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'Humanoid' sighted by two boys

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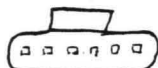
Two young area boys 'entertained' a visitor from outer space last winter, so they believe.

The names of the youngsters are being withheld to shield them from the taunts of others and also for that reason the exact location of the sighting will not be told, other than that it was in the Onsted vicinity.

Ron Westrum, a nationally known expert on unidentified flying objects who teaches at Eastern Michigan University, interviewed the boys last week and allowed this reporter to sit in to hear their story.

On December 29 they were playing in a snow fort behind the home of one of the boys. They heard (and saw) a lighted object fly overhead and assumed it was an airplane. When they later drew pictures (in separate rooms) of what they saw, the drawing revealed a saucer shaped craft with red lights emanating from the bottom and green lights shining from the top. One boy also recalled a series of lights across the horizontal diameter of the vehicle "bleeping blue, green and red, on and off". He estimated that the craft was 500' in the air while the other boy thought it was "quite a ways away", as an airplane might be.

The boys continued to play in



Lights blinked across the ship in this way.

the fort for a while in spite of the darkened sky of a winter evening. They decided to slide down a small hill nearby but as they did so their play was interrupted by the approach of a small human-like figure three to four feet high. "It floated over the fence and came toward us," recalled one of the boys. The other boy, assuming it to be a small black man, called out a

derogatory name and took off running. The boy at the foot of the hill and closer to the being was, as he describes it, "stunned" and unable to move. Whether his frozen state was due to fear or to some influence by the being cannot be established.

Finally he, too, broke away and ran to the top of the hill and then toward home. The creature followed a parallel path, apparently could not find a way through the trees, retraced its path going beyond where the boys had cut over and then found the boys' path and came up the hill.

The boys had stopped to see if they were being followed and to put on gloves. When they saw the creature come their way they turned again and ran to the house. The being stopped at a fence at the edge of the yard, opened a diamond-shaped, ruby colored part of its face and emitted a moaning sound. It spun around like a top and lights shown below and above the shadowy shape.

The boys agreed that it did not seem to touch the ground in its movement. One of them



One boys drew the creature something like this.

stated to his mother that, "It jumped but it didn't land." They had the impression that it could move rapidly and could have caught them had it desired to do so.

One of the boys thought that the figure was too shadowy to see a color. He believed that its head was the size of a small grapefruit, that it had no legs and recalled no facial features, although he had described the diamond shape in great detail on the night of the sighting, said family members of the other boy. The second boy, who was closer to the object, agreed with the grapefruit sized head dominated by the diamond shape but thought that it had green wrinkled skin, and legs but no arms.

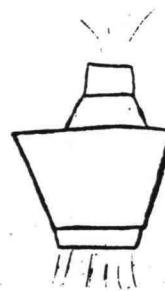
The boy who was at the top of the hill during the encounter saw something else unusual, although when during the chain of events he saw it is not clear. He says that he saw a "green smog" some distance away from the creature (out of sight of the other boy on the lower level of the terrain). The smog seemed to contain a figure like a gas mask and also some shapes. At the time the youngsters told his friend's mother that two of the shapes were green and one was gray. One, he said, was a shape he had never seen before, not a circle, square or triangle. His friend said he described what he saw as "like a gas mask with lines across it and a round thing at the end." It was large and contained within the cloud.

The experience has caused some problems for the two young men. Their fathers were not inclined to believe them, one admitting he gave his son "a pretty hard time". He, however, did not see the boys when they first came into the house after the sighting.

A sister to one of the boys reports that they were white and shaking with fear. They showed no signs of having made up a story for fun. They were instructed to go to different rooms and draw pictures of what they had seen. The pictures were quite similar and approximations are shown with this article.



The two boys were put in separate rooms to draw what they had seen. One drew this picture (redrawn by reporter) while the other boy drew the picture below.



Family members talked with the boys about the incident for about two hours. When they went to bed that night they had bad dreams and one climbed in with the other after hearing sounds.

One of the boys had recurrent nightmares over a month's time; the other has been sleeping in his sleeping bag, his B-B gun by his side and with the light on since the incident. He also has complained of blurred peripheral vision.

Westrum noted that eye problems were frequent complaints heard from people who had reported a close encounter. Sometimes burns are experienced, similar to radiation burns.

There is still fear expressed by the boys that the being might come back and harm them in some way. "In my dreams I feel like I'm in the army and aliens come down and our bullets can't penetrate them and they

eat up our world." Every night he sets up booby traps in his room in case the creature comes back.

Westrum questioned the boys closely allowing them, and encouraging them, to talk about such fears. Repression of their feelings sometimes causes problems which manifest themselves in other ways, creating the need for help from a trained psychologist. There are also people who specialize in hypnotizing those who have experienced something which is upsetting them but which they have buried in their subconscious mind. Under hypnosis they are sometimes able to recall what has happened and, therefore, to find relief from their unnamed anxieties.

"UFO sightings are getting to be routine," noted Westrum. He follows up only five to ten reports a year, none of which are the "rapidly moving light in the sky" variety. Those are reported so often that scientists have reached the limit of what can be learned from them. There is one variety of "lights in the sky" that still holds interest, however.

Westrum said that once in a while a bright light will hover in the sky for a few minutes, drawing attention. Then it will disappear or shoot away into the sky, leaving behind 15 to 20 small airplanes and helicopters. "For helicopters and small airplanes to have reached the location of a sighting so rapidly there needs to be either prior knowledge of where a sighting is going to occur (in other words the government would have determined a pattern in the sightings, or the government is causing the sighting with their own experiments.) Another possibility is that the superior intelligence which is sending these spaceships to Earth is camouflaging its smaller craft to appear as something familiar to us."

"We have no problem finding traces left by our visitors," he said. "We do have trouble getting scientists to analyze those traces."

VILAS CO. NEWS-REVIEW, Eagle River, WI - May 12, 1982 CR: R. Heiden

Pancake Joe story on flying saucer comes up again

The story of "Pancake Joe" that swept across the country over 20 years ago has surfaced once again and apparently is destined for still more publicity, the News-Review learned this week.

"Pancake Joe" is the late Joe Simonton of Eagle River, who in April 1961 reported the landing of a flying saucer on his chicken farm, a few miles west of Eagle River.

The sightings of flying saucers captured the imagination of many in the early '60s, but Joe's story had a more unusual twist. He reported that the craft landed next to his home, that it scorched a nearby pine

tree and left marks on the ground where it touched down.

He also related that he communicated with those aboard the craft through sign gestures and that he received several pancakes in exchange for a jug of water.

The news of the unusual sighting spread across the country and reached into many foreign countries as well.

This week a representative of the Trade Book Division of Reader's Digest contacted the News-Review in their efforts to locate color photos of Joe Simonton.

They plan to include a story on Pancake Joe in their January 1983 edition. Ms. Marion Bodine of Reader's Digest said they became acquainted with the unusual story through another recently completed book, published by Kaldus

Publishing in London. That book "Visitors from Outer Space" included a picture of Joe and his pancake and had a sketch of the noted Eagle River chicken farmer.

Now Reader's Digest is planning its book "Mysteries of the Unexplained" and they will include the story of Pancake Joe but they are searching for more photos of Joe Simonton. Ms. Bodine said she would particularly like to get some color photos which she understood were taken by Phillip Dailey.

To date, Dailey has not been located and Reader's Digest would like information on where he could be reached or of any other color photos of Simonton, especially any with his pancake, that might be available in the area.

Anyone with such information is asked to contact the Vilas County News-Review office in Eagle River.

Something in the sky

Did you see strange lights floating over Lincoln Monday night? Perhaps you saw what Randy Ellis and Mike Steine saw.

They were camping at Pawnee Lake. Between 11:30 p.m. and midnight, Mike saw something odd.

Randy was reluctant to discuss it ("I don't want anybody to think I'm crazy"), but he is curious about it.

There was a "bright, shimmering light — round or cigar-shaped — and moving real slow. It was like a fluorescent tube, all solid glimmer. Not very high up. It moved over the hill to the south-east. Then, two or three minutes later, it showed up again. There was no noise. I know it couldn't have been an airplane because the lights were solid."

Randy isn't speculating about what the light was, just that he is sure it was not an airplane, or anything else he is familiar with.

Anybody else see any strange lights that night?

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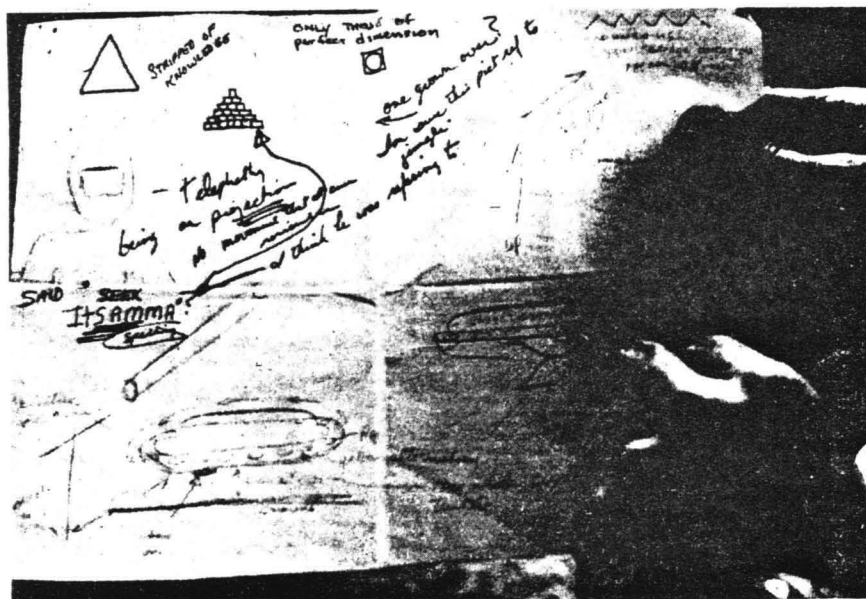


Photo by Warren E. Dulliere

Shallcross displays the notes and drawings that he made after his claimed UFO encounter. The high-contrast notations are in black. The low-contrast notations are in red.

Close Encounters

The Final Chapter

(Part three of a three-part series)

Donald Shallcross, 36, of Slanesville maintains he encountered an unidentified flying object (UFO), in the Slanesville area, about 4 a.m., March 28.

Shallcross claims 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.

In previous installments, *The Advocate* related Shallcross's story including the "new intelligence" that he says he is mysteriously being driven to discover. At the conclusion of the previous installment, Shallcross announced that he knew where, in this region, the UFO's land-base was, that he would not disclose this information at this time, but he would take *The Advocate's* editor to the location.

The story continues, with Shallcross being quoted:

"One other thing that I noticed — I don't know why I started checking into this — but as I started establishing patterns by listing sightings and plotting them on power company maps and noting remote bodies of water, I noticed something, and I started checking further into it.

"I've only gotten as far as what they call the Piedmont Plateau, which goes from just north of us, down through Maryland, touching this eastern portion of West Virginia and the western portion of Virginia and on into Carolina. Everybody knows that one-day San Francisco is going to break apart and fall into the sea because it's on a great earthquake fault. There are other areas down Central America, and another one in Iran and through there. But I don't know how many people know that this Piedmont Plateau is also a source of potential, very dangerous, earthquake activity. The reason being we have very heavy mountains sitting on very weak shale beds with nothing under them.

"A good earthquake could literally change this entire area to where there aren't any mountains anymore. They would fall down into the holes and this could be a prairie. There are some very good reports in the national geologic surveys, that I saw, that described these," Shallcross said.

Editor's Note: Most contemporary geologists will dispute Shallcross's statements regarding the geological information and the earthquake potential of this region.

"Well of course this got my curiosity going," Shallcross said, "and I split my sections up on my map; so that every section I was considering I checked into the possibility of previous earthquake damage. In two areas I found that it's been several hundred years and they're not in most books telling about earthquakes. Now, they go back a long time. For example, in the Missouri area there was a tremendous earthquake about a hundred years ago, but very little is known about it. It didn't do a lot of damage because there wasn't anything there.

"Also, a good sized earthquake rocked another area that I looked very heavily at, around the New York area. Normally, they say the

quakes on the east coast go to about two to three on the Richter scale, and this one was well over five — unheard of on the east coast. Anyway, I started doing the pattern on these. What I did — when I got through with the map I did my potential earthquake pattern — I laid it on my map that I had recorded the UFO sightings and tracking on — it was almost like an overlay. It was almost exactly — with just a few little dots that could have been unconfirmed sightings, or maybe people didn't see what they thought they saw — but as far as what they call good sightings, it was almost an overlay over this earthquake pattern.

"This means that one of the reasons we see UFO's so much is because of the possibility that they're watching things for us. This coincides with what I think is one of the biggest theories. Timothy Beckley, in New York, is the editor of one of the larger UFO magazines, and he sent me a article pertaining to this.

"One of the biggest theories amongst many, many people — it doesn't go against religion, actually it coincides with it — is that at the time of our greatest danger we'll be lifted up. Of course people who believe in UFO's very strongly, if you listen to some of their reports, say people have been contacted and told when danger comes they will be lifted up. This all ties in. If you believe that — I'm not saying that I believe it, and I'm not saying that I don't — I know that I've got a lot of things that I understand, I think I understand, that I really don't know how to tell — which is a problem — I don't know how to explain them.

"Yet, again, there are things I don't want to come right out and say such as right here on the map — you see that place right there — that's where they are. Other than confidentially, you know — doing it confidentially — for very obvious reason I'm not going to pinpoint it to the whole world.

"Very truthfully, I have a certain amount of greed involved in all of this. I'd like to go find them. I'd like to approach them, and I'd like to say, 'What can you do for us?' I think that would be very important to a lot of people.

"I'm afraid that if the government went running in there, we'd never know about it. I'm afraid that if scientists went in there, they'd explain it to us where I wouldn't understand. I'm just a simple fellow — a construction worker. I think that if I walk in and say, 'Look, I want to know,' they'd be willing to show me, as long as I don't jeopardize their position.

"There's obviously a reason why they don't come forth more often. Maybe they have — I don't know. Maybe they have done things that we don't know about, with governments and scientists. But I know I have a very, very strong feeling about this, and I know that I'm going to pursue it one-way or another.

"Of course, when I find them, if there's a confidential few people who want to get in on this — photograph it as I mentioned to you — fine. Take the pictures and run. Somebody wants to interview them, somebody wants to write a book about it, that's fine. I'll be glad to

tell them everything that I know, after I've talked to them. But I want to be the one that walks in and knocks on the door. I know, for some reason, that I'm supposed to pursue this," Shallcross said.

Advocate: "You seem to be a man who is possessed by a sudden, driving quest or knowledge. Have you ever experienced such ambitions before?"

"I quit high school to join the army," Shallcross replied. "I have never been interested in studying anything other than how to build things. I'm a construction worker. I like to build things. My books are *Mother Earth*, where I can learn how to grow things, and I don't have to spend so much money at the store. I've never read any technical books before, I've never understood them."

Advocate: "Have you ever read any books by a man named Erich von Daniken?"

"I have now, yes," Shallcross answered.

Advocate: "Do you subscribe to any of von Daniken's theories? Do you believe that his theories are valid?"

"I don't know," Shallcross said. "or yes and no. I go along with the possibility that these people have been here all along. It doesn't make any sense for them not to be. They're here now, and they're obviously so far ahead of anything we know — at least that I know — so if they're this far ahead now, why couldn't they have been here a thousand years ago?"

"I know there's a lot of strange things that I don't personally see how they're possible. For instance, the 10-million slaves dragging stone block five-thousand miles across the Nile River and into the desert to build pyramids. I'm not saying it couldn't be done, but I know that the theories he advances of help from above sounds very reasonable to me.

"I think a lot of the other is just good story build up to make his books sound good. But the general gist of it is — as far as I can see — is that we had help years ago in technological areas — I believe that," Shallcross said.

Advocate: "Have you discussed these things with any professional physicists, geologists, or meteorologists?"

"Not in the sense that you are referring to," Shallcross replied. "I called a TV station to talk with their meteorologist to find out if there was any unusual sky activity that night meteors, things of this nature. No — that's it."

Advocate: "Do you believe that in some way your encounter with this person or thing is responsible for this overpowering urge to do research and to develop knowledge, and do you believe your research is being guided in some way?"

"Yes, to both of those questions," Shallcross answered. "I think that somehow they've implanted something in my memory. They obviously know that I'm of limited intelligence, and if they threw everything at me at one time, I wouldn't understand any of it and probably not remember half of it. I think that things are just coming. There's obviously something like that happening. I can't explain it other than I'm being guided, some how."

Advocate: "You say that you suffered ultra-violet or radiation burns from being in close proximity to this spaceship. Have you noticed any other physical differences or effects?"

"O.K., first of all let me say that when I first walked back into the house, or into the light, that I had all ready started to burn and blister, especially around the nose and the eyes. By the next day, it was extremely obvious. I said it was a heck of a sunburn to get at four o'clock in the morning, which is in the middle of the night."

"My own assumption — or in thinking back — is that when this door opened is when I felt the heat, and I've described the light that came from the ship as being a very light-purple — a hazy-purple — and I thought very light-purple is violet and ultraviolet — as I know it, as I understand it — is the part of the rays of the sun that we get sunburn from; so I used the term 'ultra-violet' light."

"I don't seem to have fingers falling off or my hair falling out; so obviously it wasn't radiation. Although, one of things I did was to get a Geiger counter, that I borrowed, and I checked myself, and I went down and checked the landing area. I didn't find any trace of radioactivity whatsoever."

"Other than that, my need for sleep has gone way down. This has been three weeks now, shy two days, and I've probably slept a total of six or eight hours in that entire time. About an hour a night and some nights I've gone without any sleep whatsoever."

"I know my ability to read has become fantastic. Not only to read but to retain what I'm reading. I can go through a book at a fantastic rate, and if I say, 'Now, what did this guy say about it?' I can turn almost right back to the part of the book where I thought I remembered seeing it. Those things are pretty earth shaking to myself, when I couldn't do them before."

Advocate: "Other than yourself and this unidentified truck driver, did anyone observe this incident?"

"First let me tell you that I have a friend in this area that is knowledgeable about these things — limited but knowledgeable," Shallcross said. "I hesitate to tell you why he's knowledgeable or who he is. Without his permission, I just don't think it would be a good idea. But he and I discussed this at great length. Of course I got hold of him early in the morning, like six o'clock of six-thirty."

"I told him, 'Come down here. I've got to talk to you,' so he came right down, and I told him what had happened. He explained a few things to me, from things that he knew about. He was connected in a very limited way with investigating this type of stuff at one-time."

"Anyway, he asked if the police had been back by. I told him no, and that when we went back down to look at it, afterwards, they said they were going to come back in the morning. I said that they hadn't come back yet, and he said let's go down and talk to them, and see what they've found out."

"When we got down to the police station, the police officer that had investigated my call — or rather my wife's call — told me that he hadn't been back out, and I got the impression he wasn't coming back out. Which proved to be true because he has never come back out."

"I don't think he thought I was wacky, but I think he was just very skeptical. I don't think he was that interested in finding out."

"Anyway, this friend of mine told me — while we were on the way to the state police headquarters — that several years ago, where I live now there was nothing but pine trees. He and his family were coming up the road from Romney, and as they came upon where my place is now, they saw something come across the top of the pine trees and land back in the pine trees."

"His wife got frightened, and he said it didn't look to him like any kind of plane crash, it was too zip and down. So he thought it was a helicopter. But that was as far as it ever went."

"When we got to the police headquarters, the officer that had investigated my call was there. I asked him if he had been back out, and he said 'No.' I asked him if he was going back out and he said he didn't know if there was anything else they could do, and it obviously wasn't a plane crash — there wasn't no plane there."

Advocate: "Do you remember that officer's name?"

"I believe his name was Burkhardt," Shallcross replied.

"So anyway, we were discussing the situation in general," Shallcross said. "The officer walked over and he pulled my jacket down away from my neck, and he said, 'Boy, you really did get a burn didn't you?'"

"I said, 'Yeah, a pretty good one. Do you think it could be from radiation?'"

"He said, 'No because he had been involved in some work like that before, and it didn't look like radiation burns to him.' He said it

looked like I just had a real good dose of sunburn."

"There was another uniformed state policeman sitting there, with corporal of sergeant's stripes on his sleeves. After some chit-chat, one of the two officers said, 'You know this is not the first time that something has happened up there.'

"When I asked what he meant, he said, 'Well, not long ago, there was a report — about a year or so ago — about a plane crash in that same field. But nothing ever came of it because there was nothing to be found up there. Also, two years ago, there was a report that something had gone down in the pine grove. Quite a few people reported it as a possible plane crash. In fact, they even sent a team of people up there to search the forest area, and they found nothing.'

"Immediately, when he said that, I just looked at my friend, and he just looked at me. We didn't say anything. In other words, the state trooper had just confirmed another man's story, without anybody saying anything about it," Shallcross said.

Advocate: "Has anyone else, in the area told you about any UFO encounters?"

"Yes," Shallcross answered. "To begin with, I asked the state police if there had been any reports, that night, about what I had reported, and they said, 'Yes.' There were at least two other reports. One from the Augusta area, and one from somewhere around me."

"They said that the report from Augusta was made from the payphone in Augusta. It's my assumption that the trucker I saw earlier that morning made that call. Since then, something has happened, and I'm almost positive it was him."

"Very curiously, a truck driver stopped by my house April 6, about 10:30 in the morning. He told me who he was, and I saw his truck, which was very similar to one I had seen, and I saw the company inscription written on the truck."

"He told me where he lived and where he was from, and he said, 'You know, I heard about what you saw up here. I just want you to know not to let anybody give you a bunch of (deleted) about it because I've seen it too. In fact, I've seen it other times.'

"I asked him, 'Where?' Shallcross said, and I wrote down every place where he said. Very possibly, this is the trucker who saw it, and phoned the report in. But I was the only one willing to make an official report on it, and the state police carried it as a possible plane crash — negative results. As far as I know, they didn't put down anything about what I told them."

"I have the trucker's name and address, and I'd be willing to give that to you if you promise not to use his name without his permission. I'm very hesitant not to make any enemies about this thing."

"I'm in the rescue squad here, and I see it everyday — people don't want to get involved. The way people are, I'm hesitant to give anyone's name — I might have my house burn down one-night."

Advocate: "Have you ever seen the movie 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind'?"

"Yes."

Advocate: "What's your opinion of that movie?"

"I enjoyed it," Shallcross said.

Advocate: "If someone were to request that you undergo a polygraph examination regarding this incident, would you agree to do so?"

"Lie detector test, right?" Shallcross asked.

Advocate: "Yes."

"Possibly," Shallcross replied. "I say 'possibly' because I realize there's obvious reasons why someone would want to do this. Except, I'm really not concerned if you write a story about it, or someone else writes a story about it, and people sit there and say, 'Gee, this guy has got a very creative mind.' I really don't care what people think."

"When I say 'possibly,' I don't have to convince anybody but myself about what is happening," Shallcross said.

Advocate: "In some past instances, people have claimed to have had experiences similar to yours, and investigators have placed them under hypnosis in attempts to probe their subconscious, regarding the incident. If someone were to ask you to undergo hypnosis, would you agree to do so?"

"Possibly," Shallcross replied. "In fact, more possibly than a lie-detector test because I would like to know if there's something that isn't coming out. Except, there are certain things, that I've explained before, that I don't want to give out. If they agree to work around that — yes."

Advocate: "You mentioned having checked yourself and the field with a Geiger-counter. What type of Geiger-counter did you use?"

"Just a hand-held one, with a meter that looked very much like a microphone attached by a small spiral-cord — battery operated. I

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borrowed it through my son's college," Shallcross said.

Advocate: "Was it a Geiger-counter or a metal-detector?"

"No, it wasn't a metal-detector. I have a metal-detector, and I know the difference. I used a radioactivity sensor — I think that is what it's actually called," Shallcross said.

Advocate: "You say that you suffered some type of skin burns because of this encounter. Who else observed these burns?"

"To begin with, when I went out of the house, my wife and my daughter were with me. When I came back they were there. My wife immediately noticed that I had been burned, and my daughter also noticed it. The next morning, when my friend came down, he noticed it. The police station was the next place, and then every place I've been for a week — Chuck's Market, Walker's store and other places around here. People asked me, 'Where in the world did you get a sunburn? Have you been to Florida?'" Shallcross said.

Advocate: "You probably realize that if this account is published it may expose you to public ridicule from many sources. What is your reaction to that?"

"Many. First, it's too important not to tell somebody. Hopefully, the right kind of people will see it, as well as all the people that will say I'm a cuckoo — which I could care less about. If their minds are to the

point where they don't want to even wonder if this ever happened — if their reaction is that I'm a nut — I could care less because they don't pay my bills, and I don't depend on them for anything. They might say something to my kids. In such a case, if my kids get bounced out of school for fighting they have a legitimate reason, as far as I'm concerned.

"Hopefully, people that I need help from will see this. I want to see how plausible my theories are. From what I see from researching, they're very plausible. But that's not saying a man who has studied it for 20 years will agree. I'm hoping that I can find some people to help on this.

"When I go looking for them, I know there are certain things I'm going to need. I know that any scientists connected with universities may have this type of equipment. I certainly can't go out and buy radio tracking beams and things of this nature. Hopefully, any special equipment I might need, someone might be able to provide," Shallcross said.

Advocate: "Is there anything else that you would like to add to your account at this time?"

"Only that I welcome inquiries from anyone who is sincerely interested or technically qualified to help me in this. They can call me anytime of the day or night. Any-

one that wants to call with only something wise to say, can just save their dime."

Advocate: "Other than the incident you've described, have you ever seen other UFO's?"

"Yes," Shallcross replied. "I have, at times, observed things in the sky. Nothing up close, or anything that made a 90-degree turn while doing 10,000 miles-per-hour, but things that seemed unusual to me, and they were right in this area.

"We had the good fortune, the first year we lived here, to be on top of one of the highest mountains here and lived there for a year. Our view was tremendous. Part of my job — this was a private park — well — I was the park ranger there. Several times I saw things that I thought might be UFO's.

"I've always believed that there are other people from somewhere. I'm not so wise to think that we're the greatest thing going because I don't think that we are. I think there are people somewhere that are much above us. At least to the point where they're not blowing themselves up everyday, starting wars, killing each other, mugging each other and things like that. I think these people have learned how to live in some type of harmony. Which explains why they're so highly advanced," Shallcross said.



Photo by Warren E. Outiere

When asked about his reaction to possible public ridicule, Shallcross said, "If their minds are to the point where they can't want to even wonder if this happened — if their reaction is that I'm a nut — I could care less because they don't pay my bills, and I don't depend on them for anything."

WORLD, Coos Bay, OR - May 28, 1982

UFO report, power outage timing mulled

UFO reported

Coos Bay police responded to a report of an unidentified flying object in the area of the T-Dock shortly after midnight this morning.

Unable to find the two large orange disks reportedly traveling at a low altitude and heading northbound, officers were returning to town only to see the lights in all of downtown Coos Bay turn off.

Officer Doug Hill said the timing of the two events left

him wondering how coincidental they were.

Officer Karl Larsen said he was waiting for his car to go dead.

The UFO sighting was reported by one Jack R. Crazy, according to the police log.

Pacific Power and Light Co. officials this morning confirmed that there was a brief power outage in downtown Coos Bay shortly after midnight and are investigating the cause.

A PP&L spokesman said the problem stemmed from the line feeding all of the substations in Coos Bay.

It has yet to be determined if the cause of the outage was due to a deficiency in the Coos Bay system or in the feed from the Bonneville Power Administration.

He added such brief outages "happen occasionally" in coastal areas such as Coos Bay because of the effect the high salt content has on the power lines.

REPORTER-HERALD, Loveland, CO - May 10, 1982

Area couple report UFO sighting

FORT COLLINS — A Laporte-area rancher and his wife thought they saw an unidentified flying object in a meadow near their ranch house Sunday, but Larimer County sheriff's officers could find no trace of what ever Eddie and Dorothy Robinson saw.

According to sheriff's reports, the Robinsons, of 19900 N. U.S. Highway 287, saw some object from a window in their home about 9 a.m. Sunday. They described it as a silver object, which they first saw on the ground in

a meadow about 1/2 mile from the house.

The object had a "pod-shaped bottom" about four to five feet in length, the Robinsons recalled.

They said it took off, sounding something like a propeller-driven airplane, and disappeared from view.

Deputy Dave Jarman authorized a search of the meadow, but no physical evidence of such a craft having been there was found.

NEWS WORLD, New York, NY - June 5, 1982

Propose set up UFO reference center

By Larry W. Bryant
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS WORLD

In a recent issue of the UFO periodical "The Sixth Quark Journal," Bob Girard, proprietor of a mail-order UFO book service in Scotia, N.Y., called for the formation of a "national UFO Reference Center." He also addressed the potential problems incident to that formidable project, noting that because of them it might be a long time before the numerous private UFOana collections can be channeled into it.

His to-be-continued discussion prompts me to suggest a compromise.

Already, in Virginia Beach, Va., there exists an insitutional, privately funded/operated library housing the East Coast's largest archives of literature on paranormal phenomena — including a healthy variety of UFO books.

I refer, of course, to the library of the Association for Research and Enlightenment (A.R.E.) — the world-renowned repository for the records of the late psychic Edgar Cayce.

Anyone who has ever visited the A.R.E. Library can attest to the high caliber of its professional staffing and physical security, and to its capacity for serving the public. Its descriptive brochure notes:

"For members who take advantage of their book-borrowing privileges, the library is as close as their mail-boxes. But nothing can equal the experience of visiting the library in person. Open to the public 362 days a year, the library contains the only complete set of Cayce readings available for your personal research. The library also displays over 35,000 volumes on such readings-related topics as ancient Egypt, meditation and the history of Christianity. Some of its special features include: a tape-listening room with a wide selection of A.R.E. lectures, an extensive collection of periodicals and reference volumes and the Egerton Sykes Collection — the world's largest assortment of books on Atlantis."

In addition to its first-rate library facilities and its specialty bookstore, the association also conducts seminars/conferences/workshops

year-round, offering reduced-cost lodging for the attendees — either on the A.R.E. grounds or in the nearby city. This would fit in nicely with Bob Girard's criterion for accommodating researchers with long-term, on-site work needs.

If enough interest could be generated among UFOphiles, the A.R.E. Library might be induced to allocate the necessary resources for the creation of, say, the Donald E. Keyhoe Memorial UFO Archives. Of course, we're talking about a large room that could hold hundreds of volumes and bushels of memorabilia, everything from the 94 microfilm reels of USAF Project Blue Book to my hefty collection of UFO-related cartoons. Not to mention the dozens of 1950-60 vintage tape recordings of UFO-sighting case reports, news-pdrsonality interviews, and lectures by UFOlok.

And speaking of collections, my own 25-year-old collection of UFOana has been the subject of much introspection lately. Should I will it to my heirs, or bequeath it to the proposed UFO library? Should I sell it in a few years for all the profit I can muster, or simply donate it and take the customary tax deduction? The decision would be much the easier if I could be assured that other collectors' assets were committed to incorporation into the proposed International UFOlogy Library.

If UFOlit — as Bob Girard calls the genre — merits any preservation and perpetuation whatsoever, then how can the average collector escape the civic duty implicit in that realization? After three decades of growth in the UFO-oriented publishing industry, isn't it time that the resultant cumulative testimonial to the greatest untold story of all time be placed in the hands of library science and library security?

My own collection has a number of duplicate items. As a first step toward stocking the proposed library, I'm willing to donate that extra material. And I would hope that Bob and his fellow UFOphiles will be able to work with the Edgar Cayce Foundation on getting things started with the A.R.E. Library.

DAILY OLYMPIAN, Olympia, WA - June 15, 1982

'Lighted oil derrick' spotted flying nearby

An unidentified flying object described as being twice as large as a jumbo jet was sighted early this morning heading east off the Rainier Road.

Dennis Bailey, 29, and his step-brother, Tracy Schey, 24, both of 5628 Etude Loop, said this morning they saw the large object as they were traveling on Rainier Road in their car near Stedman Road.

"I noticed some lights in front and above us," Bailey said. "I told my brother, 'UFO at 10 o'clock.' It was cruising along, going due east."

A resident of Tempo Lake, who wished to remain anonymous, said she saw a bright object "darting back and forth" at about 3 a.m.

Bailey said the object had two large lights, one on top, the other on the bottom, but there were many more smaller flashing lights. The men stopped their car and turned off their headlights to watch the phenomenon. "It was about twice the size of a jumbo jet, wing tip to wing tip. That's what made me think of a UFO, it was kind of big for a jet." He could not precisely describe the noise it made, but it closely resembled a hum.

The craft, which was described as square, flew about 1,000 to 2,000 feet up, Bailey said. It reminded him of a "lighted oil derrick." Bailey said this is not the first time he has seen what he believed to be a UFO.

"I saw one once a long time ago, but it wasn't this one," he said.

The Tempo Lake woman said the object was too far away to discern separate lights but she explained it "kind of flipped" and shot four or five times across the sky.

The woman said this morning's sighting was the third time she has seen the "exact same" object. Fifteen years ago she said she saw the same darting light above the old St. Peter Hospital. Forty years ago, she said, she saw the light flash across Budd Inlet.

Some saw meteor, others saw . . . ?

By TERESA BARKER
Of the Register-Guard

Speaking of meteors, and other things that glow bright in the night . . .

"I was coming home from downtown when I saw it," says Al Cole, a retiree who lives in Eugene. "That fireball was the most beautiful thing I've ever seen in my life, and I've seen a lot of them."

A fiery object that seared the darkened Eugene skies at about 10 p.m. Wednesday fits the description of meteor — or fireball — say people who saw it, and also people who know things about meteors. Still unexplained, however, were two bright orange lights seen at about 11 p.m. that night by Dave Lauinger and a friend, who were atop Skinner Butte, and by another couple in downtown Eugene.

It was at 11 p.m. Wednesday when Twyla Sauers, director of the Eugene School District's native American program, finished year-end tasks at the administrative building on Monroe Street. She and her husband walked out to their car and first noticed a "bright star" — like the picture postcards of the star of Bethlehem, Sauers says. They were driving away when they saw two "bright, vivid orange lights" moving slowly and steadily across the sky, about as high as a small plane might fly. "But you could tell they weren't from an airplane," she says.

"I work for the Eugene district and my husband works for Bethel, and we regard ourselves as really steady individuals,"

Sauers says. "If I'd have known at the time I might have been seeing an unidentified object, I'd have been thrilled."

Well, those who saw the 10 p.m. fireball were thrilled, even if it was identifiable.

"They're usually brilliant, bright green like this one," says Cole, who used to build "perfect mirrors" for telescopes, "but the size was the thing that caught me this time. It was big. And then there was this long tail that stretched out behind it — it must have been 100 miles long. A long yellowish deal and it looked like you could see little particles drop out of it. It was so big and bright that after it went out of sight, I almost expected to hear the boom."

Bill Suggs, director of the Lane Education Service District Planetarium at 2300 Centennial Blvd., didn't see the alleged fireball, but says it sounds like "a very large meteor."

As it happens, a special meteor program is in progress at the planetarium, with shows at 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"By 'very large,' I mean in comparison with other meteors. Most you see in the night sky are really not much larger than the tip of your finger. What you're seeing is very, very hot ionized gas around it."

A meteoroid the size of driveway gravel will get an 18- to 20-foot ball of glowing gas around it, Suggs says. A larger one easily could have a tail that stretched 60 to 80 miles long. The large ones also tend to be seen much lower on the horizon, just as this one was.

The colors are caused in part by the chemical composition of the meteoroid, and in part by its speed, and angle of entry. A slow meteoroid will create a reddish meteor trail. Extremely fast ones will be yellow or white. Green is caused by chemicals, blue is a product of speed.

The largest meteorite ever found in Oregon was discovered in Oregon City in 1902. Although the meteorite itself was shipped off to the American Museum of Natural History in New York, a "full-size copy" rests on the porch of the planetarium here.

1982, June 22, Klamath Falls, OR - JUNE 22, 1982

Great Balls Of Fire

Goodness gracious, great balls of fire!

A heavenly occurrence Monday evening in which a fireball reportedly fell to earth in western Klamath County might be enough to put Jerry Lee Lewis on the wagon permanently.

Several telephone callers to the Oregon State Police and Klamath County Sheriff's Office reported seeing a large ball of fire striking the earth about 9:30 p.m.

One caller said that the mysterious ball was larger than an aircraft and struck the ground somewhere between Klamath Falls and Ashland. George Gubler, Bonanza town marshal, reported that he saw a similar object overhead near the intersection of Highway 39 and Highway 140 at about 9:40 p.m.

No official explanation for the sighting has been established.

NEWS-PRESS, Castle Rock, CO - June 11, 1982

In Elbert County

'Close Encounters' encountered by couple

By Dianna Gordon
Staff Writer

"Close Encounters of the Third Kind" may have been an exciting film to view — but unexplained phenomena in the night sky can be rather frightening. Just ask Elizabeth area residents Mike and Sue Hopkins, who were witnesses to an unexplained event May 27.

The couple was traveling down County Road-5, near the LeRoy Evans ranch, when they suddenly viewed a brightly lit object hovering approximately 20 feet off the ground.

"It was unexplainable," Sue reported, "a UFO, I'd say. There was no other description for it."

Sue described the object as having "three big white lights, two straight across from each other, but wide across and another up high."

"On the bottom there was a row of lights: red, yellow, red, then two bright white ones — I mean really, really bright," she continued.

Sue said the object "sounded like a jet, but it was really, really low — no more than 20 feet above the ground."

"My husband stopped the car. I asked him why he stopped and he said, 'Because it's coming right toward us.'"

"The lights were incredibly bright," Mike confirmed. "It was pitch dark and I said, 'What the heck is that?' We stopped and watched, then it banked. It sounded like a jet motor, but only when you got up close. When it crossed over real close to us, it sounded like a jet, but it was going

incredibly slowly. Where I was, where it turned, was only about 300 yards and by that time that thing was going too fast to be any airplane I know of. I don't see how it could've been a plane. It was low, just clearing the tops of the trees."

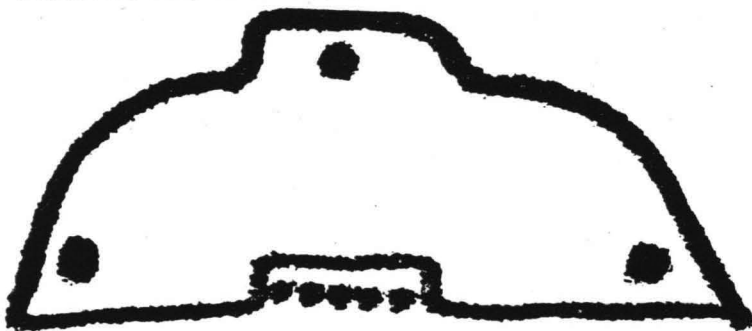
"A helicopter makes a lot of noise when it banks and out here on a quiet night sound travels forever. A jet or helicopter would have been very distinct. There was no sound until it started banking," he explained.

The couple received a further surprise when they arrived home, there were pictures "all over the place the kids had drawn on napkins" of an unusual object — bright lights and all — which had flown over the house.

"The kids were a little nervous. They said it passed over close to the house four times, headed east and turned. My son said it was so close when it crossed over the house, he could have thrown rocks at it. When they went to the back door and pointed out where it turned, I said, 'That's where we saw it.' If I didn't know better I'd say it turned almost deliberately, banked," Mike added.

"We had just seen this thing — it was a UFO, there's nothing else to it. The kids were home, we just stepped in the door and the kids were scared to death," Sue continued.

"Jeff, the youngest was kind of upset," Mike agreed. "He kept telling us to carry in all the dirt you can — remember the movie? I knew I'd seen something, the kids just backed up that I'd seen something."



UFO — Brian Hopkins, 13, drew this picture of an unidentified flying object which passed over his house so closely he told his father he could have thrown

a rock at it. His parents, Mike and Sue, had observed the same object as they drove home the same night.

OREGONIAN, Portland, OR - June 26, 1982

CR: K. Moran

Arnold recalls close encounter of the 1st kind

By PATRICK CONNOLLY

SEATTLE (AP) — Thirty-five years after he reported seeing the first modern-day "flying saucer," Kenneth Arnold continues to be visited by new theories of what he saw and where it was coming from. Arnold, now 67, speculates that the nine shiny, pulsating objects he saw bounding through the daylight sky June 24, 1947, might have been life forms from another planet paying a call to Earth. Another possibility, he says, is that the visitors are links between the world of the living and the world of the dead.

It was near Mount Rainier that Arnold says he sighted the pulsating objects 35 years ago.

His report to the Civil Aeronautics Board of the crescent-shaped, 100-foot-wide objects launched the modern era of "flying saucer" sightings.

"They were all individual, but they were following each other, and the formation had a funny diagonal line, like geese or the tail of a Chinese dragon. Some would gain on the others, some would lose a bit. But they were going somewhere. They weren't interested in me," Arnold said Thursday by telephone from his

home in Meridian, Idaho, where he and his wife live. Formerly of Minot, N.D., Arnold is a retired private pilot and runs his own engineering business. "It was no optical illusion. I'm positive any pilot in the same place at the same time would have observed the same thing. As far as I'm concerned, I just told things the way they were," he said.

A year later, he saw a group of about 24 unidentified flying objects when landing his plane at La Grande, Ore., "clustered together like a bunch of blackbirds, going fast, little ones only 3 feet in diameter."

He said he doesn't know what the objects were. "We've gone to the moon, and that's just a step-ping stone to other planets. If there is life out there, maybe there are people or life as we recognize it, and maybe they'd make the journey here," he said.

"Then, there might be two worlds connecting the living and the dead. Maybe you continue living when you die. I can't envision myself on the steps of God, playing a harp with 10 million other souls. . . . Maybe it has something to do with that," he added.

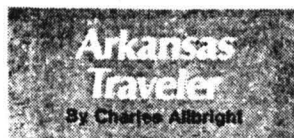
Arnold has reported seeing UFOs at least eight times, the last in 1952, when he was over the Nevada

desert and "they were below me at treetop level. One was as solid as a Chevrolet car, and the other one had the ability to change its density, so I concluded these things could be something alive rather than machines."

He has been grilled by hundreds of reporters and military officers. Airline pilots and others have seen dozens of similar shapes fleeing through the sky, although all of Arnold's sightings have been in daylight.

"This type of craft has been seen for hundreds of years, so to accuse me of being the discoverer of flying saucers isn't right at all," he said. "I just happened to report something substantial enough to be called the modern entry of the fact that we aren't alone."

He added, "There is one thing I'd like to straighten out. 'I didn't create the word 'flying saucer.' This young reporter from Pendleton, Ore., asked me how they flew, and I said they flew very erratically. They flipped and flashed, like if you took a saucer and threw it across the water. So from that, everybody wrongly assumed they were round instead of crescent-shaped."



Never Sneer At the Sight Of a UFO



ONCE AGAIN an unidentified flying object has been sighted over West Texas, this UFO being possessed of greater brightness than the sun, along with the power to paralyze laying hens.

Annabelle Dover of Mena got the report from her sister who lives out there.

"It appeared at 11 p.m.," the witnessing farmer declared, "and hovered in an ungodly manner, twice as bright as the sun, above the hilltop behind the house."

Was night turned into day?

The farmer said, no, everything else remained pitch dark.

"That's what made it unbelievable," the farmer said.

But the proof was in his hen house.

Annabelle Dover says, "Not since the arrival and departure of the object had one of his hens laid a single egg."

Maybe they all laid triples.

"He demanded that the Air Force either admit the presence of ungodly flying objects or reimburse him for lost eggs. At last count, minus 27 eggs a day, that came to 81 eggs."

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CERTAIN PERSONS sneer at UFOs.

We are not among those persons. Our first-grade teacher, Miss Edna, told the class, "Only stupid people sneer."

That wise woman had never even heard of an Unidentified Flying Object, although more than once a chicken did fly through the schoolroom window.

"Sneering is for people who are afraid," Miss Edna said.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - July 3, 1982

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UFO's over Galveston?

First of three parts

Tracking down those UFO's

By **CHUCK STEVICK**
Texas City Sun Reporter

FRIENDSWOOD—"If you want to see a UFO, go build yourself a nuclear plant, and you'll see one," says Don Tucker, commercial artist and UFO investigator.

Tucker made the statement at a recent meeting of VISIT, the Vehicle Internal Systems Investigative Team, which is based in Friendswood.

VISIT acts as a clearinghouse for UFO incidents involving medical injury or a reported entry into an unidentified flying object by a human.

VISIT's membership includes aerospace engineers, scientists, medical specialists, and other professionals. While several of its members are employed by NASA, it is a nonprofit corporation unaffiliated with any government agency.

John Schuessler, a former space agency employee, and a recognized UFO expert, said

VISIT is interested in abduction cases, particularly those in which people are injured due to contact with a UFO.

"Nobody else happened to be doing those things," said Schuessler, who has been involved in UFO research for over 20 years.

Such cases are not new, according to Schuessler. Or uncommon.

In 1887, the Scientific American reported an incident in Venezuela in which a family was awakened by a brightly lit unidentified flying object. As a result of the encounter, the family members suffered burns, hair loss, and vomiting.

On Oct. 3, 1973, a Missouri truck driver was blinded for days and was visually impaired for a year after he met an extremely bright object flying above the road.

On Dec. 29, 1980, three Texans had a close encounter with a UFO just north of Houston, which resulted in severe medical problems which are still present.

Locally, there were three nights of extensive sightings over Galveston last October which received national attention.

Schuessler says in February of this year there was a big flap—VISIT jargon for a lot of UFO activity—in Michigan, with sightings every day, sometimes two or three times a day.

In March, Germany had a lot of sightings, many of them involving multiple witnesses.

Argentina had a UFO flap about six months ago, before all the hubbub in the Falkland Islands. There were reports of humanoid encounters, electromagnetic effects, and more.

"A lot of things that come out of Argentina, you take with a grain of salt," warned Schuessler.

Schuessler and the other VISIT investigators seem to take everything with a grain of salt, asking many questions, and analyzing and re-analyzing answers before

coming to any conclusions.

Often, incidents can be explained away by natural causes. "People don't like to hear it's not that mysterious," says Schuessler.

VISIT has set up a 24-hour hotline where people can report UFO sightings any time of the day or night by calling 482-6702.

Schuessler said the purpose of the number is to get an investigator to the scene of a sighting as quickly as possible.

A problem with the hotline is that once in a while, late-night disc jockeys would call the number at three or four in the morning to see if anyone would talk to them.

There have also been a few crank calls, according to Schuessler.

But there seems to be no shortage of "legitimate" sightings by the public.

Don Tucker said, "If you want to see a UFO, go build yourself a nuclear plant."

But you don't have to go to all that trouble.

NEXT: The Galveston flap

SUN, Texas City, TX - June 15, 1982 CR: J. Schuessler

By **CHUCK STEVICK**
Texas City Sun Reporter

FRIENDSWOOD—For a three-day period last October, authorities in Galveston were swamped with dozens of calls from citizens reporting mysterious, pulsating lights flying over the Island.

A policeman, who watched one of the lights hovering for about 10 minutes, described it as "a big orange star."

Others said the lights looked red and green. The objects were described as "weird-shaped."

The weather was clear, with no haze, clouds, or weather inversions in the area to disrupt the vision.

What was going on?

VISIT, the Vehicle Internal Systems Investigative Team, looked into the events of Oct. 26-28 in Galveston County, and reported its results at a recent public meeting.

VISIT, a nonprofit corporation based in Friendswood, is made up of aerospace engineers, scientists, and other experts who investigate reports of unidentified flying objects.

Don Tucker, one of the principal investigators of the Galveston incidents, says the "nights of the Galveston lights" really

began in the morning of Monday, Oct. 26.

It was a clear morning, and visibility on I-45 was unlimited. Two men in a 1972 Jeep traveled north, towards Houston. Somewhere around 11 a.m., just south of Dickinson, they noticed a silver object in the air, off to their left. It seemed to be pacing them.

Both men assumed it was an aircraft of some sort. Eventually they realized it had no wings, no markings, no protrusions.

Then, as the Jeep approached an overpass, the object suddenly made a 90 degree turn, and accelerated. By the time the men got to the other side of the overpass, the object had disappeared.

The entire incident had lasted between six and seven minutes.

VISIT investigators interviewed both men separately, and eventually concluded from their statements that they were reliable witnesses.

Tucker says the men were hesitant to even speak about the matter, and were skeptical about UFOs in general.

VISIT telephoned the Goodyear people and determined that the sighted object had not been a Goodyear blimp. It was also determined that NASA's Guppy aircraft—which

slightly resembled what the men saw—was not flying at the time of the sighting.

Tucker says the object is somewhat similar to one that was sighted in Alberta, Canada on Sept. 6, 1981.

The VISIT report of the morning sighting called it "puzzling." It said that while the object "is possibly explained as an aircraft... no traffic of that nature was identified."

That evening, the reports of strange lights began pouring into the Galveston police. The first report, which came in at 7:54 p.m., positioned the light overhead at 32nd and E St. Later calls reported the light west of 34th and Ave. H, then at the airport, and then that it had disappeared off to the west.

The following two nights, Oct. 27 and 28, there were numerous reports of flying lights, most of them a bright white, others red, and some shimmering.

VISIT concluded that there is a very good chance that most of the white lights spotted to the west southwest were the planet Venus. According to VISIT investigator Granvill Pennington, who is a physicist and hardware expert, "Venus has been the cause for more UFO sightings than any other object."

The VISIT report found that most of the sightings to be of "lights in the sky" variety,

"puzzling, but not astounding. A great many of the sightings probably had quite normal explanations."

It also concluded: "It appears that most sightings on the 27th and 28th of October were a result of people wanting to see something. The extreme clear, crisp weather allowed Venus, Sirius, and other astronomical bodies to put on quite a show."

Tucker says many of the Galveston sightings were looked upon as "confirmed unknowns."

John Schuessler, a former NASA engineer who now works in McDonald Douglas Corp.'s space flight division, explains, "It's called having a lot of good evidence, but not being able to do anything with it."

However, he adds, the information garnered from the Galveston lights sighting "could pay off way downstream."

"We are looking for something we can put our hands on," says Granvill Pennington. "We're looking for secondary effects."

By looking at the effect, a trained scientist can often determine the cause he says.

On Dec. 29, 1980, three two women and a little boy came into contact with a UFO, and gave VISIT plenty of effect to study.

NEXT: A Too-Close Encounter

Last of a series

Close encounter with diamond of fire

By CHUCK STEVICK
Texas City Sun Reporter

FRIENDSWOOD—"It looked like a diamond of fire," Vickie Landrum told the investigators.

Vickie, her grandson, and another woman encountered the "diamond of fire" along a deserted Texas highway the night of Dec. 29, 1980.

They have not been the same since.

"This has been a very traumatic event for them," says John Schuessler of VISIT, the Vehicle Internal Systems Investigative Team.

"All of them are partially blind at this time," says Schuessler. That is on top of other medical problems, including hair loss, diarrhea, excessive amount of tooth decay, and the periodic appearance of sores.

According to Schuessler, the three show symptoms of "extreme radiation exposure." He told this story:

Their problems started a cool, winter evening about two-and-a-half years ago. Vickie, 57, and her seven-year-old grandson Colby Landrum were traveling with Betty Cash, 51 on the Cleveland-Huffman road just north of Lake Houston. They were on their way home in Dayton after finding the hall

where they'd gone to play bingo was closed.

Suddenly, just ahead of them on the road, hovering, was the "diamond of fire."

The object was so bright, it was hard to look at. Flames belched from its bottom. With each blast of flames, the object would rise; when the blast stopped, it would drop.

Things began to get hot...

Betty Cash, fearing that if they got any closer they might be burned alive, stopped the car in the middle of the road. The three got out for a closer look.

Terrified, Colby immediately jumped back into the automobile, screaming. His screams finally enticed his grandmother back into the car.

Meanwhile, Betty walked to the front of the car for even a closer look at the bright object. After much pleading from Vickie, she returned to the driver's side of the car.

The car had become so hot, the woman had to use her leather jacket as a hotpad to open the door and climb in.

The temperature outside that night had been reported to be about 40 degrees. Inside the car, its occupants began to sweat, and the air conditioning had to be turned on.

Throughout the sighting, the three people were aware of an irregular beeping noise.

The object rose to the southwest, and

disappeared from sight.

Relieved that they were all apparently "safe and sound," the threesome continued their journey home, turning right onto FM 2100.

Ahead of them, in the sky, was the object again. It was surrounded by a large number of helicopters, later identified as CH-47 Chinooks, the double-rotor type used by the military.

The sky was filled with helicopters, flying all around the object. Betty, Vickie, and Colby counted more than 20 of them.

They were noisy. "The helicopter roar was like a tornado," said Vickie.

This time none of the three got out of the car for a closer look. They sped home, leaving the "diamond of fire" and the helicopters behind. Almost immediately their medical problems became apparent.

When Betty dropped Vickie and Colby off at their home in Dayton, Vickie commented, "My head hurts. I'm sick."

Betty was even sicker. Along with an excruciating headache, she became nauseated, her eyes swelled shut, and red blotches appeared all over her head. The next morning, she didn't get out of bed.

The other two suffered similar problems, says Schuessler. They became red as beet,

and developed a severe case of diarrhea that lasted seven weeks. It was so bad for Colby, he had to wear a diaper to school.

Things got worse. Betty had to be hospitalized, where she was treated as if she was a burn patient. Most of her hair, which was quite lush, fell out, as did some of Vickie's.

During this time, Betty lost patches of skin on her face, and for several weeks thereafter Colby had nightmares about the helicopters.

With regards to the helicopters, Schuessler, a former NASA engineer, who is regarded an expert in UFO study, checked with Houston International Airport and state military installations, with little results.

Beyond 15 miles from the airport, helicopters are required to remain below 1,800 feet, which is too low for Houston radar to pick up.

None of the military installations would admit to having helicopters on a mission in the Houston area that night.

What the VISIT investigators did find out was this:

About four hours after the original Cash-Landrum sighting, an off-duty police officer and his wife reported 12 CH-47 copters flying over the area, searchlights scanning the earth.

"There was some kind of helicopter operation that night," says Schuessler.

Also, VISIT determined that there is a secret helicopter unit in the military which operates where it wants to in this country. VISIT also found that the unit was in Texas the night of Dec. 29, 1980.

However, exactly where the unit was and what it was doing is classified information.

Meanwhile, the health of Betty Cash, and Vickie and Colby Landrum continues its downward slide. Their future is yet to be determined.

"They really deserve help," says Schuessler.

He grits his teeth with frustration. "There is no such thing as a UFO, according to the government," he says. "And the helicopters weren't there, according to the government. And yet the people got hurt."

What exactly was the Cash-Landrum sighting, Schuessler wonders.

Was it a UFO?

Was it a UFO intercept?

Or could it have been an agreed meeting between a UFO and the helicopters?

"It's a mystery," he says.

And the investigation continues.

Public urged support UFO secrecy suits

By Larry W. Bryant
Special to Kansas World

QUESTION: What has 21 top Secret pages, boasts of having been pre-sented intact to the U.S. federal judicial system, now is available to the general public only in highly censored form, and is destined to haunt its originator as a key to Uncle Sam's Pandora's box of hard-core UFO data?

ANSWER: Yes, you guessed it: that rare item of litigation documentation called a Freedom of Information in-camera affidavit, submitted, in this case, by the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) to the U.S. district court for the District of Columbia as part of the supersecret, Fort Meade, MD.-based intelligence agency's response in the historic case of *Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS) vs. NSA*.

Thanks to the imaginative effort of UFO researcher Barry J. Greenwood of Stoneham, Mass., in using the Freedom of Information Act to secure a copy of the affidavit, the public not only has documented confirmation that certain classified UFO information is hidden in the files of several government agencies, but also has the realization that any time the Government pleases it can invoke beefed-up secrecy provisions to deny public access to such material.

That realization also was reinforced recently when the U.S. Supreme Court declined to review the lower courts' decision in favor of the Agency.

"We lost a helluva battle," said a CAUS official, but not necessarily the war. It's now time to move into the broader arena of public opinion... to lay all the cards out for the average citizen to decide if his government has been, and will be, totally accountable for its handling of official UFO data."

This new phase of the CAUS commitment to informing the public as to the scope and implications of official UFO secrecy will of course depend mainly upon public support — a sort of catch 22 whereby an ill-informed, apathetic public will remain that way until it's ready, willing and able to take the first step toward overcoming the status quo.

Some UFO researchers feel that step should be in the direction of open congressional hearings on the issue of UFO secrecy. But, given Congress's missed opportunities for such investigation over the past 35 years, they're faced with still another catch 22: not enough convincing evidence to warrant a congressional search for even harder evidence of UFO reality.

Until that convincing evidence mounts up through the continued — albeit sparse and unpredictable — "leakage" of suppressed UFO-related documentation, researchers like Barry J. Greenwood, William L. Moore, Leonard H. Stringfield, and Stanton T. Friedman agree they will have to start pooling their resources, energies, and talents in a last-ditch campaign to open the public's eyes.

Recently, the news media's serious attention to the UFO controversy is being fed by the individual efforts and revelations of the above researchers as well as by the official documentation released via the Freedom of Information Act.

Also contributing to wider public understanding of the UFO secrecy issue are the various FOIA litigation papers filed over the past several years. Not the least of these, of course, is the NSA in-camera affidavit, whose ultimate (if understated) premise is that the public has no right to unlimited access to official UFO data.

The ball now is in the public's court.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - July 12, 1982

Search Called Off For Falling Object

Associated Press

Members of the Dunklin County, Mo., sheriff's department and a group of volunteers searched until almost 2 a.m. Sunday for an object they saw fall from the sky Saturday near the Missouri-Arkansas line, east of Paragould.

After finding nothing, search teams from Arkansas and Missouri ended the search.

Deputy Sheriff Leon Lester said Sunday the object was larger than a meteorite and appeared to be on fire. Seven persons in Arkansas and Missouri reported seeing the object falling at about 9 p.m. Saturday.

The Federal Aviation Administration said there were no reports of missing aircraft in the area, which is less than three miles west of Carwell, Mo., and less than 10 miles east of Paragould, Ark.

LOG CABIN DEMOCRAT, Conway, AR - July 12, 1982 Objects are seen falling from sky

By The Associated Press

It was bigger than a meteorite, they said. It was a burning ball with a trail of smoke, others said. But hours of searching for the object that residents of Independence County, Ark., and Dunklin County, Mo., said fell from the sky last week turned up nothing.

Dunklin County officers and volunteers looked until almost 2 a.m. Sunday after seven people in Arkansas and Missouri reported seeing the object descending near the Arkansas-Missouri border at

about 9 p.m. Saturday.

Deputy Sheriff Leon Lester said Sunday the object appeared to be burning.

Last week, several residents — school teachers, businessmen and others — told the Independence County Sheriff's Dunklin County, Mo., said fell from the sky last week turned up nothing.

There were no reports of missing aircraft in the Dunklin County area.

35 Years of U.F.O.'s

Thirty-five years ago tomorrow, an era opened. On that fateful day in 1947, a businessman flying his private plane over Mount Ranier, in Washington State, sighted an unconventional formation of what were later described as "flying saucers," the first of many such sightings of unidentified flying objects.

No special observance is planned to commemorate that magic moment, but Fred Whiting of the private, non-profit Fund for U.F.O. Research thought it was a good time for stock-taking. Over the years, he said, 9 out of 10 initially unexplained sightings have turned out to be known natural or man-made objects. The tenth, however, is still unidentified.

"There is considerable evidence to support the theory that some of these unidentified flying objects are extra-terrestrial spacecraft, but there isn't any proof of it," Mr. Whiting said.

In four years, the fund has raised and spent about \$15,000 on research. "You could call us the National Science Foundation for U.F.O. research, on a small scale," Mr. Whiting said. The organization has also sued and obtained the release of 3,000 pages of Government documents by the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency, but so far no proof.

TIMES, New York, NY - June 23, 1982 CR: F. Whiting

UFOs, and government's secrecy, baffle observers

By Richard Burke

It was 35 years ago today that a businessman named Kenneth Arnold spotted an unusual aircraft — an unidentified flying object — as he was flying his private plane near Washington, D.C.

Since then, there have been thousands of similar sightings. Here Fred Whiting, a member of the Fund for UFO Research Inc., a non-profit organization that channels funds into UFO research and education projects, talks about UFOs.

Q: It has been 35 years since the first well-publicized sighting of a UFO — what have we learned during that time about UFOs?

A: Well, one thing we know for sure is that nine out of every 10 UFO sightings can usually be explained as natural or man-made phenomena.

Q & A

FRED WHITING
FUND FOR UFO RESEARCH

However, after thorough investigation by qualified researchers using the best tools at their disposal, about 5 or 10 percent of the sightings are still unexplained. That's what we refer to when we talk about a UFO.

The second thing that is quite clear is that most of the UFOs that are still unknown are real phenomena. They are not products of one's imagination. They are not just seen by people who are drunk or crazy.

They are reported by respectable people who have a great deal to lose by talking publicly about their experience.

Q: Why does your group say that these unexplained sightings — that 5 or 10 percent — are extraterrestrial spacecraft?

A: Well, there's no proof that they are extraterrestrial. But my own personal feeling is that there is a great deal of evidence to support the idea that they are extraterrestrial. Because in a great many cases in what we call close encounters of the third kind, there are occupants that are reported in association with the UFOs. They are humanoid, but not human. The presumption is that they are from some place other than this earth. But the extraterrestrial hypothesis is only one theory about the source of UFO phenomena. There are many others.

Q: What are some of the other theories?

A: Another one is that perhaps they are from the future; that they are time-travelers. Perhaps they are our own descendants.

There are people who believe that they come from the middle of the earth. There are those who think that they are from some other dimension. And there is even a theory that is being given a lot of consideration these days — perhaps it is the post-Watergate mentality — it is called the federal hypothesis; that is, perhaps our own government is behind these things and is in some way using UFO phenomena to cover tests of secret aircraft or activities of an intelligence nature.

And there are others theories — they get more and more bizarre. That's why the extraterrestrial hypothesis is probably the least unlikely explanation.

Q: If they are extraterrestrial spacecraft, who are they and where are they coming from?

A: That's the big question. There's really no clear answer yet, but the bottom line is that there is no proof that there are extraterrestrials. There's just a lot of evidence to suggest that.

Q: The Fund for UFO Research Inc. believes that many UFOs perform in a manner beyond our own technology. Can you discuss that?

A: In 1975 and 1976 there was a whole wave of sightings over sensitive military installations in the United States and Canada. Many of them were SAC bases (Strategic Air Command) and ones with nuclear stockpiles and nuclear weapons. At Fort Hood, Texas, one UFO was seen hovering over an ammo dump. It suggests, I think, if you buy the extraterrestrial hypothesis, that there's some sort of surveillance going on. When jets were sent up they evaded capture.

In Washington in 1952, jets were sent up after a fleet of UFOs that violated the airspace over the White House and the Capitol and they couldn't catch them either.

Q: Can you tell us about a certain suit that would challenge the U.S. government's policy of

keeping certain UFO documents secret?

A: Unfortunately, the Supreme Court refused to hear the case, along with a number of other cases. But the suit against the National Security Agency for the release of about 35 documents may produce some valuable information. All we know for sure is that a district court judge in Washington ruled in favor of the NSA keeping that information secret based not on reading the documents but on a 21-page, top secret memorandum prepared for him by the NSA's attorney.

Q: Why should the public be concerned about the existence of UFOs?

A: I think it's important for a number of reasons. One, the possibility exists that we're talking about extraterrestrial life. The implications of that alone would be staggering. Second, I think we have a national security problem on our hands here. These objects are invading the airspace over sensitive military installations.

Third, I think on a philosophical basis, it makes us rethink our place in the universe. It makes us look at ourselves from a different perspective and that's healthy, too.

Q: What was the latest sighting that is considered significant by your group?

A: An outstanding sighting occurred on Dec. 30, 1980, in Huffman, Texas. It received a great deal of publicity. The two adult witnesses were recently on the "Good Morning America" program.

What happened was that two middle-aged women and a young boy encountered a UFO on a road. They described it as a large diamond-shaped, reddish object that hovered about 100 feet above the road in front of them, emitting flames. One of the witnesses, Betty Cash, got out of her car and approached the object but then went back to her car.

Although it was a cold night, she said that to open her car door she had to use her leather jacket sort of like a potholder, because the car frame was so hot. On the way home they had to put on the air conditioning in the car because it was so warm. They suffered severe radiation burns, or what appeared to be radiation burns, as well as losing a great deal of hair. Betty Cash lost three quarters of the hair on her head. The other lady, Vicki Landrum, also suffered burns and hair loss.

The radiologist who is on our board of directors, Peter Rank, has done a very thorough examination, and his conclusion is that it was a form of radiation, which was a combination of infrared and microwave, which are at the opposite ends of the spectrum.

Now, all of that would be strange enough. But what the witnesses also reported, besides the UFO hovering over the road in front of them, were a dozen military helicopters that appeared to be escorting it. When the UFO took off the helicopters flew after it. The UFO and the helicopters were also reported by separate, independent witnesses in the area.

We contacted military bases from Louisiana to California and nobody, none of those bases, will acknowledge having helicopters up that evening. It's just very puzzling.

GAZETTE, Texarkana, AR - June 21, 1982 CR: B. Leet

Simms family can't identify flying object

By RUSSELL CAROLLO
Of the Gazette Staff

The strange red flickering lights which moved methodically in the sky over rural Simms, Texas, may have been stars.

But seven members of a family, who watched spellbound as the glowing enigmas loomed over their house late Saturday, believe the objects were much more.

"I really didn't want to believe what I saw," said Bobby Gray, who claims he and his family watched for 15 minutes as three star-like objects moved over their house at about 11 p.m. "I still don't know what I saw."

"They were traveling from the west to the east. At first, someone said it was a shooting star, but they were traveling too fast."

"At one time, there were three of them — kind of red — in a formation to the west," Gray said. "All of a sudden, they made a 90-degree turn to the north."

Gray said just after his two grandsons, ages 7 and 8, spotted the objects in his backyard, they came running in the house to tell him about it.

"The little kids come running in saying they saw something, and we'd better hurry if we were going to see," said Gray's wife, Vera.

"The boys just kept yelling 'UFO, UFO,'" she said, adding she then went outside to see the objects. "It was kind of scary."

Mrs. Gray said she didn't think the objects were airplanes. "Planes usually have a different color light, and they blink — these didn't blink," she said. "You had to focus on it for awhile to see it."

They did not alert authorities about the sightings, Mrs. Gray said, because "we didn't know who to call."

SUN, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - July 4, 1982 CR: L. Bryant



WILLIAM MOORE

The hairless creatures, 130 cm in height and weighing 40 kg, had large eyes and heads, 2 arms, eight fingers and bumps for a nose and ears.

WRITER CLAIMS PROOF:

'Coverup of alien landing'

By SHARON STEEVES

Staff Writer

Flying saucers and chalky grey, hairless aliens exist and the U.S. government is covering it up, says author William L. Moore.

Moore, of Yavapai County, Arizona, told about 100 people at a Mutual UFO Network seminar at the Westbury Hotel yesterday, the U.S. government knows a 30-foot circular craft crashed near Roswell, N.M., in 1947, but is hiding the evidence.

"I have rather compelling evidence there is a cover-up of national policy on UFOs. It's something that has been rumored for a long time but I suspect this is the first time anyone has had any concrete evidence."

Moore, author of *The Roswell Incident*, said a lot of his findings relate to a violent aerial explosion and the discovery of debris in Roswell in July, 1947. Witnesses testified the craft "looked like an old-fashioned crumpled dish pan and debris was scattered all around the area."

Six to eight hairless creatures, 130 cm (4 feet 3 inches) in height and weighing 40 kg (88 lbs.), with large eyes and heads were thrown from the craft. Witnesses said they had two arms with four fingers at the end of each and bumps for a nose and ears.

"A source of high intelligence which conducted an internal study said it had a single heart and lung and a single kidney and bladder. The digestive tract looked like it ate soft or mushy food."

And these creatures could have been writers: Scattered around the wreckage were sheets of paper with pink and purple scribbles on them.

Since discovery of the debris, the government has investigated the situation, but refuses to release any details. Moore said he has interviewed 85 people who witnessed the incident — 28 were eye-witnesses.

But the whereabouts of the debris is unknown.

"In my opinion it might be in New Mexico. After the crash, it was flown to Dayton, Ohio."

Moore recently got two anonymous letters saying a doctor performed an autopsy on an alien type body in 1947.

"I found the doctor and after reading the allegations to him he asked me if I was aware he was still getting a monthly cheque from the U.S. department of justice."

In December, 1980, U.S. District Court Judge Gerhard Gessell said 131 top secret UFO reports held by the National Security Agency should remain classified. Gessell did not review the documents. His decision was based on a 21-page, top-secret affidavit given to him in his chambers.

So why the big cover-up? The discovery of aliens could jeopardize national security or set off a national panic, Moore said.

"We don't know anything about these aliens, their powers, motivation or if they are dangerous, which is enough to start a national panic."

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Closer encounters with 'E.T.'

People who have experienced otherworldly phenomena find fact in Steven Spielberg's fantasy: This movie is one more step in the plan to prepare Earth for delegations from outer space.

By MICHAEL LONDON

Near the end of the movie "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" is a scene in a school playground that neatly captures director Steven Spielberg's mixture of the mundane and the mysterious.

Ten-year-old Elliott is introducing his visitor from another planet to his schoolmates. "He's a man from outer space," he says. "We're taking him back to his spaceship."

The boys are dumbfounded. Asks one, "Why doesn't he just beam up?"

Elliott is peeved: "This is reality, Greg."

For eight people who attended a recent screening of "E.T.," the movie is reality of a special kind. All are veterans of what they call "the UFO experience." To them, Spielberg's fantasy is fact.

Frank Reed, 39, his wife, Phyllis, and their three sons claim to have sighted six extraterrestrial craft hovering over the Harbor Freeway. The Rev. Harrison E. Bailey, 55, says that alien beings made repeated visits to his Pasadena apartment two years ago. Anita Furdek, 36, a psychic, says she observed the creatures in Bailey's apartment and helped roof them out.

Two participants requested anonymity—a photo-research technician, 40, who says his family was visited by aliens at a desert campsite outside San Diego, and a computer programmer, 29, who says extraterrestrials examined her aboard a spaceship in a field behind her Panorama City apartment.

"This is a true movie, not a romance," said the photo-research technician. "It's part of a conditioning process to prepare us for the arrival of alien beings."

"The movie is a vehicle," said Furdek, who's employed as a marketing research analyst at Mission Insurance Co. "A lot of it is hokey, but it also invites the audience to be less afraid of the so-called paranormal. And what better place to start than with the children."

"If you listen very carefully to the statements made in this film, little seeds of in-

formation are being planted in peoples' minds," said Reed, a prosperous manufacturer's representative.

"We're going to be part of a whole system of beings one day," he continued. "They're going to arrive over the course of time until we feel more comfortable with them. And the human race has to prepare for it or the effects will be devastating."

According to these fervent "witnesses," the lovable space creature in "E.T." bears only vague resemblance to real-life visitors—he's more of a gussied-up alien-gone-Hollywood. The aliens in their reports range from blobs of floating ectoplasm to emotionless dwarfs radiating a blinding white light.

But the witnesses are quick to add that physical authenticity isn't the point of "E.T." What's at stake in this gentle film fable, they say, is an urgent lesson for earthlings: The extraterrestrials are coming.

They see "E.T." as part of a much broader effort—involving Spielberg, the government, perhaps even extraterrestrials themselves—to acquaint people with the likelihood (some say certainty) of alien visitation and to avert global panic when such a visit occurs.

The eight witnesses all say that their experiences have prepared them to accept the reality of extraterrestrials. Now it's time to start on the rest of mankind—and that's where Steven Spielberg comes in.

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Initially, each participant was reluctant to be interviewed for fear of being lumped with the charlatans and professional crackpots who frequent the UFO field. But they eventually agreed to attend a screening of "E.T." at the Cinéma Dome in Hollywood and then meet as a group to discuss the film. (Follow-up phone conversations were also held.)

They come across in person as earnest, thoughtful and articulate—down to

earth, so to speak. "These are all rational witnesses," said Ann Druffel, of the Center for UFO studies, a researcher and author on UFO phenomena who helped select the screening group from her file of "verified" cases. "They're the best of the lot. Many people are so damaged by the experience that they just can't cope."

Professor Alvin H. Lawson, head of the UFO Report Center of Orange County and himself an experienced investigator, cautioned that there is still no hard evidence of alien visitation. "I don't believe these experiences are physically real," he said. "But psychologically, they are very real."

The psychological reality comes across vividly in conversation with the witnesses. They recount their experiences with a quiet intensity and richness of detail that would give pause to any skeptic. (For details on the individual encounters, see adjoining article.)

There was a similar intensity in their reactions to "E.T." Several acknowledged powerful responses.

Bailey, pastor of a local Baptist church, was moved by the film's theological overtones. "I don't want to get into a religious discussion," he said, "but at one point E.T. tells the boy, 'I'll be with you.' That's just what Christ said to the disciples when he sent them out into the world."

"When I saw the ship at the beginning of the film, I felt a sudden rush of emotion," said the computer programmer with obvious joy at the memory. "I thought, 'Wow, there it is again.' When the aliens appeared, the same thing happened. That surprised me. I hadn't expected those feelings."

But it was the subject matter, not the content, that provoked her response. In fact, she said, the physical features of E.T. and its spacecraft were closer to Walt Disney than her real-life encounter.

"Every once in a while E.T. would put on a little show of powers," she said, "but for the most part, he acted like a big pet from outer space."

"I can see all kinds of E.T. dolls, toys and T-shirts," added Bailey. "It's very clever commercially."

That line of criticism found its most extreme advocate in researcher Ann Druffel. "It was charming," she said, "but it wasn't about UFOs."

Druffel's remark drew strong protests from several of the witnesses who insisted that the heart of "E.T." has everything to do with UFOs.

"The spiritual essence of the film is right on," said the photoresearch technician, who was 13 when his reported encounter occurred. "From a child's point of view, that's exactly how it happens."

The other participants agreed that the film was primarily aimed at children—but that's all part of the plan, they said.

"As far as I'm concerned, this film is for my children and my children's children," said Reed. "They're the ones who are going to have to deal with extraterrestrial visitation on a much greater scale."

"Everything's being done through the children," added his wife Phyllis. "If E.T. would have approached the mother first, there would have been no movie."

The Reed sons were entertained but, for the most part, nonplussed. They found the movie a little shallow after their own real-life experience. Frank Jr., 14, mentioned the scene in which E.T. uses his glowing index finger to magically heal a cut on Elliott's outstretched finger. "It reminded me of the Creation," he said. "It looked just like the painting we saw in Rome last Christmas."

Frank Jr. may not have been bowled over, but the witnesses believe that "E.T." will provide a valuable lesson for other children—and adults—whose previous experience is limited to science-

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fiction movies depicting extraterrestrials as savage monsters bent on enslaving the earth.

"E.T.'s" emotional key, they agreed, is the empathy created for the creature from outer space. "Usually we're all concerned about what's going to happen when 'they' come," said Furdek. "But here I was thinking about the poor little alien trapped in the woods, and how he doesn't know where he is."

Much of the empathy for E.T. arose from the relentless manner in which the creature was hunted down by government scientists. "That's just how the government acts in an important case," said Bailey. "They bust right in with their keys jangling and their feet stomping. They assume that the aliens have come to take over the country."

Bailey said that his extraterrestrial visitors have repeatedly pestered him to inform the government that UFOs are real, that the occupants mean no harm, and that they wish to land on earth and communicate with man free of danger.

He said he has attempted to introduce resolutions to that effect into Illinois state and California state legislatures. "It's a losing battle," he said. "The government has a lot of information they aren't releasing."

Some members of the group cautioned that not all aliens are as lovable as "E.T.'s" hero. "We're supposed to identify with this creature as having human emotions, but that's not necessarily true," said the photo-researcher.

"My own experience is that yes, some entities are as sensitive as this one," said Furdek, who claims to have communicated with a variety of aliens in many separate incidents. "But I've also experienced the wrath of entities who are not as understandable within our intellectual and emotional structures. Just as people have different natures, entities from different planets have different natures."

The photo-researcher went even further: "I've been around all types of people all over the world, and I know human, cold indifference. But alien indifference is really damn cold."

Indifference also characterized the aliens that the computer programmer claims she met. "They weren't exactly jovial or outgoing," she said, "but at the same time I never felt frightened or threatened. I don't think they're ruled by emotions." Nonetheless, she said she agreed with the "consensus" that "E.T." sets a worthy example by casting an extraterrestrial in a friendly light.

None described the aliens that they have encountered as hostile. "That's the

last thing they are," said Reed. "With their technology, they could devastate the world. They don't have to play games."

For Reed and the photo-researcher, the aftermath of their encounters was far more harrowing than the actual experiences. "I can tell you in a word what effect it had on me," said the technician, "despair, complete and utter despair."

"I was upset that I couldn't go with them," he recalled. "When I returned to our home in the city, everything seemed unreal to me. Everything my parents, teachers and pastors told me was phony. I became agnostic and totally amoral."

Reed experienced a similar sense of panic: "I was shaken to the very foundation. I had a certain concept of the world, and suddenly I was confronted with something that didn't fit into my belief structure."

Both Reed and the photo-researcher delved into the UFO literature. Examining the evidence, they became convinced that it's only a matter of time before Earth is visited officially by emissaries from a distant planet.

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That's where "E.T." enters the picture. "This is a process that has to be taken to acculturate us to the possibility of contact from other civilizations," said Reed.

Why is such a process necessary?

"If these things we're seeing are really vehicles from another civilization, then their technology is obviously far beyond ours." And their technology will be matched, he predicts, by an equally sophisticated "awareness of the universe—its nature and substance."

"Now imagine what would happen if there was an overt landing on this planet," he said. "We'd be confronted with a reality so far beyond us that we'd be stripped of everything we've learned over the ages. Our humanity would be cut to the core."

Reed said he believes that such an event would touch off economic, political and theological upheavals amounting to "absolute chaos." He and the other witnesses see "E.T."—though it's only a movie, and a sugar-coated one at that—as a vital step toward warding off such a calamity.

"In America, we were the first to grant the common man the resources to read, write and become educated," said the computer programmer. "Now, through the popular media, we're starting an awareness of aliens and hopefully an ability to communicate with them."

When the witnesses were asked to identify who might be engineering the effort to prepare earthlings for alien visitors, there was considerable dissension.

The photo-researcher suggested that Spielberg simply has soaked up a growing popular awareness of UFOs. "When I was a child," he said, "we could never conceive of a movie like this." But with the increasing incidence of UFO sightings, he said, "the phenomenon is suddenly achieving social diffusion worldwide. . . . There are things between the lines in 'E.T.' that probably even the director didn't realize."

Furdek implies that the government is playing a role. "Society is changing, and even the government is changing. They can't deny it (the authenticity of UFO sightings) any more, so they're helping to prepare us."

The computer programmer believes that the entire UFO phenomenon is a collective process of the human imagination. She regards extraterrestrials as a physical manifestation of man's mental image of himself in a highly evolved state.

The photo-researcher said that he, too, has considered the psychological component of the UFO experience. "(Swiss psychologist Carl) Jung said that the UFO is just a symbol for world unification, and the circle represents the universe," he said.

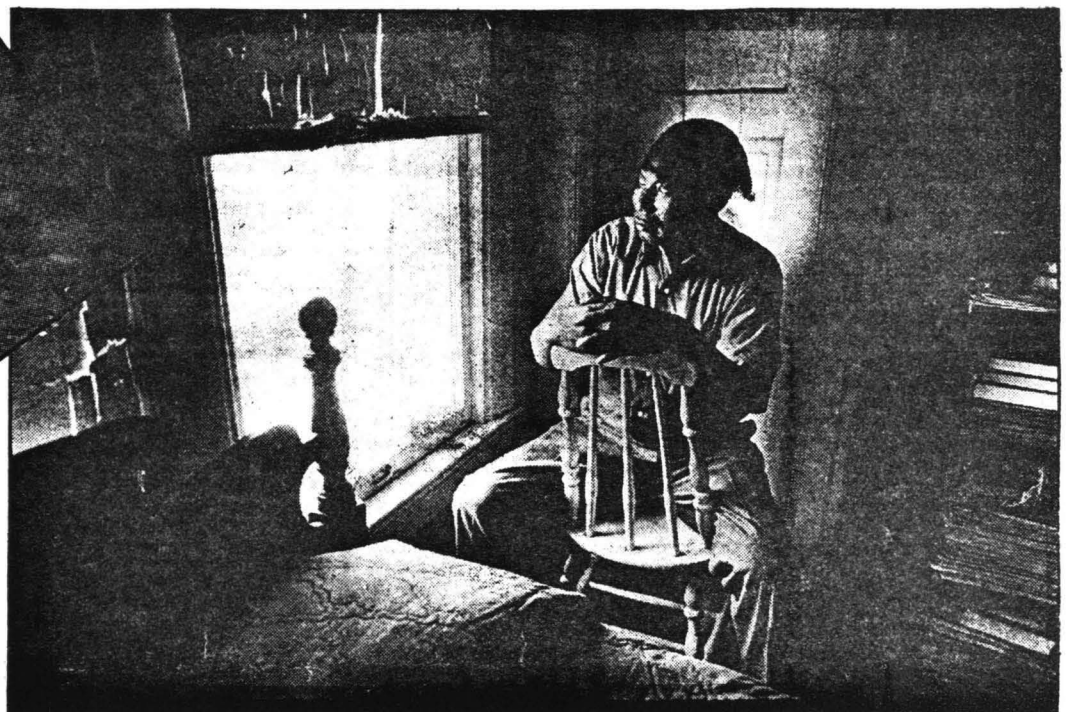
Reed hypothesized that an intelligence greater than man's may well be involved. How else, he asked, could there be so many echoes of ultimate truth in "E.T."?

"The UFO experience to me is not just an object in the sky," he said, "it's a whole conceptualization that has built up in my head as a result. What I'm hearing Spielberg say over and over—in this film and also in 'Close Encounters'—are those little bits that strike a resonant chord in my mind."

For Reed, the whole mystery—and its solution—is contained in the last line of the film. As E.T. leaves for home, 3 million light years away, he taps his finger on Elliott's earthbound head and says, "I'll always be here." □



Phyllis and Frank Reed and their three sons, shown here at their suburban home, claim to have sighted six UFOs above the Harbor Freeway.



The Rev. Harrison E. Bailey, right, relaxing in the Pasadena apartment where he says extraterrestrials repeatedly appeared. Above, a Polaroid picture that Bailey says he took of an alien visitor late at night.

UFO SIGHTERS RELATE THEIR EXPERIENCES

Frank Reed and his family had just delivered a relative to Los Angeles International Airport for a 10 p.m. flight to Cleveland on July 23, 1979. Reed set the cruise control on his new Oldsmobile and settled in for the drive back to his suburban Los Angeles home.

"Suddenly," he recalled, "I saw in front of me something I knew I'd never seen before."

Hanging about 10 degrees over the horizon near San Pedro were six oval disks of light in a V-formation, moving north toward their car. Reed pointed them out to his slumbering wife Phyllis. "So what?" she said and fell back to sleep.

Reed exited the freeway, pulled into a vacant lot and opened the car's sunroof. The disks of light drew closer until they were hovering almost directly overhead at about 2,000 feet. They were reddish orange and had a "sharply defined luminosity—like an incandescent lightbulb without a shade," Reed said. "I know a lot about aircraft—and these were not aircraft."

By now, the entire family was transfixed—Reed with inexplicable euphoria, his wife with utter terror, their three young sons with glee. "They thought it was a light show," Reed said.

"Then I saw something new," he continued. "As soon as I did, the logic center of my brain told me I had to be imagining." But he wasn't alone in the sighting. In the back seat, Frank Jr. blurted out, "Look at that ray!"

They saw a narrow cone of light beaming out of the center disk and extending three-fourths of the way to the ground. Longitudinal waves of light were rotating slowly inside the cone in a fashion that defied ordinary physical laws, according to Reed. Minutes later, the disks broke formation and vanished into different corners of the night sky with astonishing speed.

Reed's experience was rather prosaic compared with those of the other witnesses.

The encounter of a photo-research technician who requested anonymity occurred on a 1954 summer night in Anza-Borego Desert State Park outside San Diego, where he was camping with his family and a young friend. He noticed an unsettling calm as he went to bed. "The coyotes were howling as if their limbs were being torn off," he said.

Shortly thereafter, the then-13-year-old boy felt himself receiving telepathic messages. "I knew I wasn't talking to myself," he said. "Someone outside was communicating to me."

As the messages continued, he said he rose from his bed and signaled his location by waving a Coleman lantern in the air. Then he returned to the open-air campsite where he, his brother and his friend were sleeping on cots. (The parents were inside a nearby camper.)

Moments later, according to the photo researcher, a round disk of pure crystalline light appeared in the sky, skipping over the mesa like a stone over water. A battleship-gray vehicle came to a hovering halt about 40 feet over the campsite.

"It was obviously an alien craft," he said. "There were all kinds of strange apparatus, including a rod sticking out in front. I could see the outlines of three figures looking down through some kind of porthole."

He said the boys heard a high-pitched whine and a panel in the belly of the ship slid open. A spectacularly bright spotlight flooded the campsite. It cast no shadows and was sharply defined at the edges. "I was immobilized," he recalled. "I felt like an amoeba under the lens of a microscope."

He isn't sure how long the light was on, nor what occurred during the interim. (Paralysis and time loss in the face of a bright light are common phenomena in UFO reports.) When the light finally retracted, he said, he found his brother and friend trying to burrow into the desert floor. "I pulled them out and told them they were meant to confront this. I don't

know why I said that—maybe they were speaking through me." Moments later, the ship was gone in a burst of light.

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An even closer encounter was reported by the Rev. Harrison E. Bailey, whose case has been the object of considerable scrutiny in UFO literature. Bailey said he first encountered extraterrestrials on a rural Illinois highway in 1951. Several subsequent encounters came to a climax on the night of Nov. 1, 1978, when Bailey said he was visited in his Pasadena apartment by two dark-gray entities with the ability to change shape at will.

In the ensuing weeks, the creatures reappeared regularly at night, according to Bailey. "For a while, I couldn't stay home," he said. "I was more afraid than if the Mafia had put out a contract on me. At least they'd wait until I was outside. These things were inside my home."

At the suggestion of researcher Ann Druffel, Bailey purchased a Polaroid camera. Over the next few nights, Bailey pulled the camera from underneath his bed and fired into the darkness. The result was a series of 11 photographs that he regards as proof of alien visitation. The pictures show glowing lights and eerie figures silhouetted against windows and doorways.

Bailey didn't stop there. Again with the help of Druffel, psychic Anita Furdek—who specializes in telepathic communication with extraterrestrials—was brought in to help dispel the creatures. She described the entities in Bailey's home as affable but extremely prankish: "They took on a bloblike form because they didn't want to frighten me," she said. "I'm glad they were fuzzy—their real forms would have been too terrifying."

A night-long battle ensued, according to Bailey and Furdek. The psychic was tossed around the room by the entities "as if she were having an epileptic fit," according to Bailey. At 5 a.m., the creatures finally agreed to leave the pastor in peace.

"After that night, I decided to get out of the extraterrestrial field," says Furdek, a disarmingly down-to-earth woman. "There are plenty of psychics who'd enjoy this kind of work more than me."

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The computer programmer who also requested anonymity had a more prototypical alien abduction experience. A soft-spoken, 29-year-old woman, her matter-of-fact narration seems strangely at odds with the bizarre details of her case—which she has kept a secret from even her family and closest friends.

On a summer night in 1975, she says she awoke to find three alien beings in the bedroom of her Panorama City apartment. "It was extremely real," she said, "and distinctly different from dreams. I remember being surprised because they didn't look like people, but I wasn't afraid."

The creatures were short and thin, with bulging eyes and egg-shaped heads. They had long, skinny arms ending in three-fingered hands. Their most unusual physical feature was a strong light emanating from their bodies.

"I was very impressed when they started showing me their powers," she recalled. "The leader pointed his finger at things on my nightstand and they rose into the air."

She said the entities invited her through telepathic communication to visit their ship, which was parked in a field behind her apartment complex. She has only vague recollections of the craft; her strongest memory concerns a transparent examining table that was suspended in midair by a beam of light emanating from the floor. She said she lay down on the table and the aliens took imprints of her body on solid "sheets" that were inserted in a slot at the end of the table.

"I was fascinated by them, and totally enamored of what they could do," she said. But she decided to call it a night when the aliens asked her to leave with them and be trained to acquire their powers. "By that time, I just wanted to go home," she said. "I'm quite happy being an ordinary person on earth."

The aliens reluctantly let her go, she said. Back in her apartment, she woke up her roommate in time for both of them to observe a blinding flash as the ship took off from earth. □ —MICHAEL LONDON



UFO researcher Ann Druffel: "These are all rational witnesses."



Psychic Anita Furdek: "E.T. invites the audience to be less afraid."

THE AFFABLE ALIENS

When movie extra-terrestrials visited Earth, it used to mean trouble. We were lucky to live through "War of the Worlds," "The Thing," "The Day the Earth Stood Still" and countless other menaces from beyond. Celluloid aliens almost always came to pillage and plunder. They had strange purposes and stranger powers. They could not be resisted.

But the screen image of aliens has begun to improve. In "The Man Who Fell to Earth," David Bowie played a homesick extraterrestrial searching for water. He amassed a fortune through his scientific inventions and fell in love with Candy Clark—fathomable-enough pursuits to an earthling viewer.

Now, in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "E.T.," Steven Spielberg has given us a new breed of visitor: the affable alien.

Spielberg investigated the UFO literature before embarking on the two films. Not surprisingly, the title character in "E.T." bears a close resemblance to the prototype alien reported in UFO sightings.

According to Prof. Alvin Lawson of Cal State Long Beach, who runs the UFO Report Center of Orange County, alien "sightings" fall into six categories: human, humanoid, animal, robotic, exotic (bizarre anatomical features) and apparitional (ghostlike).

Lawson regards E.T. as a humanoid, the dominant classification. Spielberg's creature has virtually all the humanoid features, according to a list that Lawson has assembled based on hundreds of reported sightings:

REPORTED HUMANOID CHARACTERISTICS

- Diminutive size (2-5½ feet)
- Frail-appearing body
- Disproportionately large head
- Eyes comparatively large
- Hands, feet missing or rudimentary
- Claws or webbed fingers, toes
- Underdeveloped ears, nose, mouth
- No genitalia evident (most cases)
- No fingernails, toenails
- Arms longer than legs
- Skin color pallid gray or white
- Skin wrinkled
- Hairless bodies

—MICHAEL LONDON

NEWS WORLD, New York, NY - June 26, 1982

SIGHTINGS

200 Ohio residents see large, red UFO

CANTON, Ohio — Almost 200 residents of nearby Perry Township phoned authorities last Saturday night claiming a UFO was hovering over their neighborhood, police said Sunday.

"Apparently we did have a supposed UFO," said Patrolman Mark Johnson, who estimated 150 people called police between 10:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. A total of 50 similar calls were logged by the Stark County Sheriff's office and the state Highway Patrol post in nearby Massillon.

"It was described as a large, red, luminous object flying low," Johnson said.

Residents told authorities the

object skimmed slowly over treetops in the area, hovering over it for about 25 minutes. However, they said when police arrived the object picked up speed and shot off to the southeast.

"So far we have no idea what it was," Johnson said. "We contacted the Akron-Canton Airport and nothing had been picked up on their radar."

He said by the time police arrived at the scene, the object was gone. "None of our officers saw it," Johnson said.

"I don't know if it was a hoax or not," he said. "All I can tell you is that the people who were calling lived along the roads where (the object) was sighted."

United Press International



... it was going to kill us, says terror-stricken woman

UFO tracks 2 in Esperance

TWO ESPERANCE businesswomen claim they were menaced by a UFO during an hour of terror early last Sunday morning.

By
BERNIE TIER

A policeman, two kangaroo shooters, a truck driver and other motorists also say they saw the mystery object.

The women's frightening ordeal began as they drove along a lonely stretch of the South Coast Highway — and continued for 100 kilometres.

The mystery craft changed altitude and speed and swept from one side of the road to the other.

About 4.30am, near Esperance, it accelerated away to the size of a star before returning seconds later.

The women — craftswoman Maggie Yeend and shopkeeper Mrs Frances Collins — said that at times the brilliantly-lit craft appeared to be only 200m away.

At one stage Mrs Yeend slammed on the brakes when she thought she was going to hit it.

"I thought it was going to run into us. I thought it was going to kill us," said a shaken Mrs Collins.

They said the UFO was about the size of a small helicopter and shone alternatively red and orange underneath, and turned green and misty when accelerating.

When they got to Esperance and woke local policeman Constable Bob Cordon they discovered they had been driving on a shredded rear tyre.

Constable Cordon saw the UFO, "six times the size of a star", hovering over Esperance Bay and a sight bearing he took positioned it three kilometres off the coast.

It was not the morning star Venus — source of many UFO sightings — and did not behave like any of the main causes of UFO mistaken identity, he said.

Another woman, Elspeth Benson, saw the object at about the same time from her kitchen window.

Few Esperance people doubt the witnesses' story — too many have seen strange early morning lights.

It is said that some farmers would rather lose seedling time than work during pre-dawn hours because of UFO scares. Some truck drivers accept strange lights as a fact of life.

The 200km stretch of South Coast Highway between Ravensthorpe and Esperance is renowned locally for UFO sightings.

The only town in between is the tiny Munglinup settlement and it is near there that the women began their terrifying encounter.

Local legend says there is a UFO "nest" near Phillip River, between Ravensthorpe and Hopetown.

A local theory says that UFOs are behind the mysterious disappearance of a Queensland man from the lonely stretch 18 months ago.

His late model car was found parked next to the

highway in perfect working order.

The surrounding area was searched but he was never found.

Many people believe that a mystery explosion at 7.50am on October 4, 1979 was caused when a UFO crashed to the ground.

Others say it was a rocket or a warhead and the official government version is that it was a meteorite.

An Esperance State Emergency Service search failed to find any trace of the object.



• FRANCES Collins describes the UFO after her ordeal last Sunday.

Break in 'UFO drought'

"THIS is one of the best sightings we have ever had in WA," said Perth UFO Research Group spokesman George Hume when the *Sunday Independent* told him about the Esperance encounter.

An excited Mr Hume said his group would send an investigator to document the sighting.

The description of the craft was excellent and the number of witnesses — including a

policeman — made it a major sighting, he said.

"We have had quite a few reports from Esperance over the years and we consider it to be almost a UFO centre," he said.

Mr Hume said the sighting was the first in WA for six months. It broke a "UFO drought" that had seemed to be a current world-wide phenomenon.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock,
AR — June 10, 1982

Swedes Press Sub Search

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Sweden's armed forces pressed a large-scale search Wednesday for unidentified foreign submarines along its eastern coast.

"It is still very likely that foreign submarines are within Swedish territorial waters," naval staff press spokesman Commodore Sven Carlsson said.

His statement came as speculation mounted that a sub in the northern Baltic might have slipped past the Swedish dragnet following a submarine incident closer to Stockholm that may have served as a diversion.

PATRIOT, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island,
Canada — April 29, 1982

Students see UFOs

Avondale resident Pauline O'Donnell, a Grade 9 student at Vernon River Consolidated School, says she and her friends have seen unidentified flying objects (UFOs) within the past week.

The first sighting was between 11 p.m. Friday and 2 a.m. Saturday, said the student. She and a few of her friends noticed a bright orange ball with a tail, sending off light, that seemed to come to earth and land in the Vernon River-Summerville area.

And, last night, about 9 o'clock, she noticed two bright balls of light, next to each other, white in color but changing at times from red to blue. The lights would grow brighter at times, then dim.

These are the first such objects she has noticed, although a friend saw a bright, tear-shaped form in the sky a couple of years ago, she said.

WEEKLY NEWS, London, England — June 26, 1982

Quiet town is UFO hot spot

A QUIET Stirlingshire town has become Britain's newest UFO "hot spot". So many people have reported sightings of strange objects above the town of Denny that a special investigation has been launched.

The British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association (BUFORA) have despatched investigator Malcolm Robinson, to look into the reports which have been flooding in.

Star witness is local resident Mrs Elsie Beveridge who claims to have seen dozens of strange craft in the skies.

Very fast

"They range from dome or cigar-shaped ones to what most people would generally call a flying saucer," Elsie told *The Weekly News*.

"The craft I've seen have varied in size and some have had coloured lights on them. They can move very fast or else just hover completely stationary as if they were watching or listening."

"I really can't explain why Denny has become such a centre for UFO sightings," said investigator Malcolm Robinson. "There are a few places throughout Britain where there seems to be more activity and a greater number of sightings. We call them UFO hot spots and Denny has become the latest."

"Although my work isn't finished and it's too early to draw conclusions, it is very interesting indeed."

Have you seen the saucer?

After reading *The Herald's* story last week about an unidentified flying object experience shared by a local woman and her son while driving through Glen Williams recently, one caller recounted her own mysterious tale. She said she was travelling west along Highway 7 Thursday night when she heard a loud "humming" while passing the Sideroad 27 intersection. The noise, she said, appeared to be very close and was loud enough during its brief duration, to be bothersome. She said she saw nothing and the rest of her trip continued uneventfully. In last week's story, the woman and her son reported they were bothered by a large roar while parked near the Eighth Line and Sideroad 27 intersection and their car was shaken. Neither passenger or driver saw anything.

HERALD, Georgetown, Ontario,
Canada — May 12, 1982

CLOSE ENCOUNTER: 2

Mystery beam stalked us—car couple

MINISTRY of Defence experts are investigating claims made by a young couple that they were followed by a UFO writes DAVE GARDNER.

The couple, from Barkingside, reported the sighting to police late on Sunday night. Both were said to be very shaken.

Robert Fairall and girlfriend Annette Cook say a quiet country drive turned to terror when they were tailed by a bright white light in the sky.

They say the light followed them, hovering about ten feet above the ground, as they tried to shake it off at high speeds on country lanes near Abridge.

The RAF, the Army, and the Ministry of Defence all confirmed that no planes were supposed to be in the area at the time.

"It was beyond belief," said Robert, 22, an estate agent negotiator, of Woodville Gardens, Barkingside.

"There may be a logical explanation — but I have been thinking long and hard about it and I can't come up with one."

Girlfriend Annette Cook, 20, of Brandville Gardens, Barkingside, was very shaken after the incident.

Robert said: "I felt so strongly about what we saw that I had to say something."

"At first I thought the light was just a

motorcycle, but then it caught up and travelled parallel to the car over the fields.

"It was bobbing up and down over hedges and cutting corners in the road. It followed us for about six minutes. When you looked at it, it was like looking into the sun."

A spokesman for Barkingside police said: "Mr. Fairall looked visibly shaken. We contacted the Ministry of Defence and the airborne services."

After the incident, Robert's mother, Mrs. Ann Fairall said: "It is no hoax. He is a very serious young man and he couldn't believe what he had seen."

Mr. Colin Sartorius, of the UFO Scientific Research Association, said: "We are very interested in this sighting because we had another report of a light on the same stretch of road in the early 1960s."

ILFORD RECORDER, Essex, England — May 27, 1982

UFO no longer!

A MYSTERY silver object which flew under a Pencombe clothes line has been identified — as a balloon.

The UFO was spotted by pensioners Percy and Patricia Lloyd as it floated across their garden at Sparrington Cottages on a sunny day last week.

But the solution lies with six-year-old Melanie Edwards, who lives just a few doors down from the Lloyds.

On a trip to the May Fair in Hereford she had spent her pocket money on a silver and blue gas-filled balloon.

It proved a bit too much to handle when Melanie took it into the family's garden and it floated off with the clouds, leaving the heart-broken six-year-old behind.

"It escaped into the next-door neighbour's garden," said Dad Patrick Edwards, "and we saw it heading for the Lloyds". It has to be the explanation for what they saw, because it fitted the time perfectly.

Mr Edwards said he had been round to see Mrs Lloyd to assure her she had not been visited by extra terrestrial beings.

"But I don't think she believed me," he added.

Is there anybody there?

CARL DIFFORD has been investigating.

THE sheer volume of UFO sightings in West Gwent within the last 18 months has led to speculation that the area could be a "hit zone" for intelligent life from another world trying to make contact with Earth.

At least that is the theory put forward by some people who have noted the sightings with interest, and even anticipation.

Whatever the source of lights in the sky, the "Gwent Triangle," the "Oakdale enigma" and the "Blackwood lights" have continually cropped up as topics of conversation since the number of reported sightings multiplied.

The first of the recent "close encounters" occurred at 11pm on Friday, September 5, 1980, when Mrs Dorothy Jones,

of George Street, Blackwood and her sister-in-law, Mrs Sandra Jones, were driving home from Cross Keys.

"There were two lights — a bit like car headlights, but they were suspended in the air," she said.

"We hadn't been drinking and we stopped to look at the lights. They were moving slowly across the sky, but they weren't aeroplane lights and there was no noise."

"Then, after about ten minutes the lights came closer together and rose vertically until they disappeared from sight."

Mr Raymond Davenport, of Yellow Cottages, The Rhiw, Oakdale, said he saw lights in the sky several times during the summer of 1981.

"The last time was in November. I saw a blue light in the sky that didn't look like an aircraft or a firework. It rose vertically before disappearing."

On Thursday, February

25, this year, at 6.30pm, Mr Tony Davies, of Rhymney Close, Penllwyn, Pontllanfraith, was driving his car with his wife, Sharon, and their three young children.

Mrs Davies takes up the story: "We were driving over Bedwelty mountain near Blackwood when these really bright lights appeared."

"They were reflecting from the bonnet and they lit up the whole car."

Shadow

I could just make out a sort of circular shadow behind the lights, which were revolving like the ones in a disco.

"The lights were only a few feet above us, but the strangest part was that there was absolutely no sound coming from the object at all."

"The shape was about 15 to twenty feet in diameter and continued to hover above us for several seconds."

"The children were crying and I was terrified. I told Tony not to stop driving, but the lights stayed just above us, and then suddenly vanished."

"I was shaking for hours and I never slept a wink that night. I've never seen anything like it before — not even in books or on the television. "I never used to believe in flying saucers and things like that, but now nobody can tell me they don't exist."

Helicopter

At 7.25pm that same evening, Mr Malcolm Collins, of Trinant Terrace, Crumlin, was driving from Trinant with his daughter's boyfriend, Mr Peter Evans.

Near Pen-y-Fan pond they saw two orange lights in the sky.

"They were very bright and like lights on a police car, but they were the wrong colour and in the air," said Mr Collins.

"I thought it could have been a helicopter but there was no sound of engines at all."

The Anslow family, of Goldcliff, Newport, also saw lights in the sky at about the same time.

Blackwood Police-constable Stephen Gamlin was on duty in the town on Wednesday, March 17, when he saw blue and white flashing lights circling low in the sky over Blackwood.

The lights turned red before the mystery object headed off towards Oakdale.

Police-constable Gamlin's sighting confirmed an anonymous telephone call the police at Blackwood received, reporting a UFO at the same time.

Also on March 17, Mr Frederick Jackson, of Dorset Crescent, Liswerry, Newport, saw red, white and green lights in the sky.

"I am no stranger to aircraft because I was in the RAF for seven years and my son is a pilot, and I'm sure those lights were not from an aircraft," he said.

The following night, at 8.30pm, Mrs Monica

Joyce and her daughter, Nicola, of Beechwood Park, Newport, saw five red, amber, white and green lights on what appeared to be a grey, cone-shaped object in the sky.

Fantastic

"I am a very rational person, but this was a fantastic sight," said Mrs Joyce.

Five minutes before that sighting, Gwent police received a call from a Croesyceiliog resident reporting a similar object in the sky over Cwmbran.

With so many sightings of UFOs by sober, sensible, sceptical people, there must be some explanation for the lights in the sky.

The RAF have said they were not conducting any night-time exercises in the area at the times of the reported sightings.

An air traffic control spokesman for Cardiff (Wales) Airport at Rhosce said it was impossible to say if there were any aeroplanes flying near where the people saw the lights at the relevant times because most of the area concerned was outside the space they controlled.

One possible explanation is that weather balloons used by the Meteorological Office may have been mistaken for something more sinister.

Several weather balloons have been sent up from a site near Blackwood as part of a long-running experiment into wind patterns in the Sirhowy Valley.

Researching

But some of the experiences reported do not conform to this hypothesis and so the more unusual theories continue to be put forward.

Mr Jonathan Pope, of Candwr Lane, Ponthir, spends his spare time researching UFO sightings and is a member of the UFO Welsh Study Group — a society which investigates reported close encounters throughout South Wales.

Mr Pope and his colleagues think there is more to the mysterious lights in the sky than can be simply explained.

"We are certain these are extra-terrestrial," he said.

"There have been many sightings in the last few years, particularly around Twyn Barlwm mountain near Risca and in the Blackwood area."

"We investigate all these reports because we are after a closer encounter — maybe even a close encounter of the third kind — actual contact with life from another world."

Gwent sightings

- September 5, 1980 — Mysterious lights spotted in the sky over Cross Keys.
- November, 1981 — Blue lights in the sky over Oakdale.
- February 25, 1982 — Family terrified by lights above their car on lonely mountain road near Blackwood.
- February 25, 1982 — Two men driving through Trinant see strange lights in the sky.
- February 25, 1982 — Newport family see coloured lights in the air.
- March 17, 1982 — Blackwood policeman reports blue and white flashing lights in the sky.
- March 17, 1982 — Newport man confirms Blackwood sighting.
- March 18, 1982 — Grey cone-shaped object seen in the sky over Cwmbran.
- March 18, 1982 — Newport mother and daughter spot an unidentified flying object.

SUNDAY TELEGRAPH, London, England - June 27, 1982

Saucer grounded

By DAVID BROWN

BRITISH RAIL, beleaguered by more earthly problems, has abandoned a bizarre project to build the world's first flying saucer.

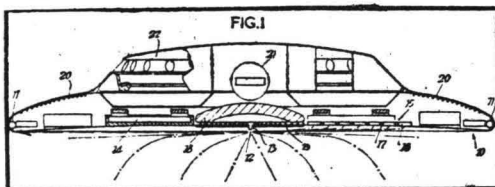
A patent for the disc-shaped nuclear-powered spacecraft was taken out nine years ago but the idea has been quietly shelved in the struggle to sustain the nationalised organisation in the age of the train.

The craft was designed by British Rail research and development staff at Derby who visualised a saucer-shaped vehicle capable of carrying 22 passengers into space at speeds far in excess of existing aircraft. But it could not afford development costs which would have run into thousands of millions of pounds.

LASER BEAMS

A British Rail spokesman said: "Money was not available and possible co-operation with interests in America, where they have been working on something similar, did not materialise. It was realised here that British Rail was not likely to run flying saucers between London and Manchester."

Specifications and drawings for the patent, number 1310990, now lie gathering dust in the Patent Office in London. The name of the inventor is given as Mr Charles Osmond Fre-



British Rail's flying saucer: a drawing in the Patent Office.

derick, who is "Manager, Track" with British Rail.

The plans show a disc-shaped vehicle about 120 ft in diameter, powered by a nuclear reactor and a series of laser beams. It would have been propelled by highly charged particles of energy deflected around and below the craft by an array of electro-magnets.

Its capacity for acceleration and sustained high speeds would have been so great that it was hoped to create artificial gravity inside the spaceship which would have eliminated weightlessness for passengers.

The design arose out of work on lasers at the British Rail research department in Derby during the 1960s. The department has been involved in track improvements and research into high speed trains. No prototype of the spacecraft was built and not even a scale model exists.

According to British Rail, the project was a "spin off"

from existing work at Derby and only limited resources were given to it.

A spokesman said: "British Rail was planning and designing many things during the 1960s. Times were different then but the thing died a horrible death. It was decided not to pursue it and British Rail has no plans to revive it."

OUR SCIENCE CORRESPONDENT writes: "The British Rail spacecraft would possibly have provided more power for less weight, allowing longer periods for acceleration than many conventional space vehicles."

But there could have been doubts about twice-used equipment, such as large discs used to generate power for the lasers on take-off, acting as heat shields during the final descent. Many scientists would see the idea as ingenious but the technical difficulties as formidable.

Mysterious light over North Pacific

Crew members of two Japan Air Lines flights on Japan-Europe routes via Anchorage reported seeing a strange light in the North Pacific about 700 kilometers east of Kushiro in Hokkaido late on the night of June 18.

The light was first seen by crew members of JAL Flight No. 403 piloted by Katsumi Araki which left Narita Airport at 9:30 p.m. on June 18 bound for Pacific via Anchorage.

As the Boeing 747 was flying at a point Latitude 42° north and Longitude 153° east, the crew members saw a large round yellowish-white light. One-third was hidden below the horizon, and its size was about 18 to 27 kilometers.

It covered one-fourth of the sky. The light gradually dimmed and disappeared.

A similar report was given by crew members of JAL Flight No. 421 which passed through the same area soon afterward on its way to London via Anchorage.

It is not clear in which direction the light was seen. Aviation circles say that when there is lightning late at night, the light can be seen several hundred kilometers away.

JAL people say that four years have passed since Narita Airport was opened but this is the first time there have been reports of a strange light being seen over the North Pacific. They don't know what it could possibly be.

Close encounters of the flippered kind

A Bavarian man who claims to have had a close encounter with alien space beings may have just been suffering from an overdose of television. After being hypnotized to aid his recall of the exact details of the extraterrestrials' appearance, the man described a creature identical in every way to ... Kermit the Frog, the flippered host of TV's "Muppet Show." Investigators have concluded the incident was "hallucinatory," but what do they know?

Best-kept secret of all time

"THE best-kept secret of all time" is about to be revealed.

According to Elizabeth Klarer, national chairman of the SA branch of the Interstellar Research Group and South African representative of the Intercontinental Galactic Spacecraft (UFO) Research and Analytic Network (ICUFON), close encounters of the third kind could very well soon become a reality — something, she says, which the superpowers have known about for some time.

"Russia and America have known for years about the existence of a highly advanced extra-terrestrial civilisation, and, in fact, have been in communication with them," she says.

Not only does she claim to have evidence to support this, she plans to use it as the basis for her forthcoming book, "The Gravity File," which will examine, in-depth, the political and military situation of the superpowers in relation to the whole space question.

Mrs Klarer, trained as a **declassified specialist during World War 2**, has certain messages leading scientists were unable to decipher were

sent to her for decoding. "It's a continuing process," she says. "Even now, the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow send me coded messages, by registered post, to decipher."

"I've been rather ill lately so I haven't been very quick on the mark in replying to their urgent telexes which reach Johannesburg from Moscow via Zurich."

Documentation

"There were so many telexes coming in to the Johannesburg Post Office, that they sent a senior Inspector around to find out why I hadn't replied to them."

The Russians, according to Mrs Klarer, are in coded communication with a galactic civilisation through their receiving station in Russian Armenia and she has, she says, an ample amount of documented material to support this fact, some of which has already been presented to the United Nations, Space Division and is classified as **top secret material**.

Elizabeth says that it is time to **tell the truth, whatever the consequences**

quences might be, as mankind teeters on the brink of annihilation.

This includes, she says, making known the fact that for many years Russia has had a vast space laboratory in orbit around the Earth and has ferried men and material to the station as an ongoing process for some time.

"They control inner space — that is, between the Earth and the Moon. From this station, they can pinpoint any area to the minutest detail on the surface of this planet."

She says the Soviets have developed a particle beam, or light ray, which can be operated from the space station.

"Already the atomic bomb has become obsolete because of this," she says. "A diabolical new weapon is being developed. They have managed to isolate anti-matter and this will be the basis for the weapon of the future."

She says that what the superpowers are really after, however, is the **complete formulae for the power system of the galactic civilisation's spacecraft, something which she**

dealt with in her earlier best-seller, "Beyond the Light Barrier."

The knowledge, she says, of possible galactic intervention, on the brink of war, is the greatest deterrent we have.

The powers know, through coded messages received from space, that Earth has been under surveillance by interstellar spacecraft for some time," she says, "but, obviously, it's one of their most closely guarded secrets."

Immediate

"They know, too, that the intervention of this civilisation in the event of a space war, would be certain and immediate."

She says the superpowers have mapped the surveillance formation of the interstellar spacecraft coming into the Earth's atmosphere over the trouble spots of the world. Sounds like something out of "Star Trek" or "Battlestar Galactica".

Yes, certainly, but after "The Gravity File" is released, we might well begin believing that truth is, indeed, stranger than fiction . . .

UFO visits nothing new 'top secret' report says

By Tim Harper Toronto Star

Word is finally out. Extra-terrestrial visitors are among us and have been ever since bobby sox were the rage and most of us were marvelling at more pedestrian earthly wonders, such as television and the new Studebaker.

It's all there in black-and-white, accompanied by the magic words "Top Secret," in a 1950 document released yesterday by UFO-watchers meeting at the Westbury Hotel on Yonge St.

Flying saucers

The document was written by a middle-level Canadian department of transport bureaucrat named Wilbur Smith, who went to his grave more than a decade ago convinced he could one day prove the existence of flying saucers, as they were then commonly known.

Smith told his superiors he had made "discreet enquiries" through the Canadian embassy in Washington and learned the U.S. administration, under President Harry Truman, firmly believed flying saucers existed, although there is no mention of proof. Smith also reported the embassy told him flying saucers are "the most highly classified subject in the United States government, rating higher even than the H-bomb; the entire matter is consid-

ered by the U.S. authorities to be of tremendous significance" and a "concentrated effort" was under way to determine the modus operandi of the otherworldly visitors.

Project Magnet

Smith, a senior radio engineer, was working on Project Magnet, a study aimed at tapping the energy from the earth's magnetic field.

The man who ferreted out the document is a Kingston clerk who has had his name legally changed to Mr. X.

"The thing about flying saucers is a nice little conclusion," he says, "but to me that's obvious. I'm more interested in the whole question of government secrecy on this matter."

The only living person mentioned in the Smith memo, Dr. Ormond Solandt, then chairman of the Defence Research Board, remembers Wilbur Smith differently from his backers at the Westbury.

"He was a nice person," says Solandt, 72, who now lives in Bolton and still does consulting work, "but he was so determined that these things existed, he would never take 'no' for an answer."

Solandt says his department approached Smith's theories with an open mind.

"We found nothing significant," he said.

Chemist in moors UFO sighting

A Tywyn chemist was "shaken" by a UFO sighting on Sunday night on the Llandegla Moors.

Mr Geraint Evans, 46, Sandilands, Tywyn, was on his way home from Manchester, when he saw the object in a cloudless sky.

It was about 10.30 p.m., and Mr Evans stopped his car to observe the object which he said was bright yellow with a green twinkle in it.

As he watched the ob-

ject, which had been apparently stationary moved behind a hill, out of sight.

He got back into his car but after a short distance he saw the object again. He stopped and the object turned sharply and passed directly over his head. From beneath, the object was circular with three triangular light sections.

TRANSLATIONS

TRANSLATION CREDIT: George Andrews

- 1) City and country of incident: Capo Grande, Brazil
- 2) Date of incident: March 7, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: DERNIERE-HEURE, May 9, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Montreal, Quebec, Canada

30,000 PEOPLE SEE UFOs AT A SOCCER MATCH

A squadron of UFOs was seen by over 30,000 spectators at a soccer match in Brazil. The UFOs were orange-colored and gave off strange rays.

Then suddenly all of them melted into one before disappearing. A Major in the Army, Jose Maravleski, who had been at Capo Grande Stadium in Brazil on March 7th when the unidentified flying objects appeared, said: "Their color was very beautiful."

The objects appeared on the horizon and passed over the stadium before disappearing on the opposite horizon. There were four of them, which melted into two and then into a single one.

There were also witnesses at the municipal airport. However, no flights had been scheduled for that time. The controller who suddenly saw one of the objects make a triple 90-degree turn does not think that any man-made vehicle is capable of performing such a maneuver.



Mutilated cow found east of Berryville

STAR-PROGRESS, Berryville, AR
April 1, 1982 CR: T. Adams

Carroll County Deputy Sheriff George Currie was called to investigate the death of a cow owned by Manley West after the animal was found mutilated 100 feet south of property owned by Jack Usery on Highway 62 West, between Berryville and Green Forest. The incident is the first such reported in nearly two years. Before that time, cow mutilations were frequent happenings and thought to be related to cult religious activity. Most related cases were found during the initial months of the warmer seasons.

The Hereford polled cow, valued at \$800, was found dead with its tongue, female organs and one ear removed. According to Currie, suspicion of foul play arose when no blood was found near the animal. The blood may have been drained from the cow during the incident according to the deputy. The nature of the cuts on the carcass ruled out any possibility of another animal killing the cow.

The incident occurred sometime between March 21, and March 25. The investigation is still underway.

Bigfoot Sighting Reported On Schaffenaker Mountain

Jack Heintz of Capon Bridge recently reported a night-time sighting of a monstrous creature prowling outside of his home atop Schaffenaker Mountain. His description of the alleged creature fits the world-wide descriptions of a creature that may or may not exist, because scientists are still debating the many issues concerning what are variously called: Bigfoot, Yeti, Sasquatch, or Abominable Snowman.

Heintz appeared to be visibly shaken by his reported sighting, and sincere in his account of the incident. When asked why he didn't go outside and investigate he replied:

"No way! One look at that thing was enough to start me trembling. I'll frankly admit I'm one of the world's biggest cowards."

This reaction is understandable because Bigfoot are described as giant-sized apeman-like creatures, seven to nine feet tall, that smell as carrion-eating buzzards and leave giant footprints, usually reported to be about two-feet long and one-foot wide.

Bigfoot is a collective name for these creatures that many believe

live in desolate forests in American and Canada, and in the snowfields of the Himalayas. Over the years, hundreds of sightings and close encounters have been reported by many people. American Indians called the creature Sasquatch, and, even during the 1980's, many Americans reported Bigfoot footprints, sightings, and encounters throughout the United States. Most encounters appear to have been frightening but harmless events, but there are many reports in which it is alleged that Bigfoots: attacked and injured persons, attempted to smash their way into homes, destroyed camp sites, killed livestock, and so forth.

Whether these creatures actually exist is a question still being hotly debated by some scientists and many others. Bigfoot incidents are being investigated and some people, such as Roger Patterson of Northern California, have still and motion pictures of what they claim are Bigfoot. These photographs have been studied by scientists, and some say they're authentic, some say they're fake, and some are undecided. John Napier, professor of primate biology at the Uni-

versity of London, investigated the Bigfoot mystery, and in his book *Bigfoot*, he states:

"I am convinced that the Sasquatch exists, but whether it is all that it is cracked up to be is another matter altogether. There must be something in north-west America that needs explaining, and that something leaves man-like footprints," Napier concluded, "... it is evidence and cannot be ignored."

Heintz's alleged sighting of a mysterious creature atop Schaffenaker Mountain is open to debate. He is called "Baby Carriage" by his friends, and he is known to have a mischievous nature and a keen sense of humor. This could be a convenient explanation, but there are some problems with this handy resolution — other people have reported Bigfoot sightings and encounters throughout West Virginia.

Frankly, during the last thirty years there have been few Bigfoot incidents reported by West Virginians. However, there are many Indian legends about Sasquatch encounters in what is now West Virginia, and there are many historical accounts in which early settlers make similar claims. Furthermore, many of the great-grandfathers and grandfathers of citizens of the Eastern Panhandle told stories of sightings and encounters with monstrous apeman-like creatures, they called them: Snelogosters.

What's most thought-provoking is the fact that the Indians and these elders — these sources of verbal and written history — related their accounts long before Eric Shipton photographed a huge footprint in the snow on Mount Everest, and the Bigfoot controversy began. Moreover, their descriptions of the appearance and smell of the creatures match the modern-day descriptions of a Bigfoot.

Nessie hunters tell of 'object'

Yorkshire Post Reporter

SCIENTISTS investigating the Loch Ness monster theory have made contact with an object moving underwater.

But the scientists, on an expedition led by Lt. Col. John Blashford-Snell, will not be drawn into speculation about its identity.

The object was picked up by sonar equipment on the scientists' Humber barge, Phyllis.

It moved around the barge, but never got nearer than 72 yards.

Col. Blashford-Snell said that detailed analysis of the expedition's findings was essential before any firm conclusions could be reached.

"I firmly believe there is a case to answer at Loch Ness and not all those who have claimed to have seen something strange here can be branded as liars or alcoholics."

"The expedition has been extremely successful and we are greatly encouraged by the results obtained so far."

"This is a very complex problem, and one of the greatest mysteries in the world."

"By bringing together leading experts and the latest scientific techniques and equipment, we have made an important advance."

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Gott's conception of the creation

By Philip J. Hilts

The Star's special news services

His name is Gott — the German term for god — and he sits, blue marker in hand, describing his new model of the creation of the universe.

He has abandoned the standard "big bang" theory of the creation. He is not alone, as many cosmologists are turning their doubts about the big bang into competing new theories.

J. Richard Gott, a 34-year-old astrophysicist, occupies a small Princeton University office, sketching with graphs his own theory of the birth of the universe.

He explains that his new creation begins, not with an empty cosmos and a big bang, but with a cosmos filled with hot, dense and apparently eternal matter. Within this white, energetic soup bubbles form.

Universes that drift on the River of Time

They begin to expand as rapidly as the speed of light. Each bubble forms separately, like carbonation in a glass of soda water, and grows until it is the size of an entire universe.

There may be an infinite number of these bubble-universes in the cosmos, Gott says, including our own. He doesn't seem very perturbed by the next bit of information he imparts as he leans back in his chair: The many universes in the cosmos are, for technical reasons involving gravity and the curvature of space, doomed never to see or speak to one another.

Gott's conception sounds much like the line from a science-fiction story by Arthur C. Clarke:

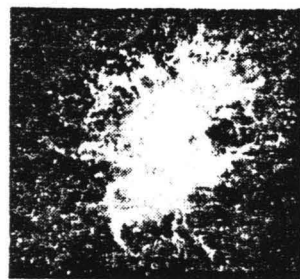
"Many and strange are the universes that drift like bubbles in the foam upon the River of Time."

Astrophysicists have for some time realized there are flaws in the

Cosmology

standard big bang model, but only in the past few years have methods been discovered to deal with the faults.

The new methods have come out of experiments in particle physics, carried out on the great particle-smashing machines of Europe and the United States where elementary particles are collided at great speeds to recreate the events of creation. That work seeks to unite the several forms of force in the world—gravity, magnetism, electricity, radiation, and nuclear



Crab Nebula

energy — into a single "Grand Unified Theory."

The grand unification is not complete, but the new theories do explain how matter and energy might behave at incredibly high temperatures, like the billion quintillion degrees in the early moments of the life of the universe.

The standard big bang explanation is that the universe started with a "singularity" amidst nothingness. All matter and energy were packed into an infinitely small, dense hot point. This point suddenly exploded outward, and the still-flying debris from that explosion has become the galaxies, stars, planets — and ourselves.

How the original, infinitely small

and massive point could exist is not explained within physical law, but is simply called a "singularity," an unexplained feature that does not exist in time or space.

In the first fraction of a second after the unexplained explosion, nothing but dense, hot radiation existed. This expanded outward at the speed of light, and eventually cooled and congealed into atoms, then to gases, and finally into stars and planets.

There is a "horizon problem." Astronomers recently have found a low, uniform level of "background radiation" in the universe, which until now was presumed to be leftover debris of the big bang.

But the problem is that the radiation is distributed with a near-perfect uniformity. No explosion could be expected to send debris out in a perfectly uniform spray.

Radiation spread like gas in a balloon

So, astronomers reason, it is necessary to imagine a period in the early universe when all radiation from the explosion had a chance to mix thoroughly, and become as uniformly spread as the gas in a balloon.

The standard big bang theory does not allow this; from the instant of the big bang, no mixing of radiation such as light was possible. One area with less radiation and one area with more could never mix, since they were moving apart at the speed of light, and could never catch up with one another to balance out.

But in Gott's model, the "background radiation" in the universe is not the remnant of an explosion. It is radiation given off naturally at the edge of the universe, similar to the radiation given off at the edge of a black hole.

WASHINGTON POST

Mystery blasts shake Pacific

PORT ANGELES, Wash.—Clallam County authorities are baffled by a rash of mysterious explosion-like noises similar to those which shook the east coast several years ago.

Police say dozens of callers described the noises as sharp booms lasting several seconds and strong enough to rattle houses. The mysterious blasts have been heard off and on for the past few weeks, but have increased in frequency during the past week, with as many as 5-10 incidents reported daily.

The reports have centered around Port Angeles and Sequim near the Washington State-Canadian border.

Port Angeles Police Chief Mike Cleland said his officers are "baffled" by the noises and have made dozens of phone calls trying to locate the source.

Checks with a wide variety of agencies in Washington state and on Vancouver Island, B.C., including the military, have failed to turn up any clues.

A similar rash of explosive sounds occurred several years ago on the east coast. No source was ever found for those blasts, but some speculated the sounds originated with atmospheric conditions.

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Does this man look like a monster to you?

Residents insist photo of transient is not Buena Foot

By Nicole Yorkin
Herald Examiner staff writer

As far as many believers are concerned, the mystery of "Buena Foot" marches on — regardless of what Buena Park police say.

Followers of the huge, hairy, foul-smelling beast — which first was sighted Monday by at least five Buena Park residents — simply don't believe the police explanation that the monster is a man.

In fact, said police, he's a shaggy tramp — and they showed a photo at a news conference yesterday to prove their point. The man in the black-and-white photo had long hair and was walking away from the photographer.

But the residents were anything but convinced, and said they intend to find the "real" creature themselves.

"It's not a bum, I can tell you," said David Bienes, 25, one of the people claiming they saw Buena Foot Monday. "It couldn't have been human. I saw his torso and his chest and it was all huge and hairy."

Independent investigator John De Herrera — a technical writer and researcher in paranormal phenomena — claims he solved the mystery by staking out the Buena Park flood control canal in which the creature was seen.

"It dawned on me that it might have been some sort of hobo or derelict," said the 34-year-old erstwhile sleuth. De Herrera was out scanning the area two days ago when he spotted "it" — a tall, deeply tanned, shirtless transient, with filthy hair and beard. The man was walking down the street just north of where Buena Foot was seen.

De Herrera stopped his van alongside the man, who, he recalled yesterday, "smelled pretty bad. He told him about the Buena Foot sightings."

"He listened to the stories, bellowed belligerently, 'I don't know anything about Bigfoot,' and turned away," De Herrera said. He described the man as at least 6 feet 4 inches tall and in his mid-30s.

"He's not friendly, and wants his freedom and independence," said the investigator, who quickly snapped several photos as the tramp with a "frightening" appearance departed.

Police investigating the mystery claim the transient "fit the descriptions (of the monster) on at least seven points," and said they were satisfied the legend of Buena Foot could be retired.

However, residents of the apartment complex at 7601 Franklin Ave., near where the beast was sighted, and others interested in the creature aren't buying the police explanation.

"Who are the police trying to kid?" asked Frank Missanelli, who manages the complex. He claims he and his wife, Lorraine, smelled the beast and "heard it roar and growl" Monday night. "Most of the people in the area believe in it because of what



Monster? Photo released by police yesterday of transient they say was mistaken for a monster by Buena Park residents.



Monster! On Wednesday, Herald Examiner artist Chuck Hughes drew this picture of Buena Foot from eyewitness accounts.

they saw — the (creature's) tracks — and heard. They still think it's out there somewhere. I heard it growl, and it's not a dog or wolf. This was a growl between Godzilla and a gorilla."

Although police officials have washed their hands of the case, the believers — including the residents of the apartment complex on Franklin, teen-agers, and two investigators from an organization for the exploration of paranormal activity — planned to be out at the site all weekend.

They will try to record the creature's sounds, said investigator Tom Muzila, and locate additional foot or hand prints, as concrete proof that "Buena Foot" is more than a figment of their joint imaginations.

"It couldn't have been human," Bienes said. "My friend saw it first, in the middle of the creek. He's 6'3" and this thing was far larger than him. We stood out there and smelled the odor. It scared us to death — we ran."

"I know it's out there, and I'm intent on finding it," Bienes added forcefully. "If I don't find it, then I'll get close to it, because something has to be found in order for the police to believe us!"



the unknown

with Greg Kanon

Bigfoot? Sasquatch?

Certain locales come to mind when one thinks of these elusive, half-man half-ape creatures. In the United States most reports have come from Northern California, Oregon and the State of Washington. In Canada, where Bigfoot's more popularly known as Sasquatch, the sighting "hot spots" are British Columbia, Alberta, and Manitoba.

Sasquatch sightings in the province of Manitoba have received scant attention in books and articles. Even so called definitive treatises on the subject have failed to cite the western province as an area of Sasquatch activity.

"We have had a number of sightings in Manitoba," Sasquatch investigator Soren Buus told me recently. "The problem around here, like other places, is that people are reluctant to talk about (their sightings). They are scared of being ridiculed."

Fortunately, Buus—a little known but highly respected Sasquatch researcher—has gained the confidence of his fellow Manitobans and has recorded a nice batch of sightings.

Buus generously loaned me copies of some of his recent case reports. The

reports have never before been published.

One recent July, Buus reports, John McDaniels (a pseudonym) was working on his farm at Ratwell, a few miles north of a major highway, when he spotted "a figure walking towards his pickup truck." The figure was seven feet tall and thickly haired except around the eyes where there was little or no hair. The creature's arms and legs were unusually long, and its head rested on a set of broad, powerful shoulders; no neck was visible.

Buus notes in his report: "The Sasquatch was walking north-northwest when it came to within a few feet of the truck and sighted McDaniels...The Sasquatch immediately turned west towards the Assiniboine River, where it disappeared by the riverbank. When the Sasquatch was walking towards the river, it repeatedly turned its head and the upper part of the body back towards McDaniels. With this movement McDaniels noticed muscles running from the back of the rounded head down the shoulders."

After the sighting, McDaniels and a friend took photographs of footprints left

Sasquatch in Manitoba

behind by the creature. The five-toed prints were mammoth—each 18 inches long.

The stride of the creature had also been impressive. The footprints were spaced five feet apart.

The Sasquatch's trail led through a field with a sharp, stubby undergrowth. The creature had avoided another field, with soft black soil, which ran only a few feet away alongside the field of stubble. The incredible sighting lasted about 10 minutes.

Several months after McDaniels' sighting, Buus further reports, another Manitoban—we'll call him Bill—had a weird encounter of the hairy kind near his home in Beausejour. Buus states in his report:

"It was a bright, sunny and warm day with no wind. Bill was walking on a sandy hill with scattered pine trees and some underbrush when he suddenly heard a strange yelp very close. Turning towards the noise, about 100 feet away, he saw a dark-haired figure running downhill through the underbrush and pine trees."

"The Sasquatch was about 6 feet tall with very heavily built shoulders about

three feet wide, and very long arms; the legs seemed to be of normal size. It had long brownish hair all over the body, which reflected the sun....

"Bill had the impression that the head was sitting on the shoulders with no visible neck. The Sasquatch had long hair flowing from the back of the rounded head down onto the shoulders."

Bill told Buus that the creature looked like a huge ape with long swinging arms. But he quickly added that the thing also looked strangely human.

Sasquatch—is it a yet-to-be-discovered apelike creature, the "missing link" or mere fantasy?

Sasquatch hunters are convinced their elusive quarry is something real. Buus, for one, feels that the Sasquatch phenomenon is VIB—very important business.

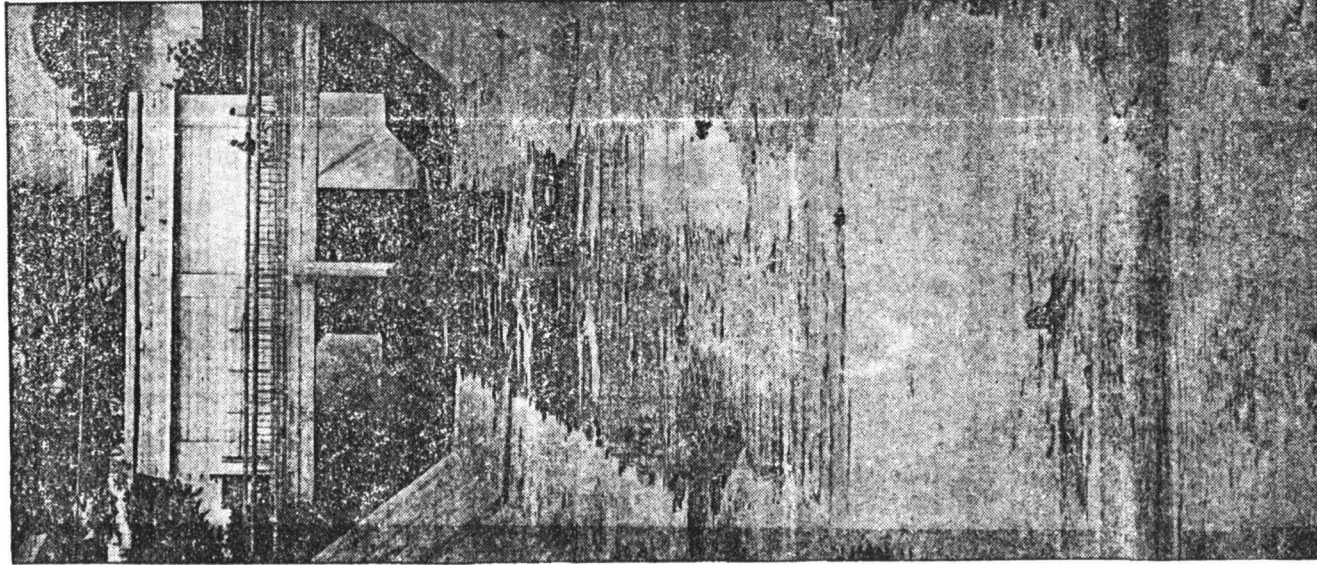
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May 16, 1982.

Buenafoot: Doubt, determination

Expert on a pelike things says L.A. is just not their scene ...

By Nicole Yorkin
Herald Examiner staff writer



Children play near "monster's" home — a flood control channel.

... but one Buena Park man vows to catch it before it smells again

By Nicole Yorkin
Herald Examiner staff writer

David Blanes has a mission. The 25-year-old Buena Park resident is determined at all costs to "get his man" — or monster, as the case may be — before the foul-smelling, apelike humanoid "gets" some unsuspecting neighbor.

Blanes was drawn into the strange case of "Buenafoot" — a mysterious creature allegedly seen by five people — last Monday night when his friend Butch Moore, 34, came flying into Blanes' apartment at 7601 Franklin St. Moore said he had just seen a huge, hairy, foul-smelling thing roaming the flood control canal behind the building.

"Butch was out in back and felt something staring at him," recalled Blanes, a water company employee, yesterday. "He looked around, saw it, and ran and came and got me."

Blanes grabbed his pistol and followed Moore outside. They waited about five minutes, he said, and then suddenly "smelled the (monster's) smell."

"I looked around," Blanes recalled, "and the thing was coming up the (flood) embankment towards the apartment." Blanes said he fired one shot at the beast, then turned and fled into the apartment with Moore. "All I was trying to do was stop the creature," he said, adding that he wasn't sure if the shot

had hit its target. "Buenafoot" was huge, completely covered with hair, and he smelled "worse than a dead person," Blanes said. The creature towered over him, the 5-foot-10 Blanes also said. The Buena Park police were immediately called, but when they arrived about an hour later, according to Blanes, they only "made wisecracks," and checked the scene.

The "sightings," however, set off a flurry of other activity which appeared to escalate as

"This wasn't a human, period. I guess they're trying to get people out of there (the flood canal area)."

David Blanes
Buena Park resident

the week continued. Two sleuths with Special Forces investigations — an organization devoted to the exploration of "paranormal" activity — arrived on the scene and began tracking the creature. For their own part, Blanes and Moore went out Tuesday and

Whether the creature involved is called Sasquatch, Yeti, Oh-Mah or just plain Bigfoot, it's hardly unusual for sightings of such legendary apelike beings to be reported, experts say.

Indeed, thousands of people have sworn they've seen Bigfoot lumbering through Pacific Northwest forests. Sightings of similar creatures have been reported in every state except Hawaii and Rhode Island, and on most of the world's continents.

But at least one Bigfoot authority says it's highly unlikely that the creature would show up in sunny Southern California — especially Buena Park.

"The location seems pretty peculiar," said Grover Krantz, a physical anthropologist at Washington State University and admitted Bigfoot believer. "I would not think that reasonable at all because the environment doesn't look like it would suit them."

Reports of a Bigfootlike creature in Buena Park are far-fetched, he said, because "there are far too many people there, and they (Bigfoots) only live in moist environments — like moist forests."

Krantz said Bigfoot — frequently described as 8 feet tall, with a short neck and thick hair covering the body, and sometimes said to have an unpleasant odor — is most frequently reported in Northern California, Oregon, and Washington.

The 50-year-old professor should know. He has studied the creature since 1968, having become convinced of its existence after a friend dragged him to Bossburg, Wash., to see more than 1,000 footprints attributed to a crippled Bigfoot.

The prints were cast in plaster and photographed, and Krantz reconstructed the anatomy of the foot that made them. He is certain the prints weren't faked.

Krantz maintains a Bigfoot will have to be captured before the rest of the scientific community will believe he exists.

Still, the myth goes on: In the last three or four years, the number of reported sightings has increased tremendously.

Nessie may have a few choice thoughts for St Columba

By ALEX MAIN

The Loch Ness monster-hunting season opened this week. The event may have escaped general notice for various reasons but it has a regularity normally associated with the arrival of summer, or winter.

Its significance should not be ignored. Ever since St Columba made the sign of the Cross to ward off the monster as he crossed the River Ness, man has been intrigued, nay inspired, by the thought of neighbouring Loch Ness being inhabited by some strange and immense creature.

In his search for the truth man has enlisted the assistance of some weird and imaginative equipment. It is no surprise this year that the early arrivals for the season include two ancient sailing vessels and the Goodyear airship *Europa*, fresh from its vantage camera coverage of the FA Cup final and the visit of the Pope.

Do not think it strange that there should have been little monster-hunting activity in Loch Ness between 568 AD and the early 1930s. After all, there were a few other pressing matters. Christianity had to be introduced and absorbed; there were battles with the Romans and the English; the Clearances didn't leave too many around to search out monsters.

It was inevitably a pursuit that would one day find itself on the calendar of popular Highland pastimes, thanks to a photograph taken in 1933 by Mr Hugh Gray, an aluminium worker at Foyers, Inverness-shire. His photograph was never accepted as sufficient proof of Nessie's existence but it did help break down a few barriers. Others who had sighted the monster were encouraged not to be afraid of ridicule and so monster-sighting and monster-hunting became acceptable at all levels of society.

The fishin', shootin' image of the Highlands was never quite the same after 1933. Monster-hunting presented a great new challenge and one which required a lot more imagination and patience than the traditional pastimes where success could be guaranteed by the company of a stalker or a ghillie.

In spite of the passing of a parliamentary Order forbidding the removal of anything other than a known species from the loch there was also the temptation of vast sums of money to be made.

In August 1947 Cyril Mills, of the Bertram Mills circus, was offering £20,000 for the capture and live delivery to him of the Loch Ness Monster. The competition for the reward was keen. At one stage the favourite was a man who had baited a giant hook with a sheep's head.

Modern technology was soon to play its part. Fishing boat skip-

pers were reporting strange tracings appearing on their echosounders while on passage through the loch.

The commander of a small Royal Navy vessel found his picture and story on front pages throughout the country when he produced an echo-sounding graph on arrival at Inverness showing traces of an object of considerable length and girth — and persuasive appearance — on the bottom of the loch.

Too late to escape an enthusiastic Press, he eventually admitted that he had made the tracing himself while the ship was at Fort Augustus, rewinding the graph on its drum for it to reappear slowly, and convincingly, in front of his astonished crew.

But the real pioneer of the

modern monster hunter was the intrepid Gus Cockrell, who in 1958 at the age of 56 set out on the loch in a kayak armed with a waterproof camera which he assured everyone would float should he overturn.

Apparently more concerned for the safety of his camera than himself Mr Cockrell explained his technique as "investigating movement on the water with a powerful torch beam which could surprise the monster into surfacing to rid itself of parasites."

Monster-hunting became even more fashionable after 1962 with the formation of an organisation known by the impressive title of the Loch Ness Phenomena Bureau of Investigation, headed by an MP, Mr David James.

An enthusiastic, if at times too serious monster-hunter, Mr

James was claiming within a year to have captured the monster on film several times. By 1966 he was convinced a breeding herd of between 25 and 50 monsters inhabited the loch and the next year he was talking of his team using crossbows to extract a piece of monster hide for analysis.

Not surprisingly Mr James's much-publicised endeavours and claims were an inspiration to others, and the reward for Nessie's capture was upped to £50,000 by an English showman, Bernard Woolley, who wanted to feature the unfortunate Nessie in a glass case on Blackpool's Central Pier.

The whisky firm Cutty Sark tried to increase the reward to £1 million but could not get insurance from Lloyd's, and were accused of "trying to jump on the band-wagon."

That was not long after a former US navyman, Dan Taylor had been encouraged by the

bureau, to bring over a miniature submarine, painted bright yellow, of course, and immediately nicknamed after the Beatles' song.

Mr Taylor spent several months at Loch Ness, or should it be on Loch Ness — plagued by leaks he never once got the submarine to submerge except on one occasion when it did go under a few feet with the introduction of weights. Suffice to say that the likeable Mr Taylor was probably fortunate to survive the six-month experience without bodily harm.

Meanwhile Tim Dinsdale, an author, was making frequent appearances behind a fixed camera, bobbing for hours on the loch in a camouflaged boat, when he wasn't writing about Nessie or advising expeditions on how to hunt monsters.

Even Sir Peter Scott had a go by glider before an unscheduled crash-landing in a field.

With the Americans usually the front-runners in specialised

searching it was not surprising that the Japanese wanted to get into the act. Their expedition seemed to have unlimited cash and beautiful girls but a distinct lack of the flotilla of mini-submarines and electronic equipment. Still they did have an enjoyable month's time, probably at some advertising company's expense.

Not to be outdone the Americans came up with "sex bait." Professor Robert Hines, a professor at the Boston University of Applied Sciences, said it was a mixture of sex essences extracted from various fish and sea mammals, which they would use to lure Nessie towards underwater cameras.

And so, Loch Ness monster hunting has continued to occupy the skill, courage, and imagination of man. St Columba didn't know what he was starting. Wouldn't it be a pity if someone was to succeed and put an end to the mystery of it all?

'That's it. That's the monster'

Couple says tape of Washington creature sounds like Buena Foot

By Janet Kaye
Herald Examiner staff writer

Frank and Lorraine Missanelli, who claim they heard the hairy, smelly creature known as "Buena Foot" growl and roar last week outside their apartment, now say they've heard him again — this time on tape.

Recordings, said to be sounds made by "Big Foot" in Washington state and Northern California, were played for the couple by Tom Muzila, an investigator with Special Forces Investigations — a California-based organization devoted to the exploration of supernatural phenomena.

"That's it. That's the monster," Frank Missanelli said, when he heard low growls and high screeches later identified by Muzila as taken at a 1976 Big Foot sighting in Washington state. "It sounded like a cross between an ape and Godzilla. It was enough to make your blood crawl."

Muzila said similar creature sounds have accompanied other "Big Foot" sightings. "The scream that you heard has been analyzed a number of times," he said. "There's no comparison to any other animal. It's a completely foreign sound; an eerie sound."

Frank Missanelli disputed police reports the creature was really a transient, recalling that several Buena Park residents reported they sighted, heard or smelled the creature — some saying it was

9 feet tall.

"If a hobo can growl and screech that loud he ought to be in front of a psychiatrist," he said. "And if a hobo jumped a box car and smelled that bad the engine would start up by itself. That smell was out of this world."

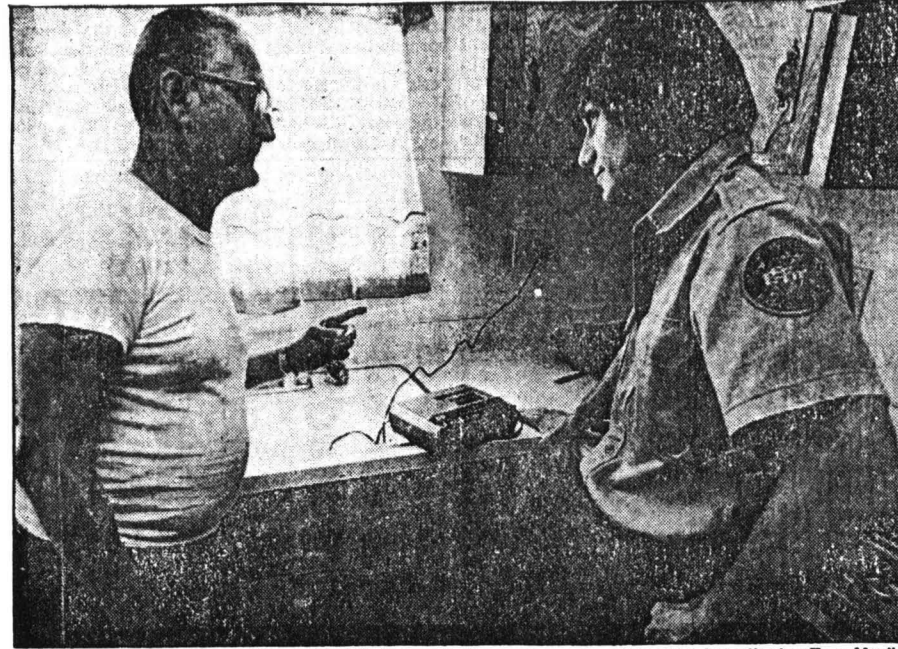
In fact, Missanelli said, the creature itself is literally "out of this world. We're talking about sending animals to outer space. How do we know people from outer space didn't drop an animal down here?"

Asked what the creature was doing here, Missanelli said, "It's probably lost. Or maybe it felt like traveling. Maybe the rains brought him back in. You can never tell with these things."

Asked where the creature might have gone, Missanelli suggested "it might have made its way to the ocean. Wherever it is, it's hiding underground somewhere."

But, Missanelli — who claims to have had many psychic experiences — believes "it's coming back; I can see the future and I know that thing is coming back here." And when it does, he adds, Buena Park residents had better be careful. "It's angry," he said.

Meanwhile, the search for the creature continued. Special Forces field investigator Lisa DeGrandis said yesterday her "sensitivity" leads her to believe the creature has headed toward the railroad tracks.



Buena Park resident Frank Missanelli, left, listens to tape of monster played by investigator Tom Muzila.

INDEPENDENT-REVIEW, Astec, NM - June 10, 1982 CR: T. Adams
Mutilation remains mystery

BLUMFIELD:

San Juan County Sheriff's deputies and the owner of a ranch just outside the city limits continue to ponder the meaning of a mutilated cow found dead on May 28.

A cow belonging to Robert Truby was found lying in a dry wash. The animal's jawbone was cleaned of skin and flesh and its tongue had been cut out.

The Trubys began their search for the cow after a head count of cattle revealed that one was missing. Truby told deputies that the six-year-old cow had been in good health and had a

four-month-old calf.

The cow appears to have died between May 24 and 26, said New Mexico Livestock Inspector Mel Miller. However, it remained untouched by scavengers between then and the time it was found. "The dogs and the varmints wouldn't come near it," said Truby. "Not even the birds." There were no prints by the animal.

"It was a real eerie thing," said Truby. "It's something we don't understand. Or else we do understand and don't want to come out with."

Insurance on Livestock Becoming Harder To Get

JOURNAL, Albuquerque, NM - May 31, 1982 CR: F. Hudson

Dulce Rancher Loses Another Cow to Mysterious Mutilation

By MARY FREI
Journal Staff Writer

DULCE — Manuel Gomez has lost yet another cow to mutilation. He says it's reaching the point that he might not be able to get insurance for the livestock on his ranch within the Jicarilla Apache Reservation.

The latest victim, a 6-year-old pregnant cow, was discovered at noon on May 9 near a juniper tree in the Gomez family's pasture two miles south of Dulce.

The cow had been dead for more than 24 hours, and in most respects, it was a typical mutilation: the udder, tongue and half of the lip were removed with a clean-cutting instrument, Gomez said. He suggested that the instrument was a laser beam.

There was no blood on the cuts, nor was there blood around the cow. There was a cut into the rectum but the womb was left intact. "You could see the little calf's hands still inside the womb," Gomez said.

There were a few minor variations, such as a 2-inch-diameter puncture under the

back leg and a banana-shaped scrape clear to the bone on the bottom of the right jaw.

But most everything else was standard, Gomez said. The cow was found lying on her left side, as the others have been; there were no tracks near the carcass; the mutilation occurred around the time of the full moon; and strange lights were seen in the Dulce area in recent weeks, he said.

This was Gomez' fifth mutilated cow, but he has also lost two bulls, one heifer and a horse. "They've been hitting me all along since 1976," the 54-year-old rancher said with a sigh. "We don't know why they're hitting me."

"It has to be somebody that has a lot of money and that doesn't come from the ground. They pick them up from the air."

Last year Gomez' insurance company canceled its policy after he reported the mutilated horse and his fourth mutilated cow, which were both discovered on June 14. "That insurance company was supposed to be a helping hand to the farmer and rancher," Gomez remarked.

He found insurance elsewhere but now pays a higher premium. And he's reluctant to report the latest mutilation. "It's getting to the point where I won't be able to get any insurance," he said. "It's getting serious."

The father of four sons and two daughters worries about more than his herd of 150 to 200 cows. "You don't know what's going to happen next or to your family or what. It's bad...."

Gomez and his family live in an adobe home on the west end of Dulce built by his grandfather, Jose E. Gomez, who homesteaded the family ranch in 1877.

Over the years, Gomez said, Dulce residents have come to recognize the strange light that comes around as a precursor to a mutilation. "It looks like a star pretty far away, but if you watch it real close, it'll start moving. Then it'll come down, a little farther down, and it'll disappear."

Gomez has seen the light with an orangish color. "People say that they have seen it change, like maybe red, orange, white and maybe bluish," he added.

The same light was seen in the sky in the weeks before the most recent mutilation, Gomez said.

"They have been on and off for the last month and a half, two months, something like that. Once they mutilate, they (the light) disappear for awhile."

Gomez' 26-year-old son, Edmund, noted that the light often comes from the northeast and runs west. "They like to stay in the trees close to the mountains so radar won't pick them up," he said.

One night after the first wave of mutilations a few years ago Gomez and State Policeman Gabe Valdez passed about 60 cattle through a corral chute under an ultraviolet light. They saw that some of the animals had been marked with a white sticky substance.

"You can't see it with the naked eye, it's something like a white powder," Gomez recalled. "If you touch it, it'll smear on your finger."

The younger Gomez also pointed out that their investigative efforts have been sym-

met by the fact that mutilated animals have usually been dead for a while before being found and the carcass has already begun to decompose.

The older Gomez is a soft-spoken man until the subject of former FBI agent Ken Rommel's 1980 mutilation investigation comes up. Rommel concluded that natural predators mutilated already dead cows.

"Mr. Rommel never did come out here to talk to me," said Gomez, with a touch of bitterness in his voice. "Of course, during the year that he was in, there were no mutilations in this part of the country. They were mutilating up in Canada."

"We've been in the ranching business for a long time, and we know the difference between a mutilation and a cow that has been killed by a predator. We know the difference, and any animal that we find dead and hasn't been touched by predators, we know that it was a mutilation. Because they sense something on the carcass, and they won't eat it."

STAR, Indianapolis, IN
June 30, 1982 CR: C. Jones

Sea monster?

Government officials, fishing experts and photographers converged on an isolated beach in southeast India where fishermen claimed to have dragged ashore a 5-ton sea monster.

The creature, with ears, eyes and mouth resembling those of an elephant, has a tail-like projection measuring about 27 feet in length and 15 feet in girth, reported the Press Trust of India.

It took 500 bare-chested fishermen using huge nets to drag the "freak sea creature" out of the Bay of Bengal Sunday, the news agency said.

Tamil Nadu state government officials and fishing experts rushed to the beach to confirm the claims and determine if the creature is a mutant or an unknown species.

Scientific encounters of the best kind

A forum for serious exploration of heretical topics like UFOs, 'monsters'

By Rebecca Salner
Examiner staff writer

STANFORD — Peter Sturrock doesn't believe in little green men from outer space. Flying saucers don't land in his back yard. He has never had what space aficionados might call a close encounter.

But Sturrock, like more than 100 other scientists across the nation who belong to the newly formed Society for Scientific Exploration, believes the search for life forms in outer space should be treated as a legitimate science.

Sturrock, a Stanford astrophysics professor who has become the month-old society's first president, hopes the new group will provide a forum for scientists seriously interested in substantiating or disproving the existence of strange things like unidentified flying objects and the Loch Ness Monster.

"In most sciences we have a history to go on. We established rules and criteria. But in this case we really don't know what the rules of the game are. What we want to do is treat these heretical subjects the way scientists treat the orthodox subjects."

Sturrock, who has been interested in UFOs for more than 10 years, said the problem is that an aura of disrepute surrounds the study of monsters and spacemen. Although many scientists are interested in investigating the subjects, they are often afraid they will be ridiculed for lending any credence to the existence of these strange things.

But unless the subjects are investigated, no one will ever know whether the Loch Ness Monster is a mythical beast or the UFOs reported by thousands of people across the world are meteors or some other explainable phenomena.

As Sturrock put it: "Whether or not the objects exist, reports do exist. If the things are not there, why are people reporting them?"

That is the question the society, formed in April after a six-year gestation period, hopes to answer.

Sturrock said the public attitude of scientists toward monsters, unidentified flying objects and people who claim to have a talent for predicting the future is generally negative.

But when Sturrock surveyed American Astronomical Society members several years ago he discovered that under the cloak of confidentiality many astronomers were open to the possibility of serious research on the subject. A few even admitted seeing UFOs.

There is no forum for discussing the topics, Sturrock said, and no place to publish serious research.

"Without that forum the work doesn't get anywhere. You can't make progress without open publication," said Sturrock, who has been at Stanford since he came to this country from England 27 years ago.

The Society for Scientific Exploration expects to provide that forum by publishing a quarterly journal and holding annual group meetings.

"The risk in science is that scientists say 'I'm not going to believe in something unless I understand it,'" Sturrock said. And because few scientists have seen the Loch Ness Monster or unidentified flying objects, they often doubt their existence.

"Lots of people view the whole subject as goofy," Sturrock said. "There's no doubt it's a weird subject and the reports are weird but there are a tremendous number of reports and there's no sign that the reports are stopping."

No subject will be too strange for the society, which includes serious believers and skeptics from the scientific community, Sturrock said.

Anything that is unexplainable or that runs counter to established knowledge will be open for discussion, Sturrock said.

Though Sturrock's personal beliefs about the existence of any anomalous phenomena are classified information, he said there are many theories which have been developed to

explain monsters and space beings.

Some scientists believe that all the reported sightings of the Loch Ness Monster, Big Foot and UFOs are frauds or hallucinations.

Another theory holds that the sightings are misperceptions of ordinary events.

Then there are the professionals who believe in space travelers from other planets.

Still another theory contends that the flashes of light in the sky are caused by the same thing that causes a meteorological occurrence called ball lightning.

Ball lightning, Sturrock said, is often reported after a thunderstorm. It is perceived as a strange ball of light often seen running down the bough of a tree. It continues to move along the ground until it either disappears or explodes in a flash of light.

Meteorologists recognize the existence of ball lightning, Sturrock said, but have not been able to figure out what causes it.

There are no hard facts to help scientists determine whether such beasts and occurrences are imaginary or real. The Loch Ness Monster, affectionately called "Nessie," is said to have been seen by people at the Scottish lake for more than 1,000 years.

Nessie, a 30-foot-long water beast with a tiny head and flipper-like appendages, is said to rise from the surface of the lake.

Camera operators have tried to capture it on film. Sonar teams have tried to pinpoint its underwater hideout.

Is Nessie the figment of many overactive imaginations influenced by its reported existence? Or is it real?

Those who claim to have seen Nessie would swear it's real. Those who have not usually doubt the sanity of others who report a huge beast rising from a lake.

The same is true for Big Foot, the ape-like beast with 17-inch feet that reportedly inhabits California's forest, and UFOs.

UFO sightings date back to the late 1800s when waves of people in Europe reported seeing airships. But there were no airships in the 1800s, Sturrock said.

In 1946, in some Scandinavian countries, citizens kept saying they saw rockets but as far as anyone knows, there were no rockets being launched in the area.

From all over the world, reports of strange lights in the sky continue to pour into observatories from all types of people.

"I don't think there's any section of the population that has not at one time or another or one place or another made reports that we call UFO representations," Sturrock said, adding that more frequently sightings are reported by well-educated people.

"I know there are reports. The question is what do they all add up to? They seem to be unknown objects. The real question is: Would they still be unknown if they were being observed by an expert?"

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, AR - May 29, 1982

Blimp to be used in search for legendary monster

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Ambitious hunters are enlisting a Goodyear blimp in a renewed effort to find the elusive Loch Ness monster, which has been reported living in the Scottish lake for centuries.

Tim Dinsdale, who wrote what many say was the definitive book on the Loch Ness monster, is among representatives of the Great Britain Scientific Exploration Society who will board the blimp Europa next week when it embarks on a four-day mission to the lake.

"They've used sonar, mini-sub, all sorts of things to look for the monster," said Christopher Aked, who heads the Akron-based Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.'s public affairs in Great Britain. "To my knowledge, this is unique."

Loch Ness is a lake in northern Scotland. Since the 500s, there have been reports of a sea monster lurking in the lake's depths. Reports increased during the 1930s.

A number of people claim to have seen the monster rise above water. He is described as about 30 feet long.

The Europa currently is floating above London, where Pope John Paul II began his visit Friday. Aked said a crew of 25, including five pilots, will begin the flight to Scotland Wednesday.

The blimp, which cruises at about 35 mph, will be slowed during its voyage so that it can concentrate on portions of

Loch Ness where Dinsdale and scientist James Buchanan believe the monster may dwell.

With infra-red camera equipment, the scientists will try to peer into the lake's murky waters. The average depth of the 24-mile-long lake is estimated at 430 feet, with some parts sinking to 700 feet, Aked said.

POST, Salisbury, NC - May 3, 1982

Would you believe another Wampus Cat?

By BILL JACKSON
Post Staff Writer

Once again, the Abominable Snowman, the Loch Ness Monster and California's Bigfoot will have to take a back seat.

Why? Because there is evidence that Rowan County's own Wampus Cat has surfaced again after some 20 years.

The late J.C. Wisninger, known to Salisbury Post readers as Mack McKa, was the first scribe to introduce the local monster to a world waiting for sensation.

Back in the 1950s, McKa, a Post columnist, broke the news that the dreaded Wampus Cat was roaming southern Rowan and frightening the natives. The Post even carried photographs of the monster's huge footprints.

Nothing has been heard about the Cat since those days of pre-Beatlemania. Not until this week, when Dick Wood alerted the Post that something big and unknown had been treading amongst his wife's flowers.

Wood lives at 101 Willow Road in Westcliffe. Early one morning last week Mrs. Wood was contemplating her garden when she noticed that a miniature iris plant had been disturbed, the scarlet petals strewn about the ground.

Said Wood later: "It looked like something had been eating the flower."

Wood began to investigate and it was then that he discovered footprints, four or five inches wide, with

indentations plainly marking the imprint of four large toes.

"I first thought it was a cow," explained Wood. "There are cows in the neighborhood and occasionally one will wander through a yard in the vicinity."

But Wood's son, Jeff, looked at the prints and said, "It's not a cow print. Cows don't have toes."

A hurried conference between Jeff and his dad subsequently produced the opinion that, although it could have been a huge dog, they could find no evidence of claw marks.

"We looked all over the yard and found at least a dozen tracks," said Wood. "Whatever it was had roamed all over the yard."

Wood said he vaguely remembered stories about the Wampus Cat but didn't believe the tracks found in his yard were those of the elusive legendary beast.

"Not only was the miniature iris eaten, but a little wire fence around the flower had been pushed aside," he said.

Wood courteously declined to have his picture taken beside one of the tracks, saying he didn't want any publicity. But he scurried over to the home of his next door neighbor, Raksha Desai, who graciously consented to become a part of history.

Said Wood: "All I wanted to do was find out what kind of animal made those tracks."

Maybe somebody out there can tell him.



Proof? Raksha Desai wonders

Indian sea monster is a sperm whale

MADRAS, India (AP) — Indian fisheries officials today said a report that a sea monster was brought ashore at a remote beach last weekend apparently was a mixed-up version of the landing of a sperm whale June 11.

In its report, the Press Trust of India had said thousands of people flocked to view a five-ton sea creature hauled ashore at a beach near Pudupet, 175 miles south of here.

The news agency had said it took 500 fishermen to land the "freak sea creature, with ears, eyes and mouth resembling those of an elephant" and "a tail-like projection" measuring about 29.5 feet long by 16.4 feet wide. It gave no further explanation of what the beast was and did not attribute the report.

The fisheries officials today said the whale has been buried.

CR: R. Helden

Watershed patrolman: I saw bigfoot

By VANCE ORCHARD
Of the Union-Bulletin

Bigfoot lives!

At least Paul Freeman says it does. Freeman, a Mill Creek Watershed patrolman, claims he saw what looked like a bigfoot, acted like a bigfoot and even smelled like a bigfoot Thursday noon.

Freeman says he sighted one of the legendary hairy beasts near the top of Tiger Canyon Road, about three-fourths of a mile above the road to the North Fork Walla Walla River.

And, before anyone dismisses Freeman's claims, one might want to take a look at the plaster casts of footprints

It was probably about nine feet tall, with dark, reddish-black hair all over its body, Freeman said. Long arms hung to its knees as the creature walked away in a slouching manner.

taken shortly after Freeman reported the sighting.

The cast measures 14 inches long and 7½ inches at the widest part. Wayne Long of the U.S. Forest Service notes that Freeman's weight — 265 pounds — did not depress the soil of the road as did that of the maker of the prints.

"Freeman didn't sink into the dirt at all," said Long.

Freeman was walking a portion of the watershed boundary on the old logging spur roadway when he smelled something amiss.

"A very bad odor hung in the air, but I thought nothing of it at the time."

Then, about 50 yards down the road, he said the creature came down a steep bank toward him.

Freeman thought the creature was coming for him, so he turned and ran up the road. But, turning to look back, he found the creature going the other way — apparently startled at seeing Freeman.

The last thing Freeman, a veteran hunter and trapper in the Blue Mountains, saw of the bigfoot it was walking around a bend of the road toward the confines of the watershed.

Freeman, a 39-year-old Milton-Freewater resident who started his watershed patrol duty May 1, stands 6-5. The creature, he said, towered over him. It was probably about nine feet tall, with dark, reddish-black hair all over its body. Long arms hung to its knees as the creature walked away in a slouching manner, he said.

His reported sighting isn't the first recorded in recent years in the Blue Mountains, but it is the first in daylight and with such clarity.

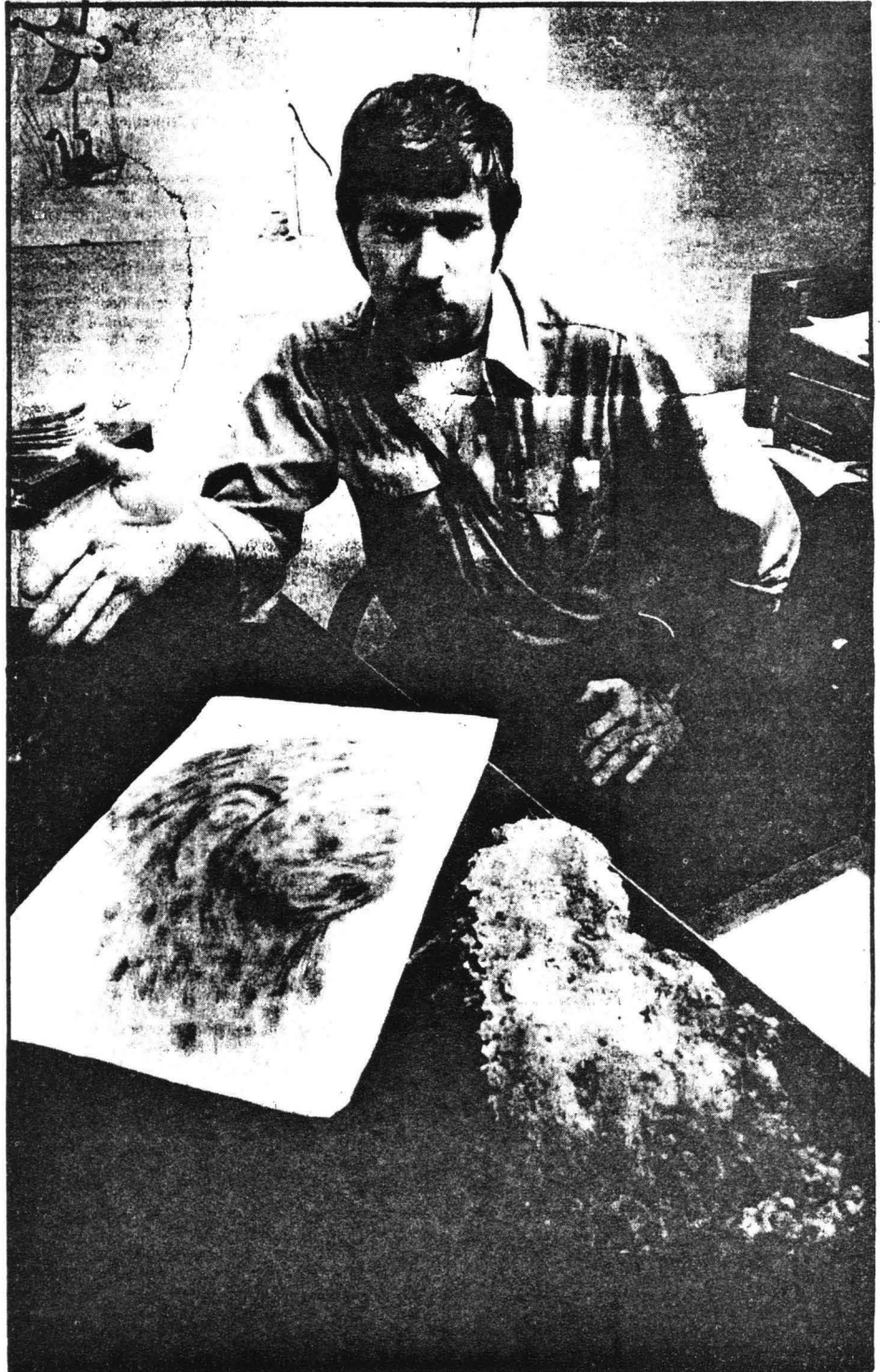
Pete Luther saw footprints that measured 19 inches long and eight inches wide, spaced five feet apart while he and another cyclist were riding a trail bike on the Tiger Canyon Road in 1966. Roger Patterson, the man who later claimed he captured a bigfoot on film, came here to investigate, but an overnight rain wiped out the evidence. Patterson, then the leading "tracker" of the bigfoot, was convinced the creature had been here.

In 1970, near Camp Kiwanis on the Mill Creek Road, Rich Myers of Walla Walla reported seeing "something" loom up in the dusk in the brush at the side of the road. As it screamed a high-pitched sound, Myers took off on his motorcycle.

Henry Avery, Route 1, saw "something large and hairy" at his house in 1974. The creature struck his house and strode over the fence as Avery fired four shots at it.

In 1970, Fred McPherson, a farm mechanic, heard sounds unlike any animal he had ever heard in the upper Coppei Creek drainage.

But before curiosity-seekers begin making plans to head up to the watershed to try and spot a bigfoot, Long warns that the area is restricted and access forbidden except for limited hunting by special permits in the fall.



Wayne Long with bigfoot cast and sketch of creature made by eyewitness Paul Freeman.

U-S photo by Jeff Hanner

DAILY TIMES, Farmington, NM - June 2, 1982 CR: T. Adams

B'field Mutilated Cow Found

AZTEC — A mutilated cow was found on the Robert Truby Ranch in the Bloomfield area Friday night, San Juan County Sheriff's deputies reported today.

The cow was found lying in a dry wash and was believed to have died sometime between May 24 and 26, according to New Mexico Livestock Inspector Mel Miller.

He said the cow was apparently dead when it landed in the wash after skidding down a nine-foot embankment. There were no signs of struggle.

The animal's tongue was missing and appeared to have been cut off deep in the throat. The left side of its bottom jaw was skinned off, leaving the jaw bare, without flesh or hair.

The six-year-old cow had been in good health and had a four-month-old calf, Truby told deputies. A head count of cattle that revealed one cow missing precipitated the hunt that found the dead animal.

Miller said there were no signs of bird droppings around the animal, and though dog and coyote tracks were found in the area, none came closer than six feet to the

cow. The animal's rear end and udder were intact. Undersheriff Dan Sullivan said those sections are usually attacked first by a coyote.

Prints of a large shoe or very flat heeled boot were found in the sand near the animal's head, according to Miller's report.

Two civil defense men, a deputy and Miller were present when a radiation detecting device was brought to the scene Sunday, Miller said. Some radiation was detected on the ground from the cow's carcass to about 10 feet to its left.

The highest reading came at the cow's lower jaw.

However, Miller said the civil defense men were "not able to translate these readings into anything relative."

Mrs. Truby said she saw a helicopter in the area Monday, and another woman said she saw a small green helicopter hovering in the area where the carcass was found about 6 a.m. Tuesday.

The woman said she noticed the helicopter because she thought it was in trouble and might crash.

WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL, Madison, WI - June 18, 1982

Spacecraft probing mysterious object

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) —

Two veteran spacecraft now probing the far reaches of the solar system are searching for a possible new and mysterious object, but scientists said Thursday they had no idea as to what it might be.

"It's very likely there's something out there," said John Anderson, who heads the project. "The question is, what will we find? That's impossible to predict. There's a whole range of possibilities. . . . We're keeping an open mind."

Anderson suggested several possible explanations for the object, but said it was hard to choose the most likely because each raised new problems of its own. His list included a 10th planet.

He told a news conference at NASA's Ames Research Center that a planet seems unlikely since, to avoid detection, it would have to be very dark and it is difficult to figure how that could happen.

"My thinking is more on it's being

a star-type object of some kind," he said.

Such a star, he said, would have to be dark since it has not been seen. That raises the possibility of "a brown dwarf," a cold star too small to have ignited the nuclear reactions that power the Sun.

He said it could be a permanent part of the solar system billions of miles away or "it might be a visitor, a dark star that just happens to be in the neighborhood and will be moving on" after 100,000 years or so.

If the object is still farther away, he said, it might be the corpse of a dead star that collapsed into a neutron star where matter is so dense that if the Earth were that dense it would fit into a thimble.

"Or we could go even farther out and have a black hole" — a region of space, perhaps the graveyard of a giant star, where mass becomes so concentrated that nothing, not even light, can escape its gravitational pull.

CR: R. Holden

Bigfoot not a robot; 'it was real'

By VANCE ORCHARD
Of the Union-Bulletin

"I know what I saw; I'm not going to change, because that's what I saw."

Paul Freeman — the Mill Creek Watershed patrol rider who claims to have seen a huge, hairy, manlike creature on his rounds Thursday — said the creature he saw was unlike anything he had seen in a lifetime of woods experience.

"But, it isn't a robot, that's certain — whatever it is. I could see the muscles in his legs move when he walked. I could see the muscles in its arms and shoulders. It just plain scared me, and I've never been scared in the woods before."

"This thing was real. It was big enough to tear the head right off your shoulders if it wanted to."

Freeman's reference to a robot concerned a story in Sunday's Union-Bulletin that quoted Jon Beckford, director of an organization known as Project Big Foot. Beckford, of Seattle, suggested the creature Freeman saw could have been a robot weighing some 4,000 pounds.

Reacting to the story, Freeman said: "This is crazy. No way does it (the creature) have that kind of weight. It would have to be made of solid lead to weigh that much. It might weigh 700 to 800 pounds, not over that."

Freeman, who says he has "hunted and trapped all my life," came to the Walla Walla Valley a year ago from Camas, Wash., near Mount St. Helens, an area where many Bigfoot sightings have been reported in years past.

"I never saw anything like this in that area," Freeman says. "I never believed in 'em for that matter... figured there wasn't any such thing. I was a complete atheist on the subject."

Today, Freeman is a believer. "I saw something Thursday; it wasn't an animal, either."

Could it have been a bear?

"No, I see bears all the time in the

watershed. I just stand still, and they walk off."

Shown a 1967 photograph of a Bigfoot captured on film in California by the late Roger Patterson, Freeman noted similarities to what he claims to have seen at the top of Tiger Canyon Road in the Blue Mountains.

"It had a high crown on its head — like this one in the picture — the face was more open maybe. Its palms were light-colored."

Freeman says the creature was covered with reddish-black or brownish hair except for the face, the palms of its hands and the soles of its feet. While the creature uttered no sounds, Freeman says he could easily hear the sounds of its footsteps.

"It was real."

"I thought it was going to come at me when I first saw it coming down the bank because the hair on its neck and head just went forward like the hair will on a dog's back... did it three times then it just turned and started walking down the road, looking back at me once in a while."

"There's no way a person could put a suit on and make that kind of stride — the huge prints were spaced some 60 inches apart — like that creature made. I tried it and the best I could do was four feet."

He doesn't carry a weapon on his patrol duty; but after last Thursday's experience, he admits he'd like to be able to carry a gun.

"I kind of got an eerie feeling when I go back up there now," he said.

Would he have used a gun when he encountered the creature last Thursday morning?

"If I had had a gun with me at the time it stopped and rifled its hair two or three times," Freeman said, "I'd probably have shot it. But, after it turned and started walking away from me, I wouldn't have. I could tell right then it wasn't going to harm me; it just wanted to get away."

First reports of the creature were that it was about 9 feet tall. Freeman now says he doesn't think it was that big, "but it's taller than the cooling here."

Freeman's life — and that of his family — has not been the same since he suddenly showed the news of his encounter to the Walla Walla office of the U.S. Forest Service.

"People have been calling me up at home — and my phone is unlisted — and telling me I'm crazy and even calling my kids names and so forth."

Gary Flank, Walla Walla District ranger for the Umatilla National Forest, said the forest service office here "has been completely inundated; we don't know how to handle this sort of thing. It's at the point where Paul (Freeman) and Wayne (Long), have no privacy." Long has been assigned by the forest service to head an investigation of the sighting.

Flank said his office probably would be forced to issue daily or regular bulletins.

"We aren't getting much done around here except this."

Freeman says he "wishes he had carried a camera at the time of the encounter."

"I'm going to get one now."

But, the watershed rider isn't sure if he'll ever see the creature again.

"From the stride it had as it walked away, it likely was way over into the Wenaha-Tucuman Wilderness Area by nightfall. It was just walking at a fast pace and about every third step, it would look back over its shoulder at me."

"I could see it real good; it was a big creature."

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A big step for 'Bigfoot'

Paul Freeman, spotter of a "huge, hairy, manlike creature" as he made his Mill Creek Watershed patrol rounds, is not alone in his conviction he saw the legendary "Bigfoot" or "Sasquatch."

Freeman drew a lot of support locally and has drawn more as the story spread around the Northwest and the world by way of Associated Press and other news-broadcasting media.

And, Freeman and his family have drawn a lot of attention since he sighted the creature on an old logging road of the watershed near the top of the Tiger Canyon Road — about eight miles from Mill Creek.

An interview by the New York correspondent of the London Times was "pretty exciting," according to Nancy Freeman. And, it was only one of several interviews Freeman has done since the morning of June 10.

Freeman, an acknowledged skeptic on the subject, became an overnight believer when he saw the creature. So have some others who have become involved in the sighting.

And, involved right from the start were Milton-Freewater members of the Umatilla County Sheriff's Search and Rescue

Tracker calls new Bigfoot tracks a hoax

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The Bigfoot saga continues, as a tracking expert calls 35 to 40 tracks discovered Wednesday a hoax.

U.S. Forest Service patrolmen Paul Freeman and Bill Epoch found the new sets of alleged "paw prints" in the Mill Creek Municipal Watershed. Freeman claims to have actually seen a Bigfoot creature while patrolling Tiger Canyon Road near the watershed area about 10 days ago.

But for the new tracks, the Forest Service called in Joni Hardin, a U.S. Border Patrol employee from Bellingham, to investigate.

Hardin said Saturday that in his expert opinion, the tracks he studied — those found Wednesday — were not made by an animal. "I have had occasion to study sign that was known to be a hoax," Hardin explained, "and this compared favorably with that."

Hardin added that several features of the tracks indicated they were fakes. He said the spacing of the tracks — the stride — was exactly the same both uphill and down, the tracks have a definite starting and ending point, and they did not sink the entire depth of the soft mud of the area.

Wayne Long, the Walla Walla District fire management officer, said he had seen both the original tracks found on June 10 by Freeman and the tracks found Wednesday by Freeman and Epoch. "The second batch looked a lot different from the first batch," Long said. "But some of these things the tracker (Hardin) pointed out could possibly have been there with the first set and we just weren't looking for them."

Paul Freeman, however, disagrees both with Hardin's "expertise" and his conclusions. "I'm just as much of a professional tracker as he is," Freeman said Saturday. "He's good at tracking people, but I've been tracking animals for 30 years."

Hardin said one indication that the tracks may be fakes were fine lines "similar to the lines in a fingerprint" at the heel and ball of the track. "This is a creature that has gone barefoot all its life," Hardin explained, "so those should be wear areas — with no lines in them."

Freeman particularly disputed this explanation. "When (Hardin) showed me that," Freeman said, "I just took him down and showed him a bear track that had those lines in the same places. Now you have to agree that bears go barefoot, too."

Freeman still believes he saw Bigfoot and added, "I don't think these were a hoax either. I think they just wanted to keep things quieted down and keep people the hell out of that area."

Long said that no permits were being issued for entrance into the restricted watershed area. But, after spending Saturday patrolling the area near the watershed, Freeman said, "There were probably 200 or 400 people up there (near Tiger Canyon Road) today. It was like a freeway."

Wayne Long, forest service staffer here in charge of the investigation, reported a woman had called his office to report she had seen the same creature in the same vicinity in 1980-81.

One of the most interesting callers was the woman who saw the AP story in Boise, then phoned me to report her two sons had seen a Bigfoot two years ago while camping in the Sawtooth Mountains northeast of Boise.

One of the sons, Clint Smith, 18, got on the phone to describe the creature which loomed in front of his van as the brothers were seeking a camping spot in the darkness before dawn.

"It walked out in the middle of the road in front of our van and stared at us. It was eight feet or more with brown hair with a reddish tint. It turned as we got within about 15 feet of it, stared at us, then suddenly shot down the road and out of sight."

"Told Freeman he's not the only one who believes in Bigfoot. We saw one too."



Outdoors in the Blues

Vance Orchard

Team. The team, headed by Art Snow and Ray Ralph, went to the site when the Forest Service investigators reported "a strong odor" in the area.

The team went there because it was felt the body of Keith Zunker might have been located. The mentally retarded youth had last been seen late in October only a short distance from the location of the reported sighting of the creature, Snow noted.

Other members of the team included Mary Ralph and two Explorer Scout members, Dave Stephens and his sister, Jackie.

After spending several hours on the scene — and before the tracks had become obliterated by hundreds of curiosity seekers over the weekend — the search-rescue team left convinced Freeman had indeed seen something unusual to the Blue Mountains.

"We have no reason in the world to doubt Paul Freeman's story," says Snow. "In fact, we couldn't think of any way he could possibly have faked it."

"We saw no evidence that we could dispute him."

Ralph concurred with Snow.

"I have to believe the thing (Bigfoot) is real now, after seeing the prints and the area, but I was a non-believer before."

The intense odor reported by Freeman in his report of the sighting might have been that which forest service investigators smelled and reported, Snow suggests.

The search-rescue team — experts in the business of tracking — investigated both ends of the area in which 26 huge footprints had been found on the roadway, Snow says.

Backtracking beyond the point where the creature had been reported coming down a steep bank led into grass and pine needles and trackers drew a blank there, Snow says.

Going the other way — down the road as the Bigfoot walked away from Freeman — resulted in the same thing as the tracks disappeared into a hard surface on the roadway, he says.

The team had no dogs with them, but this wouldn't have helped, Snow says.

"A hound needs an article of clothing, a piece of hair or something to get the scent, otherwise, he doesn't know what he's tracking."

From observations and tests at the scene, Snow has developed some interesting conjecture concerning the tracks. His estimate is that the creature weighed between 600 and 700 pounds.

"To make those tracks we saw going down that road, you'd have to put 600 vertical pounds of pressure on the ground to make them in the soil as we found it."

"Now, how do you move 600 pounds of weight down the road and make those tracks and only have those tracks showing?"

"You could do it with a helicopter, but no other way."

"Stiks? It would take a heckuva guy to do that."

OTHERS CHECK IN — Since the report by Freeman, others have come forth to declare belief in the phenomenon or to report sightings here and in the Northwest.

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Search for Boy Canceled

ESTES PARK, Col. (UPI) — Officials called off their search for a 13-year-old Illinois boy missing for a week in Rocky Mountain National Park, saying they are mystified by the lack of clues.

Quinn Key, a national park spokesman, said volunteers would continue to search for Robert Baldwin of Lansing, Ill., who vanished June 20 while on a hike with his parents and sister. Park officials ended their search at nightfall Monday.

"No trace has been found in all the search zones," Key said. "We have given them enough coverage that if he had been in the area we would have found him..."