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29 Callers See Strange Sights In Sky

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LEBANON — Police received 29 reports of an unidentified object or light in the sky last night, all within half an hour, and a Hartford policeman confirmed the sightings.

The calls were "one right smack on top of the other," between 9:21 and 9:47, said Chief Neal Wooley, so there wasn't much time for the dispatcher to take down details.

One caller Wooley reached this morning said he saw a momentary streak of light, resembling a meteorite, traveling through the sky in the direction of Hanover as he drove along Interstate 89.

Another said she saw from her home on Macoma Street a bright, fairly large object that didn't resemble a plane. She said the object remained

visible for a few seconds as it traveled north.

Both reported the object moved slower than a small plane would have traveled, said Wooley.

The man on the interstate said he saw it over the weighing scales along the highway, about 200 to 300 feet up, and that it then moved below the tree line and toward the ground, Wooley said.

Wooley declined to give the names of the people who called in the reports.

Lebanon police asked their counterparts in Hartford to look for the light or object from a good vantage point, and Ptl. Pat Mock saw lights on the New Hampshire side of the river between West Lebanon and Hanover, said Officer Tom Longfellow this morning.

No further information on Longfellow's sighting was available.

Hartford police got several reports of an unidentified object or light in the sky at about 9:30 last night, but kept no records of them, said Longfellow.

There were no reports of an object crashing or landing, or of one hovering, said Wooley, and Hanover police received no reports of objects or lights.

Laurie West of the Templeton Avenue housing project in Hartford told the Valley News that she, members of her family and neighbors saw an object with blinking red lights hover over the Lebanon area for about 15 minutes last night. At about 9:45 the object disappeared with a flash of light that moved south, said West.

SUNDAY RUTLAND HERALD, Barre, VT - April 4, 1982 CR: B. Greenwood

Windsor's Aerial Mystery: Lots Of Witnesses, Mighty Few Answers

Windsor County Bureau

WINDSOR — Strange bright lights in Windsor's nighttime sky are arousing suspicion and curiosity.

Townpeople, as well as police officers and firefighters, have observed the lights, but nobody has been able to give a logical explanation for them.

The first sighting was reported in April 1981, and since that date the police department has received approximately 15 calls regarding the strange phenomena.

Police Sgt. Richard W. Poland said that during February and March there were accelerated numbers of sightings with "no apparent explanation."

Some people have described the lights as "having a triangular formation with the ability to appear and disappear instantly."

Some witnesses have heard a low humming sound accompanying the light or lights; others report hearing no sounds at all.

Poland himself had an experience with the lights in February.

"I was on patrol on the County Road when I saw a bright, yellowish light over the town in the vicinity of the Cone-Blanchard Machine Company and the Connecticut River," he said. "It appeared to be stationary and about 500 to 1,000 feet up," he said, "and under a solid cloud layer."

"I called in to see if any other officers could see it. I was told that Officer David LaPlante was watching it on the fire escape with binoculars. I then, saw it move at a moderate rate of speed to the south and then it disappeared," the sergeant said.

Poland reported that he started back to town and was in the vicinity of the Mount Ascutney Hospital, when he looked up and noticed the light was "right back in the same area."

"Looking through binoculars it appeared to have a triangular shape with three edges," and different colored lights — yellow, white, red and blue. He said it appeared to be a "solid object with a dark center."

The police sergeant said he and LaPlante met on Main Street to take another look at the light. Poland said that when they were watching the light, a second light appeared. "As the light got closer to the first one it got larger and brighter."

"For two or three minutes we watched the lights and then they dimmed down

and started off at a moderate rate of speed, going south. All of a sudden they turned and went west."

"It was at that point we saw two jet planes coming out of the northwest below the cloud cover and the jets approached these objects."

Poland said he could easily distinguish the lights from the jets. "The objects just vanished and we watched the jet planes until they were out of sight," he said.

The sergeant said that he resumed his duties and was on patrol and returning to the village from the south when he spotted another light.

Again, a second light appeared and joined the first, he said. "They stayed stationary and I watched them for about three minutes, then one headed west and one headed south."

Poland said that there were several calls to the police department from people observing the lights. He said that once the news release about the sighting hit the newspapers he received six or more calls supporting what he had seen.

"I knew what I had seen, but it was good to know somebody else had seen it too," he said.

He questioned how many people have seen the lights but haven't come forward to admit it. "Some people call in but won't give their name," he added.

"I was quizzed by the media and asked if what I saw was the Northern Lights. I know what I saw and it wasn't the Northern Lights, that I'm sure of," he stated.

Windsor Fire Chief W. Bruce Stearns also reported seeing the same lights as Poland.

"I was watching the lights moving westward when I heard and saw two jets coming from the south, as if they were going to intercept the lights. As the jets got closer the lights disappeared."

Stearns said this sighting was the only one in which he saw two lights. The chief reported that he has seen the strange lights "five or six times" in the last several months.

Asked to describe a shape Stearns said, "I think probably oblong with red, yellow and green lights on the bottom."

"I just wish I had a powerful telescope to see it closer," he said.

Firefighter Lieut. Raymond H. Seeley reported that he has seen the lights four times in March.

Seeley said he has seen the lights on the east side of Mount Ascutney south of Windsor village and estimated their altitude at 2,000 feet.

CHIEF CHRONICLES, Weedsport, NY - April 1, 1982

More UFO Sightings???

On March 7, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Marsden were coming home from visiting her sister and husband in Clyde. They went north on 414 and then turned east on the South Butler Road. As they came along they saw an object in the sky, standing still. It was northeast of the road and had a big light. A plane, flying east came along and they saw the plane go toward it. As they kept going toward South Butler the plane and object got out of sight as they went over a hill.

Mrs. Carrie Radel of North Rose called and she too saw something on March 19 and 22 as she was on her way from Sodus Point to North Rose, and it sure scared her as she said it looked as if it was following her car. It was around 11:30 p.m. The Marsdens said it was between 9 and 9:30 p.m. when they saw their object. They only told one person until they read about the object being seen near Savannah. If anyone else saw anything, do get in touch with this writer. We are all wondering what it is.

Honesdale woman recalls seeing UFO

Mrs. Debra VanHousen, Honesdale, reported to The Wayne Independent that the current issue of the National Enquirer contains a picture (an artist's impression) of a UFO and also an article.

She says the picture resembles very closely an object she saw about 20 years ago. She said that she lived in Hawley until about five years ago, and one Sunday morning she, accompanied by her husband and their son, were on their way from Hawley to Scranton. On the way, between Hamlin and Scranton, she saw an object, gray aluminum, fairly high in the sky, with no trees or buildings in the vicinity. She mentioned it to her son, who was in the back seat, saying "there's one of those things (UFOs) and he agreed. She said it was very similar to the picture contained in the new Enquirer.

WAYNE INDEPENDENT, Honesdale, PA April 6, 1982

A spokesman for Phenomena Research, a UFO reporting center in Seattle said his agency has received several calls from Windsor-area residents reporting lights at high altitudes, but has no official reports.

The spokesman said his firm has had several inquiries from local news and police agencies. He said to research a sighting the agency would need "a close encounter incident where the object would appear at 500 feet or closer."

He said a close encounter incident would involve objects landing close to cars or hovering over houses or a report of wingless vehicles.

Sightings of triangular objects "is very common and has been reported hundreds of times," he said.

Poland has encouraged anyone witnessing a sighting to report it Phenomena Research.

"I personally feel that information should be put out about these objects, Poland said. "If the government is working on something, fine, tell the people. If it's something else, tell the people what it is."

"This many people seeing similar objects as far as I'm concerned is lending credibility to the fact that we're watching some sort of a ship, whether it be military or otherwise."

The last sighting in Windsor was on March 28.

VERMONT'S UFO INVASION

On a recent frosty March day, Cedric Morse could not help waking up around 4:30 a.m.

Although he has been retired since January, Morse has roosterlike instincts from a lifetime of working the same East Richford mountain farm where he was born and raised. He invariably rises and shines before the sun.

On this particular morning, however, Morse found that he was not the only thing shining in the predawn gloom of West Jay Road. As Morse looked down the hill, he saw three stationary lights, spaced three or four feet apart, about 200 yards from the house. Although they did not cast beams like headlights and seemed unusually bright, Morse assumed the lights belonged to automobiles. Thinking it odd for anyone else to be up and about in such a secluded area at such an extraordinary hour, Morse jumped in his car to check out the situation.

The spot where he had seen the lights was just beyond a slight ridge in the road, but when he reached the ridge, there was nothing in sight.

"What bugs me is that there were no tracks anywhere except mine," Morse reflected with a bemused smile. "There was an icy shale over everything that morning but my tracks were the only ones to be seen."

Did such an eerie early morning experience make him a sudden believer in the existence of Unidentified Flying Objects? After all, he is not alone in claims of UFO sightings; there has been a flurry of sightings in Richford and other towns around Vermont.

"I've believed in them for almost 20 years," Morse declared emphatically. "But they told us not to say anything about it."

They?

Morse recalled the day — Sept. 26, 1962 — that he and his wife, Doris, got an excited phone call from their neighbors, Phyllis and Robert Waterhouse, reporting that something awfully strange was hovering over their milkshed.

It was late afternoon, some time after 5. The Morses drove the short distance down the road to the the Waterhouse farm, looked up and there were "two big, rounded, metallic, domelike objects in the sky."

Morse said the objects were moving east to west. Moments later, another pair was spotted coming out of the south in a northeasterly direction. "They looked like shallow oatmeal dishes," Morse said. "Bottom side up."

The Morses walked over to where the Waterhouses were standing in front of their gray barn and, with assorted young children gawking upward, stood and watched the UFOs for several minutes.

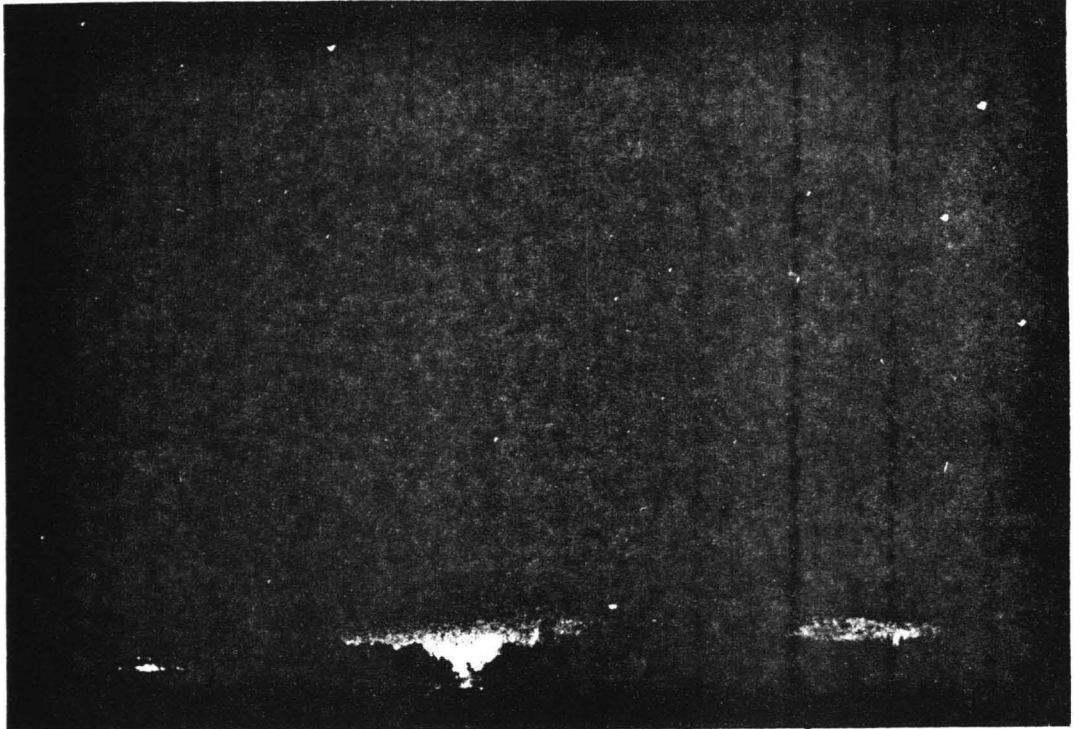
Phyllis Waterhouse remembers the sighting this way: "My son Mark, who was 4 or 5 years old then, was out playing in the barnyard and he saw this object hovering. He hollered for me and then I called my husband, who was inside the barn. What I saw was a dull, gray thing, shaped like a football."

"It just kind of hung there over the corner of the milkhouse, then moved silently away at an awful speed. But the whole time there was no noise."

Her husband, Robert, saw the object, which by that time seemed "about 2,000 feet away, hovering over our meadow." He thinks he saw "a little vapor coming from it as it moved out. It moved with a speed you wouldn't believe, but no sound."

While the Morses tried to chase the UFOs along the mountain road, somebody thought to call the U.S. Border Patrol's Richford office. By the time an officer arrived, the objects were gone.

A short time later the Morses and the Waterhouses were interviewed by someone they identified as a govern-



ment investigator, although no one bothered to ask what branch of government the investigator represented.

"He told us not to say anything to anyone," Morse said. "That it would stir up a panic."

"We had young kids in school then," Doris Morse added. "We were afraid they'd get teased. So, at the time, we didn't care to talk about these things either."

That reluctance never prevented the Morses from feeling sure they had had a close encounter, in the days before the term was a movie title or a household word. "They can't make you believe you didn't see what you saw in broad daylight," Morse insisted.

The sheer numbers of Vermonters who are seeing what they see these days is a bit astounding. In both the Richford and Windsor areas, in particular, dozens of citizens have witnessed strange lights and/or objects in the skies for several weeks now, bolstering more sporadic reports of encounters close and distant over the years.

The National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., a clearinghouse for information on sightings since 1973, confirmed that the current rush of UFOs over Yankee territory is unrivaled.

"Based on information we are getting," said center director Robert Gribble, "it's very quiet around the country now, except the Vermont-New Hampshire area."

Those sightings are occurring predominantly in Richford and Windsor and, curiously, a great number of the reports are from police and firemen.

"Why a policeman sees these things," suggested Richford Police Chief Homer Combs, now a veteran UFO witness, "is because we're always looking for the unusual. This is the job of a policeman. You take less notice of ordinary things."

In November, Combs, as well as others in town, saw "two huge, real big, orange-colored lights" moving across the same Jay Peak valley that is overlooked by the Morse property. Combs was patrolling Richford's Golf Course Road at the time — approximately 7:30 p.m. — and had an unobstructed view of the entire Richford-East Richford area.

In early March, a St. Albans nurse, who wishes to remain anonymous, was visiting her mother in East Richford. At dusk, they went out on the porch to investigate the cause of a loud roar over the house. It was "black, like cast iron, the size of a normal plane but with a bug-shaped body, flying at treetop

level." It had wings that pointed upward and many blinking red lights all over the wings and bottom, and was heading toward the town of East Richford.

Many people who spot UFOs are normally publicity-shy, but Combs said that, during the early part of March, it seemed as if he was getting almost daily reports from townspeople. "They are all over the place," he claimed.

More than 100 miles southeast of Richford, the town of Windsor, on the Connecticut River, has been busy with UFOs this winter. Police Sgt. Richard Pollard, officers William Hines, Dave LaPlante and Ronald Walker, Fire Chief Bruce Stearns, firefighters Raymond Seeley, Ralph Burnham and Dave Kibling are among the growing legions of Windsor County people who have seen inexplicable things in the starry skies of southern Vermont.

A year ago, two women working at Vermont Public Radio — Lynda Kingsbury and Lucy Slothower — had an early evening experience with something flashing yellow, blue, red and white lights, about 3,000 feet in the air directly over the supermarket they had just left in the center of Windsor.

But not until the 1982 season have the generally triangular-shaped objects begun making frequent appearances there.

It started Feb. 2, with Pollard, a 14-year veteran of the town's police force. Pollard sighted what he thought was a UFO from his hilltop house about 6 p.m. and called the department to tell fellow officers to gaze heavenward. By the time he reached the center of town, Pollard observed "that there wasn't one, there were two of these things, not even 1,000 feet in the air."

As the police watched from a parking lot, Stearns and some of his men observed the objects as they stood in front of the fire station. Both groups report they saw red and blue lights, seemingly in a triangular pattern when viewed through high-powered binoculars, moving southeast, then suddenly turning and speeding off toward Mount Ascutney, just southwest of the town center. There was no noise.

Just then, two jets, with flashing lights and much noise, came over Windsor from the northwest, apparently in pursuit of the objects. As the planes got closer to the UFOs, Stearns and Pollard recalled, the lights on the UFOs disappeared. "They just vanished," Pollard claimed.

Calls by a reporter to virtually every Air Force base and Air National

Guard outpost in New England produced no account of any military planes intercepting UFOs near Windsor that night.

Two weeks ago there was another sighting. March 22, firefighters Burnham and Kibling, along with police Sgt. Gordon Gillen, looked up about 11:30 p.m. to see red, blue, green and white lights in a triangular pattern. They watched the object hovering on the western horizon from the parking lot of the Grand Union supermarket, which provides a comprehensive vista of eastern and western skylines.

When Gillen flashed the blue lights of his police car, the UFO's lights became brighter, according to Burnham, who then flashed the red light of his Fire Department vehicle. "The UFO lights got brighter again," he said incredulously. "It seemed to be answering us."

An attempt at communication with a UFO was less successful for John and Sue Pritt a few years ago. The Enosburg Falls residents were driving home late one night when they saw some unusual lights at about treetop level that seemed to be following their car.

Suspecting it was a small airplane in trouble, the Pritts stopped the car. The object stopped directly in front of and over them.

In the belief that it was actually a helicopter, John — an electrical engineer and ham radio operator — began blinking the car headlights in Morse Code, spelling out: "Who are you?"

"Suddenly, there was a loud roar," remembered Sue Pritt. "And the thing zipped out of sight."

Another highway encounter took place a year ago on U.S. 7, just north of Vergennes. John and Denise LaCroix were heading back to Burlington about 10 p.m. on a Sunday when they saw lights "kind of hopping around strangely" off to their right. They could not see much, but moments later a large, domed object appeared directly over the road.

The LaCroixes both described it as being as big as an airplane. "It had square windows or something all around the bottom," Mrs. LaCroix said, "and one larger window in the center. There was a bright white light that seemed to be flashing in sequence from window to window all around the bottom and one steady white light coming from the central window."

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The craft hovered over the road at treetop level, no more than a football field's length from the LaCroix car. Even with the windows rolled down, the couple could hear no noise from the UFO, even when, a minute or two later, it sped away with a velocity that astounded them.

A Vermont Transit bus had been traveling the same road just in front of them.

"When this thing appeared," LaCroix said, "the bus brake lights came on. We had to step on our brakes. We followed the bus into town and ran over to the driver. I started to say: 'Excuse me, but just past Vergennes...' and he cut me off: 'Yeah, I know what you mean. I saw it too.'" The driver then described the same object the LaCroixes had seen.

"He told us that at first he thought it was a plane, until he noticed the lights chasing each other at the bottom," Mrs. LaCroix said. "He said he didn't want to mention it to anyone to protect his reputation, but advised us to call the airport to find out if they had anything flying in the vicinity of Vergennes that night. They didn't."

The LaCroixes cannot remember the exact date or the bus driver's name. A Vermont Transit spokesman said that, without a date, the company could not pinpoint which driver had that route.

The bus driver may have feared for his reputation, but Paul Hodes, a New Hampshire assistant attorney general of the criminal division, does not.

The way Hodes tells it, he was driving on Interstate 91 near the Norwich exit in late January when he spied a "vaguely triangular-shaped object" with red and white lights on the eastern horizon. Hodes said he pulled his car over to the side of the road and opened

his windows, hoping to hear what a UFO sounds like. He heard only silence.

"The whole affair seemed to be moving north at a stately pace," he said of his not-so-close encounter.

Much the same thing occurred several weeks later on the same road. Al Semple, a foreman with the New England Power Co. of New Hampshire, was driving near Windsor Feb. 19 when, he said, he saw two sets of lights on the eastern horizon. He and his two-man crew stopped and watched. It was an overcast night and the cloud ceiling was about 1,500 feet, Semple said. The intensity of the lights kept changing and then one object — which through binoculars appeared to have windows — proceeded southwest and the other northeast.

When Semple started to turn on the utility truck's spotlight one of his crew members blurred, "Put that out. They might see us." So Semple did not try to signal the strange aircraft.

"I was thinking friendly thoughts, I'll tell you," Semple recalled, laughing.

Semple has since heard several reports of sightings by other power company personnel, over power stations or high-power lines in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. His theory is that the Windsor UFOs were not really over Vermont, but rather just across the river where his company maintains a "115,000-KV line."

One of the most recent series of UFO reports — taking place on the same night that Windsor police and firefighters were entertaining possible intergalactic visitors — is somewhat of a departure from the rest. In five Vermont towns, families called state police just after 9 p.m. to say they had seen something flying through the air and possibly crashing to earth nearby.

Victor and Rita Salls said they and their son Douglas were sitting at the dinner table in their Randolph Center home when a bright greenish-yellow light streaked across their line of vision as they looked out.

As the family watched in amazement, the object swooped down from above treetop level and seemed to crash by the town's water tower in the center of town, about a mile from the Salls house.

"There was no noise that we could hear and suddenly we saw no more light," Salls said. "It burned out or whatever."

When state police troopers checked the spot where the Salls believed the object had landed, there was no evidence of anything unusual, according to Bethel dispatcher Phil Colby.

About the same time, Pamela and Deborah Carrier and their brother Rick were driving into South Royalton on Vermont 14 when "a big, greenish, very bright round light with a yellowish tail" came into view, moving northeast, according to Rick Carrier. It appeared to crash behind Happy Hollow Hill but when the young people drove around the hill to investigate, they found nothing untoward.

Nancy Hunt of West Braintree was driving home along Thresher Road around 9 p.m. She said she witnessed a "green, basketball-shaped light cruising at a 20-degree angle with the earth." It, too, seemed to hit ground in the nearby woods.

Priscilla Oakland tells a similar story. She said she was sitting in a living room chair in her home in Barnard looking out the window. Suddenly, a greenish-white light on what appeared to be an "oblong object" whizzed past her line of vision, moving due north, parallel with the ground at slightly

higher than treetop level. "It was going right over our hayfield," Mrs. Oakland said. "I jumped out of my chair. It seemed to be making a straight line for the Randolph Center water tower, which we can see from Barnard, 20 miles away, on a clear day."

Although Braintree, Barnard, Royalton and Randolph are within easy commuting distance for any meteor, what gives this mass encounter a Twilight Zone edge is the fifth report.

"I've never seen anything like it in my life," swore Lorraine Alexander of Vernon, about 85 miles southeast of Randolph. "I saw it fly by my window, a great, big, red ball of fire. It was too big to be a falling star. It was moving northwest over the atomic plant (Vermont Yankee) and I expected to see a big crash, but nothing else happened."

Can people in five towns — one at least 85 miles from the others — have each seen the same thing appearing to crash almost in their back yards? Can flying triangles participate in a light show with police and firemen? Can Vermont Transit buses meet up with gigantic UFOs on major highways? Can East Richford farmfolk ever learn why their secluded mountain acres seem to attract oatmeal bowl visitations?

Are people of the Green Mountain State undergoing some sort of mass, hallucinogenic psychosis? Are they seeing Russian spy ships or secret American military technology? Northern lights? Southern Comfort?

Or are we indeed not alone? Could it be that Vermonters are getting together with extraterrestrial flatlanders, so to speak?

In the words of Windsor Police Sgt. Richard Pollard: "They're there, whatever they are. You figure it out." ■

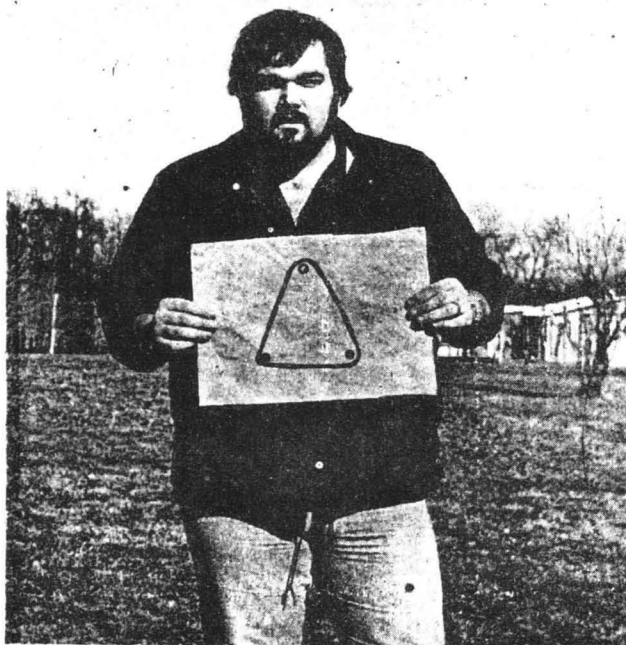
Object reported seen in sky

Kenny Wilkerson and Scott Mills of Gaylesville recently saw something in the sky. It looked like it was almost as big as a car and had a flashing light. It was kind of square and was too large to be a helicopter.

The apparition was in the Ridges around Frog Pond Church. Mr. Wilkerson said it looked as if it was flying backward then forward. It didn't make any sound but when it went forward there was a spewing like sound and its lights were flashing.

Wilkerson, 33, said the object didn't try to come down. It was about twenty feet higher than the trees. Scott Mills, 11, said it was scary. Wilkerson and Scott saw the object on Wednesday night of last week, the 31st of March.

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UFO NO APRIL FOOL'S PRANK — Dan Hageman, of North Washington, holds a sketch of an unidentified craft he and two others claim they sighted Thursday evening over the wooded area in the background. Hageman said the metallic, triangular object hovered noiselessly over the trees for about a half hour and had bright lights but no wings. A similar sighting was reported by two motorists in the area the previous evening.

— Leroy Andre photo

N. Washington 'UFO Sighting' No Fool's Joke

CHICORA — Three area residents believe their sighting of a UFO on Thursday evening was not an April Fool's joke.

Dan Hageman and Howard and Terri Houston watched an unidentified object for over a half an hour at the Hageman residence near North Washington as they worked on Hageman's Jeep.

The two men watched the gray metallic, triangular object as it hovered over the woods about 2000 feet away. After getting binoculars and a telescope, Terri joined the men and watched as the object passed overhead.

Hageman said it did not have wings or make a noise, but bright lights blinked in rotation in the front which gave a halo illumination.

When the craft was overhead, it divided. "The parent craft continued west crossing Route 38 and circled back with the lights much brighter," said Hageman. "Then a jet plane approached from the east, and the craft silently and instantly went straight up, and disappeared."

He said the lights were brighter than a dusk-to-dawn light or the lights of an airplane, and that nobody lives near the area where he spotted the object.

A resident of his present home for the last two years, Hageman said he never viewed any similar objects, but many planes and helicopters fly overhead. He added that the sight of the object gave him "cold shivers."

Similarly, two motorists who were traveling from West Sunbury to Hooker on Wednesday evening said they saw bright lights in the sky that seemed to hover over North Washington. Both said that the lights were too stationary to be aircraft.

Karns City Man Confirms Sighting Of UFO on April 1

After reading the account in Thursday's Eagle, about a UFO sighted by North Washington resident Dan Hageman on April 1, Karns City resident Frank Klugh called The Eagle to report that he had seen the same phenomenon.

Having watched an unidentified object from his backyard for about 15 minutes around 10 p.m. April 1, Klugh verified Hageman's story. He said that the two crafts disappeared when an airplane approached from the east. He added that shortly after the plane was out of sight, the two UFOs returned with their lights flashing brightly. When another plane approached from the west, the two craft disappeared again without reappearing, said Klugh.

"The lights were much brighter than those of an airplane, and the objects were about the size of a police cruiser's light," Klugh said.

A Close Encounter?

Despite much public skepticism, Donald Shallcross, 36, of Slanesville maintains that he encountered an unidentified flying object (UFO), in the Slanesville area, about 4 a.m., March 22.

Furthermore, Shallcross claims that he met and talked with an alien from outer-space; suffered radiation or ultra-violet burns from being in close proximity to the spaceship; and that the alien gave him messages vital to the preservation of life on earth.

Shallcross says that he believes he has been selected as an earth contact, and, since his encounter with the spaceman, he is undergoing psychological changes. Shallcross believes that his intelligence, powers of retention, and ability to research and understand complex scientific matters have been heightened in some unknown way. He also believes he is being driven and guided by some mysterious influence toward discovering the answers to some of the mysteries of the universe.

The Advocate is not prepared to either confirm or refute Shallcross's claims. We've investigated the scene of the incident and interviewed persons who were involved. At this point, our only conclusion is that Shallcross's story is interesting and intriguing.

According to Shallcross, he was able to fall asleep on the night of the incident because he had recently changed from working night-shift to day-shift. About 3:30 a.m., he was laying in bed reading a newspaper when he noticed his household pets, a dog and several cats, acting strangely.

Shallcross says that the animals seemed terrified and ran to the front door. He thought a deer might be in his front yard, and he stepped outside to investigate. After bolting through the door, his pets ran beneath the house and hid.

From his yard, Shallcross says, he saw a pair of lights descend from the sky and disappear below the horizon, across Route 29 from his home. Thinking that a plane may have crashed, he told his wife to notify the state police and the rescue squad, while he dressed to go to investigate.

He forgot to put on his shoes, before he rushed from his house. Once outside, Shallcross says, he saw a truck that had stopped on Route 29, and the driver was shining a portable spotlight toward the field where the lights had disappeared.

According to Shallcross, the driver of the truck departed the scene before he could attract his attention or reach him. Shallcross claims that he subsequently learned that the truck driver drove to a phone booth, called the state police, and reported what he also believed to be a plane crash.

Shallcross says he drove his car a short distance over an unpaved road to the edge of a field. Shallcross says that the entire electrical system of his car stopped functioning. "Lights, motor — the whole works," he said, "and the car drifted about 15 yards to a stop."

After trying unsuccessfully to start his car, Shallcross says he stepped out of the car "not sure what to do next."

Shallcross claims after he stepped from his car, he noticed a single, small, flashing, red-light, about 100 yards away in the field, and it appeared to be several feet above the ground.

"I thought it was a light from a plane," Shallcross said, "so I got a large flashlight from the car, and I walked about 15 feet along a barbed-wire fence to a clear spot and climbed over the fence."

"I started in the direction of the red-light, with my light on the ground in front of me," Shallcross said. "It was fairly dark and overcast. Visibility wasn't very good. The field was two or three feet high with scattered dead weeds."

"I got within nine or 10-feet of a telephone pole — there's a set of power lines across the field right there. My light was shined downwards on the ground; so I could see where I was going, and I saw a pair of feet — legs — whatever."

"I immediately cast the light up, and there was a person standing there," Shallcross said.

Advocate: "Was there only one person?"

"Yes," Shallcross replied.

Advocate: "Would you describe this person?"

"The person appeared to be a normal-size person about five-foot six. By normal person, I mean no deformities. The head wasn't large or anything like that. It just looked like a normal person, with the exception that he was wearing what I describe as a jumpsuit — a complete one-piece outfit of a silver color — a non-shiny silver material. The only opening I saw was around the eyes, which had a slight glare to it like it was reflective when the light hit it. The only thing that I noticed was that the figure was holding a rod."

"I describe the rod as like a baseball bat, about the same length and about as big around as the fat end of a bat but the same diameter all the way through," Shallcross said.

Advocate: "Describe the face and head of this person or thing."

"I could see nothing inside," Shallcross said.

"What do you mean by inside?"

"Nothing inside the visor. I could see my light reflecting off of the visor. I could see that the visor was

obviously something like glass or plastic," Shallcross said.

Advocate: "If I understand you correctly, this person or thing had some type of helmet on?"

"I wouldn't describe it as a helmet," Shallcross said. "I'd describe it more in terms of being like a diver's wet-suit hood. It conformed to the head. The head was very physically a head, without ears sticking out and all that of course. It just looked like the normal contour of a head."

Advocate: "But there was some type of face shield or visor covering face — is that correct?"

"Right. What I would say was the eye, nose portion."

Advocate: "Describe more fully the object that you say this figure was holding."

"It was about 36-40 inches long, about the same length as a baseball bat," Shallcross said. "I don't remember anything outstanding about it. He wasn't doing anything with it other than holding it."

"Did it appear to be metal?"

"I don't know. I honestly don't know."

"Did the figure make any threatening gestures with it?"

"No. None whatsoever."

"During the entire time you observed this person or thing, did it make any unusual movements with the object it was holding?"

"No."

Advocate: "Did you speak to this figure? Did you say anything to it, or did it say anything to you?"

"Not for the first few seconds," Shallcross said. "I really wasn't sure what I was seeing. At that particular moment, as best as I can remember, I don't remember thinking anything out of the ordinary, other than that someone had gotten out of the plane. My first question was, 'Are you O.K.?' To which I got no response."

"I asked the same question a couple of more times — during which time I took a couple of steps closer."

Advocate: "Did this person or thing eventually reply to your question?"

"Not to that specific question," Shallcross replied. "Finally, I said — I think I was beginning to think other thoughts — I don't know what thoughts other than that things weren't kosher here. My next ques-

tion was, 'Who are you?' I remember that very specifically because that was when I got an answer."

"What was the answer?"

"The answer was, 'I am a watch-guard.'"

Advocate: "Would you — sentence by sentence — relate the conversation that ensued from that point on, between you and this person or thing? In sequence: what you said and what was said in reply."

"Well, he answered my other question, and the answer didn't mean a thing to me. It was at this time that I realized I was not dealing with a normal circumstance. I asked him, 'Where are you from?'"

"His answer was, 'I am not from here.'"

"Now, when I asked him questions, his answers were very short. I didn't necessarily understand them, at that time. For some reason, I didn't need to repeat anything. It wasn't like I didn't understand what he was saying. I just didn't feel compelled to repeat any questions. I guess that's why some of the answers were so short."

"I asked him — I said, 'Have you been here before?' I think, in my mind, I meant have you been here on earth before — not just in that pasture field."

"And he said, 'Many times.'"

"I asked, 'The same ones?'"

"He replied, 'Others also before.'"

"Then I asked him a question — I'm not sure of my wording — but the gist of it was, 'Why haven't you made yourselves known?' It was at this time that I'm realizing who I'm talking to or what I'm talking with."

"His answer was, 'We are known.'"

"Then, I asked him, 'Why are you here?' And he said there were things that we needed to know — things that everybody needed were to know."

"I asked him if he could tell me what these things were, and he told me that we needed to stop using up our earth's resources, and that we needed to be using our atomic energy for power and for energy sources. But not to be using it for destructive purposes or dominating other people. People — peoples — one or the other — beings and nations was the way he phrased it."

"I asked him, 'Well, what can we

do about it? I don't know. I don't understand what we can do about it. I'm not the right person to be telling this to."

"He replied, 'I will tell you how to dispose of your wastes and your atomic waste; so that they will not pollute your earth.'"

"I asked him, 'How?'"

"Now, some of what I've got from this, I don't — as I can remember — think he told me verbally. He wasn't telling me anything by speaking to me this whole time. I don't remember the area under that mask or hood, where his mouth was, ever moving. It looked to me to be skin-tight. I would certainly think that if someone was speaking you'd see some movement because I'm frozen on him with the light — I haven't moved."

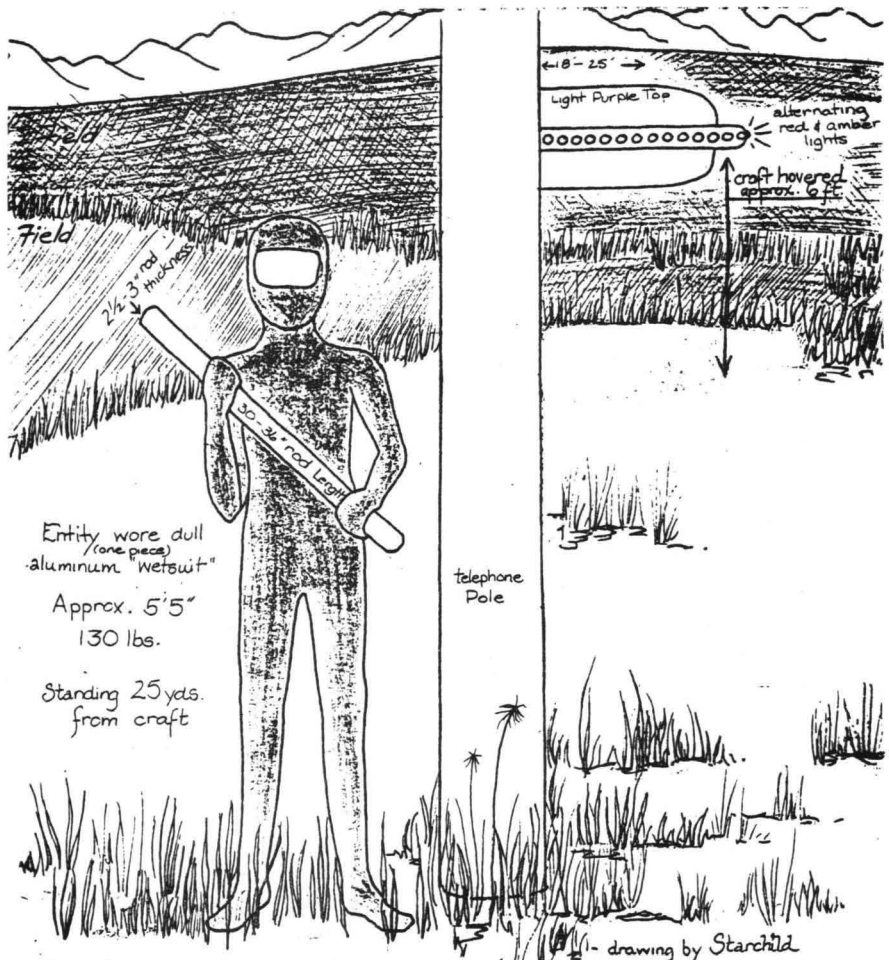
Advocate: "In other words, you believe he was communicating with you by mental-telepathy — non-verbal communication."

"Yes. And somewhere along the line — as best as I can remember — I didn't need to talk anymore either. I remember the very first part of this I was speaking to him — I was yelling, but after awhile I didn't need to talk anymore either because I can't remember a certain portion here where I verbally said anything at all."

"Now, we're standing by this telephone pole, and it's right about this time that I saw the craft — which I still didn't see up to this time — it was a good 25-30 feet up into the field up the rise and just down slightly. The very next thing, after I asked him, 'How?' we were standing four to five-feet from that ship. I didn't walk up there. I didn't levitate up there. I was just there — one minute I was here and one minute I was there."

"A door opened on the bottom of the craft, and this was when I got the first good look at it. When the door opened, a very light purple light — which the entire top of this thing seemed to be emitting anyway — shined through the hatchway or door, and that's when I got burned real bad."

I remember, at that instant, feeling extremely hot — extremely warm and pretty uncomfortable. I was bare-footed and it was cold, but I remember all of a sudden I wasn't cold anymore. I was very, very hot."



Witness Approved Sketch of Entity and Craft

CR: J. Starchild



Photo by Warren E. Duliery

Shallcross claims that he has discovered that UFO's frequently visit or pass over the Eastern Panhandle. He says that there is a connection between UFO's and water, pine trees and electrical transmission lines. "They seem to use the power lines as an auxiliary power source and, also, as a navigational aid," Shallcross said.

A Strange Encounter Of the Third Kind

In the previous issue of *The Advocate*, Donald Shallcross, 36, of Slaneville told about his alleged encounter with an UFO and an alien from outer space. Shallcross related the sequence of events that occurred prior to his encounter with the spaceman; described the stranger; and reported the conversation, or mental-telepathic exchange, that took place.

At the conclusion of the previous installment, Shallcross described how he was mysteriously transported over a distance of about 30-feet, and found himself standing beside the UFO. His story continues:

"I did look at the ship," Shallcross said. "I guess my mouth was hanging open. I could see well enough to notice that there was nothing holding it up. It was sitting what I estimate to be five or six feet off the ground. It wasn't moving. I didn't hear any noise from it — it was just sitting there."

"The top of it was a very light purple. By this time, I saw a second light on the opposite end. What I had been seeing was a light to the far side and on one end. As I got up closer to it, I could see the shine from a second light — there was a light at each end of the thing."

"Well, he (the spaceman) didn't speak to me again, that I can remember. He didn't show me a book. He didn't draw anything on a chalkboard or anything, but I got impressions of images."

"The images were of types of pyramids; a strange picture of a square with a circle in it; another pyramid and still another pyramid, which looked very much like a pyramid sitting in the middle of a jungle."

"After I got all these impressions, I asked him, 'What can I do with this, or where can I find this?'"

"He told me, what sounded to me like, 'Seek Itsamma.'"

Advocate: "Seek what?"

"Seek Itsamma," Shallcross repeated.

Advocate: "Does that mean anything to you?"

"I didn't then, but it does now. As well as the other things didn't mean a whole lot to me, right at that instant, but now they do."

"I'm not a fanatic religious person," Shallcross continued. "I believe in God and I try to bring my children up going to church and Sunday school and believing the basic things in God and Jesus Christ. For some reason, I was very curious all of a sudden, and I asked him just point out, 'Do you know if there is a God?'"

"His answer was that — he said, 'Believe that God and Christ were who we were taught to believe they were because they are truly God of all beings.'"

"That kinda shook me a little bit. I've always believed in God, but it's nice to know that somebody with the powers this person obviously has is able to verify it. I don't know if that's too outstanding to some people or not but it was to me."

"I asked him then — I said, 'Will you come back?' And he said, 'Yes, and he would teach me as we go, or go along, or seek, or something of that nature.'"

"I can remember thinking then,

"Me, or others, and when?" But I don't remember asking him these particular questions. I remember thinking them. I may have gotten an answer, and I just don't remember it."

"That was about it. Then he said he had to leave or it was time to go, or whatever, and he was gone. He didn't walk back up into that spaceship. He didn't float up into it. One minute he was standing there, and the next minute he was gone, and the hatch was closed."

"From there the very center of this craft, which I can describe as maybe like two bowls — own sitting upside down on top of the other — with a tire-like ring which protruded around the entire center a few feet beyond the top and the bottom portion. A hamburger with an inner-tube around it, if you want to look at it that way."

"The entire section then, lights came on. Where at one-time there were only the two, one on each end, the entire section lit up with the same type of lights; although there were amber lights in these. Then, that section — not the bottom and the top — but just that section, started very slowly to revolve. As it started revolving, quicker and quicker, the ship started to go up."

"Now it got up to what I estimate to be the height of that telephone pole or about two stories high. Then those lights started really going. Almost to where they just blended into one solid color type of thing, and that's when it started making noise. I can only describe that as a vibration — hum — nothing to hurt my ears or anything. I could feel it as well as hear it, and then the ship took off."

"There was a mountain range about what I estimate to be about 15 miles away — down in the Capon Bridge area. It's a straight shot from the top of out mountain to that, with nothing but valley in between. There's no obstructions, you can see from one to the other."

"The strange thing then was — well two things — number one, I don't believe it took 15 seconds to reach those other mountains and disappear. It seemed then, just two or three seconds and bang it was gone."

"The second thing was, the farther away it got the brighter it got. I don't know if that was some kind of optical illusion or what. I know it didn't hurt my eyes or anything when I was standing right next to it and under it. But as it got farther away it got so much brighter."

Advocate: "You say this individual passed intelligence to you. You say part of this intelligence dealt with the disposal of atomic waste. What was the full extent of the information that this person or thing gave you?"

"Well, to explain that I have to explain first that I believe that somehow I was given even more information, or the ability to understand, that is slowly developing from the time when it happened," Shallcross said.

"I know my ability to read and understand has picked up tremendously. It seems like when I start to look for one answer it just comes. From there, I immediately get into the next, and I understand

things, but I don't know why I understand them."

"For instance, I looked up a few things pertaining to pyramids because pyramids were what I saw. It seemed like what ever I looked for — and I'd get stumped at a certain question — I'd know right away where to turn — what book to go to next. Where to go on the library shelf and pick up a book that was exactly what I was looking for."

"For example, the pyramids — as I can find out — are — well some people believe it and some don't — but some people contend that the pyramids are a source of energy. From what I can find out, this is true."

"Now, there's one type of pyramid, which is just a straight up and down triangular pyramid, or what is known as the Egyptian pyramid, in which there was nothing found when they were searched thoroughly as tombs. With one exception, there's one-thing that all the pyramids have in common. That is of the largest of the pyramids there (Egypt), in South America, China, Iran and Iraq, there are certain groups that are almost identical in size and mathematical calculation as those in the other countries. All the rest are copies of those."

"For example, in Egypt there's the three great pyramids. They're very similar to the Mayan pyramids and the Aztec pyramids. They're also pretty much the same as the Iran and Iraq pyramids. I also understand, from what little I can find out about it, there's the possibility of underwater structures, in what they call the Bermuda Triangle, that also correspond mathematically and size-wise with the largest pyramids."

"Now, what I've come up with — this may be general knowledge — I don't know — I certainly never knew it — but in all the larger pyramids — the general assumption is that pyramids were tombs, built for kings — pharaohs — whatever. But in no instances that I can find, were the larger pyramids used for tombs. There have never been bodies discovered in them. There have never been things discovered in them that are associated with burials. No matter how much they were stripped, there certainly should have been something in there."

"But each one does have two things in common. They have a large stone that the books say is a sarcophagus. But there's no evidence that anything has ever been buried in one of them. And, number two, all of them show slight traces of radioactivity," Shallcross said.

Editor's Note: Shallcross's comments regarding pyramids are incomplete and subject to dispute, based on past scientific findings and research. Other points that he briefly mentions involve previously advanced hypotheses that have yet to be scientifically tested. Furthermore, other points that he mentions are currently the subjects of complex controversies within scientific circles.

"Now, going back to what he (the spaceman) told me, 'Seek Itsamma.' The Mayan pyramids, which was the first impression he gave me — the block type — which are

the only kind found in Yucatan and that area — the first image was of one of those very clearly: Which pinpointed which ones we needed to look at, and the second image was of the same ting but grown up in jungle. Which could mean either we haven't found it or that it hasn't been completely stripped of its knowledge like the others have."

"In going through a book that I found up in the D.C. public library, on ancient Mayan and Aztec cultures, I ran across the name 'Itsamma,' which is spelled I-t-a-z-a-m-n-a. This is the name of the main Indian sky-god deity. Who was similar in the Aztec religion to the white-god from the sky who would one day return. There were pyramids honoring him, which were in the Yucatan area. These pyramids honored him not only for who he was but also for the things he had done — the vast knowledge that he taught those Indians."

"Quirk — I don't know — that's pretty close to what I spell 'Itsamma,' — or how I thought it was spelled. I spelled it I-t-s-a-m-m-a when I wrote it down. That's what I came up with on that."

"Now, here again, in looking over the world map I noticed something else. I don't know if it's strange or not. The entire pyramid system, as we know it, including, if you take the three continents of legend — that is the ones no one really knows for sure if they were here — and that's Atlantis, Mu and Lemuria. If you add those in the areas that, hypothetically, it's been suggested — by scholars — where, then every pyramid in the world is on the 30th parallel — every single one."

"Now, for some reason, the thoughts have come to me that these larger pyramids were, among other things, a means of disposing of radioactive waste. Maybe the fuel from their ships, back many years ago, when they were visiting here. They certainly wouldn't want to carry used radioactive stuff around with them — I wouldn't think."

"It's my contention that that's what they (pyramids) were used for. I also have a very strong impression that this pyramid thing — I've read a couple of theories on it — that says magnetic impulses go from pyramid to pyramid and these are the lines that the ships follow — obviously there's no truth in that because of the number of sightings far North and far South of the 30th parallel."

"I do know that — well, I don't say I do know — I just have a very strong feeling that part of the energy force from these pyramids was used to keep the earth in balance. That is, the earth's plates. And to keep it from shaking up and having earthquakes and things."

"I know — well, I don't say know because I say it's very strong feeling — I feel like I've been made what they call a contactee. I feel like I've got things that they told me that I don't recollect, at that moment in time when I spoke to them. But I know I don't know where the thoughts are coming from, except that I'm getting more and more recollections on this is where I should look for this and this is why this is. I can only describe it as very strong feelings within myself."

"These feelings lead me to do some more research on some things I was getting some very strong impressions on. That is, I feel like if they did give me this, that they would be willing to talk to me again. There are obviously great things to be learned from people that have the intelligence and are so far ahead of us in technology. It could be invaluable to us in peace, in learning how to make energy cheap, to where people wouldn't have to be cold in the winter and burn a million dollars worth of fuel, too."

"I kept getting a very strong urge to try to locate them. At this point in time, I think that I've come up with conclusions. Number one, that the majority of the smaller craft that people see, that people report all the time, of which there are some 3,000 sightings listed and who knows how many not listed, I think these are earthbound craft. I don't think they go flying off out of the atmosphere into space and go to Mars or Venus, or wherever it is these people might come from."

"I think that they are land-based. Now, they may come from a mother ship originally, but I think they have a base here. I think they have one that takes in the entire eastern portion of the United States: From the very southern tip of Canada, West into the Indiana-Illinois area, going down along into Missouri and Mississippi; this area also includes what we know as the Bermuda Triangle — if there's any tie-in there, I don't know how many 100-ton tankers go sailing off into nowhere, but I know that there's a lot that you hear about that and other things that have disappeared. If there's any tie-in, I don't know, and I'm not trying to tie that in."

"What I did was take all the sightings that I could find anything

at all about — through publications, books, magazines and etc. I took every sighting in a certain direction, and the time, and the date of course. Where I could get more than one corresponding in a pattern — that is, moving North, South, East, West — whatever I started making a pattern."

"What I think I've come up with — of course I've got it all plotted on a map — I think I've got, within a 30-50 square mile area, where this base is."

"The area I started with, of course, is the area right here in which we live, in what's known as the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. I know that one of the things all sightings have in common, or at least 90 percent of them, is that craft that are low enough to be seen — or actual landings — are normally around three things: high-voltage electric, water and pine trees."

"From the flight patterns that I can establish in this area, including Washington, D.C., to Cumberland, Md., to Elkins, W.Va., down to the Albemarle-Louis County, Virginia line, which form a square, all the sightings pass over two 500,000 volt electric lines. Which may not be too strange except that in this entire area they're the only two major power lines there are. And their flight pattern goes over both of them."

"From some other things that I've found out from reading — and I never even got into things like this when I was in school — I know there is a theory that high-voltage transmission lines. I think this is one of the methods of their propulsion. They don't need any super propulsion if these ships aren't going into space and they are just landlocked craft."

"From everything I can deduce, their range is only 600-800 miles in one direction and maybe not that far."

"I will show the editor of *The Advocate*, in confidence, what I've found out, and I'll let him report on it as he sees fit. If he believes it's credible, he can say it's credible," Shallcross said.

Don't miss the final and very interesting installment of this story, in the next issue of *The Advocate*.

Witnesses of UFOs Fear Being Ridiculed

By GLORIA DRUMM
Special to The Denver Post

Panic, fear of being ridiculed and a sense of vulnerability are among the reactions of people who have witnessed UFO experiences, a social psychologist said at a seminar Saturday.

Many people who have seen UFOs are frustrated because they feel they are unable to tell anyone about the experience, Richard Sigismund of Boulder said. Many victims also feel vulnerable to repeat visits by these unknowns, he said.

Sigismund, president of Aquarius Mining Co. in Boulder, said he has done UFO research for more than 20 years. He said the reactions manifest themselves in disturbing dreams and nightmares as well as a feeling of defenselessness. The victims often feel they will be revisited without warning, he said.

But these negative aspects can be turned into positive ones. "If a person can overcome these negative reactions, he can realize it's a privilege. No matter what else happens, you will be able to handle it."

After encountering a UFO, a person usually experiences contact and culture shock. Contact shock can range from anxiety to panic. The panic is compounded when a person sees a strange looking humanoid being, he said.

The most disturbing feature of a UFO experience, he said, is the mental telepathy and mind control which usually accompany the encounters. A victim, who has received telepathic messages during an encounter, fears he is losing his mind. This is because society equates hearing voices with insanity, Sigismund said.

If the person can work through these negative reactions through

counseling, Sigismund said, he becomes more interested in other societies in the universe and feels a sense of responsibility to share with others his experiences.

"The most positive effect involves a definite widening of consciousness," he said, adding that victims can move away from narrow beliefs toward a broader perspective of what the universe is.

One Denver woman, who asked not to be identified, cautiously said she had an encounter in 1971. She said she was abducted from her home in Georgia and taken to a craft where she was physically and mentally examined by a group of aliens.

But, she said, "How do you prove something like this? You can't. I thought I was alone. I didn't feel like I could speak to anyone. I figured my minister would tell me 'you're going to hell.' To be too public you run a risk, especially if you come from a religious family."

She said the visitors were concerned with the expanding use of nuclear power on earth. They told her it was imperative to stop nuclear power. Instead, water should be used since it is the cleanest fuel available.

She has found it difficult to openly express her experiences, she said. Instead, she has learned to be discriminating. Although she doesn't tell everyone of her experiences, she has adjusted somewhat. "I think something good can be learned from it, but it's also a very scary thing. You find everything you've believed has been altered."

About 175 people, some who have experienced UFOs and some who are UFO investigators, attended the seminar at Mile Hi Church of Religious Science. The seminar was sponsored by the Division of Continuing Education of the University of Colorado at Denver.

Crane Beach attracts visitors from far away

By DAVID WHEELER
Ipswich: home away from home for interstellar travellers.

That is one speculative conclusion that could be drawn from the numbers of UFO sightings here. Essex County field investigator Marge Christensen of the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network (MUFON) reports Ipswich has had more UFO sightings than any other community on the North Shore.

There were seven days in 1981 when UFOs were spotted in Ipswich according to MUFON including a New Year's Eve incident which is still under investigation.

Four flying objects, two of them twice the size of the other two, were seen by a retired science teacher last New Year's Eve, and the objects are believed to have landed and left horseshoe-shaped markings in powdery soil.

Christensen declines to name the spotter or the precise location of the alleged landing, saying she has to keep sightings in confidence or no one will trust MUFON or

call their UFO hotline (617-944-0686).

MUFON field investigators checked the area of the landing for radioactivity with geiger counters and took about 50 soil samples which were put in sterile 35-millimeter film cans. The samples were shipped to a laboratory in Missouri, where they are being kept refrigerated and are awaiting analysis.

The markings and the objects seen are similar to another UFO sighting in France catalogued by MUFON.

MUFON describes itself as a civilian scientific research organization, with a membership consisting mostly of scientists interested in investigating, documenting and determining patterns of UFO sightings.

Other UFO sightings MUFON has checked out in Ipswich include the August sighting of a silvery cylinder-shaped object with a bluish-green flame attached to the rear. (The Chronicle reported that sighting.) The object was seen by town residents Jack Whittier, an engineer who

lives on Waldingfield road and Maureen Perkins and Theresa Sullivan, both of Upper River road. Another engineer saw a similar object September 10.

Despite Ipswich's attraction for UFOs, a recent rash of orange lights around New England has not yet afflicted this community.

Most UFOs, if fully investigated, become IFOs or Identified Flying Objects, Christensen says.

A circular object with white lights seen in Ipswich on August 29, for example, turned out to be an advertising plane.

So far, 1982 has been a dry year for UFOs in Ipswich, although two orange lights that appeared to be playing tag were seen in the vicinity of Little Neck road on March 12, according to MUFON. There was another sighting Christensen thought sounded like a plane dropping drugs, so she didn't investigate it any further.

What to do if you see a UFO?

First of all, grab somebody else and point it out to them. "A sighting with only one witness is not as valid as a multiple-witness sighting," Christensen says.

After you've found another witness, keep track of details like shape, color, size, motion and speed. Too often those details never get recorded.

"People go into such a state of shock they don't remember anything," Christensen says. "People will have a loaded camera in their hand but they will forget to take pictures."

If you do manage to bag a UFO with your camera, don't take the film out, Christensen says. Instead turn it over to a scientific UFO investigator,

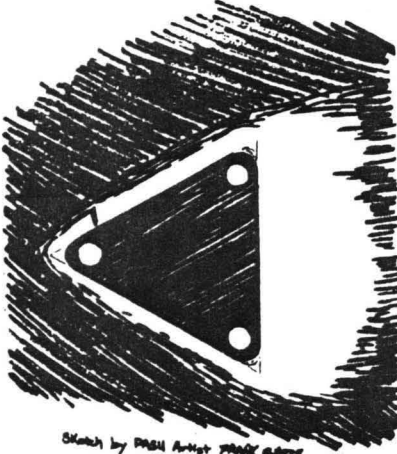
so experts can't say the film was tampered with when it was developed or printed.

If you don't have a camera when you see a UFO, grab a coin from your pocket and hold it out at arms length. The purpose of this exercise is not to ward off evil UFOs away, but to provide a means of checking the size of the UFO. Observers should try to compare the size of the UFO to the size of the coin.

Is that purple cone screaming across the sky half-time wide or three-quarters of a dime?

When investigating sightings, Christensen says she checks with a weather bureau to make sure it wasn't some natural phenomena.

EAGLE, Butler, PA - May 17, 1982 CR: S. Gordon



UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT - Descriptions furnished by three witnesses to a sighting in Butler County last month enabled artist Frank Gazze of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained to sketch the outlines of an unexplained object which was seen by a number of residents in the skies over Butler County early last month. PASU, headquartered in Greensburg, is a clearinghouse for information on unexplained phenomena, including the luminous triangular "ship" pictured above, and numerous reports of Bigfoot prints.

RECORD HERALD, Waynesboro, PA - May 5, 1982

Police pursue UFO reports

A UFO... an unidentified flying object... was sighted early this morning in the Old Forge Road area and, later, flying over Waynesboro's Borough Hall.

A woman who lives in the Knouse Orchards area called both Waynesboro and Washington Township police at 8:10 and 8:13 a.m. today to report she had seen a

strange object in the skies.

Waynesboro officers drove to the east of town and saw a "star-shaped object with a long tail" heading toward the borough. The all-night police dispatcher reportedly saw the same object as it flew over Borough Hall.

Borough police theorized that the object was either a star or a weather balloon.

REPUBLIC, Columbus, IN - April 23, 1982

UFO Reported Seen In Jackson County

SEYMOUR - An unidentified flying object near the U.S. 50-Interstate 65 interchange was reported Thursday night to Indiana State Police at Seymour.

Police said Thursday's radio log shows Trooper Jan Graves at 10:51 p.m. reported a UFO over Nickerson Farms at the west edge of Seymour. A sighting also was reported by Jerry Bailey, weighmaster at the truck scales on I-65.

Graves and Bailey could not be reached for comment this morning and officers at the State Police post were unable to provide a description of the object.

State police said the object was first reported moving to the southwest, then changed direction twice. The object was last seen moving to the west, according to police.

A Nickerson Farms employee said she didn't know anything about the sighting. She reported the business closes at 8:30 p.m. and no one would have been working when it was reported.

Renee Hallett, a member of Research Unlimited, a Jackson County group that looks into UFO, Bigfoot and other reports of unusual sightings, said she had received a couple of calls about the UFO, but was not able to get a description of the object from eyewitnesses. She said she understood it was visible for about 15 minutes.

GAZETTE, Stillwater, MN - April 28, 1982

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

It has always been my understanding that one of the first and foremost responsibilities of being a news reporter or writer is to be objective at all times, simply to report a story as the facts are given or even to report both sides of a story if there is more than one side. Never is a reporter to give his or her opinion unless it is stated to be his or her opinion.

On Thursday, April 22nd, there was a U.F.O. sighting in Stillwater. The initials U.F.O. stand for unidentified flying object. What was seen was flying, it was an object, and it remains unidentified. Therefore, that would be an appropriate name for it U.F.O. There were 8 or 10 people that we know of that all saw exactly the same object,

all related the same incident, the same way, and all of them agreed that whatever the object was, it definitely was not a child's balloon.

There are Federal Government Agencies investigating this sighting and they believe that we saw a U.F.O., not a balloon.

Now we come to April 23rd. The news media interviewed city attorney, David Magnuson. Magnuson said that he was driving across the Stillwater bridge on his way to lunch and he saw a silver helium balloon with a broken string hanging from it, not more than 10 to 15 feet from his car. Well, perhaps that's very true but what we saw was not ever within 10 - 15 ft. of the bridge, nor did it have any strings hanging from it.

The Gazette staff writer following up

on his previous article, at that point chose to believe what Magnuson said. He then changed his reference in his article to I.F.O. (identified flying object) and ended his article with the statement, "So much for U.F.O.s."

In my opinion, that article was not written objectively. Basically all it said was that whatever the city attorney says, the Gazette reporter believes and that's the end of the story. I felt that it made the other eyewitnesses look like fools, WHICH WE ARE NOT! I would like to see that the editors of the Gazette print something a bit more broad minded and objectively on the front page of the paper.

I am also thoroughly convinced that this is not the end of this story. But then that is just my personal opinion...

Susan J. Jacoby

County group reports UFO sightings jumped

For the first time in several years, UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) sightings have increased dramatically in Pennsylvania.

Since February, numerous reports of bright, nocturnal lights, making unusual maneuvers in the sky, as well as close proximity observations of large unconventional objects, have been seen by area residents. Among the many UFO cases called in to the UFO Hotline number of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained (PASU) office in Greensburg have been seven close encounter incidents where solid objects were observed at altitudes of 100 feet or less.

Stan Gordon, director of the research unit, said, "As in most instances after interviewing a witness, most types of phenomena are found to have a natural explanation. It is interesting that quite a number of UFO incidents already reported this year appear to be of an unexplained origin." UFO sightings have been reported from throughout the state, with most of the activity occurring in western Pennsylvania including the counties of Westmoreland (Latrobe, Derry, Apollo) Fayette, Allegheny, Indiana, Butler as well as other areas. Of great significance is the fact that witnesses in widely separated areas have described in detail sightings of a very large triangular shaped UFO.

Besides UFO sightings, the PASU office has been receiving reports of the Bigfoot creature as well as sightings of Mountain Lions and Black Panthers. The organization has investigated hundreds of Bigfoot sightings from throughout the state since 1973, when a wave of reports concentrated on Westmoreland and surrounding counties. The research unit investigates Mountain Lion or Cougar reports for two reasons. They

are correlating their data with research biologists from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who believe that these animals may be trying to migrate back into the eastern states. Officially these animals have been extinct since the 1800's. The Black Panthers aren't supposed to exist in this part of the world, yet reliable witnesses continue to report sightings of the animals. Some of the unexplained incidents still under investigation include:

Early February near Uniontown, witnesses observed a large metallic triangular shaped object with a row of small blue lights running along the wings. The object, which moved between a line of trees, was not more than 100 feet off the ground. An insignia was observed on the bottom of the craft which was sketched by a witness. The insignia was identical to one photographed on a UFO in Spain.

Feb. 25, a large, round object with a dome on top emitting a bright beam of light toward the ground hovered low for several minutes, then rose straight up into the air and flew over the witnesses home near Tunnelton

in Indiana County.

March 23, police officers and other residents in Lawrence County observed a large bright round light which hovered over the roof of one of the officers homes. When another officer arrived on the scene the object hovered over the patrol car and followed them down the road.

Anril, numerous UFO sightings throughout Butler County. Three witnesses at dusk observed a huge triangular shaped object for 45 minutes. The object described as battleship gray and of a metallic structure hovered about 250 feet over the trio. The object had three alternating lights and made no sound. While hovering, two bright lights shot out the area, the object ascended vertically into the sky and out of sight. Other witnesses from the surrounding area saw the object as it left.

Anyone having an unexplained experience may report the incident confidentially without ridicule by calling the UFO Hotline at 412-834-7768 or write to PASU, 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg, 15601.

TRIBUNE-REVIEW, Greensburg, PA - May 21, 1982 CR: S. Gordon

Missing 'Copter A UFO?

Because no helicopters were reported missing, area firemen did not resume a search of the Lincoln Heights area yesterday where a resident reported seeing a helicopter going down Wednesday night.

"As far as we could determine, there are no helicopters missing, so we canceled the search," a spokesman for the Westmoreland County 911 emergency dispatching center said yesterday. "We figure it was a false alarm."

Firemen from four volunteer departments, assisted by Civil Air Patrol personnel from Boquet Air-Port Squadron in Penn Township, scoured a wooded area between Millersdale and Beaver roads for more than two hours in the rain Wednesday night but were unable to locate a downed craft.

A resident of Green Hills Trailer Park on Millersdale Road reported the sighting. He told authorities he saw something resembling a helicopter bank over trees and disappear from view near power lines close to a baseball field during a thunderstorm shortly after 9 p.m.

Although emergency personnel have discontinued action, members of the Pennsylvania Association for the study of the unexplained are looking into the incident.

"He (the witness) sounded quite sincere, he saw something but it apparently wasn't an aircraft," said Stanley Gordon, director of the Greensburg-based research organization which studies Unidentified Flying Objects and other sighting reports.

Gordon said the witness told him it was dark-shaped with windows lighted. "That is unusual," said Gordon, explaining that pilots normally fly with only a small map-reading light on because other lights hinder visibility, especially in a storm.

The UFO researcher said the object was descending at about a 45-degree angle, coming down very fast. A 'copter, even powerless, floats down, he said.

Senath UFO Sighting Is Investigated

Senath Civil Defense authorities investigated a report of an unidentified flying object Thursday night after residents of the city's Group Three Development housing projects reported the incident.

Ronnie Mitchell, director of the Senath Civil Defense, said the object was first seen by Brenda Jones, who with her husband Peter Jones was staying in an apartment in the development with his aunt.

"She said she was just sitting on the back porch, looking up into the sky when she saw it," Mitchell said. "She called the others to come look and they all seen it."

Senath Mayor Bud Brooks, who was also called to the scene, said the incident apparently occurred about 10:20 p.m. "Whatever it was, it sure scared them. They saw something, I'm convinced of that," he said.

Mitchell said Peter Jones described the object as having two bright spotlights flanking a red spotlight in front, with nine white lights on the sides. The three said the object hovered about 200 feet off the ground over their back yard before leaving to the east or northeast.

Mitchell said he checked with Blytheville, Ark., Air Force Base officials and no planes were reported in the area at the time of the UFO sighting.

Both Mitchell and Brooks said no other reports of the incident were received.

Peter Jones told the investigators the object was large, "about 50 feet in diameter," Mitchell related. The sighting scared all three, he and Brooks related.

"You could tell they were plumb scared. Whatever it was shook them up pretty bad," Brooks said.

Authorities said they were at a loss to explain the sighting. "There's no physical evidence, no wheel marks, nothing like that because it didn't land," Mitchell said.

No further investigation is planned at this time, authorities said.

CHRONICLE, Windsor, VT - April 29, 1982 Local UFO sightings 'routine'

Windsor's recent rash of reports of flashing lights in the night skies has become a minor international event. Tuesday afternoon the Chronicle received a telephone call from a professor of psychology at McGill University in Montreal who is compiling a file of such reports.

Don Donderi described himself as a psychologist who takes UFO sightings very seriously. He said that he had heard about the Windsor

sightings from his sister who lives in Shoreham, which is on the west side of Vermont.

Upon hearing the description of what several Windsorites reported seeing, Donderi said that the local sightings were "quite consistent" with other reports which have been documented over the last 20 to 25 years. He accurately noted that inquiries to government agencies received no satisfactory answers, and predicted that the mysterious lights might disappear from the area for some time, only to reappear in a year or two.

When the Chronicle spokesman expressed mild disappointment over the "commonness" of the local lights, Donderi laughed and said, "You've got a very good routine UFO report."

The Canadian investigator said that he would be interested in any further UFO reports from this area.

A UFO?

I was cruising down Highway 63 'bout noon, on one of our sunny spring Saturdays recently, hoping to get home to my trailer in Stewartville before the playful winds finished scattering its skirting all over my neighbors' lawns, when all of a sudden I saw something that not only took my mind off that problem, and the difficulty I was having holding my pick-up on the road with all those battering breezes, but liked to make my heart stand still.

Up out of the ditch on the right, moving slow but gaining speed, came a big yellow disk, 'bout 8 or 10 feet high, that was acting as if it were stalking the maroon station wagon that was ahead of me going south. I don't know if that driver ever realized the danger he was in or not, but he managed to out-distance "the thing"; so it went on across the median and jumped out in front of a blue sedan that was coming the other direction. But it swerved and got away too, so the object rolled slowly on over into the cornfield on the east and spun around before laying down, as if to await some other unwary prey.

I was so shook I still get weak when recalling those few unnerving moments. Some friends have tried to reassure me that those were just fertilizer tanks from Tractor Supply blowing around, and I hope that's so; but I can't help wondering when I'm alone, or with my boy in a video arcade, is it possible that one of these machines has run amok, produced a mutant, and that what I saw was the first of the Super Pac Man attacks?

Why, if one of those things had gotten behind me and started to split open, I'm sure I'd have wrecked myself in trying to get away from there!

(This was a true incident, but written just for fun.)

Dick Lash
Stewartville

POST-BULLETIN, Rochester, MN - April 21, 1982

UFO bookseller extraordinary

By Larry W. Bryant

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS WORLD

If you rely on first impression in guessing a person's vocation, then you might have to guess several times before you get Bob Girard's right. He'd probable stump the panel on "What's MY Line." He could pass, for example, as a merchant mariner, or a hotel manager, or a barber, or a veterinarian, or perhaps (more to his liking) a private detective.

In a sense, Girard is a detective...and an international one, at that. For he pursues bibliographic clue after clue, latching on to a solid lead once in while — and even capturing an elusive collector's item.

As proprietor of the United States' first full-time mail-order book sales operation specializing in UFO books and related literature, Girard, 39, is a living testimonial on how to succeed in the Age of Specialization.

His ultra-small business — conducted from his home in Scotia, N.Y., since June 1980 — is called Arcturus Book Service. "How did it get its name?" I asked him recently.

"I chose it," he answered, "because in celestial mythology Arcturus was a hunter, thus symbolizing the never-ending chase for UFO material. Also, it's cosmic-sounding. And third, it pays homage to the Arcturus Radio Tube Company, long defunct, which made lovely blue-glassed tubes in the twenties and thirties (I'm fond of old radios)."

Hard work

Girard apparently is also fond of working seven days a week, 12 to 16 hours per day, pumping profit back into the business and paying himself a weekly salary of only \$50.00. But, in a mixed tone of altruism and self-realization, he says, "I'm happy doing what I do." He recalls the genesis of Arcturus:

"It was started in the belief that a serious UFO book service was badly needed in the UFO-research community. The idea really began to gel a few years ago when my wife and I were in Ecuador (we lived there for two years while she finished her schooling). Upon returning to the States, in 1979, I just couldn't handle having to go back to work for someone else (after a 4-year enlistment in the Air Force, he'd been a buyer for a Boston-based tire distributor). I wanted to work in books somehow, and I'd had a long interest in UFOlogy and had acquired a decent personal library. I had no business experience — only the vision of how I wanted to operate, and what I would do (it has gone pretty close to the early plans). In a stroke of luck one day, I managed to convince a friend of the possibilities for a UFO book business, and found myself with a sizable stake with which to start preparing. The whole start-up phase took about three intense months. My own library went into the kitty, plus many other rare books that I hated to sell (but I needed more money). Without a single prospect card in my customer file, I put out the catalog. Lucius Parish [a UFO researcher/book collector in Arkansas] was the first per-

son to respond to a little classified ad I ran in some [now-forgotten] magazine. Word-of-mouth took it from there, and is still the best source of customers. I don't advertise any longer."

Indeed, as his business continues to grow, he'll probably need never advertise again. Especially as his name becomes a household word in the UFO press and at the various annual symposia of organized UFO researchers.

Wide range titles

The third annual Arcturus sales catalog is a collector's item unto itself. More than a simple listing of the hundreds of English-language titles it now stocks — from book to monographs to long-out-of-print UFO periodicals — the 1982 compilation serves as a bibliographic bible to collector and dealer alike. Even if its production costs fail to be recovered by its sale, the catalog will be a big winner for Girard, because "it has enabled Arcturus to develop a very loyal clientele, and any business has to be able to give that little extra in terms of service if it hopes to be a success some day." Girard's customers get more of the "little extra" every month or so with his issuance of special updates to the catalog contents. There include entries for "new arrivals," "back in stock," "bargain basement," "foreign language," "coming soon," and "messages" from either him or his more communicative customers. One such message reads: "If you specialize in a particular aspect of UFOlogy (just which one doesn't matter), Jan Eric Herr of ...[San Diego, Calif.] wants to hear from you." And occasionally the updates offer some insight into Girard's wit and wisdom, as with this entry: "Girvin, Calvin C. The Night Has a Thousand Saucers. Understanding, 1958, 1st ed. The ultimate copy of this — virtually flawless in flawless dust jacket protected in plastic. If I had half a brain I'd keep this for myself." The update items, he says, usually are sell-outs within 72 hours' notice.

As you can imagine, Girard finds himself faced with a backlog of correspondence. And with the prospect that Arcturus is fast becoming too much for a one-man operation. But more on that development later.

First, let's look at this sought-after material Bob Girard dubs "UFOlit" — and then examine the seekers themselves, as perceived by Girard.

From his average monthly sales of nearly 500 items, he notes that the most in-demand material is the British journal Flying Saucer Review; me copies of a single issue have commanded as much as 25 dollars apiece. The University of Colorado's "Condon Committee" study report on unidentified flying objects is included on the most-wanted list — as are the Library of Congress-sponsored "Catoe bibliography of UFO literature" (1969, including the privately reprinted, hard-back version of 1978), the English-language edition of Jimmy Guieur's Flying Saucers Come from Another World, and Paris Flammon-

de's encyclopedic The Age of Flying Saucers.

Although the demand for foreign-language items is comparatively small, Girard feels it will pick up in a few years. "If I had the money," he said, "I'd be bringing in literally hundreds of foreign titles. I have people who can't read a word of anything but English, but they'll buy foreign stuff eagerly. It's not a question of lack of interest on my part — it's a question of cash flow, which will take me probably two more years to overcome. As for why I see an upsurge, I would like to think that the world is getting smaller all the time, and hopefully, friendlier. I would like to think that at least some customers who buy foreign material do so so that they can expand their contacts to the worldwide level, to exchange information, and hopefully, to organize the UFO community toward the day when the effort to determine the nature of the UFO experience will become a single, centralized quest."

Overseas interest

As to the other side of the language question, Girard says that nearly 40 percent of his sales go to the overseas market, representing about 25 countries. "Anything is popular," he says, because the original printings rarely included foreign outlets. "Also, many overseas UFOlogists speak English to some degree because they work for companies dealing with the United States or the United Kingdom. My Japanese customers, incidentally, will buy anything in any language."

For a person who wants to build a substantial personal library of basic UFO-lit, what does Girard recommend for starters?

"I'm glad you asked that," he said. "It's something I've wanted to get across to not only my customers but also especially to any prospective newcomers. I recommend that newcomers start at the beginning of UFO literature. Before reading a book published in 1982, read some of the famous books from the fifties: Frank Scully's Behind the Flying Saucers; the Desmond Leslie-George Adamski oft-reprinted Flying Saucers Have Landed (this is almost unsurpassed even today as a 'sampler'); Harold T. Wilkins' Flying Saucers on the Attack; and Edward J. Ruppelt's The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects.

"Then move on to the Aime Michel's Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery (to me, one of the best books ever done). Then try any or all of Jon G. Fuller's books, especially The Interrupted Journey. This will bring you to the mid-sixties. Jacques Vallee's Anatomy of a Phenomenon and UFO: Challenge to Science are also from this period, and are excellent. Must reading is Vallee's Passport to Magonia, now just beginning to become scarce (hurry!) A stop at Flammonde's The Age of FS (now lamentably among the true rarities of the literature) is wonderful for the history of the first 22-23 years of UFO and personalities.

"With this background, one is prepared to confront the disturbing books being done today: Budd Hopkins' Missing Time: A Documented Study of UFO Abductions and Raymond E. Fowler's The Andreasson Affair, to name just two.

"My own 30-year interest in UFOlogy has caused me to look at the UFO experience as an evolutionary

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process. The UFOs and their shenanigans of the early fifties are child's play when compared to the bizarre events happening today. There seems to be a message here, and I feel the evolution of the UFO panorama is of the greatest importance. I really would recommend that one begin with the simple, UFOlogically speaking, and work up to the present, in order to gain the insight and the overview of how the UFO experience has changed with time.

"I should also recommend the two reference works: Ronald D. Story's Encyclopedia of UFOs and Margaret Sach's UFO Encyclopedia. These come in handy and Story's has a fine bibliography. With the exception of the Flammonde book, all these 'primers' are for the most part readily available, are all well-thought-of, and are reasonably priced (a number of them being among the few 'best-sellers' UFO literature has produced)."

Future of UFOlit
When asked his view of where today's UFO publishing industry is headed, Girard responded:

"I notice a lot of science-oriented UFO books coming out now, as the monolithic scientific community (like the Church) catches up with the peasants. This branch of the literature will probably expand — especially as it relates to the energy crisis: find the source of UFO power and you can probably kiss Exxon and G.M. and the utility companies goodbye. You'll also have no lag (no respite?) in the contactee area of the literature. And if there should be a major flap soon, the reportage-type books will stage a comeback, too. Also, I think (feel) that people may be responding to the perilous times in which we live, may be under an almost unconscious pressure caused by the coming year 2000, replete with all those doomsday prophecies. Some people may see UFOs as a modern-day 'Noah's Ark'; here to rescue at least some of us from the coming catastrophes. I feel that interest is at its strongest among my customers now. And perhaps each day someone who say a few years ago never would have bought a UFO book out of sheer embarrassment is now taking the plunge. I can't prove any of this, but I sense it and sometimes see it reflected in the correspondence that often accompanies an order.

"Interest in 'miracle' books (on Fatima, for example) is strong. And interest in 'mystery animal' books is quite intense, and rising. "In general, I see continued strong interest in manufacturing, selling, and reading UFO books for the foreseeable future — at least until the year 2000, January 2nd!"

Of the buying habits exhibited by his clientele, Girard notes:

"Some of my customers are omnivorous because they're out to create full-spectrum libraries. Some are information-oriented, and will buy poor copies for the contents. Others are collection-oriented — they want only the finest condition. Some specialize in particular aspects, such as UFO propulsion or religious themes in UFOlogy. There are all age groups from among both genders. The surprising thing is, I would say that virtually none of the hundreds of customers I have are 'flaky'. All are serious about the subject, and buy according to their interests and budgets."

Of course, Bob Girard's passion for his fledgling business is matched by a keen sense of duty to serious UFO research in general. For example, his letter-to-the-editor published recently in a Schenectady, N.Y. newspaper protests what he detects is "the press's consistently flippant attitude toward UFOs and UFO-logists." And in a recent issue of a New Jersey-based UFO journal, he has an article calling for the formation of a "National UFO Reference Center" to preserve and perpetuate the legacy of UFOana.

Recently, he has decided that doing his part for the longevity of past/present/future UFOlit includes diversification — namely, publishing. He realizes that in today's volatile publishing industry his decision could make or break him. So he plans to proceed with due caution, bringing out reprints of worthwhile collectibles at first and then moving on to handle works-in-progress.

Now Girard faces the scary-but-exciting prospect to having to meet his enterprises's expanding demands

with adequate staff and facilities. He relishes the likelihood of becoming an employer, despite the shortage of working capital and the difficulty of finding just the right kind of hired help for such a creative, avant-garde, and risk-laden business.

What he has in his favor, I suppose, is his modest record of success, and his sense of commitment. Not to mention this holistic view of the UFO scene, as expressed in the foreword to the first Arcturus catalog:

The sixth annual MUFON-NC conference on "unidentified flying objects" (UFOs) is slated to be held at the Science Center on Saturday, June 19 and on Sunday, June 20 in Winston-Salem.

Eleven UFO investigators and researchers are on the two-day agenda and they come from Norcross, Georgia; from Brentwood, Silver Spring and Fort Meade, Maryland and from Lancaster, Wadesboro, Winston-Salem, Oxford, Charlotte and Matthews in the Tar Heel State.

The conference is co-hosted by members and officers of the Tar Heel UFO Study Group in Winston-Salem and by representatives and investigators of the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (MUFON) with international headquarters in Seguin, Texas.

The confab is open to the general public and members of the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) in Evanston, Illinois, the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) in Tucson, Arizona, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial

PLAIN DEALER, Cleveland, OH - May 30, 1982 CR: J. Cook

UFO fans meet in Parma, talk of Bigfoot, ETs

By Leslie Kay

There was serious talk in Parma yesterday about flying saucers, Bigfoot and abductions of humans by extra-terrestrial beings.

More than 100 people listened to tales of outer space at an afternoon session of the 19th annual National UFO Conference, hosted by the Northern Ohio UFO Group (NOUFOG) in Parma Memorial Auditorium, 6617 Ridge Rd.

Actually, flying saucers are not the most typical unidentified flying object (UFO) — not, at least, according to "UFOcom," a computer project here on sightings across the country in 1981.

The project was based on 111 sightings by 882 witnesses in the continental United States, said Allan J. Manak, of Parma. Each sighting had at least two witnesses.

The study found nearly half the sightings were in the northeast quadrant of the country, which includes Ohio. It also found that the most frequently seen UFO was a "light source" and that more were seen in September, more on Mondays, and more between 9 and 9:30 p.m. than any other time.

The purpose of the conference was to exchange information about UFOs and related topics, said Rick R. Hilberg, public affairs director of NOUFOG and a commercial painter from Berea.

NOUFOG has about 300 members, including engineers, physicians, nurses and others who share a common interest in UFOs, he said. It is a serious group.

"Our members believe you-name-it, the full gamut," Hilberg said. Some believe earth is being visited by extra-terrestrial beings, others that UFOs can be explained as natural phenomena.

"Officially," he said, "we're open minded."

One of the speakers yesterday, James Moseley of Guttenberg, N.J., chairman of the National UFO Conference, reported that in West Jefferson, near Columbus, there had been a series of "Bigfoot

events" and UFO sightings since spring 1981. Some people, he said later, believe Bigfoot creatures have been dropped off here by UFOs.

A West Jefferson woman, he said, started reading up on the subject and felt Bigfoot was communicating with her mentally. A few weeks ago, he said, he heard she had reported having sexual intercourse with Bigfoot.

Afterward, Moseley said many members believed the federal government "has information on UFOs that they are refusing to release."

Some, he said, believe that Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton is "one of the locations of flying saucers that have been captured over the years, beginning about 1947." The government, he added, "obviously denies this."

Also at the meeting was Gray Barker, of Jane Lew, W. Va., who writes and publishes books about UFOs.

Barker said in an interview he had read of about 50 people who reported being abducted onto UFOs over the past three years.

"Like all the UFO (reports), it's very hard to prove," he said, but the reports were strengthened by the similarities.

Generally, the people have said "they are given some sort of physical examination and some tests, usually involving blood and small pieces of flesh taken from their bodies..."

The reports generally describe the UFO occupants as about 4 feet tall, bald, with "sort of large, spooky eyes" and no ears. Most people have said they wore some kind of uniform, usually one piece, and "I think it's usually blue," Barker said.

The creatures, he said, "seem to be just dispassionate, like they're just doing a job of some sort."

Asked for his opinion about these reports, Barker said, "I'm skeptical. I think there might be some other explanation for it, but I don't want to close my mind."

Phenomena (NICAP) in Washington, D.C., along with the two host organizations, Henry Morton, MUFON-NC State Director of Wadesboro and evening sessions at the center, George D. Fawcett of Lincoln will give a slide-talk entitled "UFOs: A 35-Year Time Capsule," Dr. Richard Pineau of Winston-

Salem whose topic will be "MUFON as Sisyphus: A Proposal for New Goals." Ben Haugen of Oxford on "Aviation and UFOs: Part II," Henry Morton of Wadesboro report on "The Pat Eddy Abduction Case" and Dr. Richard Pineau of Winston-

Salem who will give a lecture-slide presentation on "Ancient Astronauts," followed by Henry W. Covington of Charlotte whose topic will be "UFO Close Encounters: A Prime Examination of UFO Research." Richard Haugen of Oxford will talk on "Retrievals of UFOs and printed materials, socials and receptions are also scheduled for the UFO conference.

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Annual UFO Conference This Weekend In Winston Salem

NOTE: The July UPONS issue will be approximately one week late, due to my annual National Guard camp, July 10-24.....LF



SCOTSMAN, Edinburgh, Scotland - March 15, 1982

Lightning strikes flying saucer . . .

By DAVID APPLETON

Police and forensic scientists who investigated the account by a forester at Livingston, West Lothian, of his close encounter with flying saucer-like objects — two of which he claimed attacked him — said at the weekend that they had been unable to find any satisfactory explanation for his account, or of the evidence which appeared to support it.

But Mr Stewart Campbell, who investigated the incident for the British UFO Research Association, told their annual conference in Edinburgh that there could be a natural explanation for the incident — it could have been an electromagnetic phenomenon akin to ball lightning.

This could, he said, offer in general terms a reasonable explanation of how the forester, Mr Robert Taylor, apparently saw one large circular object from which two grey balls emanated, attacked his legs and left him lying unconscious.

Mr Campbell said it was possible that these could have been a form of ball lightning, that holes found at the site could have been caused by electrical discharge and tracks in the grass caused by the magnetic field. Mr Taylor's apparent loss of some minutes could have been caused by an epileptic fit triggered by these electro-magnetic phenomena. The incident happened about 10 am, which was the peak time for atmospheric electrical effects, he said.

However, there was some aspects of Mr Taylor's story which the hypothesis did not explain, such as a pair of regular tears in his trousers.

NAVAL MINES

In November 1979, Mr Taylor was patrolling a forest path on foot after leaving his van when he turned a corner into a clearing and found what he described as a large dull grey hemispherical object with a flange round it. It appeared to be either hovering or resting on the ground, and to have dark patches at regular intervals round it.

Two smaller objects, like naval mines but with longer spikes, and the colour of emery paper, appeared from the direction of the craft, and rolled on their spikes towards Mr Taylor, each spike making sucking noises as it made contact with the ground.

They each attached one of their legs to his trousers beside the pockets, and he was alarmed by what he described as a "choking, horrible, acrid smell." He felt himself being carried towards the main object, but lost consciousness, and when he came to found himself lying on the ground.

He could not speak or walk, but managed to drag himself back to his van. He found he was unable to use his two-way radio, and then struggled home.

When the police went to the scene, they found a pair of parallel tracks, as if a giant caterpillar tractor had landed there and taken off again.

There was also a set of about 40 holes in the ground, angled at about 30 degrees, and formed in two definite patterns which were a rough mirror-image of each other. The holes contained loose earth, and there were no indications to show how they had been formed.

Mr Campbell, an architect who is now studying electromagnetism with the Open University to take his investigations further, said investigators had now reached the stage where they knew something had happened, but did not know the cause.

Sergeant Ian Wark of Lothian and Borders Police, said that they had investigated the incident because, in legal terms, Mr Taylor's statement amounted to an allegation of assault.

From the marks on the ground, it appeared that something landed there and took off again, but they did not know what it was. No helicopter or aircraft was known to have been operating in the area at that time.

Mr Lester Knibb, a forensic scientist with Lothian and Borders Police, said that Mr Taylor had been wearing heavy police-issue trousers. There was a tear on each side which appeared to have been mechanically made.

There was no evidence of scorching which could show that Mr Taylor had been affected by a fireball, and Mr Knibb said that the felt the marks on the ground had probably not been caused by electromagnetic effects.

CITIZEN, Prince George, B.C., Canada - March 30, 1982

UFO claimed near Hazelton

Citizen News Services

HAZELTON — It wasn't a bird. It wasn't a plane — in fact RCMP Const. Bob Shedden doesn't know what it was.

Shedden is one of at least ten people who claim they spotted an unidentified flying object in the Hazelton area.

Hazelton RCMP received numerous calls about a silent glowing object with green, yellow, orange and red blinking lights. Shedden was sent out to investigate about 9:30 p.m.

"This thing wasn't like anything I've ever seen before," said Shedden. "It wasn't a plane. A lot of people want to attribute it to the Northern lights, but it wasn't — no way. It wasn't a helicopter either; it made no noise at all."

About 32 kilometres south of Hazelton residents said they saw something similar later that night.

Although several people reported seeing the object for more than two hours, checks with surrounding airports and the Vancouver airport showed no sign of it on radar.

Police said sighting reports indicate as many as five objects may have been spotted.

Two UFOs Seen

Herald Corres

Four students at a Catholic teachers' college in Suva say that two mysterious flying objects hovered over the sea off Suva Pt for 20 minutes on Monday night.

The students said the revolving objects, flashing bright lights, appeared just before 4 am.

The Fijian Civil Aviation Department said no aircraft were reported in the vicinity at the time.

HERALD, Auckland, New Zealand April 22, 1982 CR: R. Collins

WHITEHAVEN NEWS, Cumberland, England - April 7, 1982 ANOTHER U.F.O.

Another flying saucer-type U.F.O. was recently spotted in Whitehaven.

It was seen over Mirehouse one night last month by a family returning home by car.

One of them who declined to be named, told the "News": "We have always been sceptical about this kind of thing, but now we must believe it."

"There were blue, green, red and orange lights and it was oblong-shaped."

"There was hardly any sound at all and it frightened and living daylight out of us. But it was gone almost as soon as it came towards from the direction of St. Bees, over Mirehouse pond."

Whitehaven Police had no reports of any similar sightings, but in January a similar object was seen over Whitehaven and other parts of the county.

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SCOTSMAN, Edinburgh, Scotland March 15, 1982

Flights of fancy at conference on UFOs

By DAVID APPLETON

A woman who saw an unidentified flying object told a conference at the weekend how she observed it. She also related a hypnosis session by a member of the British UFO Research Association who examined Mrs Linda Jones, of Didsbury, Manchester, who had found nothing wrong with her mental state. During her hypnosis she had exhibited a very

high degree of fear, and from the dimly lit room where she was sitting about half an hour could not observe her account for. He found her a credible witness.

But when Mr Harris was questioned by a member of the audience about his use of hypnosis, he agreed that he had not heard of research in the United States, which showed that people who made no claims of UFO experiences had made hypnosis detailed accounts which were very similar to the accounts given by Mrs Clark and others of Mr Harris's subjects.

Mr Stewart Campbell, area co-ordinator for Scotland of the British UFO Research Association, said that Dr Alvin Lawson in the US had subjected students to hypnosis, and told them that they were having a UFO experience. Without exception they had given wonderful accounts of transportation and examination by aliens.

These subjects had not shown the same degree of fear as people who had claimed actual UFO experiences, but that was only to be expected. The lack of the high degree of fear could be accounted for by their lack of involvement in the room and the fact that they were not actually seeing the object.

Mr Harris said that he had investigated two other similar experiences, also using hypnosis. One involved a police constable in West Yorkshire, the other three women from Shropshire, two of whom were successfully hypnotised.

All described having seen a large object, feeling a floating sensation, being taken into a metallic room, lying on a couch, then apparently floating back to where they started.

He believed that either there was something in human nature which made people fantasise in this way, or that they represented events which actually took place.

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Search opens for country 'UFO nest'



Local menswear shop owner Martin Wilshire (27), has sighted 12 UFOs in the last 15 years and has bought expensive camera gear ready for his next sighting.

From Frazer Guild in Esperance

Spotters of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) are flocking to Esperance following startling new sightings.

A team of UFO investigators from Perth says the sightings are the most significant for years.

Shopkeepers say sky-watchers are buying expensive camera equipment to record the next sighting. They say the photographs will prove what they have believed for years: That Esperance is being buzzed by UFOs.

The president of the Perth UFO Research Group, Mr Mike Borley, and group secretary, Mr Keith Johnston, said in Esperance that the latest sightings were exciting and further proof that the town was a centre for UFO activity.

Mr Borley said they would be checking reports that there was a "UFO nest" in the area. A nest is an area where UFOs have landed, and consist of two or more flattened or burned areas of ground.

Investigators interviewed residents who have recently had frightening confrontations with UFOs.

They included police Constable Bob Cordon,

who was awakened by two terrified women who claimed they saw a UFO while driving along the South Coast Highway last week.

Shopkeeper Mrs Frances Collins and crafts-woman Maggy Yeend claim that the brilliantly lit object shadowed them for more than 100km.

The women said the UFO swerved across the road in front of their car, and at one stage almost forced them to stop.

It was red, orange and yellow and cast a blue light on to the ground beneath it, the woman said. The craft was circular, and when it accelerated it left a vapour trail.

WESTLAND NEWS, Perth, W.A., Australia

April 10, 1982 CR: J. Magee

Who is keeping an eye on the UFO-watchers?

REMEMBER the extraordinary outbreak of "mass hysteria" at Hollingwell, Notts, in July 1980? About 30 people — including a group of drum majorettes — collapsed with stomach and throat pains during an open-air jazz festival.

A satisfactory explanation was never given. It was not conventional hysteria because adults and young babies were affected too — so the Hollingwell events must be slipped into that ever-fattening file labelled "the unexplained."

A large section of that file covers the researches of UFO enthusiasts. Indeed, a few days after the Hollingwell incident a man claimed to have seen a flying saucer land in a nearby field the night before the concert. According to the UFO magazine Contact UK, there are many recorded cases of UFOs bringing with them strong smells or noxious fumes.

It was a much-needed boost to the UFO movement which has suffered a dearth of good sightings in the last couple of years.

Public interest, however, remains strong. When faced with the size of the universe most people accept the possibility of intelligent life somewhere else — so it's not much of a step to assume they might be trying to contact or observe us.

It's impossible to guess how many people have seen UFOs rather than stars, meteorites or aeroplanes, but in a Gallup Poll in America ten years ago 5m claimed to have seen one. Of that 5m only five per cent said they reported it — a cause of great frustration to UFO researchers.

Metallic

Britain's 10,000 or so researchers are to be found in about 80 different local observation groups and a handful of national societies. But if you've ever thought of joining them — a word of warning: Beware the men in black.

In UFO circles the men in black are taken very seriously. They are the "visitors" who appear out of nowhere to warn investigators they are treading on dangerous ground.

The latest issue of the British-based Flying Saucer Review carries a report from a young enthusiast who claims he was harassed for a number of days by these dark figures. He described their strange metallic voices and their fingers without nails and was obviously convinced they were "extra-terrestrials." But the UFO movement as a whole is characteristically divided on this point.

Other people see the men in black as Government officials warning investigators away from some dreadful truth that has been covered up for decades.

Government cover-up has been an integral part of UFO thinking since the movement really got under way after the last war. In fact, it was the American Government itself which commissioned the first reports after pilots had complained of being trailed by blobs of light — known as foo-fighters.

These reports were quite open-minded but then in the early fifties the Government suddenly started to pour scorn on its previous research and closed the UFO file.

Meanwhile Kenneth Arnold had made his famous 1947 sighting on Mount Rainier in

DAVID GOODHART has been talking to a post-graduate sociologist at York University about her three years' work on the UFO societies.

the USA and coined the phrase flying saucer. After that reports came in thick and fast from all over the world.

As well as simple sightings — close encounters of the first kind — reports started coming in of physical evidence left by "the visitors" which were classified as close encounters of the second kind. Most astonishing and controversial were the close encounters of the third kind — claims of actual meetings with extra-terrestrials.

Pioneer

The validity of those close encounters of the third kind is one of the many issues that is hotly debated between the covers of the numerous UFO Society publications.

York has seen a number of UFO sightings reported in the Evening Press over the last ten years — but it's not a very active area and there isn't even an established local group.

The future of ufology may be uncertain but at least in one respect the UFO fraternity have come of age — they are soon to be the subject of a sociological dissertation.

Thirty-year-old Shirley McIver, a post-graduate sociologist at York University is nearing the end of three years' work on the UFO societies. "I've never seen a UFO myself but I've always been interested in the occult and the mysterious," says Shirley, who also has the distinction of being a pioneer in her field.

"Nobody has ever looked closely at these groups before so I should be able to get my research published as a book." She first became interested in UFO societies doing her first sociology degree at Huddersfield Poly.

After getting a grant she applied to York University because of the work by York lecturer Colin Campbell in the related field of cult religions.

Shirley remains a sceptic, especially on close encounters of the second and third kind, but is now a world expert on the many and varied philosophical disputes within ufology. Broadly, she says, it can be split between the scientific end, which uses all the methods of conventional science to try to prove the existence of visitors from other planets, and the mystics who see the phenomena as undermining our accepted notions of reality.

Sightings

Flying saucers to these people come from "inner space" — a completely different dimension. They tend to throw in with flying saucers many other areas of the unexplained and the occult — poltergeists, telepathy, levitation, theosophy and even the Bermuda Triangle, Yetis and the Loch Ness Monster.

Meanwhile the more scientific societies and many of the local groups simply observe, investigate and classify. In the last few years they have tried to adopt more rigorous methods of checking on alleged sightings which is one reason why the numbers have dropped so dramatically.

To understand her subject Shirley has spent much of the last two years studying UFO publications, talking to enthusiasts and attending their meetings.

So what sort of people do join UFO groups? "Well, they

tend to be individualists which partly accounts for the number of different organisations. They are usually people from lower-middle-class backgrounds doing technical jobs who have continued their education at night classes or through reading." So they are the self-improvers who are likely to be stuck in work that doesn't give them a chance to use their abilities.

So what of the future for ufology? It's unlikely that the request from the former Prime Minister of Grenada, Sir Eric Gairy, for a top level inquiry by the United Nations will materialise. But interest will persist, breaking through into the media when alleged events are dramatic or believable enough or when a public figure lends his name to the cause as Jimmy Carter did a few years ago.

The nature of the evidence remains ambiguous with the validity of almost all the close encounters, the photographs and the space debris hotly contested. Pilot and radar evidence is probably the ufologists' strongest card, and none of that comes near to satisfying the scientific community.

And what of the groups themselves? "The more scientific groups will go on refining their techniques and hoping for the best," says Shirley. One area where reforms are being implemented is the "investigation" system.

Creatures

Every area has a number of investigators who keep in touch with the police and study the local press for any reports of UFOs. When a report is made they interview the "witness" in a standard, methodical way.

Part of her work has been to monitor the investigators — and a case she was on last year in Gateshead showed the sort of problems they can run into.

Carol, 22, and Steve 24, were first troubled by loud lawn-mower noises at night in the summer of 1979. Carol later saw a red bell-shaped object hovering outside her bedroom window surrounded by a swarm of glittering things. When Steve was working a night shift the object came into the room and Carol received a strange numbing sensation.

Their three-year-old daughter Nicola started to complain of being pushed downstairs and Carol's brother Walter also heard the mowing sound. Carol next claims to have seen about 12 small creatures clamber out of the bell-shaped object while she lay "paralysed" in bed. They were about 30in tall, with pale skin and wore white cloaks. Carol's grandfather also claims to have seen three or four of the creatures at a later date and they have returned to Carol herself a number of times.

The family is now reported to be on the verge of collapse and Carol especially is virtually breaking up. Shirley admitted that there were significant husband-wife tensions that could have made it a psychological breakdown that Carol had somehow transmitted to other members of the family.

But who is to say the woman's mental fragility was not a result of her real experience? There is no answer, but the UFO groups will continue to record such strange incidents — and Shirley McIver will carry on watching the watchers.

UFO probe into hovering light

FIVE FREE PRESS, Kirkcaldy, Scotland - March 19, 1982

UFO experts are to home in on a yellow light which has been spotted over Kirkcaldy.

For the past two months, three Kirkcaldy men have been studying the mystery.

They claim the light can be seen hovering above the steeple of the West End Congregational Church in the High Street at dusk and in the early morning.

The men say it hangs over the steeple for some time then moves out towards the Forth, disappearing over Seaford Colliery.

The light was seen first by 62-year-old Mr John Johnstone, 43 Birnam Road.

He did not report his sightings earlier because of the possibility of ridicule.

A keen sky-watcher, he added: "Quite frankly, I think the light comes from a UFO."

"It seems able to go anywhere at will, then it disappears as if someone has used a dimmer switch."

Mr Johnstone pointed out the light to two friends, 51-

year-old Mr John Ramsay, 140 Masserdene road, and 22-year-old Mr John Crawford, 214 Duddingston Drive.

NOT STAR

All three have seen the light on numerous occasions.

"It is definitely not a plane, nor is it a star," Mr Crawford said.

Mr Ramsay added: "It's a UFO — that's all we can say. It is very bright, and larger than any star."

The sightings have been reported to Mr Stuart Campbell, regional investigator of the British UFO Research Association.

He confirmed this week that an investigation would take place.

"We shall be interviewing the three witnesses to get as many details as we can from them," he said.

"We want to know the dates and times of the sightings and we will check them against movements of known objects in the area."

Mr Campbell keeps a general watch on UFO sightings in Scotland, and he said there had been a number of reports from the Fife area.

He offered one possible explanation for the Kirkcaldy sighting.

"There is a natural phenomenon that can move in the way those witnesses have described," he said.

"Science does not really understand ball lightning, but these movements are consistent with such a phenomenon."

The causes of ball lightning still had scientists baffled, Mr Campbell said.

He would cover all possibilities to try to discover the truth behind the light.

NEWS WORLD, New York, NY - April 10, 1982

Missing time claim two men in Finland UFO observed as it flew across the Finnish coast by two boaters

(From the APRO Bulletin)

Missing time has struck again as two men have a close encounter with a UFO in Finland and discover the missing time later, apparent participants in a Close Encounter of the Third Kind.

Two Finnish men were sailing on July 31, 1981 near the Vaaranemi Cape in Finland when they first began the encounter with the UFO at 8:40 p.m. When the men next looked at their watches it was 4:10 the next morning. Hours of their lives had vanished during their sighting of a UFO.

The two men, their names were not released, reported that they first saw a black sphere and several lights as they passed the Cape.

The lights consisted of one large light and several smaller ones. As the large light left the sphere and began to approach they stopped their boat. A black object left the lights still with the sphere and flew to the back of their boat where they could see it from close range. They described the black craft as fog-covered and having two lights.

Suddenly one of the men was com-

pletely paralyzed but managed to continue to speak to his companion.

As they watched, the black craft and the lights suddenly disappeared back into the sky.

Looking about themselves the men discovered that they were not sitting in the same positions on the boat as they had been an apparent moment before.

Checking their watches, they discovered the lapse in time, yet they could remember nothing of the lost hours.

During the next week they experienced shaking hands, nightmares and a poor sense of balance before they decided to contact two astronomers at Helsinki University, Juhani Kyröläinen and Pekka Teerikorpi.

In an attempt to determine the cause of the sighting and the nature of the missing time the astronomers have run exhaustive tests including two attempts to hypnotize them that failed.

Investigators in Finland are still working on the case, but so far have simply determined that the UFO was neither a meteorite nor a Soviet missile launch.

NIGHT-DRIVE TERROR ON ISOLATED ROAD

A QUIET drive turned to terror for a young family when they had a "close encounter" with a UFO.

Tony and Sharon Davies and their three children were driving over a remote hill road near Blackwood, Gwent, when their ordeal began.

"The road ahead was pitch dark when the car bonnet suddenly lit up with a strange bright greenish glow," said Mr Davies, a 22-year-old excavator driver.

"We were taken completely by surprise and I automatically slowed the car down. Through the windows we could see several strips of light floating in the air about ten feet above the car.

"Behind the lights was a circular shadow, and the whole thing looked like one of the fancy illuminations you see in discos.

"However, the object behaved like nothing I've come across before. Though it made no noise, it remained directly above the car what-

ever speed I drove at.

"Soon Sharon and the children became very scared and I got the feeling that we dare not stop in such an isolated spot or something terrible might happen.

"Just as we were beginning to panic, the object, which was 15 to 20 feet in diameter, vanished as abruptly as it had first appeared.

"We were very relieved when we arrived at the village of Aberbargoed and seeming security soon afterwards.

"The shocks weren't over yet, however. When we stopped and got out of the car for a welcome breather

we could still see the UFO much higher in the sky but still hovering over the car.

Passer-by

"We called a passer-by over to make sure we weren't seeing things, and he was as perplexed as we were.

"We were all still watching the UFO when it started to shudder and once again disappeared without warning.

"Immediately we drove to the local police station to report our sighting, and the other witness also came forward.

"Now we have all recovered our nerves but it will be long time before we travel on the same road again."

Blackwood is no stranger to UFO sightings.

Only two years ago strange lights in the night sky above Blackwood were seen by a number of reliable witnesses, including two policemen out on patrol.

None of the sightings has ever been satisfactorily explained.

SUN, London, England - March 25, 1982

BEAT COPS HAVE CLOSE ENCOUNTER

Big alert after they spot UFO

By JOHN KAY

TWO patrolling policemen started a big security flap yesterday... after a close encounter with a mystery object in the sky.

Ministry of Defence chiefs ordered a top-level probe into the lozenge-shaped UFO the cops saw humming and hovering over a town.

They want to know if there are any "defence aspects" to the sighting. The yellow-coloured object loomed into view in Saxon Street, Milton Keynes, Bucks, at exactly 4.35am.

Patrolmen Sgt Ian Victory and PC Anthony Underwood brought their Panda car screeching to a halt when they saw the object's flashing red and blue lights.

The UFO gave off a low humming sound and



Sgt Ian Victory
... they laughed

they could clearly see its sub-structure before it vanished.

Sgt Victory, 45, said: "They all laughed at us when we told them back at the police station.

"But I definitely saw it—and I've never seen anything like it before."

Milkman Richard Wait, 28, watched the UFO with the two policemen. He said: "There was no way it could have been a plane."

Milton Keynes police chief Supt. John Burton said: "These are two experienced officers and I've no reason to doubt their integrity."

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said: "We are making a full investigation."

EVENING NEWS, Hereford, England - May 14, 1982

There's a UFO in our garden!



Mrs Patricia Lloyd describes her sighting of a UFO

PENCOMBE pensioners, Percy and Patricia Lloyd, were nothing short of amazed when a silver and black unidentified flying object floated across their garden as they finished their lunch.

The couple raced into their garden at Sparrington Cottages as the object "swooped" under the clothesline, flew slowly over the garden fence and descended into the adjoining field.

Percy, aged 68, and Patricia, 67, are convinced

they hadn't eaten too much for lunch or exposed themselves to too much sun.

"We were just amazed. In fact I was excited," exclaimed Mrs Lloyd as she demonstrated how the mysterious hexagonal object had suddenly appeared outside her kitchen window.

"We were sitting at the table and suddenly we saw this thing floating over the garden. We thought it was going to land, but it swooped under the line and over the fence. We jumped up and ran out into the garden," she said.

The couple say they then watched the UFO as it looked as if it was preparing to land in the field. But as they got closer it slowly ascended and flew into the distance.

"The sun was catching it and we could see quite clearly that it had corners and was black on one side and silver on the other. At first we thought it was a kite, but it seemed inflated and kites don't behave like this did. We must have watched it for 15 minutes before it disappeared into the mist in the direction of Bircher.

"I wouldn't like to say what the dickens it was, but it was really exciting to see," she confessed.

The mystified couple would like to know of anyone else who sighted the UFO or if anyone knows what it might have been.

Close encounters that remain unexplained

PROBABLY the first unidentified flying object seen around these parts was Colonel Cody's aeroplane.

That historic machine, the first heavier-than-air craft to fly in Britain, must have amazed any Farnborough inhabitants who saw it, accustomed as they were to the Army's balloons and airships.

Farnborough, with its Air Show and the Royal Aircraft Establishment, has seen a good many remarkable flying objects, though all of them well identified.

The unidentified variety, a phenomenon of comparatively recent years, and generally known as the UFO or flying saucer, has been spotted all over the area.

As far back as November, 1969, the "News" reported that the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena had looked into 171 reports of UFOs in the 2½ years since its formation. More than a quarter of the reported sightings remained unexplained.

Hovered

Ninety-four reports were found to have a possible logical explanation, and natural phenomena accounted for another seven.

A few months later the group was checking up on reported sightings by a family at Camberley. A pilot's wife and three of their five children saw strange "flying lights" in the sky on five occasions between July and October. The sightings were usually in the middle of the night.

One member of the family described "a bright star-like object moving across the sky." It stopped, hovered, and moved up and down, she said.

In February 1971, 15 ambulances, two fire engines, and five police cars rushed to Folly Hill at Farnham just after seven o'clock one evening following reports of flashing lights and a loud bang. Despite a search by a helicopter from RAF Odiham nothing unusual was found.

Formation

The following evening there were more reports of an orange-coloured light over Farnham. On each occasion it was established that no ordinary aircraft were known to be flying in the area.

On a night in December, 1971, Aldershot police began receiving reports of strange flashing lights in the sky. When policemen looked out of the police station door they saw a brilliant display of white, yellow, and blue lights, which appeared to be stars.

And, said a spokesman at the Jodrell Bank observatory, stars they probably were. There was no end to the number of stars which could have produced a "bracelet" effect in colour, he said.

Twenty objects in four groups of five were seen

flying in formation by two boys at Fleet. Each group, they said, was spinning in a circle independently. Suddenly the whole lot went through the clouds and disappeared.

This, however, turned out to be a mystery which was quickly solved. The Investigation Group discovered that free-fall parachuting had been taking place, with the parachutists jumping in groups of five.

UFOs come in all sorts of shapes and sizes, it seems. A Cove housewife saw one which was cigar-shaped as she was picking up her children from Cove Manor Junior School. The object, which was hovering over some trees, had "whitish lights" although it was daylight. Suddenly it dipped down, nose first, and vanished behind the trees.

Vanishing suddenly is a characteristic of UFOs. One which an elderly lady saw on Easter Monday night from her doorstep in Farnham was "just like a spinning top, dull black on the bottom and brilliant silver on the top.

"It came at an angle from the north and seemed to float at a terrific speed... it then stopped dead in its tracks and stood still. Suddenly there was a mass of vibrating colour, flashes of red, white and blue, and it went off at an angle into the cloud."

Well, with all that red, white and blue maybe it was one of ours!

"An electric blue colour that changed rapidly through red, white, green, orange and gold" — that was the description of a UFO seen by a number of people, including a policeman, at Ash. But the Investigation Group thought it was really only the planet Jupiter.

Round about this time in 1978 there was a rush of UFO "sightings" — perhaps because the film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" was just going the rounds.

Mysterious

For instance, there was the mysterious craft seen over Upper Hale. It had flashing blue lights and "looked like a police car in the sky," said an eyewitness. "Police car from outer space?" said the "News" headline at the time.

All kinds of rational explanations are put forward for UFOs. Weather balloons, aircraft and helicopters seen at odd angles or in unusual conditions of light, bright stars and planets, satellites, and reflections of lights at night are among the most common.

Certainly in this area helicopters and flares used by the Army during night exercises could account for some UFO reports. Another likely explanation is car headlights seen at a long distance on high

ground — for instance, cars coming over the Hog's Back.

A major problem is the size of the object sighted, and how far away it is. Usually there is nothing to give scale.

A small object, not very far away, can seem to be something bigger and more distant, as when one lot of UFO sightings were found to be nothing more remarkable than boys flying model aeroplanes.

Some people, however, have far more interesting theories, like that of the clergyman who gave a talk on UFOs and the supernatural, at Fleet Civic Hall.

The Rev. Peter Scothern linked the UFO sightings with the second coming of Christ. The UFOs, he said, were fallen angels, and he believed the Earth would soon suffer a takeover by Satanic powers before Christ came again.

Most people, though, would have sympathised with Mr. Wally Churn, a Cove man who, in 1975, came face to face with "a man from outer space" outside a Farnborough newsagent's shop.

The unearthly visitor, he said, had eyes with no pupils, soft slender hands, and a face as smooth as a child's. The creature shook hands and asked "Do you understand?"

"No I bloody don't," said Mr. Churn, in a splendidly earthly way — and walked off!

Residents 'bewildered' over UFO sighting

RESIDENTS of Majors Creek, 40 kms south of Townsville, are still bewildered by the recent sighting of a UFO.

The sighting — now being investigated by the RAAF base at Garbutt — was reported by John Morelli and his wife, Treena, with their friends Alan and Debbie Movliatti, who were staying at the Morelli property.

They said the UFO was about 45 metres from the Morelli house and hovered above two big gum trees. It was a brilliant red light and resembled magnesium burning or a welding arc.

Mr Morelli's mother, Alexandra, said last night that she had been flooded with telephone inquiries since the report of the sighting on the night of March 12.

She also said that the Army and RAAF were

following up the report.

"I am a great believer that beings other than ourselves are on the earth and I although I have not seen any UFO I am not frightened by the reports," she said.

"Our next-door neighbours and other people in the area have also seen lights overhead and they are not prone to making up stories.

"Naturally, we are getting a revving from people we know about the sighting and this is quite annoying.

"However, we know how to care for ourselves and if things get too bad we know what to do."

Mrs Morelli strongly denied some newspaper reports that the UFO sighting was linked to the disappearance of cattle and ducks in the area.

"Sure, we've had cattle wander away but they have been found again while dingoes are always likely to devour our ducks," she said.

BULLETIN, Townsville, Queensland, Australia
March 29, 1982 CR: J. McGee

Mothership and scouts seen in Canada

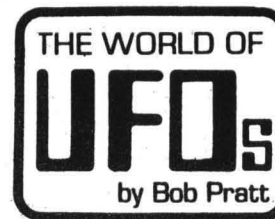
Conduct search from farm 'base'

The growing season in Canada is short, and farmers often work around the clock. It is not unusual to see people working in the fields very late at night.

Thus, it was normal for Jim Shirtliffe to be seeding a field on his farm 5 miles southeast of Elie, Manitoba, shortly before midnight one night in May 1975. What wasn't normal was what he saw.

"We were seeding with a disk, going around the field," said Shirtliffe, a tall, angular man who was 35 at that time.

"My two younger brothers, Ladimir, who works for the Farm Credit Corp, in Winnipeg, and Verne, a geology student at the University of Manitoba, were helping me that night.



So was a hired hand, Harry Wipf, and my parents.

"We were going around and around the field seeding and one time we turned the corner and saw this enormous light over by the microwave tower. This is a telephone company tower maybe a mile west of the field.

"After about five minutes we saw four smaller lights come out of it and sort of take up positions above and below the mother ship. They all glowed white.

"The two above sat quite a ways above the mother ship. They seemed to be guards while the two below were the explorers.

"The mother ship was the brightest of them all and the biggest. We couldn't tell how much bigger. It was an enormous light.

"We couldn't tell the shape of any of them, and you couldn't look at the big one too long because it would hurt your eyes.

"One little one came down so low below the top of the tower that the trees blocked my view. I don't know if it landed or not, but in a very little time it came right back up and went sailing off west toward Portage La Prairie. The other one went east toward Winnipeg.

"But they didn't go in a straight line. They went through the air in a wavy motion, very smooth and very regular. Just very small waves.

"Neither one was gone very long. The one that went east looked like it went all the way to Winnipeg, which is about 20 miles away. But I'm not sure it went that far.

"It took only two or three minutes to go there and then it came back in the same way, in a wavy motion.

"The one that went to Portage also went in a wavy motion. We couldn't see how far it went but it was back soon, too, still going in that up and down pattern.

"I didn't know what to think. I was just interested, I guess. The fellow who worked for me, he wouldn't get out of the tractor. He just stayed in the cabin and watched from there.

"We watched this whole thing for about three-quarters of an hour, and then the mother ship and the little ones all flew off toward the west. They moved away quite fast.

"We sure weren't sleepy after that, that's for sure.

"This happened three nights in a row, and each time the little ones came out of the mother ship and one went off to Winnipeg and one to Portage while the other two stood guard.

"We never saw them after that."

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Unexplained sightings investigated by group

By LINDA MONDOUX
Staff Writer

A 57-year-old woman is in bed sleeping. She feels someone staring at her and wakes up to find two beings in the open doorway.

The beings are dressed in silver-grey asbestos type outfits with transparent helmets. No facial features can be seen. Where a face should have been, the woman sees only a shiny propeller blade going round and round.

The beings, each about three feet tall, illuminate the room with a bright light which shines off their forms. After about 30 seconds, they vanish, leaving the room pitch black and the woman restless until morning.

This is not a tale from Rod Serling's Twilight Zone. It is one of many experiences unexplained happenings investigated by Bonnie Wheeler, president of the UFO Cambridge UFO Research Group.

Mrs. Wheeler, a purchasing agent at Polysar, started the group in 1976 because of an avid interest in the subject of unidentified flying objects (UFOs). Although she has never sighted a UFO, she takes her investigation work seriously.

"It's an interest I'll never grow out of," said Mrs. Wheeler. "It's mind-boggling. Is it a force coming from a different dimension, an extraterrestrial force, or is it coming from within?"

Mrs. Wheeler, like other UFO researchers around the world, hopes her investigative work and sharing of information will some day bring the truth to light.

The Cambridge group numbers close to 25 members, drawn from the city, Kitchener-Waterloo and Hamilton. The group is a blend of every age, sex and walk of life. Among the members are an astronomer, a salesman, a nurse and an interior decorator.

A number of UFO sightings have been reported and investigated in the Cambridge area, among them a landing which occurred on the outskirts of Galt in the 1940s. Large foot prints left at the scene baffled police and army officials called in to investigate what was believed to have been an alien aircraft. The sighting is well recorded in UFO research books.

Three UFO sightings were reported in Cambridge in the first two months of 1982. Mrs. Wheeler said all three sightings were classified as nocturnal light experiences where a bright light was seen performing unusual manoeuvres in the sky.

Most sightings are referred to Mrs. Wheeler by Waterloo regional police and the Waterloo-Wellington Airport. From there, the investigation begins.

The thoroughness of the investigation depends on the sighting classification. Investigations of nocturnal-light experiences, for instance, can be done over the telephone.

Classifications include nocturnal light; radar visual—where an object or light is seen and confirmed by radar; daylight disc—where an object or light is seen in the daytime; close encounter of the first kind—where an object is seen within 500 feet; close encounter of the

second kind—where an object is seen and evidence such as landing marks and electrical interference is left behind; and close encounter of the third kind—where entities are seen.

Mrs. Wheeler said hundreds of the latter sightings have been reported around the world. She personally investigated such a sighting in Hamilton a few years ago where a witness chased a robot-like being down the street.

Investigations involve two or more members of the group who go to the reported landing site, record all visible evidence and take soil samples.

"I investigated one in Grand Bend where there was a landing in a corn field," said Mrs. Wheeler. "The corn was bent and twisted in the most peculiar way."

Investigations of sightings other than nocturnal-light experiences involve in-depth questioning of the witness and recreation of the scene.

"Any close encounter makes such an impression on the mind that they will never forget it," said Mrs. Wheeler. "But we try to interview the witness as soon after the sighting as possible when all the details are still fresh in their mind."

Mrs. Wheeler said she is excited about the upcoming UFO convention to be held in Toronto in July. The convention is the first in Canada.

The heads of UFO organizations around the world are expected to attend and Mrs. Wheeler hopes to come back from the convention with a greater understanding of what to date has been left to speculation and the imagination.

Uruguay ranch landing site

(From the APRO Bulletin) A ranch in the countryside of Uruguay has reportedly been the landing site for up to 70 UFOs in the past four years according to researchers for the Aerial Phenomena and Research Organization.

The owner of the ranch, Don Tonna, reported that on November 13, 1977 he and nine ranch hands watched a UFO hover 80 yards above the yard during the early morning. The bright orange light hovered for five minutes before it flew off.

Tonna and his wife both witnessed a UFO the next night hovering outside the house.

Tonna suffered severe radiation

burns during one sighting according to the investigators and his dog and a prize bull died.

The land is dotted with signs reading: "Danger-Radioactive Area". The signs were put up by officers of the Uruguayan Army at various landing sites on the property.

Each landing site shows a large circle where grass had been burned away then grown back much greener than before. Three impressions in the ground, about two feet in diameter, form a triangle in the circles similar to what a tripod shaped landing gear would form with smaller indentations nearby. The grass circles varied from 20 to 100 feet in diameter.

Family seeks proof of UFO visit

By LESTER HANSON

THE MORELLI family of Majors Creek, 60 km south east of Townsville, is still intrigued by the recent reported sighting of a UFO only a few hundred metres from their property.

Mrs Alexandra Morelli said yesterday that she and her husband and five sons were determined to sit up late one night and hopefully confirm the sighting.

She claimed that all residents in the area had seen what they thought was a UFO at least once in the past three weeks but most were reluctant to say it in public.

"My camera is loaded ready to catch evidence and try to satisfy those doubting Thomases who continually scoff at the reports," she said.

"We may see nothing but we get lucky and prove that what we have seen what we believe is a UFO."

The sighting was reported some weeks ago by Mrs Morelli's son, John, and his wife, Treana, with their friends, Alan and Debbie Movliatti, who were staying at the Morelli property.

Treana and Debbie were frightened at the time while their husbands were bewildered by an object which hovered above two big gum trees then flew off at great speed.

They described it as a brilliant red light which resembled burning magnesium or a welding arc.

Mrs Morelli said yesterday that the two wives were sober on the night of the sighting and their husbands "liked to have a drink."

"Debbie got up to go to the outside toilet and as she walked across the lawn she turned and saw this object in the sky above Cavell's paddock only a short distance across the road," Mrs Morelli said.

"She ran back inside the house and woke the others...it seemed 100 years while she stood and watched but it was probably only a few minutes," Mrs Morelli said.

Since that reported sighting, the Morelli home has been plagued with telephone calls, some genuine and others from pranksters.

"One caller wanted to know the value of my property and the landing fees so that he could land his spaceship here next week," said Mrs Morelli.

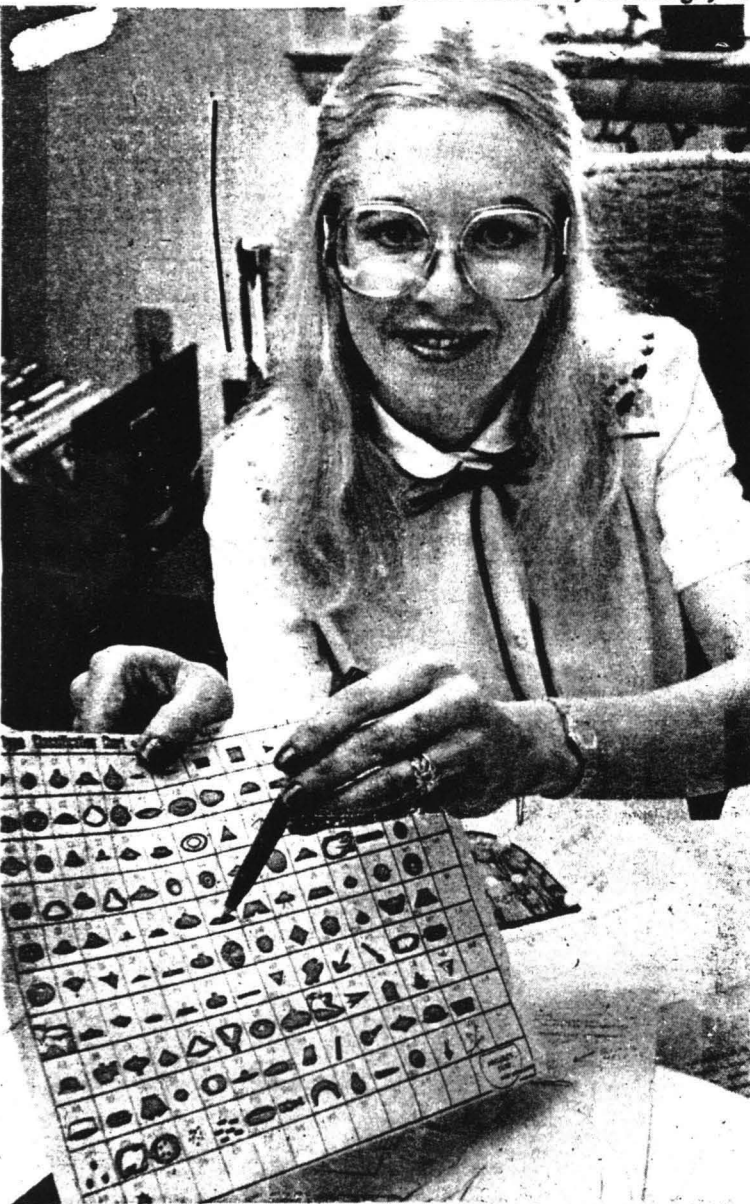
In spite of the sceptics, Mrs Morelli is determined to get more evidence to support the sighting.

"We are close to the backblocks out here and the range of hills around Majors Creek makes it all the more inviting," she said.

And such sightings are not all that really new in the area.

According to Mrs Morelli, an elderly man, now dead, who ran the general store at nearby Woodstock told residents that he saw a UFO in the area almost 30 years ago.

GR: J. Hagen



Reporter photo by Rainer Leipacher

UFO sightings have been so numerous around the world that a chart of the most reported shapes has been developed to help researchers in their investigative work. Bonnie Wheeler, president of the Cambridge UFO Research Group, points out a few of the most reported UFOs.

BULLETIN, Townsville, Queensland, Australia - April 13, 1982



MRS ALEXANDRA Morelli points out the area near her Majors Creek property where her son John and his wife Debbie say they spotted a UFO recently.

Woman and 12-year old son make sightings on two consecutive Thursdays

Are UFOs disturbing the Glen Williams night?

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Herald Staff Writer

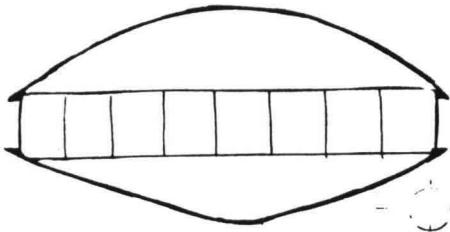
A Georgetown woman and her 12-year old son are still mystified by a nighttime "close encounter" they experienced with an unidentified flying object while driving through Glen Williams April 15.

It rocked their car and left them with stiff necks and a lingering drowsiness; but, unwilling to shirk the experience as an abnormal flight of their imaginations, they returned to the village a week later and claim they saw three more large and brilliantly glowing, saucer-

shaped objects flitting over a field near the Glen Williams cemetery.

Susan (not her real name) holds a respectable job with the provincial judicial system. Through an intermediary, she agreed to tell her unusual story to The Herald Sunday night. She and her son, Ron, said that prior to last month's experience, they had given little thought to UFOs and the subject of extraterrestrial life.

Susan said she doesn't like driving through the country at night now unless accompanied by a friend.



A rough sketch of the hamburger-shaped flying object spotted recently above Glen Williams by a Georgetown woman and her son. While stopped near the corner of Eighth Line and Sideroad 22, their car began to rock and there was a painfully loud roar directly overhead, although they could not see what was causing the incident.

"Nothing like this has ever happened to me before," she said.

"After visiting an aunt (who lives close to the Glen cemetery) I came out of the house around 8 p.m. I noticed a bright light in the sky which kept changing color. As I started driving away from her place, the light followed me, glowing red."

She picked up her son from another aunt on Confederation Street and noticed that the light hovered nearby. Ron saw the object too, and when they returned to the car, they decided to follow it for awhile.

They pursued it through Glen Williams' Wildwood area, eventually turning down the Eighth Line. The object disappeared behind the electrical distribution station at the Sideroad 22 intersection and Susan stopped the car.

"Then the car started to rock and Ron asked me 'What's wrong with the car?'" she said. "We couldn't see anything but there was this loud roar which actually hurt our ears and lasted a few seconds."

LOUD NOISE

Another car approached and the car stopped rocking.

The driver of the other vehicle didn't stop or appear to notice anything unusual, and they drove toward Georgetown. They briefly heard the loud noise again but saw nothing until they reached Highway 7.

"We were heading back into Georgetown and I saw something out the window again," Susan continued. "I didn't want to say anything to Ron but then he said, 'Mom, did you see that?'"

This time they got a good long look at the object. Susan drew a picture, describing it as having a row of lights between two glowing saucer-

shaped halves.

The object appeared to release another smaller light from its "undercarriage" or tail-end, Susan said. When they arrived home, they noticed a triangular-shaped red object circle above the yard and then disappear.

Halton regional police say there were no UFO reports from the Glen Williams area that evening.

Ron complained later that he felt as if he had been sapped of energy after they returned home from their "close encounter", and recalled he was a little lethargic for a few days

afterward.

"I was pooped," he said. "Usually, I'm a night person: I like to watch late movies, but after that I couldn't stay up."

Ron's drowsiness has since passed and it never affected his mother to the same degree. However, Susan said that just after their first experience, she could have left the car and fallen asleep on the driveway. Both woke up the following morning with sore necks and with a feeling of "pressure" around the head. Ron said his eyes were bothering him and a

friend noticed they were bloodshot, although he had no trouble sleeping the previous night.

A week later, Susan was picking her son up from a school dance. They decided to go back to Glen Williams to see if they could once again spot the strange lights.

RED GLOW

Parted by the cemetery, near where Susan first noticed the red glow at her aunt's house, they soon saw three strange lights moving above a field and trees. The objects were large, Susan said, and one appeared to grow more brilliant and looked as if it was fairly close.

The objects moved erratically, one dipping occasionally behind the tree line. There was no wind, no smell and no noise, she said, and the objects didn't appear to give off much light.

"It scared me, it made me really nervous," Susan said. "Ron wanted to get a closer look, but I said let's go and we headed back home."

Meanwhile a friend, also interviewed by The Herald, had been watching the western horizon from a balcony at the same apartment building in which Susan and Ron live. When Ron ran upstairs and recounted the experience at the cemetery, the friend said he noticed a red glow zig-zag across the horizon.

Susan described the object which appeared to grow larger over the cemetery as being a brilliant red, with white light around it. Last week, Susan, Ron and some friends went to the cemetery to see if the lights would reappear. The trip was uneventful.

Only Ron appeared to be unusually sleepy after the second sighting, Susan said, adding that she felt fine afterward, except for her apprehension about the week's events.

She expressed doubt that the objects they'd seen were shooting stars, birds or satellites -- explanations commonly given for UFO sightings.

Whether or not she is convinced the lights they saw within a week belong to extraterrestrial spacecraft, Susan declined to firmly say. The events last month are very real to them, and initially "stunned" Susan, who has since learned that other people in the Glen Williams area have been puzzled by erratically-behaving lights.

She and Ron have both seen "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", the science-fiction film about UFOs released a few years ago.

Ron added that he wasn't really scared when he first saw the lights because he had never concerned himself with UFOs anyway. For both, the episodes last month are still rippling through their lives.

"I wouldn't want to go out alone in the country now," Susan said. "This sort of thing really makes you nervous. You just don't know what it is or what it's going to do."

UFO Performance amazes veteran pilot

High performance craft can fly rings around conventional planes

The Ontario Central Airways DC3 cargo plane was flying south from its home base at Grimsby, located on the southwestern shore of Lake Winnipeg, when it was flying at a 45-degree bank, straight and level. It was flying at an altitude of about 10,000 feet.

"Then we noticed that it wasn't flying straight and level. It was flying at an angle of about 45 degrees bank, and it was flying at a very high speed. It was flying at a very high speed, and it was flying at a very high speed."

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"Then it did exactly the same thing. It reversed without turning around and it disappeared! We lost sight of it and we never saw it again. Unfortunately, it didn't get close enough that we could positively identify it. We couldn't get a real good look at it to see if it had windows, but it was a flat, cylindrical shape. We couldn't distinguish the color. All we could see was the form at that distance."

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Sweden Blocks Off Bay in Hunt For 2 Unidentified Submarines

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Swedish military units blocked a bay off the Gulf of Bothnia Saturday in a search for two unidentified submarines reportedly spotted along the nation's northeastern coast, a defense staff spokesman said.

Lt. Gen. Erik G. Bengtsson, commander of the northern military area, ordered helicopters, air force fighter planes and navy units into action after several persons said they saw a submarine off the port city of Umea.

"We will outwait the sub if it is still around," Bengtsson told reporters. "All routes leading out of the area are blocked."

The defense staff also received reports of another submarine being spotted off Sundsvall, an east coast city 340 miles south of Umea. The defense spokesman said military units had made no contacts with the suspected submarines.

She said a submarine "chase" that started early Thursday had been called off.

The defense staff said it could not explain the reported presence of the submarines. "There are no Swedish military maneuvers taking place now," chief press officer Bertil Lagerwall said.

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Swedish Navy helicopters dropped depth charges and chased off an unidentified foreign submarine in Sweden's territorial waters Tuesday, officials said.

"The helicopters first dropped blasting caps and then depth charges before the submarine steered eastward out of the zone off the Vado Islands in the Stockholm archipelago," Commodore Sten Svedlund told the Associated Press.

The area is about 200 miles north of the Karleborg naval base area, where a Soviet submarine went aground for 10 days last year before being towed off the rocks and being allowed to return to Soviet waters.

Sweden's Defense staff announced earlier Tuesday that military units were continuing a round-the-clock search for unidentified submarines in the Baltic Sea off northern Sweden.

"We have not the slightest idea what has triggered the sudden increase of foreign submarines in our waters," Svedlund said. "No Swedish military maneuvers or tests have taken place recently."

SCIENCE

Hunt for a super species

WHILE argument goes back and forth about whether we are the sole inhabitants of our Milky Way galaxy, whether there exist in it other beings, intelligent or not, nobody has suggested until now that to lack this information could be extremely dangerous.

In our present ignorance, we are in the position of someone confined in a dark room, of whose geography and contents he knows little. The room may be full of treasures, all his for the taking; but it may also be the home of some predatory creature, with vision as clear as his is opaque, which will devour him if he sleeps and ambush him if he ventures forth.

I take this idea, not from science fiction as might be imagined, but from the writings of a Nobel prize winner in biology, Dr Francis Crick, whose book "Life Itself" contains one of the most extraordinary hypotheses about our origins that has yet been advanced. His idea is this: that life did not arise naturally on earth 3,600 million years ago. Instead, it came from space, and not by accident either. It was sent in the form of bacteria in a spaceship by members of an alien civilisation who foreseeing their own doom, wished to plant their own seeds elsewhere.

It is a vast notion, and needless to say, there is no direct evidence with which to prove or disprove it. In the course of billions of years, all relics of the alien ship would have vanished. And, as Dr Crick admits freely, we do not know if the theory is even necessary as an explanation for the origins of terrestrial life.

For we do not know enough about the process in which our earliest single-celled ancestors are supposed to have formed from complex organic chemicals in the thin "primeval soup," the ponds that lay on the primordial earth. We do not know enough about the soup itself, or to what stimuli it was subjected, in the form of temperatures, gases and electrical disturbance by lightning.

In short, as Dr Crick believes, "our knowledge and imagination are too feeble to allow us to unravel exactly what might or might not have happened so long ago.... We cannot decide whether the origin of life on earth was an extremely unlikely event or almost a certainty—or any possibility in between these two extremes."

Setting the scene in this modest fashion that avoids any dogmatic assertion, Dr Crick then speculates on a civilisation vastly superior to our own, living more than 5,000 million years ago, that saw all its achievements threatened by some natural disaster.

Perhaps their sun, or one nearby, was about to explode into a supernova. Or perhaps, if they lived near to the centre of the galaxy, where the stars are more thickly clustered than out here at the periphery, a neighbouring star was on a collision course with their own. Or maybe they fell victim to a race-wide degenerate disease, as the development of their minds outstripped that of their bodies, and they foresaw that within a few centuries their whole culture must perish.

Then, in the grand scenario envisaged by Dr Crick, they prepared colonies of bacteria which they propelled in the direction of thousands of likely stars, one of them being our own sun, then recently formed. All this they did, in the hope that on one planet at least, there would, over the course of aeons, arise a species that was akin to themselves.

This fantastic proposition is certainly possible, but does it matter from any practical viewpoint whether it is true or false? We have colonised the earth and we may soon do the same to the solar system. Is it of any real importance to know how the process started?

Dr Crick's reason for indulging in such far-out thinking is to draw attention to the possibility of life elsewhere in the galaxy. It could, if it exists, be bene-

volent, like his supposed super-civilisation; or it could be parasitical and predatory, a species like that of the horrible monster depicted in the recent film "Alien."

His message is, that one way or the other, we ought to find out. Searches of the sky, by all forms of astronomy of which we are capable, should be in continuous progress to solve this most fundamental of all questions. Until it is answered, man can know nothing for certain of his long-term future: whether he is free to do what he wishes in his own galaxy, or whether he is constantly at the mercy of a species more powerful and more deadly than his own.

"Life Itself: Its Origins and Nature" (Macdonald, £7.75).

ADRIAN BERRY

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Tests fail to find origins of Guadalupe portrait

By ROGER LANGLEY
Washington Writers Syndicate

WASHINGTON — The origin of one of the most venerated objects in the Hispanic world — the portrait of the Virgin of Guadalupe — remains a mystery despite a new series of scientific tests designed to explain how the picture got on the cloth.

"I have no problem calling it a miracle," said Philip S. Callahan, a physicist at the University of Florida and an expert in infrared photography, who conducted the recent experiments. "The figure was not placed on the cloth with any conventional type of paint. I can find no scientific explanation for the image."

Devout Roman Catholics believe that the picture was placed on a farmer's cloak on Dec.

12, 1531 — only 39 years after Columbus discovered America — by Mary, the mother of God, after she appeared to a Christianized Aztec Indian named Juan Diego.

Callahan's research, published by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate in Washington, reveals that parts of the familiar portrait — depicting a praying woman dressed in blue and red robes and standing on a half moon with golden rays surrounding her body — are indeed man made.

"The pigments that were utilized for the additions can be easily identified," he said. "A tassel and the moon were probably added in the 16th century by an Indian artist and the Gothic decorations and background amburst were also added by human hands, probably in the 16th or 17th century, in order to cover

dirt or water damage.

"Since pigments vary in the way that they transmit or reflect long-wave infrared light, the techniques may be used to detect the presence of overpainting or other alterations.... Pigments of ancient drawings and natural art materials such as linseed oil, wax and mineral colors show up differently from modern lacquers, varnishes or polyester-based paints."

Callahan's infrared photographs also produced some highly unusual results. "The original figure can be explained," he said. "The infrared photos prove beyond doubt that the blue of the mantle and the rose of the robe are original and have never been touched up or painted over. Despite this fact, they have remained unscathed by time and have

endured for centuries.... In terms of the infrared study, there is no way to explain either the kind of color pigments utilized or the maintenance of color and brightness for centuries."

The infrared photos also reveal that there are no underdrawings or undercoatings on the coarse cotton cloth, steps which Callahan, a Sunday painter, feels an earthly artist would have taken before starting such a painting.

"The infrared close-ups do not show an underdrawing or sizing of any type, a characteristic which of itself renders the painting fantastic," he said.

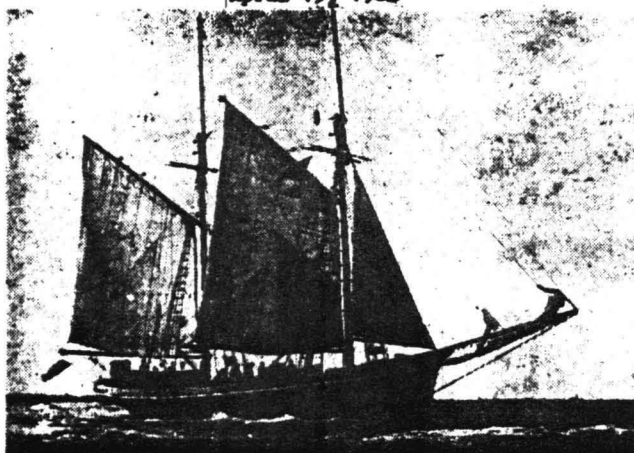
"The head of the Virgin is one of the great masterpieces of artful facial expression. In subtleties of form, simplicity of execution, line and coloring, it has few equals among the

masterpieces of the world. Furthermore, there are no portraits that I have ever observed which are executed in a similar manner.

"One of the truly marvelous and unexplainable techniques utilized to give realism to the painting is the way it takes advantage of the unused cloth to give it depth and render it lifelike. This is particularly evident in the mouth where a coarse fiber of the fabric is raised above the level of the rest of the weave and follows perfectly the ridge of the top of the lip.

"I would consider it impossible that any human painter could select a theme with as many perfect of weave positioned so as to accentuate the shadows and highlights in order to impart such realism. The possibility of coincidence is even more unlikely."

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A voyage in search of fabulous monsters... Mariners International schooner, Stina.

STINA GOES IN SEARCH OF THE MONSTER

A VOYAGE in search of fabulous monsters might sound like a scenario from the Arabian Nights, but it is happening right here at home in the 167th gaff schooner Stina, chartered by Mariners International and bound for Loch Ness at the end of the season.

The MI charity, an association devoted to the preservation and promotion of traditional sailing vessels and the skills and lore related to them, has teamed up with the Loch Ness and Morar Project, which is carrying out scientific sonar monitoring exercises at Loch Ness to get recorded identification of the monster.

They are also engaged in ecology and micro-ecological studies in the area.

Where Stina is invaluable to the scientists lies in the fact that she offers a stable platform able to carry the heavier gear like a hydrographic cable for sampling the lake bottom, nearly 1,000ft deep, and is of the right size for going through the locks.

She also offers silent mobility — sail power —

and her powerful winch, and unconverted after hold suitable for a laboratory, make her an ideal craft for the job.

On permanent charter to the association, she is owned by her skipper Michael Little, who lives aboard with his mate, Hilary. She has 12 trainee berths and four crew berths. I understand there will be two scientists aboard when she sails in September and the trainee berths are only half filled to date.

CALM

Anybody who would like the experience of sailing a tall ship in the comparative calm of an inland sea, might like to take the opportunity. Their charges are something like £150 a week. They can arrange charter flights quite cheaply, but that would be extra.

MI chairman Eric Abranson is an oceanographer, so they take these sort of expeditions quite seriously.

Apart from admiring the beautiful loch scene

ery, you would be fully part of the expedition, sailing the ship and monitoring the electronic research equipment with the scientists, who will hold on-board seminars in ecology and the history of the loch and of Nessie the monster.

MI have three ships in the Tall Ships Race: Stina, Briar, a 76ft gaff ketch, and Phoenix, 151-ton Brigantine. The latter still has some vacant berths for this event.

Chandler's Ford osteopath, Alan Rouse, is a committee member of Mariners International and their Southampton port officer. He tells me he is organizing the opportunity to go aboard one of their ships and take part in the Parade of Sail.

You would have a deck view of a momentous occasion, sail down Southampton Water and the Solent and be put ashore at the dispersal point.

Rouse can be reached on Chandler's Ford 687157.

WESTERN DAILY PRESS, Bristol, England

April 19, 1982

Boffin closes in on Nessie

By Katy Bravery

DR JOHN Buddery, a scientist from Bristol, is hot on the trail of the Loch Ness Monster and £10,000.

Dr Buddery, of Gloucester Road, Thornbury, is on board the New Atlantis, a cruiser fitted with the latest detection equipment, on Loch Ness in Scotland.

On Saturday sonar equipment on the New Atlantis pinpointed a huge object moving 150ft deep.

Today Dr Buddery, his wife, Heather, and their teenage son will send down a camera to film the monster, which he says is about 30ft long.

Elusive

And when the elusive Nessie is tracked down, Dr Buddery stands to collect £10,000 which has been offered by Homeowners, the Norfolk-based holiday company.

Mr Jim Hegan, from Inverness, owner of the New Atlantis, is in no doubt that Nessie exists.

"The echo-sound reading we received yesterday was very exciting indeed. This is the most technologically advanced cruiser of its kind on Loch Ness, and all this equipment won't lie," he said yesterday.

"Definitely the monster is there. Too many sane people have seen too much for it all to be a myth. That prize money is just around the corner."

Pastor Cites Fossilized Footprints

By E.F. Porter Jr.
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

Evidence that gargantuan humanoids once shared their space with the dinosaurs of Texas?

New support for the literal word of the book of Genesis?

Both exist, says the Rev. Carl E. Baugh. His recent discovery in the fossil beds along the Paluxi River in Texas, about 70 miles south of Dallas, provides such evidence, he said.

Baugh held a news conference Monday at the Calvary Heights Baptist Temple, 1838 Ross Road, Maryland Heights, where he is pastor. Baugh displayed a cast of what he said was a fossilized 16-inch footprint of a manlike creature. Fossil prints of a tyrannosaur, the largest of the flesh-eating dinosaurs, were in the same stratum of limestone, he said.

Baugh has named the humanoid *Humanus bauhianthropus*.

The proximity of the two sets of tracks, the humanoid's headed in one direction and the dinosaur's headed the other, suggests that the two might have met for lunch, Baugh said. Big as he was, the humanoid would have been little more than a snack for the great reptile.

Although generally accepted scientific theory holds that dinosaurs already had been extinct for more than 60 million years by the time the first manlike beings appeared on earth, Baugh says they were contemporaries. The evidence, he said, is in Job 40:15: "Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox."

Baugh said, "The creation science model has verified this find as 4,800 years old — that is, 2800 B.C." The tracks were put down about the time of the "Great Flood," an event that exterminated both the dinosaurs and the giant humanoids, he said.

"This find is phenomenally unique," Baugh said. When recognized by scientists, "the implication will be devastating to the evolutionary hypothesis," he said.

Recognition may not come readily, Baugh admits. The tracks were found on a private farm about a quarter mile from Dinosaur Valley State Park, near Glen Rose, Texas.

The area, which was set aside because of its rich lode of fossil dinosaur tracks, has been the site of many claimed discoveries of human fossil prints over the last 50 years. So far, all have been proved false.

Some purported human prints were

merely pockets in the limestone caused by erosion; some were clever forgeries.

The possibility of fraud was eliminated in the case of *Humanus bauhianthropus* because the prints were found only after he and his team chipped away a 16-inch layer of overlying limestone and clay, Baugh said. Erosion is ruled out because they lie evenly spaced, right-left, right-left, in a straight line, he says. The creature had a stride of about 3½ feet.

Anticipating skepticism, Baugh's team halted their digging after uncovering only four footprints. Additional prints along the line of travel were left to be uncovered in the presence of any scientist — of whatever persuasion — who wants to come and watch, he said.

"We have nothing to lose by exposure to the truth, whatever the truth is," he said.

Skepticism there will be. The print cast Baugh displayed Monday was about the shape of a human foot, with an indentation such as would be made by a big toe. Yet, where a human print in the mud would be deepest at the heel and the toe, as the weight rocked forward, Baugh's print is deepest at the instep, as though the foot were turned up, fore and aft, like an old shoe.

In a telephone interview, David Gillette, assistant professor of geology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, said that he was familiar with the fossils from Glen Rose. But he said he would not judge Baugh's discovery without seeing it.

But Gillette termed preposterous the idea that the prints could have fossilized in so little as 4,800 years. "It wouldn't happen in 10,000 years," he said.

Gillette said a conclusive determination of whether the prints actually were caused by the pressure of a foot might require a microscopic examination of the rock.

And even if they prove to be tracks of an animal, it does not mean they were caused by a close relative of man, Gillette continued. There were scores of reptile species roaming the earth at the time the limestone was formed about 65 million years ago. Only some of them were dinosaurs.

Finally, said Gillette, the accepted way to announce a scientific discovery is to publish the findings in a learned journal, not with a news conference at a religious organization. "An open invitation to the scientific world to visit the site will not produce any scientists," he said.



Renyold Ferguson/Post-Dispatch

The Rev. Carl E. Baugh with what he says are molds of dinosaur and humanoid footprints found along a river bed in Texas

NEWS, Longview, WA - April 15, 1982

CR: P. Guttilla

Bigfoot

Doctor remembers fake footprints at Mount Hood

By Richard Spiro
The Daily News

CLATSKANIE — Just as the Mount St. Helens Bigfoot legend was revived 60 years ago by Toledoan Rant Mullens' hoax, so it had been given new life on Mount Hood.

Dr. J. Otto George of Clatskanie knows that story well. It happened at Trillium Lake near Mount Hood in the 1820s, before Otto George became a doctor and gained fame for developing the burn remedy FRST.

George E. Calverley, a packer for the U.S. Forest Service and "a great joker," as Otto George put it, made the tracks in the mud around the lake.

"The place was pretty wild in those days," the retired doctor said. "It was easy enough to believe there might be some kind of giant creature around."

"Calverley had a lot of fun over it. People got excited and the story spread. They called whatever was supposed to have made the tracks 'Bigfoot.' Well, the footprints were certainly big."

He said Calverley knew that tales of a giant Sasquatch had long been told by Indian tribes — what he did was revive it as a practical joke.

Otto George knew Calverley well in those old days, almost 80 years ago. George, big and husky and always an outdoorsman, worked summers for the Forest Service as a smokechaser to help pay his way through Reed College and later the University of Oregon Medical School. He graduated from the medical school in 1930.

The two, packer and doctor-to-be, formed a friendship that lasted until Calverley was killed in an auto accident after he left the Forest Service and moved to Mosier, Ore.

There surely must be as many tales regarding the origin of the Bigfoot legend as there have been "sightings" of the mysterious creature. Another story about the Mount St. Helens Bigfoot was told some 15 years ago by Otto George when he was still practicing medicine in Clatskanie.

It was Bob Lambert and another man, the doctor said, who made "ape" tracks around Spirit Lake and going into the Ape Caves.

Lambert was also a Forest Service employee, a district fire patrolman in the Spirit Lake and Mount Adams area.

George said: "Lambert and his partner threw the rocks down on the miners' cabin. But the publicity it caused scared them, so they burned their wooden feet and 'reformed.'"

But despite admitted hoaxes and jokes, the ancient Indian legend still persists of a hairy monster, be it called Bigfoot or Sasquatch.

Man, beast or Sasquatch?

DAILY WORLD, Aberdeen, WA - April 22, 1982 CR: P. Guttilla

the elusive biped.
"A person could get a hold of it (the print) in the library," Heryford said. "But they'd have to whittle all day" to imitate a realistic footprint, complete with flexible toes and a 10-foot stride. "I'm impressed by the track," the deputy said, adding that a person couldn't fake a 10-foot stride without leaving his or her own footprints behind. Human tracks found at the scene didn't indicate that pattern, and were probably left by people enjoying the weather, he said.

Hair samples collected from the prints will be sent to Seattle for analysis, Heryford said. If the hair is unclassifiable, belonging to an animal that is not on record, "then we will put more emphasis on these sightings."

launch at Worman's Bar, the deputy said. At that point the tracks diverge: one continued over the boat launch and the other climbed over the bank, he said.
One set of footprints measured 17 inches long by 7 inches wide, and the other was 15 inches long and 5 inches wide, Heryford said. "It's hard to say" if the prints were made by the legendary "Bigfoot," Heryford said. "If it was a hoax, the person went all out to do it. We had a 260-pound deputy jump next to the footprints, and he didn't make near the impression."

Heryford said the third sighting in Matlock was reported personally to him by a friend of the family who noticed large footprints in her garden Wednesday afternoon. Heryford compared the East County prints to those spotted in California's Bluff Creek, where many people claim to have seen

MONTESANO — Three sets of gigantic footprints were sighted near Elma, Brady and Matlock Wednesday, and Deputy Dennis Heryford — a local Sasquatchologist — wasted no time collecting hair samples and taking plaster casts and photographs of the impressions.
A Shelton logger, Don Makoviney, showed deputies a set of large footprints he spotted in the woods northeast of the Ventron plant shortly after 2 p.m., according to Sgt. Lewis Lennich, who responded to the call.
"It was just a footprint," Lennich said. "I guess you could call it big."

Deputies later that evening responded to a call from Pat West of Elma, and discovered two different sets of tracks near Worman's Bar of the Satsop River in Brady, Heryford said.
Footprints indicate the creatures left the river via the boat



You may not have been a believer in the infamous myth of Sasquatch or Bigfoot, but after having taken a look at the model of a print found Wednesday, April 21, one might be leaning toward such a belief. Sheriff Dennis Morrisette, right, and Deputy Danny Hartford, one of the investigating officers, hold the serval-ton by seven-lb model of a print found on Worman's Bar in the George River, near the end of the Brady Loop Road. The print, which is shown in the accompanying photo before being lifted for a mold, was found by Don Hartford, a Glendon higger. From the depth of the print it is indicated that whatever made it would have to weigh about 650 pounds. A 200-pound deputy sheriff was unable to create a similar depth of footprint. Morrisette said that several hairs were found between the toes of the print and they were to be analyzed. He also said that two or three 'Sasquatch' experts were anxious to examine the footprint mold. Earlier that same day, another set of large footprints were found near the Ventron plant south of Eban on Highway 8. Morrisette noted that if the several sets of footprints were indeed a hoax, "Someone went to an awful lot of trouble and expense."

WESTERN DAILY PRESS, Bristol, England April 26, 1982 **NESSIE SOUNDS OFF IN LOCH**

By Jonathan Storey
DR. JOEN Buddery was last night busy studying a graph chart after some fear on his hired cabin cruiser picked up something spooky in Loch Ness. Dr. Buddery, his wife Heather and son Peter, aged 18, of Gloucester Road, Thornbury, near Bristol, spent last week on the 31st boat specially fitted with the latest equipment to trace the monster.
But they did not realize that an unusual recording had been made, until they checked the mass of chart records later in the week.

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"We found something. Exactly what it was I'm not clear, but there were some very curious echoes at one point. It could have been large fish, but we don't know."

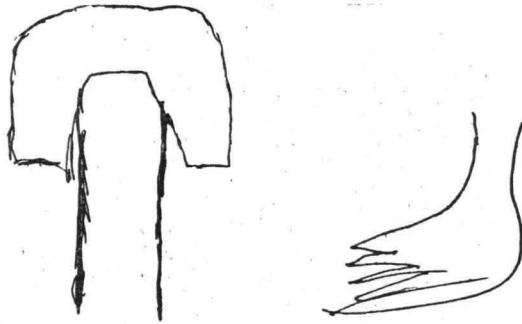
Crabtree hire firm, Hosses, recruited Dr. Buddery to promote a tourist-attracting competition in which anyone who proves the monster exists by using the specially-devised boat will get £10,000.
But Dr. Buddery, a director of Thornbury electronics firm Severn Science, says his evidence is not strong enough to persuade him to return to Scotland to make a spin on the money.

THOROUGHbred, Teacoma, VA - May 12, 1982 CR: L. Williford **Thoroughbred colt killed by mutilation**

A 4-week-old registered Thoroughbred colt valued at \$4,000 was found slaughtered in his pasture this morning in an apparent second mutilation attempt similar to a string of 23 such mutilations since 1979.
The horse, owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas, 7413 Portland Ave., was found in a pasture behind their house at about 8 a.m. with his hindquarters trailing out of a deep, 3-foot incision in the grass area.
Douglas said it appeared the incisions were either pulled out or cut out as the colt attempted to fight off his attacker or attackers.
"It was such a beautiful foal," said Mrs. Douglas. She said her husband also described the horse as a "good racing prospect."
Sheriff's detective Gaylord Matton said it appeared someone had tried to sexually mutilate the colt but about the groin area in the process.
He said he is expecting this attack with 23 other sexual mutilations of horses in the area since 1979, the last one a gelding quarter horse in the Garden area Feb. 15.
In each of these three cases, someone used a "heavy instrument to cut off the animal's genitalia."
Often it appeared the animal had not put up a fight, leading detec-

REPORTER, Bigerton, WI - May 26, 1982 CR: R. Hadden **Water Monster of Lake Koshkonong**

From Wisconsin Lake
By Robert Gard
Many years ago the Menomonee, or Prairie Potawatomi, had villages on the shores of Lake Koshkonong. A water monster of great power and terrible form dwelt in its depth and made havoc with every Indian canoe. No Indian dared to attempt to cross the lake from shore to shore even in mild weather, because of fear of the destructive demon of its waters. No white man came to grief; the lake passage was unlucky for red men only.
Near the narrows of the lake rises a high rocky hill, and near it there is an island on which the Indians camped when trapping muskrats. On the west side of the hill there was a place where no Indian could cross. All who attempted it were sure to be drowned.
Once there were two Potawatomi brothers who concluded that the story of the water monster was false. One day, starting in opposite directions, they set out to navigate the lake in their canoes. All the Indians watched them in fear; they expected that they would never be seen again.
Soon a big wind arose, and it was so strong and fierce that it even blew the ducks that were flying overhead into the water. The Indians in the camp sang sacred songs for the well-being of the two boys, but night came and they did not return.
The two canoes were later found capsized. After some time several white men told the Potawatomi that they had found the bodies of the boys floating in the lake. There was white clay in their nostrils and ears, a sure sign that the Lake Koshkonong monster had caught them and drowned them. Some Indians are afraid of the waters of Lake Koshkonong to this day, believing that the water monster still prowls about its shores.
Before the Potawatomi came, Indians of the Sauk tribe lived on the shore of the lake. They had enemies, probably the Illinois, who once trapped a number of them on an island. They were unable to escape, as the island was partly surrounded by a large swamp. The Sauk were here exterminated by the arrows of the enemy, and some also perished through starvation. This happening gave the lake a bad name.



They saw Buena Park's Bigfoot and lived to sketch about it: Raymond Hinsley, 16, depicts his tall, hairy sighting at left; Chris Bennett, 17, draws a hulking, broad-shouldered back, above; and apartment manager Frank Missanelli, 67, sketches a huge footprint.

It was a monster mash, it was a Buena Park smash

Witnesses saw 7½-foot-tall, smelly, hairy creature running through a drainage ditch

By Janet Kaye
Herald Examiner staff writer

It was a hairy creature, foul-smelling and at least 7½ feet tall, said awestruck residents of Buena Park.

They had the shock of their lives, they added, when "the monster that growled" climbed over a flood embankment in back of their apartment complex Monday night.

Frank Missanelli, resident manager of the Executive Park Apartments at 7601 Franklin St., said he and his wife, Lorraine, had "just pulled into the drive" when excited residents directed them to the scene.

"I didn't believe them at first," Missanelli said. "But the smell alone made me know I was wrong. It smelled like hell — worse than a sewer."

Although he never saw the "monster," Missanelli said he heard it: "It roared and growled just like the dinosaurs in the movies."

Missanelli said he combed the area with a flashlight shortly after the sighting and saw the creature's tracks. "The prints were huge," he said. "Frankly, I was a little scared. I'm 67 years old. What if something that big decided it wanted to come into our apartment?"

So Missanelli called the police, as did several other residents. All told, police said, they got at least five "monster" calls.

And last night, residents were busy locking doors and windows and setting up a "monster watch" — undeterred by a skeptical response from authorities.

"My parents won't let the little kids play out there anymore," said Bennie Hinsley, 18 — who added, however, that he planned to take his brother and his camera back to the scene last night.

"Maybe we'll catch a monster," enthused his friend Chris Bennett, 17.

The way Bennie tells it, he and his brother Raymond, 16, had been hanging around the outside of their apartment with Chris about 9:30 p.m. Monday when they responded to a neighbor's excited yells.

"We could see the monster's shadow in the drainage ditch," said Bennie. "We heard the water splash and then we smelled something awful."

Bennie said they watched the creature for almost an hour and that the "crickets and frogs stayed quiet until it had gone."

Bennie said he didn't think the police would believe his story, so he asked his aunt to call them.

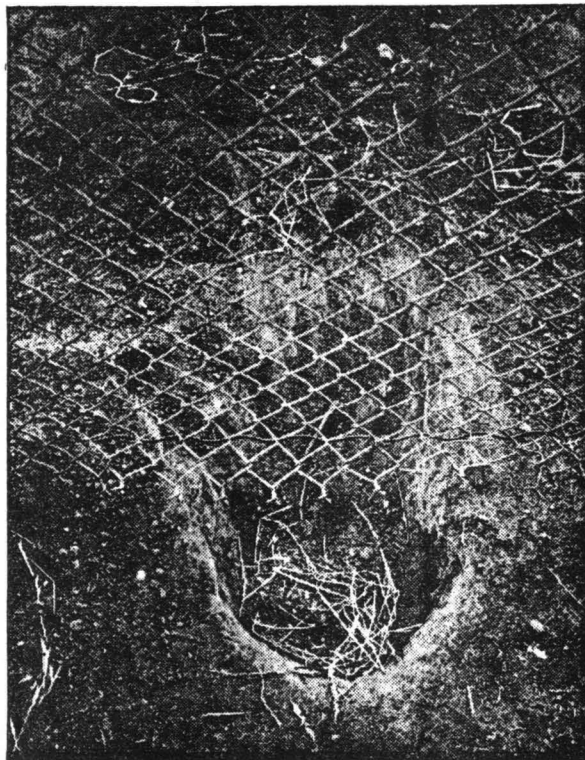
In fact, a lot of the residents are angry. They say it took police an hour to respond to their calls. "They should have believed us," said Chris. "They must have thought it was just a prank."

"They should have just come on over instead of asking me my life history," agreed Missanelli. "I told them I was the manager and they said, 'We get a lot of crank calls.' They should have had a helicopter get right out there. Then they would have caught it."

But Buena Park Police Sgt. Robert Mills says the police were right to maintain a little skepticism. "There were bottles thrown at police cars just an hour earlier," he said. "We thought gangs were trying to draw us back into the area."

Mills said at least six officers eventually were sent to the area. "They checked the whole thing," he said. "They found no footprints and no odor other than the normal smell coming up from flood control." Police spokesman Terry Brannum agreed, saying, "It's probably somebody's pet."

But Bruce Lowery, a resident and an employee of Hughes Aircraft, said the tracks still were there yesterday morning. "It looked as if something like a mountain lion were trying to climb up the banks. Believe me, they weren't dog tracks."



Residents say hole underneath fence was dug by the monster.

Book takes close look at our lake 'monsters'

It has the head of a horse, a tail up to 80 feet long, and — if you swallow the tales that 26 witnesses told in a newly-launched book — the watery monster lurks in at least a dozen Quebec lakes.

In some places, it even has a name: They call it Champ in Lake Champlain, Ponik in Lake Pohenegamook, Jaws in Lake Remi and "cheval à moustaches" in Brompton Lake.

But if you go looking for the underwater beast, you will discover its most obvious trait: It is a maddeningly elusive creature.

Lakeside residents throughout Quebec have been saying for years that there's something peculiar swimming in the waters.

But alas, they have trouble convincing their friends because the cagey beast usually manages to dive back to the darkest depths of the lake before they have a chance to grab their cameras.

Book explores myths

That didn't stop two academics from writing a book, called *Monsters from Quebec Lakes: Myths and Troublesome Realities*. The English translation will be in bookstores in July.

Its authors — Claude Gagnon, a philosophy professor at College Edouard-Montpetit and the University of Quebec at Montreal, and Michel Meurger, a folklore expert from the Institut Metapsychique International de Paris — are admitted skeptics.

"We're not claiming that monsters exist," Gagnon said in an interview.

"But it's not impossible. We don't know what's under a lake. People think science knows everything, but that's just not true."

They do know one thing: The witnesses' descriptions of underwater monsters are strikingly similar.

Even though they spotted the fishy creatures in different lakes, the witnesses all described it as a long serpent with a head that looked like that of a horse, a calf, an alligator or a cow with no ears.

Their descriptions also resembled the dragons and serpents of Indian and European legends, the authors said.

"People said they saw dragons in the Middle Ages," said Meurger. "But did they really see them? It's impossible to tell whether it's a culturally based illusion, or reality."

"I can understand the skepticism," said Louis Philippe Roy, a retired resident of Lambton, population 1,500, on the shore of Lake St. Francis, about 160 kilometres east of Montreal.

Roy claims that for 30 years he has frequently seen a "monster fish more than 20 feet long" rising from the waters.

"I don't know what it is, but the fish likes clear, sunny, hot weather," he said.

"In the beginning, I was skeptical too," said Luc Paulin. "But when I heard local forest rangers talk about it, I was convinced."

Expedition planned

Early in June, Paulin, an amateur diver, will lead a two-day expedition to find out just what's at the bottom of Lake St. Francis.

At least 50 divers are going with him to look for the beast, which Roy described as "a little submarine with a horse's head."

GAZETTE, Montreal, Quebec, Canada - May 26, 1982 CR: J. Zarzynski

WEST VIRGINIA ADVOCATE, Capon Bridge, WV - April 19, 1982 CR: J. Starchild

Investigator Coming To Look for Bigfoot

A spokesman for a group that researches reports of Bigfoot sightings and encounters, and, also, flying saucer (UFO) reports, has notified the editor of *The Advocate* they plan to send an investigator to Hampshire County.

The investigator plans to research the report of Jack Heintz of Capon Bridge that he saw what he believes to have been a Bigfoot near his home on Schaffensaker Mountain. (This incident was reported in the April 5 issue of *The Advocate*.)

It was also revealed, by the spokesman, that the investigator will also be researching a report of a UFO landing somewhere between Romney and Capon Bridge.

According to the spokesman, his group had received a report from a Hampshire County resident about the UFO landing, and the citizen claimed that he, or she, had conversed with spacemen from the flying saucer.

The spokesman who telephoned and talked with *The Advocate's* editor was very secretive, and he would not give more specific details about the UFO incident. He said that the person, or persons, who had made the report were fearful that publicity would expose them to public ridicule.

The monster search gets serious



Buena Park residents huddle around drainage outlet in hopes of glimpsing beast dubbed "Buena Foot."

Investigators, residents on the hunt in Buena Park

By Janet Kaye
Herald Examiner staff writer

He's not as famous as Bigfoot — yet. But the legend of an enormous, hairy, foul-smelling monster who reportedly roams a Buena Park flood control canal is growing fast, as evidenced by the arrival of two bona fide creature hunters on the scene yesterday.

Tom Muzila and Dennis Ruminer, sleuthing for Special Forces Investigations — an organization devoted to the exploration of paranormal activity — began tracking the creature yesterday afternoon.

They said footprints found outside the canal enclosure were probably not those of the creature, which was allegedly sighted Monday night. But they said imprints in a tunnel about 150 yards from the initial sighting might be those of "Buena Foot" as described by residents of the Executive Park Apartments on Franklin Street.

The two men said they believed the imprints belonged to a heavy, huge-thumbed, four-digit creature — and may have been made in the course of the creature's search for refuge in the muddy, watery tunnel. They made a plaster cast of their find to help them in their research.

At least 40 area residents flocked around the outside of the tunnel, anxiously awaiting results of their explorations.

Four area residents insisted that, a few hours earlier, they had seen an 8-foot-tall creature which growled at them. They viewed the beast during their lunch break from nearby Charles McComber Junior High School, they claimed. The four girls — Lisa Ibarra and Adrianna Esparaza, both 14, and Maria Navarette and Virginia Santillano, both 15 — said they ran back into the school to tell the teachers, but received only a joking response.

Some of the onlookers reported seeing the researchers hold out two attached sticks after they left the tunnel — sticks the researchers said were divining rods to help them discern the creature's latest direction.

The researchers were not entirely pleased by the onlookers' presence. "The problem, when you investigate something like this, is that everybody goes freako," Muzila said.

But the rubbernecks seemed totally satisfied with the investigators' efforts. The finding of the prints particularly pleased Bernie and Raymond Hinsley, two neighborhood teen-agers.

They said they were among those who told Buena Park police they saw the creature, and that the police hadn't believed them.

Police spokesman Terry Branum acknowledged that police don't believe there is any evidence to support the existence of "Buena

Foot."

Branum said police checked out calls Tuesday night from two unidentified people that the creature was growling in the canal — but they found nothing.

Nevertheless, Branum said, the tale of the beast has had an effect. Police have received 200 to 300 calls from all over the country from people concerned about the safety of their families — as well as calls from Buena Park residents worried about late spouses and children.

Other city officials share the skepticism of the police. Jim Mealer, the city's acting supervisor of streets, said, "It would be hard for anything to hide for even an hour in an area as populated as that one." His view was echoed by Larry Cheeves, acting supervisor of the city's Department of Public Works.

But disbelief did not prevent Cheeves or his staff from catching the Sasquatch spirit. Cheeves said

fellow employees are jokingly suggesting that the creature may have been roused by the efforts of flood control workers.

In fact, Orange County flood control maintenance supervisor Bill Reiter said crews have been working on canal slopes at the Brea Creek Channel, in the area where the monster sightings were reported, for the last week and a half. (Reiter remains a disbeliever.)

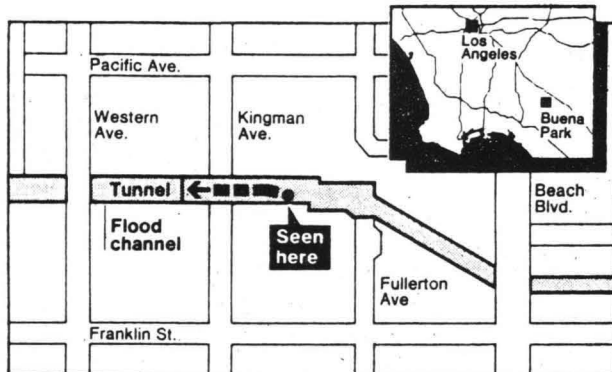
Anthropological and folklore experts also had their doubts. "I don't think of Big Foot as frequenting Buena Park," said Constance Cameron, curator of the anthropology museum at Cal State Fullerton.

Franklin Street area residents would disagree. Although at least 100 believers suffered a disappointment Tuesday night when their "monster watch" failed to spot the beast, many, like Frank Missanelli, view the no-show as just a temporary set-back.

"Of course it didn't show. All the people scared it off."



The monster — all 7 1/2 to 9 feet of him — as depicted by Herald Examiner artist Chuck Hughes.



B.P. creature remains scarce as officials swamped with calls

By Michelle Marshall
Bulletin Staff Writer

BUENA PARK — The furor created by Monday night's alleged sighting of a Bigfoot-type creature in a flood control channel has not died down, according to police.

Officer Terry Branum reports the department has virtually lost two days work due to all the calls from the media, and from relatives of persons living in the area concerned about their loved ones' safety.

Wednesday, a team of "Bigfoot

four-fingered hand prints made

Residents, too, are irritated with police response to the whole situation. Mercy Castillo, who first called the police, said it took officers too long to respond.

lieve the calls are not pranks.

experts" arrived at the scene where four teen-age youths reported seeing a 7 1/2- to 8-foot creature, hairy from the waist up, and extremely foul smelling. The team, from Esper, a Bellflower firm that investigates psychic and unusual phenomena, was out with divining rods looking for footprints or other clues. They said Wednesday they went about 125 feet into a concrete storm drain where children later reported seeing the creature retreat.

The prints, they said, are a good indication that neighbors at 7601 Franklin St. are not pulling anyone's leg. Tuesday and Wednesday nights, neighbors and television news crews waited for the Bigfoot, but so far, there have been no further sightings.

Police, however, are still treating the sighting as a mountain-out-of-a-molehill situation. Though Branum said most of the officers believe the boys did see something, they think it was more than likely a large animal or a transient. They have scheduled no extra patrols or stakeouts, but say they will respond immediately to any calls of further sightings if they believe the calls are not pranks.

CR: P. Guttilla

RIVERFRONT TIMES, St. Louis, MO
April 21-27, 1982 CR: R. Nelke

Return of Neanderthal man

Neanderthals may be alive...and living in Outer Mongolia. The respected British archaeology journal *Antiquity* is out with a report about Neanderthal-like creatures who've been sighted in areas of southern Russia and Mongolia. The journal says the upright, mostly hairless humanoids have body and skull structures strikingly similar to the Neanderthals — a race thought to have been extinct for 35,000 years. The author of the *Antiquity* article, archaeologist Myra Shackley, claims "reputable" scientists and dozens of herdsmen have seen the strange looking creatures. And, Shackley adds, huge footprints and crude stone-age style tools have been found in areas where the humanoids — known locally as "Almasti" — have been spotted.