Police, Livingston Development Corporation and my association would not claim that any hypothesis is yet without doubt. Mr Campbell thinks it could take years to reach such a final conclusion.

While your correspondent may prove correct, it is unfortunate that many people have preconceived ideas about UFO phenomena and do not wish to be confused with the facts. This applies equally to the confirmed "believer" and the "non-believer." Our association takes the view that the issue is not one of belief but of evidence.

It is a curious matter that those who take sides so readily are often those who have not examined the evidence. Scientists who have studied the phenomena without bias find that a small number of UFO reports are exceptionally difficult to explain. These include such eminent people as Dr A. Esterle of Centre Spatial de Toulouse, Dr R. F. Haines of NASA, Professor D. A. Haisell of Canada, Dr J. A. Hynek, former director of Dearborn Observatory and Professor of Astronomy, B. H. L. Kuhlmann of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering, Dr B. S. Maccafee of NASA, I. O. Singeozan of Bucharest Observatory, and Dr F. Zigel of Moscow Institute of Aviation.

Those interested in objective research into UFO phenomena are most welcome in the British UFO Research Association.

Peter A. Hill,

# His close encounter on the bus

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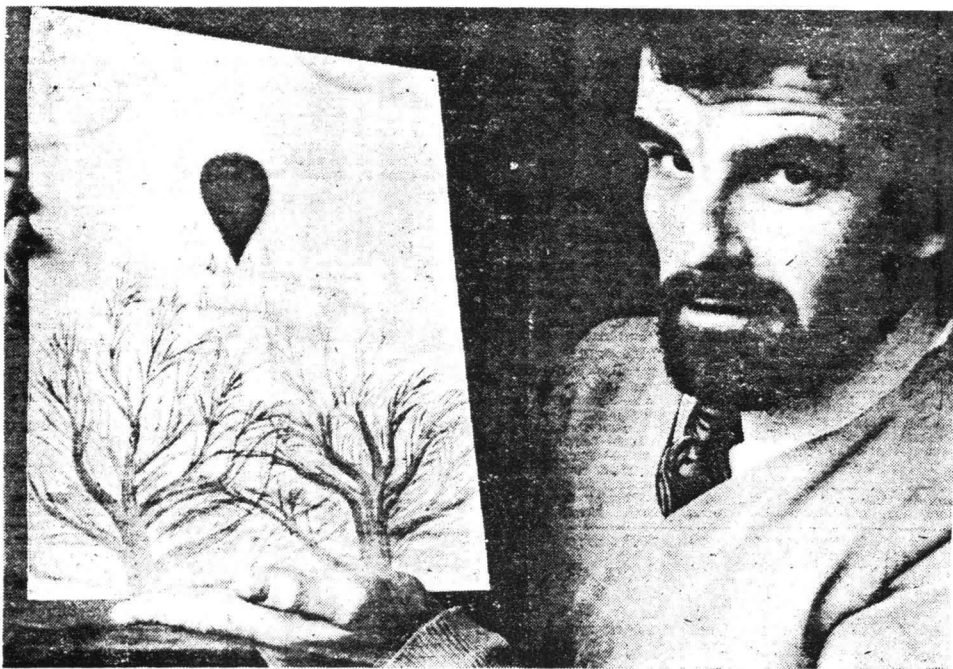
A CLOSE encounter with a UFO near Ringwood a decade ago began an investigation by Dorset teacher and musician Philip Shaw — and has now led to the formation of the Fern-down Mystery Circle, which has its first meeting next month.

It was back in March, 1972, that Mr. Shaw (seen in this Echophoto) of Uplands Road, West Moors, came face to face with the mysterious object.

"I was in a double decker bus at Ellingham and as we drew level with the church there I became aware of this thing hovering over the church," he said.

"It was pear-shaped and luminous and had silver-grey droplets falling underneath. It looked as if it was burning."

There were several other people on the bus but none was looking in the direction



## ... AND MYSTERY CIRCLE IS BORN

of the object.

"When I turned back the object was gone. I was flabbergasted. It was a traumatic experience and it left me shaking. The object seemed so very real."

Mr. Shaw followed up the sighting later and learned that the church and other nearby sites had a reputation for ghostly happenings.

Then he discovered that the church was in alignment with several other ancient ceremonial sites, including earthworks and stoneworks, and this led him to conclude that it stood on an earth energy channel or ley line.

"I started out just wanting to know what I had seen but it was like unlocking a door to mystical, psychic and paranormal phenomena."

"It was a turning point in my life."

He has concluded that UFOs are from the inner mind rather than from an extra-terrestrial civilisation.

"I think they are real but more of an inner reality," said Mr. Shaw. "a general symbolism of our awareness

rather than spaceships from another planet."

"Mankind has this horrible habit of externalising things like God and the UFO and saying: 'It's not my fault if it's beyond me'."

"But I don't necessarily believe that. I think there is some subtle connection between God and the UFO and I think that the more we understand ourselves and relate to nature the more likely we are to solve these mysteries."

As well as carrying out his own wide-ranging research, Mr. Shaw, 36, has also run research and discussion groups on the paranormal, given evening classes and written two books — the first, *The Hidden Face of Stonehenge*, is due to be published later this year.

On March 4 he is launching the Fern-down Mystery Circle, which will meet on the first and fourth Thursday every month at Fern-down library for talks, slide-shows and discussions on everything from UFOs and ley lines to Tarot cards and reincarnation.

TIMES, Oxford, England

March 19, 1982

## UFO reports stream in

Mysterious purple lights were seen moving across the sky last Friday evening to the amazement of witnesses.

Mr Derek Mansell, of Crown Road, Wheatley, said he saw a large red light steadily moving across the sky above his home. The light suddenly shot upwards and disappeared.

"I thought it was an aircraft at first," said Mr Mansell who is a UFO research officer for Contact International UK. "but an aircraft could never have shot upwards like that so quickly."

People from Oxford, Maidenhead and Cirencester saw the lights and contacted the police and Mr Mansell.

At 7.29 pm a motorist on the M40 near Oxford saw a

large oval mauve object in the sky.

In Maidenhead at 6.25 pm a family reported seeing three large red lights flying silently over the town.

In Cirencester at 8.10 pm a large oval craft with one powerful bluish light and three large red lights was seen hovering over the town before moving south.

Mr Mansell, who has been cataloguing UFOs since 1964, said the Oxford area was normally quiet but since 1981 sightings have been steadily rising.

DAILY EXPRESS,

London, England

March 12, 1982

## A close encounter in Lords

WHILE the wicked men of the Far Left try to have the House of Lords abolished, our ermine-clad peers have been busy trying to protect us from Martians and the like

The old buffers have their own UFO society, and scan the heavens over Westminster for the first signs of extra-terrestrial extra-parliamentary action.

Only the other day LORD KIMBERLEY asked the Government's spokesman for defence VISCOUNT LONG how many of the 600 UFO's sighted in 1981 had been identified. "I do not have the figures, they disappeared into the unknown," quipped Long.

"That was the kind of balls-aching answer we've come to expect," Lord Kimberley tells me. "Personality

I think there has been a cover-up."

CITIZEN,

Gloucester, England

March 17, 1982

## Puzzle of light in sky

MR. PAT Garrod, Gloucester's senior excavations officer, does not believe in UFOs but he cannot explain the unusual experience he had on Friday night.

The mysterious sighting happened as he and his daughter, Kate, were tending to their pony at the Moorend stables, Upton St. Leonards.

"When unloading a bale of hay, I noted a pale ice blue light moving at speed across the night sky. My sense immediately registered that I was looking at something unusual. I called to Kate but she had already seen it," he recalled today.

"The light was round and small but bigger and brighter than any of the stars it was passing in front of."

"It moved, soundless, diagonally east to south coming across the Cotswold scarp from the direction of the Buckholt/Cranham area, out over Painswick Beacon and across the Severn Vale in the direction of Lydney. As it travelled above the hilltops it was impossible to gauge how close or far away the object was from me."

### Vanished

"As it travelled out over the Vale, it passed behind a large rain cloud blowing in from the south-west, behind which it grew faint and vanished from sight."

"This surprised me for it then registered that the object must have been well out in the atmosphere travelling at a speed impossible for modern flying craft. I discounted it from the category of meteorites as it had no trail or fuzz trailing away from it."

Local airfields had no knowledge of aircraft using flight paths that could account for Mr. Garrod's sighting.

RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire suggested he contact them for a form to report a UFO.

A spokesman said: "We have no record of any sighting on Friday night. We ask people who claim to have seen unidentified craft to fill in this form which we investigate and send to the Ministry of Defence."

"It could have been an aircraft from a local airfield that caused the lights. It could just as easily have been one from a distant airfield on training."

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## UFOs at Armthorpe—or is it faked?

by BERT NESBITT



Armthorpe schoolboy David McDonagh is either a wizard with a camera . . . or he has just had a close encounter with a flotilla of UFO's.

The 17-year-old space kid was snapping away with his Polaroid 1000 outside his home in Park Close last weekend . . . and the results had his mum and dad preparing to repel alien boarders!

For two of his instant colour snaps clearly show what appear to be saucer-shaped objects framed against the skyline.

Now his bewildered dad has asked the Weekend Post to try and unravel the mystery.

He says: "The photos have certainly got us guessing. Is David having a leg pull or are they real?"

Mr. McDonagh says his son is no expert with a camera, which adds to the puzzle for, as any professional lensman will tell you, amateurish attempts to fake pictures are never too successful.

One of the photographs (left) shows a trio of the mysterious flying objects and the other a single

"saucer" silhouetted in the fading light.

And according to our chief photographer Jim Tampion, David's space invader shots look very impressive.

A flaw in the film? Doubtful. Frisbees tossed in the air by accomplices to give a cunningly conceived "staged" snapshot? Possible. . . but with a Polaroid camera, very difficult.

### Excited

David's dad adds: "He is UFO mad and seemed genuinely excited with his camera 'capture'. It has certainly shaken his mother and me for if he is foxing us he's certainly made a good job of it."

"The thing that puzzles me — is why hasn't anyone else reported seeing these 'flying saucers'?"

"We are dying to find out the truth."

Sorry dad, but we can't make a snap judgement. . . Pardon the pun.

They will just have to join the realms of the unexplained . . . but if anyone happens to spot little green men in space helmets wandering around Armthorpe . . . do give us a call!



## Policeman spots a blue UFO

A GWENT policeman has reported seeing blue flashing lights. But the lights were not on a Panda car — they were in the sky in Blackwood.

P-c Stephen Gamlin was on duty at 7.30 am yesterday when he had a close encounter with the UFO.

He saw blue and white flashing lights, circling low in the sky over Blackwood.

The mystery object then turned, heading off towards Oakdale and the lights turned red.

P-c Gamlin's sighting confirmed an

anonymous telephone call police at Blackwood received reporting a UFO at the same time.

This is the second mystery sighting of lights in the sky in the area in less than three weeks.

And although there is a long-running meteorological experiment in wind patterns taking place in the Sirhowy Valley, no link has yet been found between the planes used and the UFO's.

Chief-inspector Terry Osment says they were keeping an open mind about the sighting.

## UFOs back on the scene

UFOs have made their enigmatic appearance over the Top End in the past few days.

Tony Wilson and his girlfriend spied one at Pine Creek.

"It was about 5.30 in the morning and this bright light came down from the sky, almost to the horizon, stopped,

CR: J. Magee

and then shot back up again and disappeared," he said.

"At first I thought it was a falling star."

And at Berrimah, Marian Gabriel reports seeing a strange, cylinder-shaped orange light that "shrunk away into a dot size and vanished."

There is, however, no truth in the rumor that little green men entered Block 8 and carried away the Chief Minister.

WHIG-STANDARD, Kingston, Ontario, Canada - Feb. 20, 1982

**D**URING THE last nine years I have spent hundreds, perhaps thousands, of hours in sporadic investigation of sightings of unidentified flying objects, or UFOs. On several occasions I actually thought I was getting somewhere and, in two instances, caused a bit of a furor in the scientific world. It is remarkably easy to become intoxicated with the notion that you might be closing in on a solution to one of the enduring enigmas of 20th-century science.

It all started in the fall of 1972. I was assistant director and staff astronomer at the Strassenburgh Planetarium of the Rochester (N.Y.) Museum and Science Center. I took a phone call from a nuclear physicist named Stanton Friedman who was in the area on a lecture tour. He was speaking on UFOs at a local college and asked if I was interested. I was curious and decided to attend.

As planetarium astronomer, I was obliged to have an opinion on UFOs — if only because I was asked about them so frequently. I always answered such inquiries by endorsing the views of prominent astronomers such as Carl Sagan of Cornell University and Donald Menzel of Harvard.

"Given sufficient investigation by competent experts," I would explain, "all UFO sightings can be interpreted as misidentifications of natural or man-made phenomena, such as airplanes, weather balloons, meteors, the planet Venus and so on." Then I would point to Menzel's book on UFOs and describe how he explained every UFO he ever investigated. But the fact was I really hadn't given much thought to the matter; I simply accepted what the leading astronomers of the time said.

Then came Friedman's lecture. He began by asserting that some UFOs are extraterrestrial spacecraft. "The Earth is being visited by intelligences from other worlds," he stated. I started looking for the nearest exit.

But instead of launching into the psychic adventures of a motel owner's visits with the maidens of Venus, Friedman displayed tables, graphs and statistics from the three largest U.S. government-sponsored studies of UFOs, including a U.S. Air Force investigation under the direction of the distinguished physicist Edward U. Condon, which had cost American taxpayers more than half a million dollars. I was stunned to see that the data contained in these reports contradicted Sagan and Menzel. Many of the most scientifically interesting cases remained completely unexplained despite the efforts of dozens of experts.

Quoting from one UFO investigation in the Condon report, Friedman said the scientists concluded that the object was a natural phenomenon. But in order to explain this natural phenomenon, they said it was something seen so rarely it had probably



Artist's rendering of alien said to have abducted Betty and Barney Hill

# The Alien Star Map

By TERENCE DICKINSON

*'How could the three largest government-funded studies of UFOs — one by the CIA and two by the U.S. Air Force — be simply filed away by establishment science as if nothing had happened?'*

only been witnessed once! Clearly, something mighty strange was going on.

I was stunned. How could this be? How could the three largest government-funded studies of UFOs — one by the CIA and two by the U.S. Air Force — all of which failed to explain what had been seen, be simply filed away by establishment science as if nothing had happened?

More statistics: Many of the case studies weren't single-witness events. Some sightings had multiple witnesses; some were reports of objects seen visually and tracked by radar. In one case the entire crew of a military aircraft saw the UFO out the airplane windows, tracked it with aircraft radar and were told

that it was also being picked up by ground-based radar.

Then Friedman moved on to describe episodes where not only had people seen flying saucers but the saucers landed and creatures — usually resembling humans — got out. In some instances communication between humans and the presumed aliens occurred. I began looking for the exit again.

But I was soon caught up in the story of a New Hampshire couple, Betty and Barney Hill, who had been taken inside a saucer in 1961, examined by alien creatures and then released. During their bizarre 1½-hour ordeal, Betty Hill reportedly communicated with the extraterrestrials, posing the question we would all like

to ask: Where were they from? A star map was produced, and the aliens indicated that we (meaning the Earth or the solar system) were on the map, along with some of their regular travel routes.

Friedman explained that the Hills remembered none of this, and it wasn't until after persistent nightmares that they sought psychiatric help. Subsequent therapy and hypnosis brought out the weird events, including Betty's recollection of a map, which she drew. The map was published in a book written on this incident (*The Interrupted Journey* by John Fuller, Berkeley paperback), and the saga has emerged as the most famous UFO episode in history.

Then came the part that I found absolutely fascinating. Friedman described how an amateur astronomer had interpreted the map based on a new star catalogue that had become available in 1969, eight years after Betty Hill saw the map and three years after her drawing was published. The interpretation of the map showed that the routes the aliens allegedly travelled linked stars which are almost identical to the sun — stars most likely to have planets like Earth.

On the way home from the lecture, I decided to investigate UFOs a little further, especially the Betty Hill star-map business. Thus began my descent down the long, uncharted, potholed trail of ufology. (Ufology is the investigation and analysis of the UFO phenomenon.)

The first thing I discovered was that most scientists won't touch the subject with a 10-foot pole. The U.S. Air Force was no help either. It stopped accepting sighting reports in 1969, despite the fact that its own study, the Condon report, was unable to explain about one-third of the UFOs investigated.

Nonetheless, the Air Force was delighted to get the volatile subject officially off its hands and used the Condon Report to do so.

I eventually got in touch with J. Allen Hynek, then head of the astronomy department at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. Hynek had been a scientific advisor to the Air Force's Project Bluebook, an earlier effort that produced a study with results similar to those of the Condon Report. He informed me that there is a small group of scientists who take UFO investigation seriously, but they usually keep a low profile. (Nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman, on the other hand, rejected this "closet-ufologist" approach and went public with his convictions in 1969.)

For years, Hynek told me, he was a total skeptic toeing the Air Force line that all UFO sightings are man-made or natural phenomena. In March 1966 he investigated a series of UFO sightings in Michigan. Popular interest in UFOs was reaching a peak at the time, and the press flocked to the scene to hear him ex-

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plain the UFO effects as "swamp gas." Hynek said that was the turning point for him. The public recognized that he was using any explanation he could think of. Hynek and his swamp gas became a national joke. Feeling victimized by his role in explaining away UFOs at any price, Hynek soon began openly attacking the government's UFO approach, later calling it gross incompetence.

**S**WAMP GAS ALSO proved to be a turning point in public opinion. Most polls since have shown that a majority of us feel all UFOs can't be explained away as hallucinations or misinterpretations. These polls have revealed that younger, more educated people are most likely to believe that UFOs are an unexplained phenomenon. The latest large poll, conducted in the U.S. and Canada in 1978 by the Gallup organization, documented for the first time that more than two-thirds of the population believe that UFOs are real.

Even more surprising was a survey of scientists by *Industrial Research* magazine, which revealed that a majority of them are convinced that some UFOs are not misinterpretations. The most stunning statistic that emerged: Of those scientists who accept UFO reality, half believe that UFOs are manifestations of extraterrestrial life.

Such statistics may be impressive, but they are only tabulations of opinions based on perceptions of a poorly understood and often abused subject. They tell us nothing about the real phenomena.

So far I had merely dipped my toe in the water. In September 1973 I fell in up to my neck. I saw a UFO. My sighting coincided with the first major wave of UFO reports across North America since 1966, a coincidence that was to have interesting consequences.

I was at the Rochester Planetarium's rooftop observatory with about 15 students from my evening astronomy class. The observatory had a roll-off roof, so the whole sky was open to view. One of the class members shouted, "What's that?" gesturing to the south.

Five brilliant white lights in a V-shaped formation seemed to be approaching. The formation remained in its basic V-shape, although the individual lights appeared to be independent objects as they hovered about their positions like a small flock of geese would do. The formation approached and then veered off to the west and disappeared. We observed it for about two minutes.

The consensus of the group was that we were seeing lights on a formation of aircraft. But in all my years of skywatching, I had never seen anything like this. The lights were extremely intense, but, unlike aircraft landing lights, they were visible as the objects approached and receded. There was no noise, no sign of running lights, and the lights had a strange arc-light quality that I had never noticed on aircraft before.

The flight trajectory ruled out satellites. The white underbellies of migrating birds can reflect light surprisingly well and have been mistaken for UFOs, but these lights were too intense. No one in my astronomy class could figure it out, despite the fact that one student was a pilot and another had been a World War II navigator.

When the class broke up for the evening, I made some phone calls. First, to the Rochester airport to ask if a fleet of aircraft had been in the vicinity (we had noted the exact time). The international airport was only 10 miles away, but they had no record of any activity of the type I described. Hancock Air Force Base in Syracuse had jurisdiction over the area, so I called them next. I was told that none of their aircraft were anywhere near Rochester at the time indicated.

What was I to conclude? By definition, 16 people had seen a forma-

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tion of unidentified flying objects. I called a friend at a television station to find out if they had received any reports. Yes, a couple of vague ones had been phoned in. He said they had been receiving a lot of reports lately because of the general interest in the subject generated by the wave of sightings across the country. After explaining what I had seen, he suggested that I come over to the television station to appear on the evening news and ask if anyone else had seen the strange fleet of lights. I did.

As it turned out, the TV news item did not generate any corroborating reports, but a stringer for ABC News happened to see the local broadcast and did a phone interview with me later that night. Then things really started cooking.

The next morning the front-page headline in the *Rochester Democrat & Chronicle* proclaimed "Local Astronomer Sees UFO." Apparently, the ABC stringer had been quick off the mark and sold his telephone interview with me to the ABC radio network, which carried the story from coast to coast. Colleagues were soon calling from Florida, Michigan and Colorado to ask if I had really seen a UFO.

**T**O PLACE THIS IN context, just two weeks before, two Alabama fishermen claimed they had been taken aboard a UFO, but that was just the most sensational of thousands of sightings. However, my sighting apparently was the only one made by someone with "credentials," and this gave the media people something to latch on to.

That night Harry Reasoner opened his commentary by saying: "Those of us who have been ignoring the growing numbers of UFO sightings across America in the last few weeks will have to forget the idea that only crackpots see these things. Now an astronomer has reported a UFO..."

In a few days the whole thing quieted down. TV and radio news went on to other things, commentators returned to their usual diet of

politics and the economy. But I was stuck with my UFO sighting, and there didn't seem to be a darn thing I could do about resolving it.

Three weeks later I got a call from John Stull, head of the astronomy department at Alfred University, about 80 miles south of Rochester. He too had been out with his students, and they had seen the same formation. But it was three weeks later!

He explained how, by chance, their telescope was pointed in exactly the right position to see the UFOs fly through the field of view. The telescope, operating at about 110 magnifications at the time, revealed that the UFOs were extremely powerful lights attached to the bottom of some kind of aircraft. Stull said they looked like small Air Force jets.

I called the Air Force again, explaining to them what I had seen, what the Alfred University astronomer had seen and that since both saw the same thing, it had to be Air Force activity. Again, I received denials of any knowledge of Air Force manoeuvres at the times and in the locations described.

I am convinced that both my astronomy class and the Alfred University group saw a formation of Air Force aircraft. Why the local airport was unaware of them or why the Air Force spokesman would not acknowledge their existence remains a mystery to me to this day. Presumably, it confirms Hynek's accusation of "gross incompetence" in Air Force handling of UFO reports. In this case the U.S. Air Force created a UFO where there was none, adding to the confusion that already surrounds the issue.

That's where things stood in late 1973 when I joined *Astronomy* magazine as editor. The move to Milwaukee, where the magazine is based, meant I could no longer continue my investigation of that frustrating UFO sighting. But I remained intrigued by the star map Betty Hill allegedly saw inside the flying saucer, and now my post at the magazine offered the opportunity to

properly research the incident.

The amateur astronomer who interpreted the Hill map was Marjorie Fish, an Ohio schoolteacher. I soon realized that her analysis was one of the most amazing astronomy experiments conducted by an amateur in the 20th century. She began by building a model showing several hundred stars within about 35 light-years of the sun, all in their correct three-dimensional positions from the Earth. To do this, she built a framework wooden cube from which hundreds of beads were suspended on threads, each bead representing a star in its correct three-dimensional position relative to the sun. Over the next five years she built more than 30 models.

I visited Marjorie Fish in the summer of 1974 to examine her latest model. It was a remarkable achievement. You could walk around it and see how our sun was at the edge of a cluster of sunlike stars extending toward the constellation Eridanus. Because no one had ever built a model like this before — something that you could look at from the perspective of deep space — this cluster had gone unrecognized even though the properties of the individual stars were well known. It's the old "can't-see-the-forest-for-the-trees" problem.

It was through the construction of these models that Marjorie Fish thought she detected a pattern almost identical to Betty Hill's drawing of 15 stars, made as a result of her hypnosis sessions in 1963. This was the basis of the interpretation mentioned in Friedman's lecture, which got me intrigued in the first place.

**I** PHOTOGRAPHED THE model from various viewpoints to ensure that its accuracy could be thoroughly checked. Astronomers at the University of Pittsburgh and Ohio State University independently examined each star position. The model checked out perfectly. Then they conducted statistical tests to determine if the apparent similarity between the real stars represented in the model and the dots in Betty Hill's map could be attributed to coincidence. They didn't think so but suggested I consult statistical experts. I engaged such experts at the University of Chicago and Northwestern University to more rigorously assess the possibility of a coincidence given the number of stars in the Fish models and the various ways that they can be viewed. Depending on the statistical methods used, the values range from 1000 to 1 to 10 million to 1 against a coincidence.

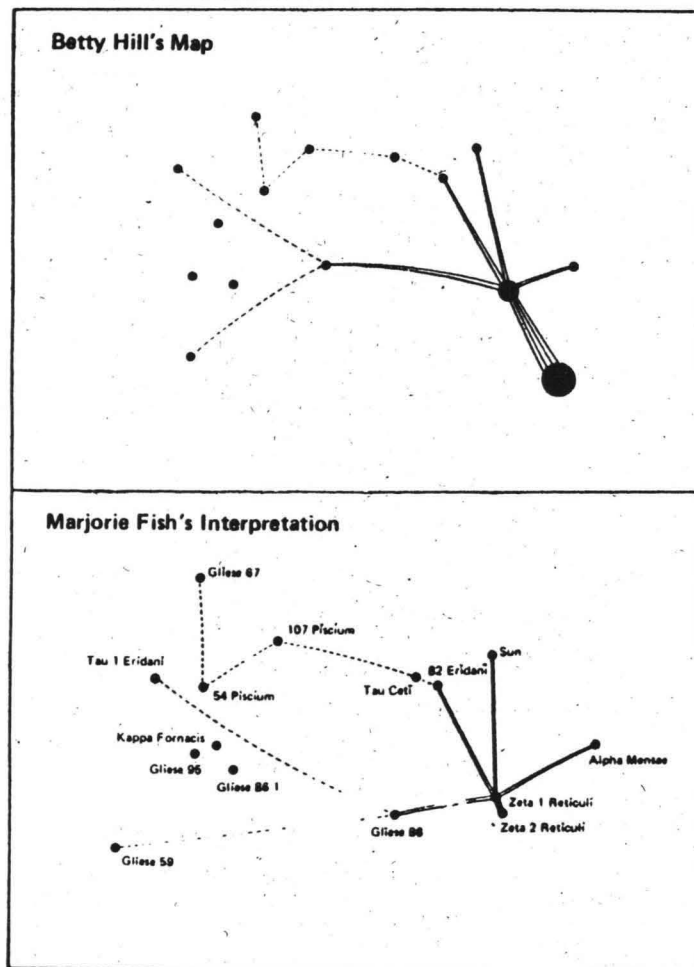
At this point I decided the case was sound enough to write an article for *Astronomy* magazine. The 8,000-word article reviewed Betty and Barney Hill's abduction, their subsequent hypnosis therapy, the map seen inside the flying saucer and Marjorie Fish's interpretation of the map using models.

I also included details of my own calculations showing that of all the stars within 55 light-years of the Earth, those in Marjorie Fish's interpretation of the Hill map are among the stars most like the sun. Such stars would be the first that we would visit if we had the technology required to travel between the stars. According to what we know about the origin of planets, these stars have the greatest likelihood of having planets like the Earth.

Finally, I demonstrated how the travel lines on the map were reasonable in terms of three-dimensional travel patterns through space. There was no backtracking among the stars. The aliens' "travel routes" were logical. From an astronomical standpoint, Marjorie Fish's interpretation made sense.

Furthermore, two stars at the hub of the map, 220 trillion miles away, known as Zeta 1 Reticuli and Zeta 2 Reticuli, are apparently less than a light-year apart — relatively close by cosmic standards. As the only pair of sunlike stars that close together in our local neighborhood of space, I reasoned there could be some hidden significance for spacefaring extraterrestrials.

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Map allegedly seen by Betty Hill of New Hampshire inside a UFO in 1961



This article caused a sensation. Isaac Asimov, the dean of science writers in America, called it "the first piece of solid evidence ever to come from UFO investigations." Ben Bova, now executive editor of *Omni* magazine, described the article as "a remarkably convincing documentation of an alien visitation to Earth." It wasn't long before the telephone was ringing. This time a different stringer from ABC News wanted the scoop.

A few days after the star-map issue was published, I got a call from Carl Sagan. "You had us all worried for a little while until we figured out what was wrong with this interpretation," he reported with the confidence of someone who has just solved Rubik's Cube. He explained that, statistically, Marjorie Fish's interpretation had no validity.

"It comes down to this," he continued, "if you take the 15 dots that Betty Hill said she saw and put them on one piece of paper and then take another piece of paper and splatter some ink from a quill pen and select 15 dots from the splatters, you'll come up with a pattern that will fairly closely coincide with Betty Hill's original map."

I countered by explaining that we were talking about three-dimensional space and that drawings on a flat surface were not valid statistical comparisons. He disagreed, saying if the original map was drawn on a piece of paper, the interpretation must stand up to scrutiny in the same way. I stood firm and pointed out that the original map Betty Hill saw was three-dimensional, but it was convenient to draw it on a piece of paper. Marjorie Fish interpreted the map in its original form.

Sagan admitted it looked like we had a stalemate, but he wanted to express his viewpoint in the magazine, which I readily consented to. After Sagan's critique and a series of rebuttals appeared, scientists lined up about equally on each side. The incident became a watershed that, in the eyes of many, elevated ufology to a certain degree of respectability.

That was seven years ago. But I remain convinced that Carl Sagan considered the star-map business a threat to his anti-UFO views and



Author Terence Dickinson (right): He had some scientists worried

was determined to find a flaw in it. In fact, he devoted nearly 15 minutes of one of his Cosmos television episodes to debunking the concepts put forward in my *Astronomy* article, even though it had been published six years earlier.

As it turns out, Sagan's instincts were right. Those who believe that the Earth is being visited by extraterrestrials have enshrined the article as proof that they're here. The article never said this, but it sure caused a stir. It has been quoted in dozens of books and hundreds of magazine articles. A reference to the article even appears in the U.S. Congressional record as testimony given to the Committee of Science and Technology in 1975. As recently as last November I received a person-to-person call from the New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation requesting an interview on "the spacemen's star map."

Reaction of scientists to the star-map interpretation and my involvement in it has been fascinating. Few are neutral on the issue. They either rally around Sagan's apparent debunking of the incident or they support my attempt to reveal the exist-

ence of the map and its interpretation to the widest possible audience. Significantly, no critique other than Sagan's has ever appeared in print. His is simply repeated by other authors who also ignore the crucial three-dimensional qualities of the Fish interpretation. In the past few months, however, a new development in the star-map saga has emerged, which in my view closes the issue. It looks like Sagan and I were both wrong.

New findings show that the key stars in the map, Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli, are not much like the sun at all. In the summer of 1981 a team of French astronomers conducted a survey of stars in the region of the constellation Reticulum using a new technique called speckle interferometry. They determined that Zeta 2 Reticuli is not a single sunlike star but two stars orbiting each other at about half the Earth-sun distance. Their studies of Zeta 1 Reticuli suggest that it is a similar binary system.

This changes the complexion completely, because for the interpretation of Betty Hill's map to stand up, all of the stars in it have to be

sunlike. It now appears as though the two stars from which most of the travel routes radiate are not sunlike and have a very low probability of having Earthlike planets.

No one suggested that the map's interpretation would fall in this manner. The survey by the French astronomers, who were totally unaware of the star-map hypothesis, yielded data that scuttles the theory. Before this new information emerged, scientists who took the time to examine the star-map interpretation with an open mind were never swayed by Sagan's quill-pen analogy. That's one reason why the story endured so long and was so widely accepted. But now it's a dead issue. It was, it appears, an amazing coincidence. Marjorie Fish's three-dimensional models produced a statistically significant but coincidental alignment with the drawing made by Betty Hill.

So it seems that my forays into investigation of UFOs have so far led to a dead end. In addition to the star-map case and the sighting at the Rochester Planetarium's rooftop observatory, I've investigated dozens of other UFO sightings and talked to many of the leading authorities in the field. Yet I have to confess I have come away not much wiser for the effort, other than acquiring a broader perspective of the many ways that sky phenomena can be interpreted — and misinterpreted.

On the other hand, I am not back where I started. Exposure to what research there is on the subject has convinced me that some UFO sightings cannot be dismissed as misidentified natural or man-made objects. Official insistence that nothing unexplained is going on only confuses the issue unnecessarily. But the resolution of the UFO enigma had remained so stubbornly elusive that I believe whatever UFOs are — psychological effects, alien spacecraft, ball lightning or some unknown natural phenomenon — we're not going to find the answer for a long, long time. □

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## 'Close encounter' claim to be investigated

### Girls say they saw spaceship

UFO researcher Mark Brown is to investigate a "close encounter" in Northampton, in which three girls claim they spotted a flying saucer.

Mr. Brown, area representative of the British UFO Research Association, plans to interview the girls about their sighting over Eastfield estate.

The three 12-year-old Cherry Orchard Middle School pupils — Louise Mason, of Upland Road, Headlands, Dawn Cooke, of Eskdale Avenue, Eastfield, and Jane Clark of Broughton Place, Eastfield, say they saw a round object with flashing lights and a pyramid dome on top.

"It made a noise, and was about the size of the base of two houses," said Louise. The object rested over a shop, before zooming off the girls' claim.

Mr. Brown said: "All things considered, it sounds a reasonably interesting case, though not what we call 'high strangeness'."

"We will be sending a representative around in the next week or so, to see exactly what we're dealing with."

Mr. Brown stressed the organisation looked at all UFO incidents as objectively as possible.



From left, Louise Mason, Jane Clark and Dawn Cooke.

"We have to evaluate cases in a very scientific manner," he explained. "We've had only two or three 'true' UFO cases in the last year, out of 156 cases."

The organisation takes witness statements of alleged UFO sightings, and then puts the evidence through a series of tests — including aircraft movements and "space junk" re-entries into the earth's atmosphere, like satellite rocket boosters.

Mr. Brown, a computer company employee from Ashby-de-la-Zouch, added: "I'm totally sceptical myself. I've been in ufology for six years, but I've never had a sighting."

CHRONICLE & ECHO, Northampton,

England — Feb. 26, 1982

STANDARD, Murray Bridge, S.A.,

Australia — March 25, 1982

CR: J. Magee

### Strange lights sighted again

Two more Murray Bridge people have reported seeing strange colored lights in the sky, in a triangular formation, following a similar sighting on March 10.

Pam Davis, 19, and her fiancée Peter Hughes, 23, contacted *The Standard* on Monday night after reading a report of the earlier sighting.

The couple saw the lights between 7.30 and 7.45 pm Sunday while travelling on the South-East Freeway, near Callington.

Pam said she first saw a red and a blue light above and to the side of the car, as they were travelling toward Murray Bridge. The lights moved above the car and toward Adelaide when Pam saw the third, yellow light. All three were, as in the earlier sighting, in a triangular formation.

Only difference between the two sightings was that the three colored lights in the second sighting were not preceded by a larger white light. The lights were visible for about five minutes.

Pam and her fiancée thought the lights came from a helicopter, or some other aircraft. Although puzzled that the lights were not flashing, as on most aircraft, they gave the matter no more thought until they read about the report Monday night.

Pam said she had had an open mind about UFOs, but was now "starting to wonder".

This sighting, like the first, has been reported to Australian International UFO Flying Saucer Research Publicity Officer Mr Colin Norris.

# Norwegian woman sees UFO occupant

A Norwegian woman reports sighting a landing of a UFO and a man dressed in what she called a greyish-brown "boiler suit".

Hjordis Hokstad of Lanke, Hell/St. Jordal, Norway, according to the APRO Bulletin, told investigators that about 7:30 a.m. on July 25, 1981 she saw a gleaming object of some sort behind some bushes near her house. A man dressed in the "boiler suit" with some sort of hood attached was walking quite close to the object.

She described the visitor as quite small with a "rolling" walk.

When the UFO lifted off she watched it for a while and when she looked back the man in the suit was gone.

As the object continued towards her house she went outside and watched it through binoculars.

Describing the craft as a cylinder with a "globe" on top, Hokstad reported details of a metallic bar protruding from the bottom and a red mark or "plate" on the top in the general shape of a heart.

Investigators reported ambiguous markings on the ground under the grass where the craft was first reported seen by Hokstad and blackening of nearby shrubs as if exposed to intense heat.

The only other apparent witnesses were some cattle on a nearby farm who became unnaturally restless at the same time Hokstad was watching her strange visitors.

## TRANSLATIONS

### TRANSLATION CREDIT: Sandra Hambrecht

- 1) City and country of incident: Essauira, Morocco
- 2) Date of incident: December 26, 1981
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: LE NOUVELLISTE, January 5, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Trois Rivières, Quebec, Canada

#### UFO IN RABAT

An unidentified flying object (UFO) was seen revolving above the sea by about ten people on December 26, at Essauira on the Atlantic coast of Morocco, reports the daily *L'Opinion*. The newspaper states that the object appeared shortly after 7:30 p.m. Greenwich Mean Time (14:30 HNE) in the form of a "ball of very strong luminosity, which revolved very rapidly in the sky" and disappeared "after about a half-hour of motionlessness." Discoid in form, it "seemed to revolve around itself on a fixed axis." Some very bright lights issued from its outline, while from time to time, some of the spheres of light detached themselves from its top, states *L'Opinion*. A similar phenomenon had been observed on the night of December 5 by several people, including a specialist from the FAO who was on a mission to Essauira. According to the specialist, the object did not resemble an airplane or weather balloon. "The difference was obvious," adds the newspaper.

### TRANSLATION CREDIT: George Andrews

- 1) City and country of incident: Rouen, France
- 2) Date of incident: August 11, 1969
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: LE JOURNAL DE MONTREAL, Feb. 17, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Montreal, Quebec, Canada

#### "I SAW A BEING MATERIALISE BESIDE ME"

"I swear on my honor that I saw with my own eyes a being that materialised beside me as I lay crushed under the wreckage of my ambulance, which had just struck another car. The being had a large head and slanted eyes. The skin color did not resemble any human pigmentation. He made me understand by telepathy that he was going to heal me by a procedure unknown to earthlings, and applied a very luminous small disc to the back of my neck before disappearing as suddenly as he had appeared."

His expression animated by strong emotion at the memory of this extraordinary experience, Jean Migüères describes in abundant detail his encounter with an extra-terrestrial. He lives in Perpignan, France, but is visiting Montreal.

"On August 11th, 1969, I was driving my ambulance toward Rouen. I was carrying a patient who had died shortly after being put into the ambulance, the patient's wife, and my younger brother who was acting as my assistant. Suddenly there was an emptiness in my head and I felt a sort of tingling. Then it was as if letters were printed on my brain, spelling out: 'Fear nothing. You will not be harmed. We are here to protect you. It will seem like fiction to you, you will feel nothing, we order you to remain calm.'"

Jean Migüères admits that at first he thought his imagination was playing tricks on him. However, he found out from the events that followed that this message came directly from a group of extra-terrestrials based on an artificial satellite between earth and Venus.

What happened next was the appearance of an incandescent white cloud that was spherical in shape, just as a vehicle traveling full speed in the opposite direction went out of control and crashed head-on into the ambulance. The driver of the other car had died at the wheel from a heart attack. Jean Migüères' body was crushed from head to foot, and he was on the point of death. The extra-terrestrial materialised suddenly and told him telepathically, "You only appear to be wounded. You will not suffer. I am going to heal you by a procedure which is not yet known on your planet. We will return to see you." And the strange being disappeared as human help arrived.

"My brother and the widow only had minor injuries. I had a broken nose, a wound in the neck, bruises on the thorax and abdomen, multiple fractures of both femurs and the left foot and right ankle as well as the pelvis. I was of course in a severe state of shock. During my long stay in the hospital, I underwent 18 surgical operations and was pronounced clinically dead three times. Although scientifically there was no more hope, my wife (who is a professional nurse) each time begged the surgeons to attempt the impossible and bring me back to life." At this point he burst into tears. "And I survived. I was declared to be 80% incapacitated, but actually I don't suffer from any handicap. The medical experts were astounded. They don't dare believe officially in extra-terrestrial intervention, but just the same they describe my recovery as miraculous." According to Jean Migüères, the extra-terrestrials saved his life in order to use him as a messenger. The regeneration procedure contradicted the laws of medicine as understood on earth in order to prove that Jean Migüères was contacted by supernatural beings.

#### "I NEARLY BELIEVED IT" OR THE ART OF COMMERCIALISING EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS

When Jean Migüères tells his incredible story, so interesting and emotional, he is not afraid to take oaths, make predictions, and undergo psychiatric tests. Comfortably seated in his employer's office, we discussed the more or less tangible proof of his contact with extra-terrestrials for two hours. Sometimes while telling his story he burst into tears, excusing himself clumsily for this sensitivity. "You know when people have tried to label you a lunatic, when you have been close to death as often as I have, there are memories whose pain does not diminish," he said, and I nearly believed him!

When we separated that afternoon, although I wasn't yet totally sold on this fantastic story about extra-terrestrials, I didn't dare to treat as a liar a man so terribly upset by his own words. At least he believes his story, I told myself, until the evening that I went to an auditorium to hear one of his conferences. Tickets were \$7 each and books by him were on sale. I passed by these evidences of base materialism which had a strange odor of "merchant of extra-terrestrials" and sat down to listen with attention once again to his story. It was one time too many, for to my great surprise the speaker burst into tears at the same point in his story, at the same phrase, as he had chosen to burst into tears during my interview with him. The sighs, the anguished look and the tears that seemed so spontaneous were therefore calculated in monstrous fashion. Just like myself several days earlier, hundreds of people in the room were taken in by the story. How easy it is to sell extra-terrestrials to us poor earthlings frightened by the neutron bomb!

### CREDIT: Michael Hesemann

- 1) City and country of incident: Neu-Kranichstein & Messel, West Germany
- 2) Date of incident: March 12, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: DARMSTÄDTER TAGEBLATT, March 16, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Darmstadt, West Germany

#### WAS MESSEL VISITED BY EXTRATERRESTRIALS AT NIGHT?

Did Neu-Kranichstein and Messel have a visit from distant worlds on Friday evening? Markus Raffes and his friends firmly believe it. What the 13-year-old Markus saw at 9:30 p.m. in the night sky had all the characteristics of a typical UFO: A bright shining, elliptical flying saucer, supplied with a glass dome and searchlights.

And Markus apparently was not fooled: Next to him and his friends, the foster-mother of the boy saw the tremendous things in the sky. In fact, the mother, Margarethe Gustafson, stands as the municipal nurse, firm on the ground of reality. The nurse was puzzled and amazed at the lights appearing in the night sky; so much so that she called officers of the Arheiliger Police station.

Even they were astonished. They saw the same as a lot of serious citizens before: a so-called UFO, continually changing color from a dark to bright green. Behind it were four additional bodies, shining brightly. "Because nobody will believe it at the station when we tell this," one constable explained, "we called for three further prowler-cars to come to Messel."

And eight policemen saw the same: A bright green UFO, apparently preparing for a landing behind a row of trees near the highway to Darmstadt. At the same time, the four flying saucers stood at a height of 300 feet, stationary in the sky. When the apparently landing UFO emerged from behind the trees again, the policemen noticed a strange phenomenon. Constable Thomas Weiland: "When the green thing ascended from behind the tree-tops and rose, the outside speaker of our prowler-car started to crackle. At the same time (a few minutes after 10:00 p.m.), the light of our Police-station at Arheilgen started to flicker."

Exactly the same phenomenon was experienced on Friday evening by numerous inhabitants of Messel, Neu-Kranichstein and Darmstadt who were comfortably watching TV. For unknown reasons, the voltage of the electric lines wavered. In some households, the TV pictures were blurred and the sets were unable to keep the scanning lines. At least Markus and his friends believe the cause was the extraterrestrials.

For such a visit there are in fact concrete leads. On the radar screens of the military air traffic control of the U.S. task forces in Frankfurt on Friday evening at 9:00 p.m., something inexplicable appeared. Four flying objects flickered across the screen—on the way over Messel in the direction of Darmstadt. A half hour later they disappeared without a trace.

This corresponds with the observations of the 13-year-old Markus, his friends, his foster-mother and the eight Darmstadt policemen. Approximately a half hour later, the whole spectacle was over.

Remaining are amazement and speculations. A policeman: "In my opinion the talk about the UFOs was the gossip of cranks. But what I have seen on Friday evening near Messel makes me think, because there is no explanation for this phenomenon."

In fact there is none. The first idea about military exercises was proven to be erroneous. Neither the U.S. Army nor the Bundeswehr had any kind of star-shell rising on Friday evening.

- 1) City and country of incident: Hamburg, West Germany
- 2) Date of incident: March 26, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: BILD, March 27, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Hamburg, West Germany

#### HAMBURG: POLICE HELICOPTER PERSECUTES UFO

Excitement in Hamburg's police headquarters. At 14:55 the position officer reported: Unknown Flying Object (UFO), cobalt-blue with glaring flash signals 11,000 feet over Hamburg. Police-helicopter Libelle II reconnoiter!

#### UFO: A glowing disc with white light

The UFO over Hamburg was detected for the first time by a police captain at the headquarters in the police skyscraper at the Berliner Tor who immediately informed his superiors. A short examination, then a report to the head officer. Through a telescope, the two police heads observed "a glowing blue disc, ca. 10 feet diameter, with a bright light in the center, flying at wind speed to the southeast."

Check at the Air Traffic Control at Fuhlsbüttel. The answer: Nothing to see on the radar screen, weather balloon impossible!

Special mission for the police-helicopter: Search all the airspace over St. Georg and Rothenburgsort (two suburbs of Hamburg). Twenty minutes later Libelle II came back without any result.

### CREDIT: Luis R. Gonzalez

- 1) City and country of incident: San Juan Bautista de las Misiones, Paraguay
- 2) Dates of incidents: April 6, April 9, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: PUEBLO, April 17, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Madrid, Spain

400 KMS SOUTH OF ASUNCION (PARAGUAY) - 2 UFOs WERE SEEN DURING THE HOLY WEEK THE FIRST CASE TOOK PLACE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1982. THE OBJECT WAS ABOUT 150 MTS OF ALTITUDE. THE SECOND SIGHTING WAS ON HOLY FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 1982. THE UFO HAD RED AND YELLOW LIGHTS AND MADE NO NOISE.

EFE wire-service informed us that on two nights last Holy Week, many inhabitants of inner Paraguay could see a UFO. The notice appeared in some newspapers of the Paraguayan capital, Asuncion.

The first case took place on Tuesday, April 6, 1982. The witnesses saw a bright object hovering about 150 meters in altitude. At the same time, the motor of a car stopped. This fact is related to the UFO because when it disappeared, the motor started to work again.

A second UFO was seen 3 days later, April 9 (Holy Friday). This time, also at night, the UFO had red and yellow lights and made no noise, like in the first case, according to witnesses.

These 2 UFOs appeared in the surroundings of a town, San Juan Bautista de las Misiones, 400 kilometers south of Asuncion.

The data are very sketchy, but it seems very significant that the sightings took place precisely during the Holy Week.





# Let Bigfoot come forth in person

One of these times soon, we should get the electrifying news that somebody somewhere has:

A - Sighted Bigfoot, also known as Sasquatch, or

B - Come upon his tracks and made a plaster cast of same.

All last winter there was no sign of him. Hibernating, natch. A smart thing, too. He wouldn't get much of a press competing with football and basketball mayhem.

But when people get bored watching summer re-runs and flop new shows which seem to start earlier and get worse, Bigfoot might be a welcome conversation piece.

Maybe it is already time for this outsize hairy humanoid with the supreme case of B.O. and up to 800 pounds of avoirdupois to flit along the borderline of identification.

Somebody, preferably asserting scientific credentials, may even announce an expedition to settle this thing once and for all; and he may even draw some \$\$\$ contributions from the more gullible I mean, the more interested citizens.

I am not biased or cynical, you understand. It is just that I am one of those humorless newspaper types who tries to keep things in perspective. Spoil-sport, that's what I am.

I have been hearing about Bigfoot for a good many years now, and I find that I have a number of observations which seem to have stood the test of time. Plus one interesting "new" one which I hadn't been smart enough to see, of which more anon. Can I help it if they add up to the negative as I see it?

All I want is a little flesh-and-blood proof. Like a live Sasquatch captured and caged.

Don't tell me that this is beyond the capabilities of those professional suppliers of wild animals who make their living collecting dangerous objects like wild water buffalo and rhinoceri, to say nothing of angry elephants, leopards, tigers, etc.

Think of the staggering reward that surely would enrich the successful entrepreneur. The world's first Bigfoot on display at the elephant compound in Portland zoo? Why, we'd all be smothered under the tourist dollars. Poor old Mount St. Helens would have to belch on schedule at least twice a day to compete, and even that might not be enough.

What has inspired me to these reflections is a research report from the prestigious National Geographic Society, which has investigated the Sasquatch mystique. These indefatigable delvers have dignified the legend and set forth some pertinent findings.

For one, Bigfoot is in the bigtime league. I thought our critter was confined to our Pacific Northwest with its dense forests so convenient to foster the legend. Not so, the report said. The creature has been reported in every region of the continental United States.

Also, if it's of any interest, he shares international status not only



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with the Abominable Snowman of the Himalayas but also the Wildman of Hubei in China, the Yowie of Australia, and the Soviet Union's Chuchunaa and the Wild Man of Dagestan.

As might be expected, science is of divided opinion, the society finds. An anthropologist at Washington State University is convinced that Bigfoot exists because he can't explain away more than 1,000 footprints allegedly found in California.

He asserts that there's a lot of pig-headedness about scientists. If science has missed an animal that big, science would look a little silly. So better not look for it.

No, says an anthropologist at California State University who teaches a course titled "Bigfoot and Other Monsters: Myth or Reality?" It's not that scientists are unwilling to accept Bigfoot, but it's a matter of having to prove its existence with physical evidence of some kind.

Aha! That's right down the alley of my thinking all these years. And there in the report is the afore mentioned "clincher" that I haven't been bright enough to recognize. I quote:

"No skeletons, bones or fossils have ever turned up for a Bigfoot, a major reason most scientists are skeptical at best."

That does it.

There isn't any Bigfoot or Sasquatch.

Not so fast, please. Robert Warth, president of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained, has this suggestion: An aberration in the earth's electromagnetic field may have caused a time warp that enables the creature to appear and then disappear.

And in Seattle there's a chap who operates a "Bigfoot Hotline" who reasons in part:

"It could be that Bigfoot isn't from this earth, that it's able to prevent us from seeing it. Now this is just speculation, but we need to have an open mind."

Well, back to the drawing board.

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COUNTY-WIDE NEWS, Tecumseh, OK - March 18, 1982

# Huge Ice Chunk from Sky Is Mystery to Tecumseh Woman

"Right after it happened, no one called. I guess they thought it was silly, but later it seemed like everyone was coming or calling to find out more about it."

Jessie Fay Hinson, wife of A.C. Hinson, in whose yard a "giant" chunk of ice fell from the sky Friday, said that on Monday morning three television camera crews from Oklahoma City were in her yard taking pictures of the hole where the ice fell.

"I'm surprised that people are making such a big fuss over this piece of ice," she said. "I guess it is sort of interesting; it doesn't happen everyday."

Jessie Fay explained that on Friday morning her neighbor, Lloyd Basden, from across the road, came over and told her and her husband that he had seen something fall from the sky and crash into their yard.

She explained that Basden and her husband had gone out to see what it was. They found that a chunk of ice weighing perhaps 30 pounds had knocked a crater in the ground and had shattered into several pieces, she said.

"Our neighbor said he heard a roaring noise just before the ice fell," Jessie Fay said. "My husband said he didn't think it could have been from an airplane because they usually carry cubed or crushed ice, and this was in bulk."

"If it did come from an airplane, I don't know how it could have fallen out," she said. "I think it is illegal for someone to throw things out of an airplane."

She said her husband thinks it could be some type of hail that dropped from low hanging clouds.

"I don't know if that's what it could have been or not," she pondered. "It wasn't hailing that morning."

"Someone said it could have been the work of a prankster, but I don't think so," Mrs. Hinson commented. "A



Jessie Faye Hinson takes a minute from answering the telephone to tell her version of the strange "giant" ice cube that fell from the sky into the

Hinsons' yard Friday morning. The Hinsons live southwest of Brown Cemetery on Hwy. 9, between Hwy. 102 and Pink.

prankster would have to go to a lot of trouble to get that piece of ice to fall from the sky."

"Besides that, if Mr. Basden hadn't seen it, we may have never known about it," she said.

As Jessie Fay related her version of the "giant" ice cube, the telephone rang.

"Hello," she said. "Yes... no, this is his wife. That is correct; my husband gave the chunk he saved to someone this morning," she continued.

"They're going to analyze it to find if it was mad-made or not; we should know in a couple of days... Thank-you for calling," she concluded as she hung up the phone.

"That was Tulsa calling," Jessie Fay said as she returned to telling her story.

She explained that she did not think it could be a UFO.

"I just don't believe in those things; there are earth people, and that's all!" she exclaimed.

Before she could say much more the telephone rang again.

"Hello," she repeated the second time. "Yes, this is where it happened."

"No, we didn't measure the depth of the crater... I don't think it would be very accurate now," she explained to the caller.

"You see, it had rained here, so the hole would naturally be bigger," she chuckled. "You're very welcome," she ended the conversation.

"That was San Diego, California!" Jessie Faye exclaimed as she returned once again to finish her story.

"I don't mind answering their questions," she explained. "But they always want to know what I think it was, and I really just don't know," she said.

She said she was certain the whole affair had a logical explanation. She said that she had heard about this same thing happening in California sometime ago.

"It was a bit different; the ice chunk went through the man's roof and landed in his living room," she went on.

After examining the chunk Mr. Hinson saved, Dr. Peter Ray, chief of meteorological research at the Norman center, said the ice cube was not a solitary, giant hailstone, as had originally been speculated.

Ray said the center had no idea as to what the origins of the ice chunk were.

He said the fragment most probably fell from an airplane, but there were other possibilities.

"It had to have come from somewhere above the earth. It may even be a chunk of ice from space, but that's not highly probable," he said.

"We may never know why or from where that ice came, but I'm not going to worry about it," Jessie Faye said.

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# Vermont House Asks Sea Monster Protection

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — The legendary sea monster who roams the waters of Vermont's largest lake has won the hearts of House lawmakers.

A resolution calling for the protection of "Champ," the elusive Lake Champlain creature billed as America's answer to the Loch Ness Monster, was approved overwhelmingly by the House on Tuesday.

Legislators voted 77-22 to endorse the resolution, which doesn't carry the effect of law, but expresses the sentiment of the House.

"It is just really to make people more aware of the fact that there is something out there," said Rep. Mildred Small, R-Hartford, the sponsor of the resolution.

There have been hundreds of sightings of the serpent-like creature in the lake since 1609, she said, adding that there may be a colony of "Champs" living beneath the water.

Several people in recent years have produced photographs of what they say was Champ coming up for a breather from the depths of the lake.

Rep. Randall Nye, R-So. Hero, said he has never spotted Champ while fishing on the lake, but he urged his colleagues to support the resolution on the chance that the creature might exist.

"I've been on the lake all my life and I've seen a lot of things but I've never seen Champ — never," Nye said. "But that doesn't mean there isn't an animal out there."

The resolution says Champ should be protected from "willful acts resulting in death, injury and harassment."

It also encourages more serious scientific investigation of the creature.

"It's going to mean something to the scientific community," Small said. "It's kind of an acknowledgement that people believe there is something out there."

Small said she sponsored the resolution on behalf of Joseph Zarzynski, of Wilton, N.Y., who has led a campaign to save the Lake Champlain monster.

The resolution also urges Vermonters and out-of-state visitors to Lake Champlain to report sightings of such animals and take pictures whenever possible.

"There's no question in my mind that there are unidentified animals in the lake," Small said. "They're just smarter than we are and have a built-in device that alerts them when people are near."

The House's action comes after officials in Port Henry, N.Y., decided to make their waters safe for sea serpents and other monsters.

COLUMBIAN, Omo (UPI) — Police, firemen, blood hounds and a SWAT team hunt the Glenclancy River searching for "Columbus," answer to the Loch Ness Monster. Even Columbus Zoo director Jack Hanna shouted "What is it, what is it?" The "monster" hunt began when police received a call that a hippopotamus was swimming in the river. However, the "monster" was not found.

# Strange 'monster' on loose in river baffles authorities

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## Follow up

# Few mutilations of cattle now, but incidents remain a mystery

Follow up is a weekly feature that provides updated information about people or events formerly in the news.

BY DIANNA HUNT  
Chronicle Staff

Texas cattlemen remember well the rash of bizarre cattle mutilations that shocked ranchers and residents in East Texas and the Rio Grande Valley in 1975 and 1978.

The cattle, especially bulls, were found dead, often with their genitals, eyes, ears and internal organs severed razor-clean. Some had been drained of blood. In some cases odd, circular paths were found flattened in the grass around the carcasses.

Many ranchers blamed an unknown satanic cult and pagan rituals. Others blamed extraterrestrial beings from spaceships. State and federal officials contended the deaths were natural and attributed the mutilations to predators, such as buzzards or coyotes.

But, despite the rumors and explanations, no one could completely satisfy the questions surrounding the numerous deaths that stretched from Nebraska southward across the western states and into Harris County.

"It's very strange," Harlingen rancher Bill Heath said after finding one of his best bulls mutilated in 1980, when the unusual deaths were seen less often. "There were no tracks around the animal. It was like he was hit and just fell over on his side."

The bull's heart and tongue had been cut out, and Heath said he believed that the animal was killed by visitors from outer space.

"Nothing would touch that carcass," he said. "The dogs ran up and turned tail."

Apparently, however, the unexplained deaths have slowed, if not stopped.

"We haven't heard of anything more than the usual reports (of dead cattle)," said Steve Munday, a spokesman for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association in Fort Worth.

"That was largely exaggerated anyway. But I think, truthfully, there were a few (mutilations) that caused people to shake their heads."

The strange deaths were first reported widely across Texas in 1975, and a new clump of reports surfaced in 1978.

Some examples:

- In February 1975, a cow, seven months pregnant, was found dead near Tyler in East Texas with its vulva and tongue missing. No blood was found around the carcass, and the fetus had been removed.

- A 750-pound Charolais bull was found a day later near Palestine in Anderson County with its sex organs, excretory organs, ears and tongue missing. The hide was also peeled back from one shoulder and the blood had been drained.

- In January of that year, an Angus cow was found similarly mutilated near Sulphur Springs in Hopkins County.

- In 1978, several South Texas ranches, including Heath's in Cameron County, reported unexplained deaths of cattle, whose tongues, lips, reproductive organs, hearts and eyes had been removed with surgical precision.

In all these cases, the deaths were attributed to natural causes but could not be fully explained. "Practically all of these cases are the work of predators," said an association field inspector who covers East Texas.

Since then, reports of the bizarre mutilations have diminished, but continue to trickle in from across the state.

"There was one about four months ago," said Cameron County Deputy Sheriff Art Rendon in the Rio Grande Valley. "It looked like someone took some beef home. The eyes, heart, liver and tongue had been cut out" on a carcass found on a ranch.

Last November, Rendon said, another cow was found with the organs removed by "very precise cuts."

"The rumors were that some cult or something did it," he said. "We have a lot of stragglers around here. Or it (the mutilation) could have been caused by a bird, I guess."

J. G. "Chick" Saenz, an investigator for the cattle raisers' association based in South Texas, said he is unconvinced by the talk of cults and UFOs.

"There were all kinds of wild stories but I never could find anything to see what the people were talking about," Saenz said. He said his area has been recently hit by rampant cattle thefts — but no mutilations.

And in East Texas, where reports of such deaths were numerous in 1975, sheriff's departments say reports are almost non-existent today.

"I haven't heard anything," said Hopkins County Detective Duck Landrum, "and usually those things get around pretty fast."

## Group Will Probe UFOs And Such

A new national scientific society is being formed to create a serious forum for discussion of such controversial phenomena as unidentified flying objects, extra-sensory perception and other forms of parapsychology, a Stanford University physicist announced yesterday.

Peter A. Sturrock, professor of space science and astrophysics at Stanford and president of the new organization, called the Society for Scientific Exploration, described its aims yesterday in the journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The group includes strong disbelievers in UFOs and other "anomalous" phenomena. Two of them are philosopher Paul Kurtz of the State University of New York in Buffalo, who heads a "Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal," and University of Washington psychologist Ray Hyman.

But the organization also includes some staunch advocates of the "paranormal" like J. Allen Hynek, a Northwestern University astronomer and an outspoken supporter of UFO research, and Charles Tart of the University of California at Davis, a psychology professor who conducts parapsychological research.

In his announcement of the group's founding Sturrock said: "The society has no intention of endorsing the reality or significance of any particular topic. On the other hand, no subject will be prohibited from discussion or publication simply because it is not now an accepted part of scientific or scholarly knowledge."

"We anticipate that most members will take the point of view that any purported anomalous phenomenon is unlikely to be real, but honest evidence concerning any of them deserves open investigation without prejudice."

The new society will publish a journal, hold annual meetings and subject all claims of "paranormal" phenomena to "the normal processes of open publication, debate and criticism," Sturrock said.

The group's members include physicists, astronomers, anthropologists, physicians, philosophers, psychologists and sociologists, and most of them are "completely uncommitted," Sturrock said.

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# Bigfoot just a 58-year-old wooden nickel

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — At 86 and wanting to set the record straight, Rant Mullens says he created the Bigfoot of Mount St. Helens legend, using whittled wood for feet and the imagination of the public for heart and soul.

His Bigfoot, believed by some to roam the forests around Mount St. Helens, is a hoax and the product of a practical joke six decades ago, Mullens said.

His tale was published Sunday in a copyright story in The Columbian of Vancouver, Wash.

"If I don't set the record straight now, people will go on believing there really is a hairy monster," the retired, solitary logger told The Columbian in an interview at his home in Toledo, Wash.

"I tell you, people will believe just about anything."

Indian legends of a beast, also known as Sasquatch, that walks like a man have been around for centuries. But accounts of "the hairy apes of Mount St. Helens" began in 1924 — after three miners from Kelso fled to a ranger station near Cougar, spinning an incredible tale of huge, hairy, apelike creatures that hurled boulders down on their cabin. They finally fought the monsters off with rifle fire, the miners said.

Their stories grabbed people's fancy around the world. Anthropologists swarmed to the area, hoping for a glimpse of the "mountain devil," or to capture the creature itself. The miners' sighting gave weight to subsequent Bigfoot appearances from British Columbia to Northern California.

But Mullens said this is the real story:

"My uncle, George Ross, and I were fishing in the area (now known as Ape Canyon) in 1924. As we hiked out, we heard some miners talking at the bottom of a canyon. They had fashioned a ladder out of poles to get down the steep cliff."

"George was always playing jokes, so he and I rolled some rocks down over the edge. Then we got out of there fast."

"When we heard that the miners were telling hairy ape stories, we both had a good laugh. We never told anyone



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**BIG FEET** — Rant Mullens, 86, holds up one of several pairs of wood walkers he has whittled since 1928. He

says fake feet have figured in the Bigfoot myth, which started as a practical joke played on miners in 1924.

the true story."

In 1928, Mullens and fellow Forest Service workers "thought we would have a little fun" while building a trail from Smith Creek to Pine Creek at what is now the upper end of Swift Reservoir.

With jackknife and hatchet, Mullens whittled out a pair of huge feet from some green alder wood from the banks of the Muddy River, Mullens said.

"Ned Packard held up his bare foot, and I drew a print of it and enlarged it," he said. "When the feet were finished, Bill Allen fastened some sticks to them (as handles) and stomped around some parked cars belonging to huckleberry pickers."

"When the pickers came back and saw the huge footprints, they got out of

there fast."

Mullens said he left the wooden feet in a Forest Service tool shed at the end of the season, and when he returned the next year, they were gone.

In about 1948, Mullens said, a friend admitted he had the feet and returned them to Mullens.

Later, Mullens whittled out six more sets of the wooden feet, which have been used up and down the coast by practical jokers to make Bigfoot prints, Mullens said.

Mullens has received letters from California asking to buy sets of the feet. One, dated March 3, 1958, is from a Willow Creek, Calif., man who asked, "How much do you want for the feet?"

Mullens says, "I was born within 30 miles of Mount St. Helens and have

worked in the woods here almost all my life. I have never seen anything out there that I could not explain."

Mullens notwithstanding, Bigfoot won't die, says Grover Krantz, associate professor of anthropology at Washington State University and co-editor of the book, "The Scientist Looks at the Sasquatch."

"I always had my doubts about the miners' sighting," Krantz, who believes Bigfoot exists, said Monday. "It didn't follow the regular pattern."

"In other sightings, the Bigfoot was solitary, not in a group. And they don't normally attack or throw objects."

"If anything, (Mullens' disclosure) makes the Bigfoot thing a little cleaner because a very deviant story has dropped out."



# Strange Beast Reported by Western Oklahoma Residents

**By Nancy Salisbury**  
VICI — Since that winter day when he saw an animal he can't name, Billy Parry arms himself with a deer rifle whenever he goes across the creek to feed his hogs.  
Just a couple of days before the snow and ice laced western Oklahoma this winter, Billy, a 15-year-old high school freshman, was scouting for coyote tracks along Trail Creek near his home south of Vici when a growl made him stop.  
The noise came from an animal standing on two legs about 20 yards away, he says.

Frightened, the young hunter dashed to his parked car and drove away.  
"It was four or five feet tall and pretty huge," says Parry, an avid outdoorsman and hunter. "It stood upright and had kind of a reddish brown hair color."  
Reports of the unidentified creature in western Oklahoma by the Parry family and others in the Dewey County area aren't the first in Oklahoma. In 1977, search parties were formed after similar sightings were reported in eastern Oklahoma near Bristow and Stilwell. Nothing was found.

The Parry family says the animal prowled on their property and near their house for more than a month this winter. It was an animal only Billy saw clearly, an animal they say smelled like a "sewer."  
Hair samples found by Parry's house near Vici were sent to Hayden Hewes, director of Sasquatch Investigations of Mid-America. "The hair sample looked very interesting. At this point, we cannot confirm what kind of animal it came from," Hewes said.  
He said an investigative sample is being forwarded to the Oklahoma State Bureau of

Investigation forensic lab in hopes of analysis.  
"I feel it is just a matter of time before a Big Foot is captured alive," Hewes said. "When we do, in my opinion, we won't find a missing link but an intelligent creature that has been pushed back into the wilderness and forced to migrate."  
Dewey County Sheriff Larry Pike, on the other hand, says he has heard only rumors about the strange animal, but nothing official — "not that I can recollect."  
Sightings also have been reported in near-

by Roger Mills County. Lorin Damron, a state game ranger in that county, says the animal was reportedly sighted within two to three miles of his house. He lives southwest of Cheyenne.  
In recent interviews, the Parry family told how the strange animal disrupted their lives for more than a month after Billy came home from his initial encounter and said, "I saw a Big Foot today."  
Billy's father said he originally thought

DAILY OKLAHOMAN,  
Oklahoma City, OK  
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his son might have seen an illusion.  
"Billy didn't say anything much — he listened to me, and when I got through talking, he picked up his gun and went out to feed his pigs," said Lonnie Parry. "I didn't change his mind at all."  
But about a week later, Billy's 2-year-old sister, Melissa, became hysterical when she was frightened after seeing a "bear in the window." Parry and his son immediately got their rifles and circled the house — each going a different way. They both smelled an odor "like a sewer," but didn't see an animal.  
A few days later while hunting for a coyote, Parry heard a barking noise and then saw a coyote cross toward a strange animal. But he couldn't get a clear shot at it. When the coyote arrived at the place where the animal was barking, there was a short terrible fight with growls and screams. The coyote only yipped a couple of times, he relates.  
"There wasn't much fight to it. The coyote didn't last long," Parry said.  
The next day, Parry found the spot where something had made short work of the coyote.  
"There was assorted amounts of coyote hair in a spot the size of a card table," Parry said. "The animal had to be pretty quick — he caught the coyote in an open place."  
And the visitor on Trail Creek came back again and again, the Parrys say.  
Late one night, a

heavy animal ran around the north corner of the house. Mrs. Parry — in a north bedroom — and Parry — in the living room on the south end of the house watching a late movie — both heard footsteps. The dogs met at the corner of the house, and they briefly tangled. Reddish brown hair with a strong odor was found there later, they relate.  
The following night, the animal staged a repeat performance without the dog. Again it was late and the sound of the animal running woke Mrs. Parry.  
"If I hadn't been here and you had told me this story, I'd have thought you were goofy," Parry said.  
In the meantime, Billy noticed the sewer odor around the pig pen and heard something "crunching" through the brush.  
"Billy claimed he could smell that sewer odor stronger than the smell of the hogs," Linda said.  
The next day — a Saturday — Parry, Billy and several friends hunted for the animal. A repeat hunt was held Sunday.  
"Seven or eight men came out on Monday," Lonnie said. "I had to go to work but they hunted."  
The hunts didn't turn up an animal, but Parry said tracks were found along the creek.  
A month and half later and little more than 40 miles southwest of Vici as the crow flies, Alex Inman of Reydon and his son-in-law, George Springer, of Roger Mills, saw an animal they say they can't explain. The two men were feeding cattle southwest of Cheyenne on land that has been largely undisturbed by human habitation and saw an animal that Inman described as "bigger and broader than a dog would be."  
The dark-haired animal didn't have much neck. "It's head pretty much set down on its shoulders," Inman said. "It walked on four legs."  
The cattlemen pulled up in the pasture and started honking their pickup horn to call the cattle in to feed before they saw the animal. They only got a glimpse of it broadside, before it headed directly away from them, he said.  
Springer said it didn't seem to be afraid of them and wasn't in a big hurry. They had plenty of time to get a look at it even though it was, "quite a little ways off."  
While moving off on all fours, "it stood up a foot taller than a coyote would and a lot wider," he said. "It didn't look like anything I'd ever seen be-

fore. It was dark brown and wide."  
Springer went on. "It wasn't fuzzy or furry, but slick-haired, like a pig. It was kind of smooth moving. It didn't bounce any. It was pretty heavy, had a pretty big body."  
The two men watched the animal until it disappeared into heavy brush.  
"People won't mention seeing things for fear of being laughed at," says Jeniva Sasser of Cheyenne.  
But she says that about five or six years ago something was digging at the foundation of her house near Cheyenne one night. No one dared to venture out and see it, she said.  
Growls and angry noises came from the animal, and it went to the kitchen window where the light was on. She said she turned that light out and another one on. The animal left the dark window and came to the lighted one, she added.  
The next morning, Mrs. Sasser checked for tracks. The animal had tried to dig under the foundation instead of trying to get in the window. The tracks were like dog tracks, but as big as a man's hand, she said. No claw marks showed in the tracks but claw marks did show where the animal dug against the house. Whatever it was, it finally gave up and went away.  
Her dogs didn't challenge the animal. "They just took off," she said. "It makes me wonder what is out there. They need to find out what is going on."  
Other people, like Mrs. Sasser, say they would like to know for sure what lives in the creeks and canyons of western Oklahoma.  
If there is no connection between these sightings, the similarities appear to be remarkable coincidences.  
More than one person described the tracks to be shaped like a dog track, but very large with toes.  
Each account notes that the animal exhibited no fear of humans. While it showed no signs of attacking, it growled and stood its ground when confronted by one person and trotted off almost casually when it heard a pickup horn. More than once, something was attracted to a window.  
Each person who recounted sighting the animal, except the 2-year-old girl, mentioned, with no prompting, that the animal was very wide-bodied.  
Perhaps the most common denominator of these different stories are the way they were told.  
Each person showed a marked reluctance about telling their story of seeing or hearing. "Something." It was as though each one weighed the chance of being laughed at and told their story in spite of it.

## Claims contact with the dead by electronics

Washington (UPI) — It is now possible to communicate with the dead through electronic instrumentation and psychic energies and man may some day be able to have television-like conversations with the deceased, the president of Metascience Foundation said Tuesday.  
George Meek, who directed a 10-year research project, introduced an instrument called Spiritcom at a news conference at the National Press Club and said there is a "distinct possibility of a television-like device" that would allow the living to see as well as speak with the dead.  
Meek challenged the "skeptics and doubters in the scientific community — and we know there will be many, because our findings are so 'far out' in terms of conventional scientific wisdom" to conduct their own research after studying his findings.  
"As a methodical and skeptical engineer, I have subjected our findings to every conceivable test, and I am convinced that they are valid and will withstand the closest possible scrutiny by the scientific community," Meek said.  
Meek said that after "almost half a century of building a reputation, internationally, for integrity in research and engineering, I am not about to perpetrate any hoax."  
Meek, since 1970 director of the Metascience Foundation Inc. of Franklin, N.C., previously was a consulting engineer and between 1962 and 1964 was technical staff member of the War Production Board at the U.S. Embassy in London under Ambassador Averell Harriman.  
The 71-year-old Meek earned an engineering degree at the University of Michigan and has published several books on science and life after death and served as research engineer with the Carrier Corp. General Refrigeration Corp. and Serval Inc.

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# Monsters still stalking science

**National Geographic News Service**  
WASHINGTON — The reports started coming in to officials in Truro, Mass., last fall. A large, cat-like animal was killing cats and pigs, running in front of cars, and generally alarming the populace of the Cape Cod community.

"It's been compared to Bigfoot, to the Loch Ness Monster, to everything," says Edward A. Oswald, the town's selectman-assessor and chairman of its board of health.

"We've had trackers out everywhere, and we've followed up on all leads. To this day, we haven't found anything conclusive to indicate there was such an animal in the area."

But the animal has been named "the Beast of Truro," and no one has explained it yet.

## Dinosaur Hunt

Mysterious creatures of this sort are reported nearly everywhere. Just last fall a University of Chicago biologist went off to central Africa to search for Mokele-Mbembe, said to look like a dinosaur with a long, flexible neck and a muscular tail. So far he's had no luck; Mokele-Mbembe hasn't turned up.

The Loch Ness Monster has North American counterparts in "Champ" of Lake Champlain, and in "Ogopogo," the sea serpent of Okanagan Lake in British Columbia. Then there is the Abominable Snowman of the Himalayas, the Wildman of Hubei in China, Yowie of Australia, and the Soviet Union's Chuchunaa and Wild Man of Dagestan.

But the most famous North American creature is Bigfoot, or Sasquatch, as he was known to British Columbia Indians. Like many such creatures elsewhere, he is described as at least 8 feet tall, covered with hair, and emitting a foul odor; like creatures elsewhere, he goes back centuries in folklore and myth.

The number of Bigfoot sightings reported each year depends on who is doing the counting. The creature has been reported in every region of the continental United States, though the Pacific Northwest, with its dense forests, is its most common "home."

Apart from sightings, the evidence in favor of its existence consists of footprints, some hair samples, a little blood and some droppings, an occasional photograph, and a short film sequence shot in California in 1967.

But every piece of evidence has proven to be controversial, leading Grover Krantz, an anthropologist at Washington State University, to say that only a specimen or a skeleton would convince other scientists. Krantz himself is convinced already.

## Foot Not Human

"I've examined evidence that I can't explain any other way," he says. "I've analyzed the footprints, and I can deduce that it's not a gigantic human foot involved. It's been modified exactly the way you'd have to modify a foot for an 800-pound body in order to keep it walking correctly."

"There's a lot of pig-headedness about scientists. If science has missed an animal

this big, science would look a little funny. So better not look for it."

No, that's not the problem, says Turhan Murad, a physical anthropologist at California State University at Chico. Murad teaches a course called "Bigfoot and Other Monsters: Myth or Reality?"

"It's not that scientists are unwilling to accept Bigfoot, but a matter of having to prove its existence, coming up with physical evidence of some type," says Murad, who uses the mystery as a lesson in how science works.

Krantz bases much of his case on more than 1,000 footprints found in a single area of California that suggest a giant creature with a clubfoot. Only someone with a detailed knowledge of anatomy could fake such a deformity, he says.

But Murad, who has examined the same prints, says a human foot can be deformed in many ways. Thus, he says anybody could have faked the prints.

## No Bones About It

No skeletons, bones, or fossils have ever turned up for a Bigfoot, a major reason most scientists are skeptical at best.

But the people who believe in its existence offer explanations, some admittedly bizarre. Take, for example, Robert Warth, president of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained.

Warth suggests that an aberration in the earth's electromagnetic field may have caused a time warp that enables the creature to appear and then disappear, baffling scientists.

And John Beckjord, a Seattle man who operates a "Bigfoot Hotline" and says he has seen the creature three times, offers this explanation of why people shoot at Bigfoot but don't kill it:

"It suggests something science isn't ready to face yet, and doesn't have the tools to study. It could be that Bigfoot isn't from this earth, that it's able to prevent us from seeing it. Now this is just speculation, but we need to have an open mind."

Beckjord has sent samples of purported Bigfoot hair to experts for analysis. The result, he says, is that the experts agree that the hairs were unique and didn't match that of other North American mammals including humans.

One of the experts, Ellis Kerley, a University of Maryland anthropology professor, puts the matter slightly differently.

"The hair resembled the Eastern black bear a good bit, it had components of gorilla hair, and some of human hair," he says. "That is, it was difficult to distinguish; you couldn't say it was one of the three. I keep an open mind, but if there is a Bigfoot, its surprising it hasn't left any skeletal remains."

## Snowman, No; Bigfoot, Yes

John Napier, former director of the Smithsonian Institution's primate biology

program and an authority on hand and foot anatomy, wrote a thorough study of the Abominable Snowman and Bigfoot in 1973. He concluded that the Snowman is not real, and that the 1961 Bigfoot film was not genuine. But, because of the number of unexplained footprints, he concluded that Bigfoot does exist.

Those who agree and venture a guess, such as Krantz, think the creature is a living Gigantopithecus, a big ape that lived 1 to 2 million years ago.

But there is no clear-cut evidence that would satisfy either side. Meanwhile, new sightings are reported frequently.

And what of the Beast of Truro? Most of the sightings have occurred on national parkland. Federal officials, who have jurisdiction over the land, have decided to call off the search, says Oswald, the town selectman.

But if there are any new sightings, he promises they will be investigated fully.

## Travel firm offer week stalking Nessie

A holiday firm are offering monster-hunting holidays on Loch Ness this summer in a Sonar-equipped motor cruiser, from £240 a week. They promise a reward for anyone who can prove Nessie's existence.

The 31ft *Atlantis*, which has £15,000 of sonar gear, has already been booked for the first seven weeks of the season. The holiday is marketed by Hosesons and the boat is owned by Mr Jim Hogan's Caley Cruisers, of Inverness.

Mr Hogan said that many people who would like to search for Nessie have previously been unable because of the cost but now they could hire a vessel equipped for the job.

The *Atlantis* has a colour sonar, which will detect objects between the boat and the bottom of the loch and display a colour signal on a screen. It also boasts an echosounder, side-scanner and recording equipment.

But the boat's first hirer, Mr John Buddery, of Gloucester Road, Thornbury, near Bristol, has not the slightest intention of playing hide-and-seek with monsters when he sets out on April 18. He is head of a scientific firm, and underwater surveying is his hobby. He wants to try the boat's equipment before deciding whether to buy something similar for his own boat.

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## Bigfoot Fabrication

### Rant Mullins Was Lying

IT'S SO REVOLUTIONARY, dramatic and shocking to our concept of the nature and origin of man that I don't think people really want to know about it," claims Charles Edmonds, a Southern Oregon State College professor.

What they don't want to know about is Bigfoot, the gargantuan, mysterious creature of Oregon lore and legend that dates from the Indians who called the animal, with its eerie human characteristics, "Sasquatch."

Edmonds, the state's leading Bigfoot authority, calls it a fact. He and other believers in Bigfoot's existence scoff at any anti-Bigfoot conclusions critics may claim after the recent revelation by a Toledo, Wash., logger that he fabricated a widely publicized Bigfoot sighting in 1924 near Mt. St. Helens.

Many Bigfoot specialists doubted the St. Helens incident, anyway, because it marked an aberration of the creature's usual habits. The logger, Rant Mullins, had the Sasquatch in a pack, attacking people and throwing objects. None of the hundreds of other sightings he's researched exhibited that pattern.

The pattern the art professor, who had a sighting of his own in 1961, has seen is that the creatures are between 7 and 10 feet tall, weigh 400 to 600 pounds and "are more humanoid than ape-like in appearance," he says, with the annoyance in his voice of a man often ridiculed for his beliefs.

Edmonds says they are seldom seen because they are exceedingly rare — he estimates only a few hundred populate the Cascade Mountain strip from British

Columbia to Northern California. They are nocturnal and nomadic, and possess acute sensory skills enabling them to almost always detect people before they themselves are detected. One has never been captured (who is going to put hand cuffs on a 9-foot, 550-pound creature who can bench press a Volkswagen), although there are unconfirmed reports of sightings from China and a so-called baby Bigfoot, named "Jocko," that was captured in North America in the 19th century and used in a traveling-circus act. Fortunately, the animal does not appear to be hostile to humans although there is evidence "it is more attracted to females," Edmonds explains.

"The Indians say they exist, the Soviets say they exist, the Chinese say they exist — we're the only ones who say they don't," Edmonds says wearily. The professor became interested in the creature in 1960 after reading in a Portland newspaper about a "white, hairy creature" scaring people near Millersburg north of Albany.

That ignited a passion in Edmonds to prove Bigfoot's existence that has taken him all over North America, interviewing hundreds of people who've sighted Bigfoot and recording dozens of their conversations. "If some of these people were lying to me," he says, "they deserve the Academy Award."

Edmonds claims he saw the animal himself during his three months of research on a few miles of the Willamette River near Millersburg in early 1961. "I was walking along the river one morning when I saw it, a Bigfoot, 7 or 8 feet tall, walking along the opposite side of the river bank. I shouted at it, but it just kept walking on into the woods," Edmonds admits he was scared, but says that was tempered by his knowledge of the creature. "Fear is based on something you don't understand, you don't feel is possible. I always knew Bigfoot was possible, so I just wanted to know more about it."

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