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*Offbeat*  
with  
Don Pieper



### Strange sights, cont.

The woman, who wanted to be identified only as a great-grandmother living on the third floor of Eastmont Towers, says she wonders why nobody has discussed the silent object she has seen hovering over Lincoln at night.

"I often watch what goes on in the sky at night and that darn thing is what goes on in the sky," she says.

Hers is the latest in a series of reports from area residents about strange sights in the heavens. Recently, Randy Ellis and Mike Steinke reported seeing a glowing object dart around over Pawnee Lake. Their report — and Ray Boeche's discussion of the Mutual UFO Network unit he is organizing here — led Scott Colborn to tell about the round, silvery object he and his dad had tracked about eight years ago.

The woman caller said she doesn't sleep as well or as long as she would like and often sits looking out her window at night. It has been six weeks or so since she has seen whatever it is she sees, but she has seen it frequently.

"It is absolutely silent. It stands still, then it will go very fast. It's not an airplane, I am sure of that. And it's not one of those helicopters that lands at St. Elizabeth (Community Health Center); they make a lot of noise and this is silent."

### Ray's report

Ray says he is continuing his investigation of the Pawnee Lake sighting.

The airport control tower was closed at the time the glowing object was seen. The flight service center says there was an outbound plane about that time, but it wouldn't have had landing lights on. The weather service says there were no unusual atmospheric conditions at the time of the sighting.

Ray is also checking out what probably is — but, then, may not be — a different kind of report. Cattle appear to have been mutilated along the Nebraska-Colorado border near Imperial. Cult killing? Some UFO link? Predator?

Ray says ranchers are convinced no predator is responsible.

### Sportsmen Say Gene Letourneau

More on the "UFO" sighting in the Allagash region over the Memorial weekend comes from Walter C. Smythe of North Windham.

"I read with interest in your column about the 'comet' seen by campers and fishermen in the Allagash region May 29.

"My family was on the St. Croix River in Robbinston, south of Calais that evening and we witnessed the same thing. Although I had never seen a comet before, this object seemed to fit the description, but it appeared to be more like a meteor, round ball with a long fiery tail.

"It was sighted on the eastern horizon traveling north to south and remained visible for about 30 seconds.

"In my party were my son Derek, daughter Shannon and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark of Calais."

(The possibility that the object sighted was a meteor appears to be the most likely deduction. It was seen by campers, hikers, fishermen both from an eastern and western advantage.)

Munroe Rinfret of Skowhegan reports a fish kill at Fish Pond in the Spencer Lake (Jackman region.)

"We were at our camp on Chub Pond and while visiting friends who were camping at the sawdust pile on Fish Pond, were informed that a heavy kill of fish and occurred at the north end of the pond. Since then we have received reports of similar kills in other waters of the area. Maybe you should stimulate the Fish-Game Department to look into the problem."

PRESS HERALD, Portland, ME — July 15, 1982 CR: B. Greenwood

## UFO sighting reported on Highway 183

An unidentified flying object shaped like a water tank with blue-green lights was reportedly spotted on Highway 183 early one morning a few weeks ago by a county resident returning from work in Greenville.

According to an anonymous letter received this week by The Easley Progress, the resident was driving on Highway 183 at about 4:30 a.m. on or near July 14 when the unidentified flying object was reportedly spotted in a field approximately 200-300 feet off the highway. The person drove past the object, turned around and drove back down the highway so that the car's headlights shown on the object. The object then flew away, according to the letter.

An exact date and location of the sighting was not reported in the letter. The letter was dated July 14.

The Pickens County Sheriff's Department, Greenville County Sheriff's Department and Easley Police Department all reported that no sighting had been reported.

A UFO investigator from Arizona who has investigated other sightings in South Carolina also said he had received no report. However, the description of the object, including shape and lights, matches similar sightings recently reported, he said.

"It sounds typical of UFO reports," said Wendelle Stevens.

Stevens was in Easley in 1981 to investigate Larry Joe Garrett's UFO sighting on Fruit Mountain Road.

Reports of UFO sightings have increased during the last few months, with a lot of activity reported in southern North Carolina. Also, a farmer near Montreal reported seeing three UFOs with similar descriptions near his farm, Stevens said.

"There are a lot of these things going on," he said.

Stevens said more than 100 UFO sightings are reported around the world each day.

PROGRESS, Easley, SC — July 28, 1982

REGISTER, New Haven, CT — July 21, 1982 CR: B. Greenwood

## Woman reports sighting UFOs

HAMDEN — Two UFOs sporting orange and blue lights were reported to Hamden police at 2:30 this morning by a Mill Rock resident.

When Hamden policeman Angelo Polzella got there, the UFOs had flown away. Leticia Cannon, who said she saw first one UFO and then a second joining it from her home on Mill Rock, a high point overlooking East Rock, phoned her observation to the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash. The Center recorded it along with six others from

around the country.

The UFO Reporting Center classified the Hamden sighting as "lights" because of the distant viewing. Hundreds of these come in through the year, the Center said, although lately such sightings have been rare.

A larger category of sightings called "close encounters," in which a wingless vehicle with superstructure can be distinguished, have been rare lately, too, the Center reported. In active years, as many as 300 to 400 close encounters have been reported. The latest close encounter, the Center reported, occurred three nights ago in California. An oval-shaped glowing object swooped down within 300 feet of a car and followed it for several minutes.

### Mysterious object sighted by officers

A mysterious object in the sky north of Ozark was sighted last week by local police officers.

Deputy sheriff Keith Duncan, who first spotted the object about 2:30 a.m., said he watched it for more than an hour and a half.

It was also seen by city officer Sally Peck and dispatcher Tim Culver, among others.

Duncan said the object changed in color from white to green to red and moved up and down at a rapid rate of speed. It could not be detected by radar, he said.

SPECTATOR, Ozark, AR — July 29, 1982

DAILY JOURNAL, Elizabeth, NJ — July 16, 1982

## Did the police captain see E.T. in Linden?

By KATHLEEN LONGO  
Journal Staff Writer

LINDEN — Whatever it was whirling around in the sky Thursday night is anybody's guess, but one thing is for sure — at least seven people in this city said were two helicopter-like objects whizzed over Roselle Street and disappeared into thin air.

No, they said they hadn't had a drink all night and swear they're not the types to get alarmed without good reason.

One of the witnesses to the strange phenomena was Police Capt. Peter Bartus, who said he's generally a skeptic in matters such as this.

The captain was out on the streets checking on his

patrols when the 10 p.m. occurrence came about on Roselle Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

"I looked up in the sky and saw a plane going towards Kennedy (Airport)," he said excitedly. "Then I heard this whirling like helicopters coming and these objects just stopped in midair."

It gets even better, folks.

"When I thought the old imagination was playing tricks on me, I actually saw them side-by-side and then they suddenly disappeared into outer space."

"They just shot up at 40-degree angles and went straight up."

When asked his initial reaction, Bartus said, "It scared the hell out of me. It's very weird."

REPORTER, Walton, NY  
July 28, 1982

## UFO Reports!

An unidentified Webster Brook, Bloomville, resident reported spotting a pair of unidentified flying objects hovering over a house there last Wednesday night.

The Delaware County communications network, in the absence of a sheriff's patrol, dispatched Delhi village police who observed nothing.

Some 45 minutes later, a similar report was received from the Mountain Brook area of Bovina, with two crafts again "sighted" hovering over a house but again, police found nothing.

In both instances, the communications desk was told, the objects were round and encircled by lights and made little noise.

# A Ray Of Light

## Red, Orange Lights Hover Over Foster's Apple Tree

It sounded like a strange wind, or breeze, and when he looked out Wednesday across the front porch above the apple tree, Ray Foster, 32, Worley Hill Top Road, saw a bright red light shinging down on his garden plot across the paved road. At first, he thought the electric wires along the road right-of-way were on fire.

Moving toward the edge of the porch, he squinted, and the closer observation excited him even more - what he was seeing was his first "flying saucer."

Foster has spent all his 32 years in McCreary County. He's unemployed, but he's dependable and proud of the 1½-acre garden with everything from parsnips to sweet potatoes and of his industry in spading it up by hand and dragging the fresh ground with an apparatus he concocted himself.

His view of the garden had been exclusively directed to vegetables and fruits until he was roused up by a sound and a light about 2 a.m. Wednesday and felt obliged to notify the sheriff that something strange, a flying saucer, had paid the small, 8-acre, farm a visit.

When he saw it, the unidentified flying object (UFO) was standing still - hovering in the air above, a round "vehicle" which he described as looking "like a toy top" and "bowl"-like.

A big red light was shining in the center of the base of it, and it was surrounded by his estimated 30 or more orange-colored lights arranged around the edge of the disc, he explained.

He described the size of it - about 1½ times the length of a police cruiser.

He thought it was large enough to have housed human forms, but he saw none, or any focusing of lights, or any attempt to land the

spacecraft.

The UFO seemed to be only about 10 to 15 feet above the apple tree and over his large garden plot when it began to move toward the north, circled about 500 yards away and came back and circled about the same distance on the southside and came back again to the spot where he had first observed it from his lighted front porch. It came to a complete stop in the air as before.

Then, it went straight up, he said, and flew off into the night about 30 minutes after he had first noticed it.

"I never did believe in them (UFO), until I saw it myself," he said Wednesday morning after calling Sheriff Lindell L. Wilson. "It was not a helicopter. It never had a sound like that. It was never that loud."

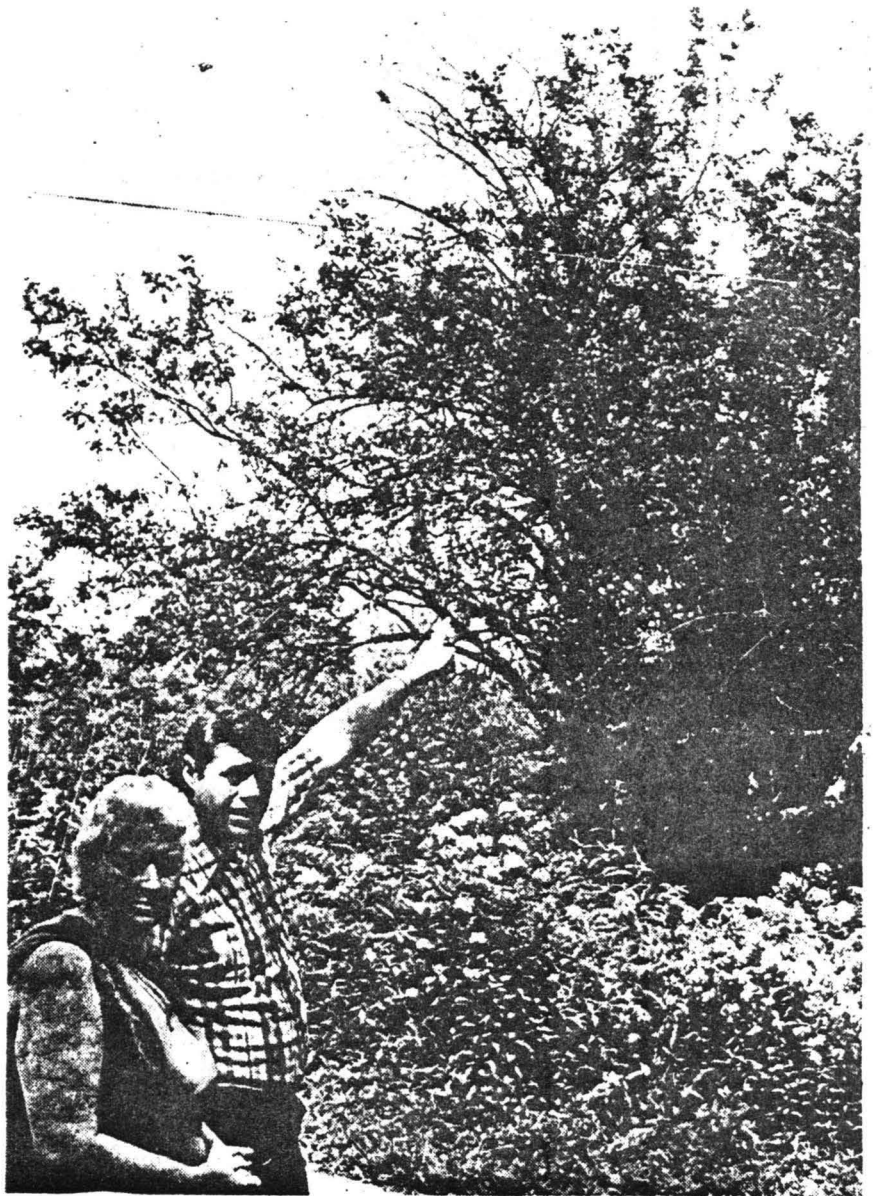
Ray's mother, Emma, who was asleep in a back room of the

house, says she was roused awake by the sound. "I kept hearing it. I thought somebody had stopped" in front of the house. Without waking her sleeping grandson, she got up and followed Ray to the porch, where she, too, saw the "flying saucer" hovering at a 45-degree angle above the house and garden plot.

"I saw it just sitting there. I said, 'Ray, call somebody,'" she said, her anxiety rising that the strange object would disgorge Martians or even more strange, harmful forms to threaten the family. "We never did get to sleep," she added. "I've seen a lot of things, but that was the awfulest thing I ever did see."

"You can't tell what is going to happen," Mrs. Foster concluded. "You don't know what might happen. I ran back into the house and then I came back after him (Ray)."

There was no landing spot available between the Worley Hilltop Road and the Big South Fork River, about 1½ miles to the west, according to Foster, and there was no obvious attempt to land the UFO.



RAY FOSTER, with his mother, Emma, points in the direction toward the spot they saw their first "flying saucer" above his apple tree early Wednesday morning. (Record Photo)

## UFOs reported in Latrobe area

Stan Gordon, state director of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, reported today that there were several UFO sightings in the Latrobe area Saturday night, which also were repeated in the Monroeville area, and that strange noises were reported in the Derry area early today.

Gordon said that there have been a number of UFO and Bigfoot reports in the Latrobe area the past several years and that in the past month reports of large objects at low levels and unusual lights in the night skies have been noted.

He added that anyone with similar reports or details may contact the center at 838-7768 or write to the association at 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg.

Gordon added that all information received via phone or mail is kept in strict confidence and that no one should be ashamed or scared to come forward with such information.



# Now you see it...

(Marge Christensen is a UFO field investigator, and is the state section director for Essex County for the Mutual UFO Network.)

By MARGE CHRISTENSEN

This summer, one of the biggest box office smash hits will undoubtedly be Steven Spielberg's film, "E.T.," which is being hailed by some, as a sort of "Space Age Wizard of Oz." Millions of Americans will contentedly munch on popcorn as this film delights them and gives them a warm feeling inside. Ironically, inasmuch as the topics of UFOs and extraterrestrial life seem to be extremely high in the public interest now, the general public knows very, very little about either of these topics. Unfortunately, the sources of the average person's information on these topics included movies, television shows, and the sensational tabloids. Much of this data is, in reality, misinformation.

For the past 30 years, the U.S. government has been reluctant to release any information on the subject of UFOs to the public; and the official policy has been to claim a total lack of interest in the subject; to state that UFOs do not pose a threat to our national security, and to imply that our government does not feel that UFOs warrant serious scientific study.

Over the past five years, however, under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, over 4,000 pages of previously classified documents have been released to UFO researchers by the Departments of State, Army, Navy, Air Force, the F.B.I., the C.I.A., the National Security Agency, and the Defense Intelligence Agency. Many of these documents indicate that the United States government is indeed very interested in the topic of UFOs, and has been interested for a long time. Also, although three major government-funded studies (the Robertson Panel, the Condon Committee, and Project Blue Book) all concluded that UFOs do not pose a threat to our national security, many of these declassified documents give evidence that UFOs may well involve national security implications, and that at least some UFOs are unconventional aerial objects, which, after extensive scientific study, remain completely unidentifiable.

One document is a National Security Agency report dated 1968, entitled "UFO Hypothesis and Survival Questions." It states that all UFOs cannot be classified as hoaxes, or as hallucinations, or as natural phenomena, or as secret earth projects. It further states: "Some UFOs are Related to Extraterrestrial Intelligence: According to some eminent scientists closely associated with the study of this phenomenon, this hypothesis cannot be disregarded."

The documents I have referred to include



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expert testimony by such highly credible individuals as scientists, military personnel, intelligence personnel, law enforcement officers, and others, and they include reports of radar visual sightings, as well as accounts of incidents involving UFOs sighted over sensitive defense installations and missile sites. These pages clearly attest to our government's intense interest in the subject of UFOs, and in particular, when the national security of the United States is involved.

The issue of a cover-up or "Cosmic Watergate," (term coined by nuclear physicist, Stanton Friedman) with regard to the subject of UFOs has long been a heated one. Many people feel strongly that the public has a right to know, and the government has a duty to inform the public. It seems to me that those in the decision-making roles in our government must have some strong reasons for keeping such important information from the American public. If one of those reasons, as it has sometimes been claimed, is fear of national panic, then it also seems to me that it is now time to reconsider this reason.

The American public has come a long way since Orson Welle's radio broadcast of "War of the Worlds," which sent thousands into a panic. This is 1982, and thanks to Steven Spielberg, terms such as "extraterrestrial" and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" are now matter-of-fact household words. The latest Gallup Poll in 1979 revealed that 57 percent of the American population believe that UFOs are real, and 15 million Americans claim to have had UFO sightings.

Today the field of UFOlogy is being taken seriously by an increasingly greater proportion of the international scientific community. There are currently three major UFO research organizations in the USA, and many others throughout the world.

(A package of 200 declassified U.S. Government documents on UFOs may be obtained by writing to: Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Fund for UFO Research, Box 277, Mt. Ranier, Maryland 20712. There is a fee involved.)

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by Jay Hinson

At least 17 people have called into the office during the past week to corroborate the sighting of an unidentified flying object first reported by our intrepid skywatcher in Milltown whose name shall go down in the annals of alertness.

The first group which reported sighting a brightly lit shape over July 4 weekend included Brenda Donovan, Phyllis, Peggy and Richard Martindale, Buffy Roy and Melinda Miller.

Jane Lee of Calais at first thought it was a plane but decided it was too high and going too fast for a plane.

Bruce McCarthy, his wife and daughter of Calais were certain they spotted a "Satellite" going in a southwesterly direction.

Donald McGouldrick and Geraldine at first thought it to be a star but it flew across the sky, went up and out of sight.

Candy Palmer believes it "probably was a martian afraid of being shot by pretty bullets" (fireworks were being sprayed around the sky at the same time).

Dawn McGouldrick said she thought it was a "little round thing flying through the air, afraid of the fireworks, I guess." Carol McGouldrick said it looked like "a star, brighter than a star. It was white, then it vanished. He watched it from St. Stephen going over the top of Johnson's Hardware.

Shari Wakefield said it was white, travelling fast in a straight line. It was round and then it disappeared.

We hope all these people were right in what they saw and that someday the occupants of that space vehicle will return and give us the answers to all of our questions.

## Sky lights in the East baffle experts

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Colorful sky lights provided a spectacle along much of the East Coast overnight, leaving astronomers puzzled Wednesday as to just what caused the display.

One astronomer in Washington, D.C., speculated that the glow Tuesday night was debris from the last passage of Halley's Comet in 1910. But a colleague in Baltimore said he doubted that possibility.

Other skywatching agencies, such as the National Weather Service and the Federal Aviation Administration, had no answer.

The sky lights — by some accounts a bright ball, by others glowing bits of color that changed as they streaked and faded — were reported along the East Coast from here to Washington. Green was the predominant color in the reported sightings, most of which occurred at about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"By the descriptions we've gotten from people who called, the astronomers are assuming that it was a meteor, a fireball," said Gwendolyn Gwyn, speaking for the Hayden Planetarium.

Earlier, Dr. Kenneth Franklin, an astronomer at the planetarium, speculated that the sightings may have been of the planet Jupiter, which was "low in the sky now and can be very bright."

The Halley's Comet hypothesis came from Dr. Alle Barwick, an American University astronomer, who said the earth was moving through the comet's debris now, and "these particles come into our atmosphere and burn up."

# Another close encounter

## Charles Hickson claims alien beings will transmogrify world attitudes within the next twelve months

REGINA HINES

Jackson County Bureau Chief

Beings from another world will change the self-destructive course of this planet next year, then "they'll come down in force," said Charles Hickson of Gautier, who says he has been in physical and mental contact with these aliens.

"We're going to see something I can't even comprehend. There's going to be a strange power, or energy, released on Earth that will work on our minds and turn our minds from different things besides war," he said. "At the end of next year, we won't know this world."

Hickson, 54, a general superintendent in shipbuilding for Universal Systems, said he has been chosen as one of 12 people who will serve as liaison between the aliens and the people of Earth. He has been

in touch with a few of the dozen, but not all of the 12 have been chosen, he said.

Nearly nine years ago Hickson and a young co-worker, Calvin Parker, received national attention when they claimed to be spirited aboard a UFO in Pascagoula the night of Oct. 11, 1973.

The two, who then worked at F.B. Walker Shipyard in Pascagoula, said they were fishing from the Old Schaupter Shipyard pier on the river when they heard a zipping noise, saw strange, glowing lights and then saw a strange craft descend from the sky.

The two said that three beings, Hickson now says he knows were robots controlled by aliens, floated out of the craft and took the men into the ship.



Dinah Rogers, staff photographer

Charles Hickson says he is one of twelve earthlings chosen to communicate messages from friendly extra-terrestrials

They said they were observed by a giant eye for 15 to 20 minutes before they were escorted from the craft.

"It's been a terrible life for me these last nine years," said 54-year-old Hickson Wednesday when he called a press conference at his home on a quiet Gautier street.

He said his companion Calvin Parker's life "is ruined forever." Parker, who was 19 when he said he shared Hickson's experience with the UFO, left the Pascagoula area almost immediately after the incident and Hickson said he had a nervous breakdown. Now married, Parker lives in Texas.

Hickson said Parker had another breakdown when the aliens tried to reach him again. "He just couldn't take it."

Hickson says ever since that October night he has been in frequent mental contact with the alien beings and on three other occasions, in physical contact. Several years ago, the Hickson family encountered "an enormous" UFO while they were driving in their car, he said.

"They contacted me a few days ago, the time or place is not important," he said. Although the aliens did not tell him to do so, Hickson said, "something is compelling me" to tell everyone of the coming events.

He is planning to lecture on the coming of the aliens throughout the country, but says he has stopped work on a book he has been writing about his experiences.

"The final chapter hasn't been written," said Hickson. "We're heading for total destruction. The only thing that can help us is something from another world."

Hickson says he has not been influenced in his thinking by the latest science fiction boxoffice hit, *E.T.*, nor is he promoting his lectures or his forthcoming book by his predictions.

Hickson said the aliens told him the "energy" will be released on the world early in 1983 and after nearly a year, the beings will arrive. "By the end of 1983, we'll be softened enough and changed from our bad ways," he said. "They are coming down to see what they have accomplished. If they come here now, all nations will take up arms." And he said the aliens would now be attacked rather than accepted.

He said there is little physical difference between those creatures and humans. "They're not monsters," he told reporters. "The knowledge these people have is beyond belief," he said.

Hickson says he is a religious man, a Christian who believes in a "mastermind" with a "master plan." He does not liken the events he predicts as "the end of time."

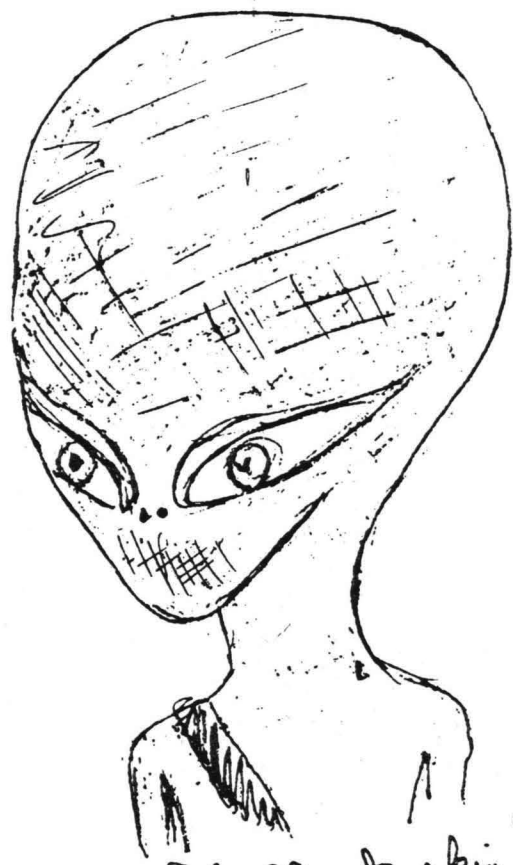
"Through my mind, I receive messages from them. There's nothing I can do," said Hickson. He said his relationship with the aliens has often bothered him so much over the years that at times he has lost all will to live.

Hickson said he has been chosen as one of the 12, because, "All my life, when I believed in something, nothing could change my mind. I'll see it to my death."

"We'll be in a different world next year," he said. "Wait and see."



# Tracking down alien visitors



*Greenish Black skin?  
or body suit*

**MUFON's investigators say they're skeptical but curious UFO chasers**

By **BOB SCHERER-HOOCK**

**O**nly under hypnosis do the Beverly resident's shrouded memories of the encounter come out.

They begin with a sudden awakening during the night and the discovery of two alien creatures standing next to the bed. The visitors are short, humanoid shapes with heads disproportionately larger than their bodies. They look out from slanted eyes that come to a point on either side of their heads, about where ears should be but aren't. They have no mouths and their skin is a greenish, black hue.

The next image is a dark tunnel that opens up into what appears to be a laboratory, perhaps inside a spacecraft. One wall is lined with glass-like jars on metal shelves. The shelves are anchored to the wall above a set of featureless drawers.

Communication takes place, but no words are spoken. Thoughts seem to appear in the person's head through mental telepathy. The creatures usher their guest through a doorway into the laboratory and give instructions to sign some type of register which already bears several other names, some in English and others in unintelligible scribbles.

The Beverly resident is directed to a flat examining table and is asked to lie on it. The creatures busily move from station to station in the laboratory preparing for what turns out to be a thorough examination of their abducted Earth specimen.

After the tests are completed the aliens exert some type of mind control to make the Beverly resident forget the visit.

But last year a book about UFOs with drawings of similarly described aliens from other close encounters jogged the forgotten memories.

The Beverly resident sought help from members of the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network (MUFON), who brought in a hypnotist to examine the case. Under hypnosis the details of not one, but several contacts have been related, all of them remarkably similar to each other and to stories told by others around the world who claim to have been abducted by creatures from another planet.

Did E.T.'s cosmic cousins visit Beverly last year? Members of the Essex County chapter of MUFON don't know, but they say they have to allow for that possibility.

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Drawings made by a Beverly resident, reportedly sketched while under hypnosis, detail alien beings the person claims were encountered in Essex County, according to Marge Christensen, section director for the Essex County chapter of the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network (MUFON).



**MUFON members Linda Seal (left) and Marge Christensen, both of Beverly, investigate reports of UFO sightings in Essex County.**

(Photo by Bob Scherer-Hoock)

"We don't know if this person is telling the truth or not," says Marge Christensen of Beverly, the section director for the Essex County MUFON. "There's obviously a certain amount of catharsis that this person feels just getting the story off their chest. But if we come up with nothing that can explain the story, we still can't say this person went to another planet or had some sort of psychic experience. The most we can say is we don't know what happened."

But MUFON members say they are trying to find out what's happening by bringing the subject of UFOs out of the realm of screaming tabloid headlines and under the umbrella of scientific research.

There may not be little green creatures running around, MUFON members say, but something is going on that to date has defied explanation, and no one is going to find out what it is unless someone investigates.

"Sure, a lot of these UFO sightings have logical explanations," says Linda Seal, also of Beverly, who is a MUFON investigator, "but some don't. You're never going to know though until you investigate. That's our whole point."

MUFON's national organization of civilian UFO investigators was created in 1969, roughly about the time the U.S. Air Force disbanded its Project Blue Book UFO research team and effectively concluded that there's no such thing as flying saucers. But private citizens acting in their spare time, without pay, have since picked up the ball and are running with it.

"Our group is just interested in studying phenomena and in getting the answers to a few basic questions," says Seal. "We're a group of people who feel there is more going on here than meets the eye."

Questions like, "What are UFOs?" "Why are they here?" "What can we learn from them?" and "Why are so many people telling the same stories?" need to be dealt with, according to MUFON members.

Another question that MUFON finds particularly significant is why so many people in respected positions in their communities would risk their reputations to report UFOs and sightings of alien beings.

Christensen says the latest reported UFO sighting came from a superintendent of schools on the North Shore. She says she won't reveal the details of the sighting in order to protect the identity of the person who reported it, but she adds that it's only one example of the high quality of witnesses she comes across while investigating unexplained phenomena.

Last year there were 14 UFO sightings recorded in Essex County. Five of those reports were easily traced to natural phenomena. But nine sightings are still unexplained, including two where witnesses re-

ported seeing space-suited creatures, according to Christensen. Those making the reports included a school principal, member of the clergy, pilot, engineer, lawyer, college student and economist.

Six of the sightings took place in Ipswich, which Christensen says for some reason has a long history of UFO reports. The remainder of the sightings were widely scattered around the county: Peabody, Rockport, Rowley, Topsfield, Beverly and Manchester. Many UFO reports can quickly be explained. Among last year's sightings two were caused by a night-advertising plane, which from a particular angle looks like a saucer-shaped object ringed by colored lights.

Christensen says the same plane causes numerous UFO reports every summer along the North Shore coast. Astronomers later confirmed that another report of a "bluish light" streaking over Ipswich was a meteor, while a report from a Rockport wharf of an orange ball skipping across the water was simply a float used by fishermen.

Often its only after some investigation that MUFON members can find out if they've really got something interesting.

Last November a number of teachers reported seeing a disc-shaped object flying over the solar power facility at Beverly High School. The teachers watched it fly off into the distance towards the coast. Nurses at Beverly Hospital also reported seeing it on its ocean-going route, and another person on the shore watched it disappear over the sea.

Christensen says it all sounded very intriguing, particularly since there were so many witnesses, until it became obvious that no one had seen the object change direction and it had steadily followed the prevailing winds.

A few educated guesses and phone calls later turned up a sheepish science teacher at Shore Country Day School who said his students had sent up a hot air balloon on the day of the multiple UFO sightings.

On the other hand, on New Year's Eve 1980 MUFON received a report of four pink flying saucers over Ipswich. Seal says her first reaction was, "Pink flying saucers on New Year's Eve. Come on!" But she later found the caller was a respected member of the clergy who reported seeing two large shapes and two smaller shapes come out of the sky and hover nearby approximately two feet off the ground. Then the objects disappeared in the wink of an eye.

What Seal says she found even more interesting was that an inspection of the scene of the UFO sighting turned up markings on the ground just below where the objects hovered. The markings were four semi-circles, two of them about twice as large as the other two.

Seal says MUFON has access to a computer that catalogues UFO reports and com-

pares each one for common descriptions and occurrences. She says the Ipswich pink flying saucer case was identical to a sighting reported eight days later in France — same four pink objects, same differences in size, same markings found on the ground.

"It just shows that you can't judge from the initial conversation whether or not it's going to be a good case," Christensen says.

Most UFO reports come in through local police departments, all of which keep the MUFON hotline number (944-0686) on file. Some calls are made directly to investigators like Christensen or Seal who are known to the observers. Some of the calls can immediately be dismissed because of known advertising plane routes or resemblance to past explained reports.

If the report can't be explained the MUFON investigator takes basic information over the telephone about where and when it happened and what the observer saw. An interview is then set up as the first step in the field investigation.

"Two people will go to the interview and we'll ask them to simply recount their story with no interruptions and no leading questions," Seal says. "We'll also try to get separate accountings because different people do remember different details."

MUFON investigators, who receive training in investigative techniques before they are allowed to go out on cases, have a series of pre-printed forms which witnesses are asked to fill out describing their experience. Some are more specific than others and relate to particular kinds of sightings such as the so-called "close encounter of the third kind (CE3)" in which physical contact with an unidentified creature is reported.

Questions on the most general form ask for detailed information about the surroundings at the time of the sighting, including terrain, weather and surroundings, and about whether the UFO affected anything in the area such as vegetation, water, animals or electrical machinery.

"One of the things we try to do first is find out what it is not," says Christensen. "If the description rules out it being something explainable like an airplane then we start investigating the case."

Investigations include obtaining character references to verify the credibility of the witnesses and a lot of leg work to see if a second, independent witness can be found for the same incident.

"If it's just someone looking for publicity we can generally tell right away," Christensen says. "We ran into someone once who right away asked if we were going to write a book about this. But we don't seek publicity about individual cases and we keep the names of people who report UFO's in confidence."

There are about seven MUFON investigators living in Essex County, including Raymond Fowler of Wenham. Fowler is the director of investigations for MUFON and the author of four books about his UFO research over the past 25 years.

Fowler's books include stories of numerous UFO sightings over Essex County and the rest of eastern New England. They also tell of Fowler's conversations with people who claim to have been part of secret government investigations of UFO crashes in which spaceships and humanoids have been recovered, and of people who said they were abducted by aliens and then recount details of scientific and medical operations of which they should have no understanding given their educational backgrounds.

It's volumes of documented sightings like these in addition to the cases they've investigated that both Christensen and Seal say make them increasingly curious about what's going on around here.

"There's a wealth of case material and so much of it hasn't been printed," Seal says. "They're all saying the same thing. When you begin to see the stuff that's there, that's when you begin to wonder."

According to Seal and Christensen, says the volume of reported UFOs has led investigators to make certain generalizations about the patterns of UFO appearances.

Most sightings, they say, occur from 9 to 10 p.m. or from 1 to 2 a.m. regardless of the local time zone. Although there is always a certain level of UFO activity, sightings frequently come in waves of excessive activity, the last such wave occurring in 1973.

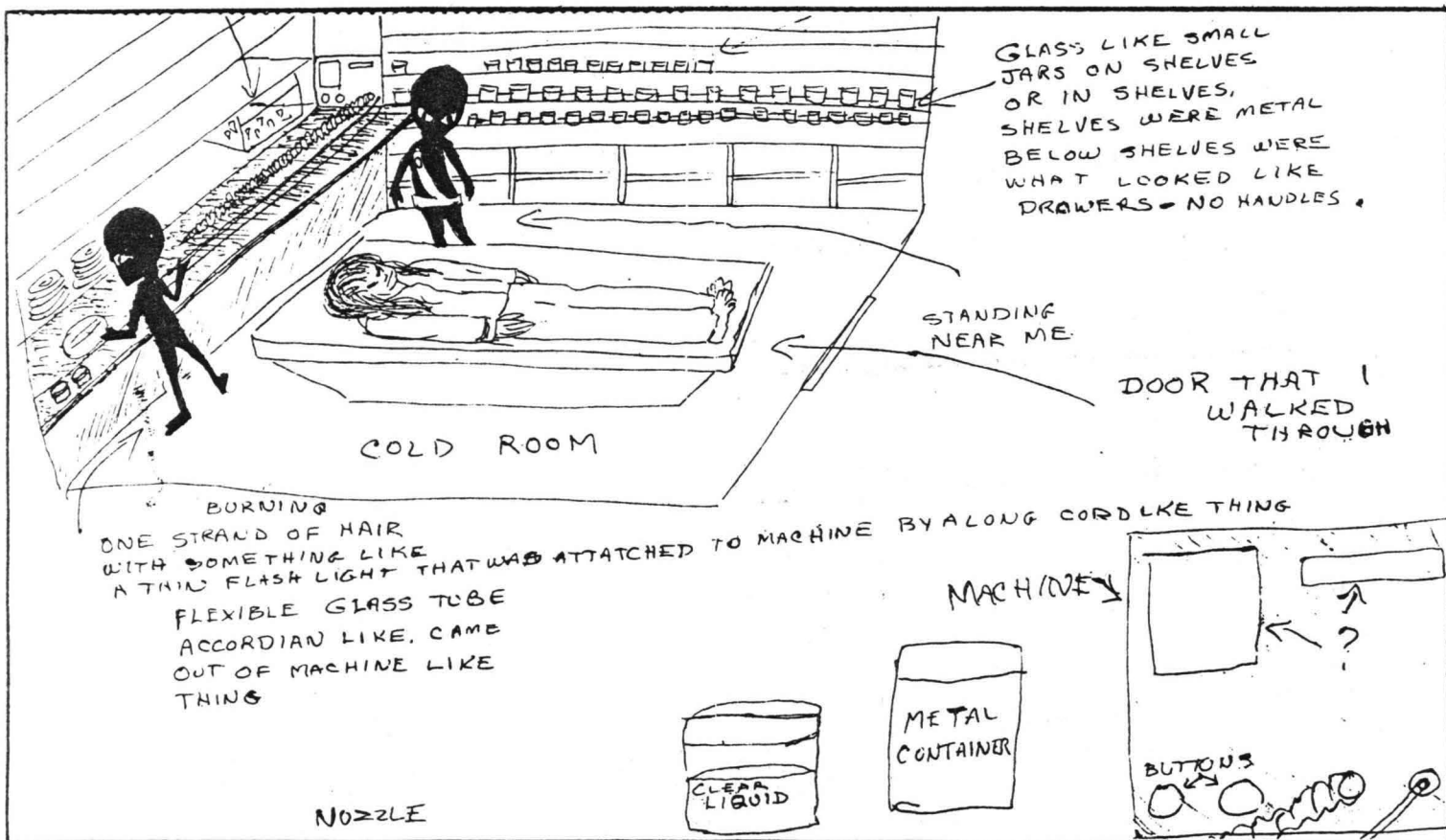
Also, whenever the number of reported close encounters of the second kind (physical traces left behind by UFOs) increases, there is also an increase in the number of reports of close encounters of the third kind (physical contact).

Seal says the aim of MUFON is to put the investigation of UFOs on the level of respectable scientific inquiry. Both she and Christensen say they think the possibility of visitors from another planet is the most promising explanation for all the unexplained UFO sightings, but neither discounts the possibility some hallucinogenic illness that hasn't yet been documented may be responsible.

But the point, they maintain, is that without investigation, no one is ever going to find the right solution.

Neither Christensen nor Seal have seen a UFO themselves, but both say they would like to see one. In fact, they laugh, if every body saw one it would make their work a breeze.

"It certainly would make things easier if they would land on the United Nations and say what they are," Christensen chuckles. "But somehow I don't think it will happen."



INSIDE of an alien spacecraft was sketched by a Beverly resident after an alleged encounter with alien creatures. MUFON members say they don't know whether to believe the person's account, but that it merits investigation.



## Valley residents report two incidents

# U.F.O. sightings in The Valley

by Sewall Williams

Here we go again: Some years ago I wrote a series of articles for another paper on U.F.O. sightings here in The Valley. Because I had learned of very few sightings here since, I had dropped the subject.

It wasn't until June 10 when I was driving back from Fort Devens, very late at night, that the subject confronted me again at about 2:20 a.m., June 11th.

When I had reached Middlesex there, high and at about four o'clock from a very bright full moon, was an object as bright as the moon, absolutely still. It had two wings at different angles, up, not like a plane at same horizontal angles.

I kept an eye on this thing until reaching the German Flats Road where it was hidden behind the mountains in the direction of

Sugarbush Ski Area and Golf Course.

It's now July and I still remember it clearly and although it still puzzles me, I saw no reason to look into it further. About a month ago The Valley chairman of U.F.O. sightings in our Valley (hadn't realized we had one) gave me articles of U.F.O. sightings in

Vermont over the past ten years as well as forms needed to be filled out with sightings' information.

Recently, a resident who has lived in this Valley many years and is much respected, told me she saw something similar around midnight, July 20. Last September, she also saw a round object, not a star. It was quite low, about the height of

an airplane en route, and it slowly circled and flickered for 10 to 15 minutes before very slowly moving off towards Mad River. Her recent sighting was a flickering object in the southwest with a suggestion of red in flickering lights. She watched it for approximately a half hour.

Many such late night or early morning sightings may not have

been reported because people are afraid no one will believe or that they did not know to whom to report.

Anyone with information should contact or write Sewall Williams, 496-4442 (days) or write me, Box 158, Waitsfield, VT 05673 or stop by my office in Fiddlers Green across from The Valley Reporter.

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## Lights, Whirring Sounds Reported by UFO Spotters

By BETSY WING

It brings to mind the aliens and time-travelers of the Twilight Zone.

But if creatures from outer space have visited Tuolumne County this summer, they were either friendly or just passing through.

At least 10 Tuolumne County residents have reported seeing or hearing unidentified flying objects in the last few weeks.

They say they could not have mistaken street lights for space ships, or campers' lanterns for eerie lights.

They did not see bizarre extraterrestrial creatures like the ones in the movies — although one woman joked that her children are sure E.T. was trying to pay them a visit.

Most have never seen a UFO before, and one woman who saw an unidentified flying object was hesitant about giving her name.

"I think it's nutty," she said.

Marv Taylor, president of the county chamber of commerce and a student of UFO's, doesn't think it's nutty. He has been trying to explain the inexplicable for more than 25 years. Taylor began collecting information on UFOs when he was 12, and his material is now on exhibit above his real estate office on Washington St.

So county residents reported seeing strange phenomena to Taylor, who reported it to The Union Democrat.

Jan Duchi, who works for the state employment office, saw a UFO for the first time in her life on July 27. She was watching television in her house on Draper Mine Rd. at about 11 p.m.

"I saw a white light like a star only a lot bigger," she said. "It came down right on our property behind a tree. I got kind of scared and called my husband. We turned all the lights out and just watched."

But the Duchs saw nothing more.

"My kids think it's E.T.," Duchi said.

Marty Vartanian, 18, of Cedar Ridge, and his friend Huntley Bloxham were showing visitors the view from Mount Elizabeth when they saw several orange objects.

"The next thing we saw one of them take off," said Vartanian. "About two minutes later the entire canyon just gradually lit up to bright white. After about five minutes the light gradually dimmed."

"And there are no houses near there. There's nothing in that canyon at all."

Donna Nunley, 34, of Columbia, has seen the same strange light over Columbia three times. Looking out her window on Big Hill, she has seen a big yellow-white circular light hanging motionless over Columbia.

"It was too big and too low for a star," she said. "I was watching and it just vanished. I wasn't scared as much as amazed."

Craig Day, 18, a Sonora High graduate who works at the Sonora Plaza Twain Cinema, was riding along Highway 108 with his girlfriend, JoAnn Lackey, when he saw a UFO. They were about four miles across the Tuolumne County line on their way back from Modesto when they saw it.

"It was this very intense dome-shaped red glow in the trees, about as big as this

(theatre) lobby," Day said. "It only last three or four seconds."

Both Lackey and Day saw the same thing.

"We had just seen Poltergeist and we were talking about a lot of weird things, so I didn't give it a lot of thought," Day said.

"It wasn't the Hollywood epitome of a UFO and I wasn't out looking for little men or anything," he said.

Members of the Holt family were on their way back from Modesto via Highway 108 when they saw an odd light.

It was late the night of July 30, just below the Red Hills.

Vicky Holt, 23, saw a light shoot up from the ground. Her mother, Mary Holt, saw two lights come up from the ground, whirl around and then vanish.

"It was in the middle of the night and there's nothing out there," said Vicky.

The next night, Vicky was lying in bed at home in Sonora Meadows when she heard a "high-pitched whirring sound outside, and all the dogs in the neighborhood were barking," she said.

"Normally I would get up and look but I just had this real eerie feeling. I thought I had UFO's on the brain but the next morning I found out that Chris had heard it too."

Holt's sister-in-law, Christine, said she heard the high-pitched whir. Not only that, but since then she has sensed a "strange smell in the house moving from room to room."

Taylor, who is assistant director of the Mutual UFO Network for northern California, said the reports will be investigated by MUFON.

## Primera Man Reports UFO Near Santa Rosa

A huge flying object crossed the western portion of the Valley in a southerly direction about 1:30 a.m. Monday, Williard Hargrove Jr. of Primera reported.

Hargrove said he and eight other persons watched the object until it went from sight toward the south. He said the group was fishing on the Willacy County channel about four miles north of the Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers' sugar mill north of Santa Rosa when the object was sighted.

He ruled out the object as being fireworks. He said he was impressed by its size and speed.

"We didn't see it when it first entered the atmosphere," he said. Hargrove said the object was above the clouds, just above the west horizon and looked like a rocket. He said it was moving at a tremendous speed and made no sound. It was so large, it looked close. "but your senses told you it was farther away," he said.

He described the object as having a light in front with two flame-like propulsion trails behind. He said he has seen "shooting stars" and this was not one.

He said the group saw the object for less than 20 seconds.

A spokesman for the flight service station at McAllen said there were several unidentified flying object reports overnight, but most had been discounted as fireworks.

## Flying saucer real?

AN ACQUAINTANCE, who definitely does not wish to be identified, says she and two companions watched an unidentified flying object fly low and slowly ahead of their car one rainy evening when they were returning from Seattle. After weaving back and forth for a while, it swerved aside and went out of sight. She tells her story calmly and with no effort to convince her selected listeners that she saw what she saw. The opinion of others does not matter — she knows what she saw and that's that.

According to a Merit Report poll, nearly half the people in the country would accept her story. The poll, with an accuracy of plus or minus 3 percent, found that 49 percent of Americans believe that flying objects from outer space have either "probably" or have "definitely" visited Earth. On the other side, those who believe we have had no, or probably had no visitors from space total 40 percent. That leaves 11 percent with no opinion.

Thus more believe in flying saucers than do not believe. People over 50 are evenly split, 41 percent each way. Believing in flying saucers is more fun than snoring at them, and anyone who doesn't believe probably doesn't believe in tooth fairies either. We belong to the "probably have not been here" group, but we're not anxious for the question to be resolved. Either way, half of us would be disappointed and the other half would be jeering "I told you so." Some things are better left unanswered.

## UFO hotline receives four calls in one week

The search for E.T.'s interplanetary cousins continues to expand on the North Shore as Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network (MUFON) members receive more reports of UFO sightings in the area.

MUFON investigators Linda Seal and Marge Christensen say that in the week following publication of an article on their UFO tracking activities (The Region, Aug. 18) four new sightings were reported on their hotline, two from Danvers and two from Hampton, N.H.

According to Christensen, all of the sightings came from people who previously had no idea where to turn to for help investigating their UFO experiences. The most recent sighting among the new reports occurred in 1978, she says.

Christensen says the most interesting of the new reports is one of the Danvers sightings in which a resident claims to have had a close encounter with a UFO.

Meanwhile the investigation of the experiences of the Beverly resident who reported being abducted by a UFO continues, and the MUFON investigators say it's getting more interesting each day.

Seal and Christensen say they're certainly inclined to believe the person's account of an encounter with alien beings, and while they don't know if the encounters are real, they note that many people from all over the world are reporting very similar experiences.

Many of those persons, including the Beverly resident, the MUFON investigators note, have a very high degree of credibility.

In the latest hypnosis session last week, Christensen reports, the Beverly resident described highly technical energy-creating devices while a scientist was in the room listening to the account. Christensen says the scientist was very impressed by the session, and he left completely convinced that the Beverly resident had no prior knowledge or training relating to the kind of energy systems described.

TRI-TOWN TRANSCRIPT, Topsfield, MA  
Aug. 25, 1982 CR: B. Greenwood

VALLEY MORNING STAR, Harlingen, TX - July 6, 1982

NEWS, Longview, WA - Aug. 18, 1982

# What was that woo woo woo in the night?

By MARK C. BUDRIS  
Rochester Bureau Chief

ROCHESTER — Call it the case of the eerie sound. It is still open.

The call came around noon Tuesday.

Carol Moore of Fifth Street described a strange noise. Sort of a wailing woowoo-woowoo-woowoo that woke her out of a solid sleep at 5 a.m.

She said that she knew the frequent sound of ambulances on nearby Franklin Street, of the police cars, and of the city fire whistle. It did not sound like any of them. It was extremely loud.

She was reluctant to say it but she did.

"I'd be pretty stupid to say it was a spaceship, but I'd have to say it was. Honest to God, it was weird. It sounded like a computer game over my house," she said.

She tried calling the police, but after six rings and no answer her embarrassment got the best of her and she hung up.

She looked out her windows and even walked down the street, but it was dark, and besides she was in a bathrobe.

Investigating the next morning, she found something strange. An almost circular, 20- to 25-foot diameter patch of flattened two-foot-tall grass in the field across Western Avenue and on the other side of the Boston and Maine tracks — where she said the sound seemed to come from for more than half an hour.

She asked around the neighborhood, a lot of people said they heard it.

That was enough for the reporters.

First things first. The matted grass was there. The reporter took pictures.

It was not the scorched perfect circle with state troopers squatting alongside, like the photographs in books, but it was something.

After all, remember the incident at Exeter, where a woman claimed she had been picked up by a UFO.

Accompanied by the woman, her 10-year-old daughter Jennifer, and her daughter's friend, the reporter trooped from door to door. They talked to residents of half a dozen homes on Fifth and Fourth Streets and Western Avenue.

Yes, many had heard something and no, it was not like anything they had heard before. One thought it might have been a helicopter. Some were unsure how long it lasted. Some said ten or fifteen minutes.

Several couples woke up and looked at each other with a "What was that?" look. Many went to their windows, but could see nothing.

Rene Therrien of Western Avenue commented that the extraterrestrials he had always jokingly told his wife were coming for her had arrived. Why was she still here?

Many who heard the noise pointed to the field — and unknowingly toward the matted grass — as the source of the sound.

A few slept through the commotion or quickly went back to sleep, including one man, who admitted, however, that he had once even slept as his home was being hosed down by firemen as a preventative measure when a home was burning across the street.

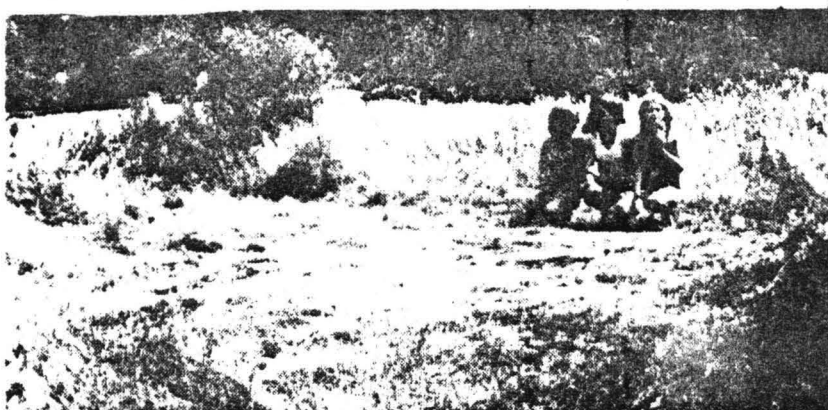
The trail was heating up.

"It was a strange noise. It sounded like it was from outer space. You know the sounds in movies about outer space," said Suzanne Repucci of Fifth Street.

"I couldn't say to my family it was a UFO. They'd laugh at me. But it sounded weird. I jumped out of my bed and said 'Oh my God!'" said another resident who did not want her name used.

"I don't believe in flying saucers but I'm beginning to wonder," said another.

The Therriens checked out the matted grass less than 150 yards



Carol Moore of Fifth Street, her 10-year-old daughter Jennifer and 11-year-old Christen Landry stand by the mysterious area of flattened grass in a field off Western Avenue. Carol discovered the almost-circular depression hours after she and several of her neighbors heard an unearthly sound coming from the direction of the field.

(Democrat photo — Budris)

## UFO?

from their homes and were not convinced.

"If the grass had been burned, then I'd say yeah. I've seen the pictures in the books," Rene Therrien said. He thought kids camping out might be responsible for the indentation in the grass.

Undeterred, the reporter headed back to check with the police about alarms.

No, an officer said, the log did not list any alarm calls, but the officer on duty then was not in.

Pease Air Force Base said there were no helicopters in the vicinity at that time, and said to try the Federal Aviation Administration. They said they received no reports of unaccounted-for flying objects in the Rochester area that morning.

At 2:30 p.m., a call came that seemed to break the case wide open.

It was the woman who did not want to be identified. Word was moving around the neighborhood.

She reported that a neighbor's child said her parents had not only heard the strange sound, but had heard it before. It was the alarm at the U-Haul Center on Route 16, about a mile away.

The woman was glad she got the reporters. She did not want her and her neighbors embarrassed.

But U-Haul manager Don Hathaway said the alarm was not ringing when he arrived at 7 a.m. He said the police would have called him to turn it off if it had been ringing. He said he has never even heard what the alarm sounds like.

"I'm the only guy with the keys," he said.

Back to the neighbor who knew what it was.

Before getting there, the reporter talked to a few other neighbors. Diane Carrier of Western Avenue and her husband were woken before their clock alarm, but thought it was a burglar alarm and let it go.

Don Place of Western Avenue, whose home was the closest in the neighborhood to the field, said that he wakes up every morning at 4:45 a.m. to leave for work at 6:15 p.m. He said he did not hear a thing.

He speculated that it might have been neighborhood kids. A moose had even wandered around the neighborhood about 15 years ago, long before most of the development. But he would probably be pretty old now.

Mrs. Geraldine Raasumaa came to her door on Third Street. She and her husband heard the sound a little after 5 a.m., and flipped on the police scanner. She said she heard someone say on the scanner that the U-Haul alarm had gone off again.

She said she has heard it before. This time it lasted about 15 minutes.

"If people don't know what it is, it would've been an awful noise," she said.

"When they find out, boy are they going to be embarrassed."

It looked like only the details had to be cleaned up. Driving back, Carol Moore came by and asked if there was any news.

She was told of the apparent explanation, but also of the manager's comments.

Early this morning, the reporter called the police. Several officers who were on duty at the time of the sound said they did not recall anything.

The log still says nothing came in from 5 a.m. to 6 a.m.

Police Chief Kenneth Hussey says no police officer could cut off the alarm. And it would be on the log if an officer responded to a ringing alarm anywhere.

He speculated it might have been a cruiser or an ambulance, maybe from Farmington or Milton. But then again, at that hour of the morning, no siren would be needed.

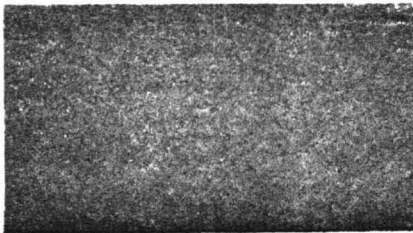
He said he would check around today to see if anyone knows anything about it.

Word has gotten around.

Peter Jeremiah of Rye, a volunteer investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, called the reporter this morning. He had heard about it from a worker in an Exeter mill who heard someone from Rochester talking about it.

The reporter told him the story and said he would get back to him if there was anything new.





This drawing of the unidentified flying object seen in June in Madbury shows the profile of the craft as it flew by the car of the three people who reported the incident.

## UFO cited in Madbury

By MARK C. BUDRIS  
Rochester Bureau Chief

ROCHESTER — It was a clear night. They were driving down a rural road in Madbury at around 10:30 p.m. June 10 when they saw the bright lights.

The mother, her son and her son's girlfriend watched as it appeared to pace them behind the trees. It then hovered over the Bellamy Reservoir a good distance away.

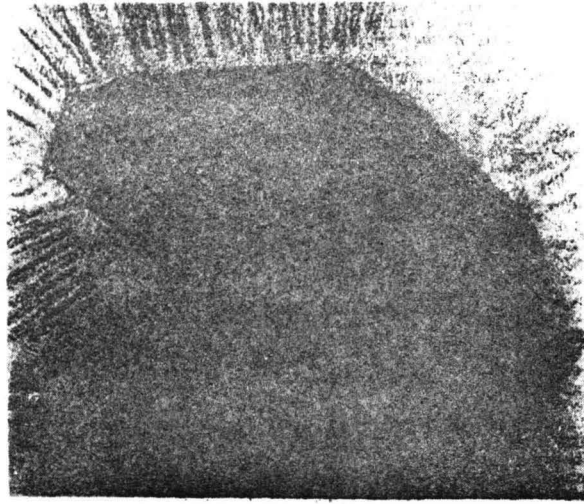
And then it happened. As they made a turn, the "silly thing flew over them at about 30 feet," according to Seacoast UFO investigator, Peter Geremia of Rye.

They all caught a clear view of the bottom of the roughly 40-foot diameter craft. It was shaped like "a modified flat iron" and had lights.

They continued on their way, and after the boy's girlfriend was dropped off at her Madbury home, the boy and his mother headed home, only to see the craft in the distance again, appearing to pace them.

The whole episode lasted about 45 minutes. "It's a pretty solid case," Geremia said, "Especially when you get three people who all see the same thing."

The Federal Aviation Administration and other aviation authorities had no record of any



This drawing of an unidentified flying object sighted June 10 by an area man in Madbury shows the top of the craft as it dipped its front toward the car the man, his mother and his girlfriend were riding in. The object was surrounded by bright white light with pulsating blue, red and green lights on its side, he said.

UFOs in the Madbury area the night of June 10 — but the FAA rarely has information that confirms sightings, said Geremia, a 42-year-old computer technician.

He said the witnesses had a "typical reaction" to the incident.

They first thought it was an airplane or a helicopter, but then were frightened into "My God, what is it?"

"When you get it hovering 30 feet above their car, there can be no doubt it was a UFO or something unknown," he said.

Geremia said the pacing and hovering are the most typical characteristics of the 15 to 20 cases he's investigated over the past seven years on the Seacoast. This case is interesting because it is similar to one reported a few weeks earlier in Vermont.

"You always have the bright light hovering low to the ground, zipping along at tree-top level, making erratic movements and acceleration that

defy modern aircraft movement," he said.

He had the three persons who sighted the UFO in Madbury draw pictures of their experience. They've retraced their route. He's made tape recordings of their stories, and is just now completing a report to send to the Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON, a nationwide investigative group. The report will end up on file for researchers.

Geremia, who believes he is the only active Seacoast UFO investigator, came to Rochester Wednesday afternoon to investigate the mysterious depression in the grass discovered off Western Avenue a few hours after a loud sound woke many in the neighborhood.

With one quick look, he concluded what several people had been speculating. The matted, 1 1/4-foot high grass was probably flattened by a tent or tarp. This morning it was determined that the strange noise that persisted more than 15 minutes was a burglar alarm. (See related story.)

Geremia said that in his spare-time investigative travels in New Hampshire he has never come across "a grass case," in which evidence of a UFO's landing is left on the ground.

But in some cases, he said, the grass is reported swirled in a 30- to 40-foot circle, with a 10-foot diameter central section appearing to be lifted up.

Burned pod marks often appear, and the grass outside of the center area is often dehydrated and takes weeks to recover.

He heard about the Rochester case Wednesday through an inactive UFO investigator.

If the noise the Rochester neighborhood heard had been a UFO it would have been unusual, he said. The great majority of UFO sightings are reported as silent — which brings into scientific question what kind of propulsion systems the crafts might use.

When noises are reported, they're usually described as whirling or whooshing sounds, he said.

Geremia said that things have been quiet in the Seacoast area recently as they have been nationwide. But if past patterns hold — the mid 1960s and mid-1970s saw large numbers of reports — a new series might be approaching.

When movies like "Close Encounters" and "E.T." were released, researchers expected a jump in the number of UFO sightings, but this has not been the case, he said.

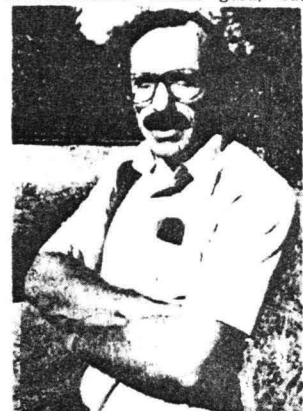
"The mid-80s may bring another flap," he said, referring to the term used by UFO researchers to describe rushes of reports.

But, he said, "The chances of seeing a UFO are worse than being hit by lightning."

"Of course, I'd love to see one," he said.

He doesn't try to explain the sightings, but said he is convinced that people really do see the objects.

"I have no idea. A lot of people say extraterrestrial sounds good, but



Seacoast UFO investigator Peter Geremia.

then that falls from popularity and it's said to be an aberration of the human mind. It's hard to say. All I'm doing is reporting what people see. I'll leave it up to someone else to figure it out," he said.

He said one of his most interesting cases occurred about 1 1/4 years ago in Franklin. A family sitting on the front porch of their home saw a bright light.

Joking around, the father blinked the porch light several times and the light in the sky supernaturally zoomed down toward the house, terrifying a little girl at the home looking at the light through binoculars.

The youngsters were put to bed, and the husband and wife went out into the street to scan the sky for a better look.

The man turned and heard his wife scream. Turning back, they both said they saw "a tall man in a silver uniform between two trees."

"They ran into their house, locked the doors and turned on the lights. They were pretty upset," he said.

The next day, their daughter reported that when she was walking beside a field in the vicinity, she saw a short being with a large head walking through the tall grass. Geremia, however, said that this incident — because it was witnessed by only one person — does not have the credibility of the Madbury sighting.

He said that people in general are anxious and curious to see and learn about UFOs. However, he said the government has files "locked away" that they won't release publicly for "fear of panic."

"People are trying to see what's going on. They're not afraid. I absolutely reject the idea of widespread panic," he said.

## Janitor causes woo woo woo

By MARK C. BUDRIS  
Rochester Bureau Chief

ROCHESTER — The case of the weird sound was closed. But not before the neighborhood that heard it was flooded with a steady stream of skeptics and seekers of UFOs.

It was solved a few hours after the story of the "woowoo woowoo woowoo" that woke up many in a Western Avenue neighborhood hit the streets. It was an alarm.

A janitor at the Elks lodge on Columbus Avenue a half mile away accidentally set off the alarm at around 5 a.m. Tuesday morning. It was the first night the alarm had ever been activated.

Two police cruisers responded. So did Elks Home manager Tom Diamond, who got a call from the janitor. He could also hear the ringing from his home on Chestnut Hill Road a mile away.

He called the newsroom about 5:30 p.m. Wednesday with the news.

"Everybody's having a big joke about it down here," said Diamond.

The solution will probably ground hundreds of imaginations throughout the city. The imaginations were prodded by the news story. Dozens of kids and their parents turned out Wednesday evening to see the mysterious depression in the grass of a nearby field, discovered a few hours after the loud sound was heard.

It was something they could see and touch.

But what about the report of the scanner call and the empty police log?

Police Chief Kenneth Hussey said the officers heard the sound on their own. But when they got there, Diamond was already turning off the alarm. They left. No report to file. No log entry.

The sergeant on duty was never told about it. So he did not recall it during an inquiry Wednesday.

Had the alarm been registered at the police station, a car would have been dispatched, and a report filed. The alarm has since been hooked up to the station.

This story will surely break 12-year-old Nicole Biloudeau's heart.

She had her grandmother bring her out to see the mysterious depression that Carol Moore discovered. The reporter did not tell her a Seacoast UFO investigator, Peter Geremia of Rye, quickly concluded a few minutes earlier that it was likely made by a tarp or tent. (see other story)

Nicole, wearing an "E.T." shirt, was convinced that the depression was strong evidence of an extraterrestrial visit.

"It was really something. Nothing can do that much," she said.

Skeptic Evelyn Bateman of Dover had to come out and see for herself. She brought a friend and a back seat full of kids.

"I don't disbelieve and I don't believe. But I'd have gone out that night, for sure," she said, referring to Carol Moore's understandable reluctance to go into the high-grass and wooded field in the dark to investigate what she heard.

The prediction of her friend, Roxanne Weeden of Rochester, turned out to be pretty close.

"I think it's a farce. It could've been a smoke detector," she had said.

Gary Wentworth, 13, lives a few hundred yards away from the depression on Court Street. He didn't hear the noise. But he and his friends saw the depression and would "definitely camp out" in the field. The only thing left to do was to choose the best site.

"God, I wish I was here at 5," he said.

Joey Jaffe, Jr., 16, of West Milton, checked out the site with his mother on the way home from Rochester. He said the ground looked like something had risen up and blew the grass down. Especially around the edges.

His mother did not have a theory. "There's a lot of possibilities, I suppose. A million and one possibilities."

But they confessed, "We're looking for them (UFOs) all the time."

Two kids said they could feel "heat" on the depression with their hands.

Another found a small piece of iron ore-looking rock in a small gouge on the edge of the depression that looked suspiciously like a "pod mark" from a you-know-what. She took it home to keep in her room.

Chris Harmon, 11, who lives a few hundred yards from the site, did not hear anything. He investigated thoroughly and was "pretty sure" no UFO landed in his neighborhood.

"There's no burn marks. I think it's some kids playing a prank."

Even with the noise. They could have done it somehow," he said. Kids often party back by the tracks, he said.

One elderly gentleman leaned over a bare patch near Western Avenue and rubbed some dirt between his fingers. When he was told the depression was 50 yards away through the woods, he waved his hand and left.

The story had everybody wondering. If only a little.

Two women left talking about past reports they had heard about UFOs.

"I only saw something one time I couldn't explain," she said. "But honest to god, Clarence saw a cigar-shaped thing go over Northwood. And they're not drinkers. It makes you wonder."



Mrs. Abrams describes what she saw. (Dan Spatz Photo)

## The UFO report— Close encounter in Conway

By JULIE JOHNSON  
Of the Log Cabin Staff

E. T., that little flat-headed alien, has won many hearts and rapidly turned people into believers.

How? Because he is make-believe.

But what about a close encounter of the real kind?

Several residents of the Conway Housing Authority complex in south Conway said they saw something UFO-like Friday evening when it suddenly appeared before them while they were sitting outside.

Picture this — a quiet evening, rain is falling and dripping off the roof, and a light breeze is in the air. Darkness has set in, only a touch of daylight remains.

Suddenly, as if from nowhere, strange bright lights that light up the sky like day appear several yards from where you're sitting. The air has become deathly still and even the rain has subsided.

"I hollered," said Ottie Maltbia, describing her immediate reaction. She said she closed her eyes once, twice, three times, and finally the lights vanished.

"It scared me; it scared my baby half to death," Margaret Abrams said. "I don't know what it was."

The women described the "whatever it was" as two large circles, each with a diameter of about 5 feet or more, hovering horizontally about 3 feet off the ground.

Each circle had two rows of lights around the rim. The top row was orange, the bottom yellow.

The height of each circle was about 3 feet and Mrs. Maltbia said there was some distance

between the two circles. Also, she said they "were in kind of a bouncing form," like they were being dribbled from above.

The women said the lights vanished into thin air, just like they'd arrived. However, unlike the entrance, the lights left with what Mrs. Maltbia described as a "growing noise." It didn't sound like an explosion, she said, but it was loud.

"You know, a thousand things can run in your mind when something like this happens," Mrs. Abrams said. So, what did

run through their minds?

Mrs. Abrams said she thought a transformer might have blown up, but there would have been an explosion with that. "Maybe one of those silos in Damascus ... I don't know," she said.

Mrs. Abrams said her first reaction to the lights was that a car was on fire. However, it didn't take her long to notice that these lights were not ordinary.

"I didn't go to sleep that night," she said. "We were just sick trying to figure out what we had seen."

Mrs. Abrams said she, Mrs. Maltbia, Gwen Crenshaw, Louella Reece and seven children, who were all on the porch, saw the lights.

They had scattered in all directions by the time a Conway policeman arrived shortly after the incident. Patrolman Rick Fason thought at first the object had been a lightning bolt, and began looking for burn marks on the site. Then he looked for tracks of the UFO, but found none. The women said this was understandable because the thing "didn't light right on the ground."

"I don't know what it was," Fason said. "It wasn't a bolt of lightning."

Mrs. Abrams and Mrs. Maltbia insist they do not believe in UFOs, but neither woman knows what she saw.

"It's just strange," Mrs. Maltbia said.

## Scientists Think Glowing Object Was an Asteroid

### But Pictures of a Series of Lights Are a Puzzle

By JAMES P. STERBA

Astronomers said yesterday that a brilliant fireball seen Tuesday night from Massachusetts to Maryland was probably a disintegrating asteroid that came up to the earth from behind its orbital path and plunged into the earth's atmosphere.

Detailed reports from several observers in New York and New Jersey led the scientists to believe that the asteroid was probably no larger than a basketball.

The object, which moved across the sky for several seconds, leaving a long tail and spewing off what looked like sparks, set off scores of telephone calls to law-enforcement agencies and jokes about setting out candy to greet alien guests, as in the current hit movie, "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial."

#### Various Impressions of Object

One man, Seymour Pulver, who was sitting outside near his Brooklyn home Tuesday night, said, "It looked like a rainbow with a tail, going across the sky."

Some callers reported "a greenish glow," some thought it was a decaying satellite and most said they had never seen anything like it.

But all asked, "What was it?"

Several astronomers in the New York area said the object was most likely an asteroid — a tiny planet, that intersected the earth's orbit from behind and slightly to the side. As it attempted to race past, they said, the earth's gravity pulled it into the atmosphere where friction caused its fiery disintegration.

The astronomers said they could not immediately explain reports and photographs of a series of glowing and moving lights in the sky near Clark, N.J., about an hour later. But they doubted that they had anything to do with the fireball. The police in Clark, near Linden in Union County, reported receiving several calls about lights moving across the sky. One man said he had seen 14 objects.

Frederick Janicke, an amateur astronomer from Butler, N.J., reported that he and friends at the Sheephill Observatory spotted the fireball at 8:33 P.M., turned on a stopwatch and timed its visible movement across the sky at 10.5 seconds.

#### Plotted Course of Object

From his vantage point, Mr. Janicke said, the fireball appeared to move in a southeasterly direction that he plotted on a celestial map used to locate stars and constellations. The fireball became visible near the star Arcturus in the Bootes constellation, moved almost directly overhead in a southeasterly direction and ended at the constellation Scorpius.

Mr. Janicke reported to the International Astronomical Union in Cambridge, Mass., that the fireball appeared to be very green with pieces of orange objects breaking off of it. Daniel W.E. Green, of the Astronomical Union, which alerts scientists to discoveries of comets and other celestial objects, said the asteroid's disintegration could have been mistaken for a meteor shower, which is a number of asteroids plunging into the atmosphere together. When an object such as an asteroid plunges into the earth's atmosphere it is called a meteor.

"From the reports we've heard, it was probably catching up with the earth from behind," said Kenneth Franklin, an astronomer at the Hayden Planetarium in New York City. "Since the earth is doing 66,000 miles per hour, it might have been going 75,000 miles an hour or so."

"It was definitely not a man-made object," said Del W. Kindschi, a spokesman for the North American Air Defense Command, in Colorado Springs, which tracks orbiting satellites.

#### Like a Skipping Stone

Dr. David Meisel, president of the American Meteor Society and associate professor of physics and astronomy at the State University of New York at Geneseo, said the asteroid had been traveling in the same general direction as the earth and had probably grazed the atmosphere, like a stone skipping on water, before plummeting.

That would explain why it was visible for several seconds. Asteroids traveling towards earth usually hit the atmosphere and leave a disintegration trail that is visible for only a second or less.

The last time an asteroid came up from behind like this was in August 1972, according to Dr. Meisel. Asteroids hitting the atmosphere from in front of the earth's orbiting path occur in the morning sky hourly. Most disintegrate before they hit the earth.

Dr. Meisel said that early in this century a group of asteroids entered the earth's atmosphere from behind in a series. Such an incident might explain the sightings in New Jersey, except for the fact that observers reported that the objects had lingered in the sky for several minutes.

Until more detailed reports are available, Dr. Franklin said, the New Jersey sightings will have to remain in the "swamp gas category" — that is, a case of mistaken identity. In the past, the burning of methane gas in swamps has been mistaken as unidentified flying objects.

## UFO's Take Holiday

By: GEORGE D. FAWCETT

In the course of searching for seasonal patterns in UFO reports, a computerized data bank called UFOCAT owned by the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) in Evanston, Illinois came up with the following answers to the question "Do UFOs Observe Holidays?"

Various holidays have little if any effect on the level of UFO reporting activity, investigators say.

For example:

New Year's Day and Eve appear only normal for January; if reports come from too much celebrating, those parties last for weeks!

St. Patrick's Day? Normal. April Fool's Day? Normal at best, possibly low. Apparently, "Look, a UFO... April Fool!" just doesn't get taken seriously.

We associate the Fourth of July with a lot of outdoor activity, but the higher than normal rate of UFO reports we see may be tied to the wave peak of UFO sightings that occurred on July 8, 1947, rather than to the large numbers of picnickers outdoors.

Things that go 'bump' in the night? Halloween does not seem to affect reporting rates.

Christmas? The lowest day of the year for UFO reports! In fact, the Christmas holiday season seems to depress the reporting rate, even below the January rate when the weather encourages people to spend even less time out of doors.

Say, what about Leap Year? Does February 29 get left out? No, the tally for February 29, when adjusted for occurring only every four years, does not look unusual.

The above statistics were provided by UFO investigator Fred Merritt of the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS). UFOCAT, which he operates contains over 100,000 UFO reports for the past 38 years.

UFOCAT was asked to produce tallies of North American reports by day of the year. That is, all reports for, say, January 1 were counted, regardless of the year in which they occurred. After the serious study of this data was completed, a UFO-Holiday link study was made, thus the results of this published survey for our readers.

Anyone having a pet theory or maybe just want to look up their birthday are asked to just drop a line to Mr. Merritt at the UFO Center, P. O. Box 1402, Evanston, Illinois 60204.

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## Jackets shed light on UFO mystery

Could this be Marlborough's latest unidentified lurking object?  
It is a new reflectorised jacket which began selling a few weeks ago.

It fits the descriptions some motorists have reported of strange, glowing figures appearing at the roadside.

Showing the transformation of an "Early Warning" jacket from daylight, to when it is caught in a strong light, is the manager of the Dunlop Tyre Shop in Peterborough St (Mr David Straker).

The jackets are being sold all over the country, but after the events of a few years ago Marlborough and the Kaikoura coast have established themselves as a happy haunting ground for UFOs.

Could the motorists be jumping to the wrong conclusion when they run across figures in glowing jackets?

The jacket sends light straight back at a driver once it is caught in car headlights.

In one sighting after midnight on August 3, three travellers in one car described an object with the general outline of a window-dresser's model.

It had no distinguishable features and glowed with a fluorescent light.



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## Space clones knock on suburban doors, but ignore UFO seminar

By APRIL LINDGREN  
Record Staff Writer

The extraterrestrials were conspicuous by their absence at a seminar devoted to the topic Thursday at the Conestoga Inn.

However, many of the more than 110 people attending the first night of the three-day discussion on UFOs didn't seem to notice. Others seemed convinced there was an E.T. or two around, even if it was only in spirit.

"I don't want to say too much about this because they might come after me, but I've been visited by the men in black," said Tom Grey, a Mississauga orange juice salesman who has studied UFOs for 30 of his 40 years.

"They're extraterrestrials and are sinister in their appearance. It was May 15 at my apartment in Mississauga. One knocked on the door and he had pure white skin and red lips. They wear black suits, black hats and drive black Cadillacs and they all look identical. I would say they are clones."

Grey said he wasn't home at the time of the visit, but that his 16-year-old daughter answered the door. The visitors left after being told Grey wasn't home.

"I think I was paid the visit because of certain research I've been doing in Guyana. I believe I've stumbled onto the sighting of a hostile type of craft and someone is going to great lengths to prevent me from researching it."

Grey said he is a member of the Northeastern UFO organization, a group which has been monitoring sightings over Lake Ontario since the early 1970s.

"And we've uncovered a hornet's nest of activity between Niagara-on-the-Lake and Oakville. I've lost count of how many UFOs I've seen."

He said his most memorable experience with UFOs was in 1976. "I was at the office of a research group member in West Hill and I was a little depressed because I hadn't seen a UFO since 1957. I said to him that my chances of seeing a UFO are one in a million — three hours later (at about 6:30 p.m.) I had a bonanza sighting."

"I was on the (Highway) 401 near Scarborough Town Centre and I looked over to my left and saw a strange light over Eatons and it wasn't part of the plaza. I thought, 'My God, if this is real, there's a UFO sitting over Eatons.'"

The white, glowing object rose vertically into the air, travelled horizontally for a distance and then settled about 400 feet off the ground for about 20 minutes, Grey said.

"I called all the radio and television stations and they all said, 'sure, sure' (and never showed up). Then at about 6:55 the craft dimmed out completely and then glowed red and disappeared."

The Stratford director of the Southern Ontario UFO Research team which looks into reported sightings in that area was also at the seminar.

"My strangest experience was last year at Ontario Place," said Pat Delafrañier, the mother of two children. "I was thinking about what was rumored to be out there on Lake Ontario and then a very good looking young man walked by."

The man, she said, disappeared behind her and her children into the crowd and then, twice more, appeared to be walking towards them.

"It was impossible for him to do that. He had to have teleportation abilities."

Delafrañier said "things are very slow in Stratford" these days as far as UFO sightings go.

"One sighting my husband and I had in 1971 was at Lakeside, Ont., at the cottage. Both of us had a feeling there was something above us and when we looked up we saw three flat, white lights separated like a triangle (on the bottom of the flying object)."

Delafrañier said the lights stayed over them for about five minutes and "they had a numbing effect on us. I wasn't even interested in UFOs at the time, but this makes me think I was always destined to be involved."

John Dowdell of Acton, is an astrologer who studies UFOs because of his "interest in the unknown."

He says his first glimpse of a UFO was in April, 1976, from atop the physics building at the University of Guelph where he and some friends were observing an eclipse.

Dowdell, who has a B.A. in physical geography, said he reported his two-second sighting of the pair of objects to the Centre for UFO Studies at Northwestern University in Illinois, but got no response.

There were also some people in the crowd who have never managed to be in the right place at the right time when it comes to sightings.

"I'm a fanatic and I'm still hoping to see one — I go camping a lot hoping to see a UFO," said 19-year-old Gord Glass, a Kitchener press operator.

"It seems like I've always been interested and I watch a lot of documentaries on it."

NEWS WORLD, New York, NY - Aug. 28, 1982

## UFO flap reported in Turkey

### Newspapers show Turks in uproar over sightings

The May issue of "Australian International UFO-Flying Saucer Research" reports that a UFO flap occurred in Turkey earlier this year involving sightings of bright lights accompanied by electromagnetic effects on television and car batteries.

The magazine said the Space Phenomena Research Group from Istanbul sent them four newspaper clippings of the sightings which were translated into English by Selman Gerçeksever.

A story dated Jan. 7, 1982, headlined "Three Astronomers Sent to Aksaray to Observe Flying Saucers," said the Kandilli Observatory sent three astronomers to Aksaray to investigate a spate of flying saucer sightings.

For nearly 25 days, local people reported seeing "foreign objects that move in the sky leaving bright lights," the article said. According to witnesses, "When those foreign objects move in the sky, they scatter bright lights around and while one of the objects is moving, the other four remain motionless," the article said. "When the objects are in the sky, the TV and radio sets develop trouble and the automobile batteries are discharged."

A story the next day reports, "A bright object was seen twice in a distance of 17 km at Ecoabat at two-hour intervals and frightened fishermen in the area. Pulling back to the coast in fear, the men described the objects as very bright and flying saucers."

#### UFOs cause traffic jam

On Jan. 11, a story reported that the UFOs appeared once again — and held up traffic.

"An unidentified flying object again appeared in the Aksaray County sky... Flashing about 1,000 metres in height in south west Alsar Aksaray County, the UFO held up traffic on Andara-Adana Highway at 9 pm. Stopping their vehicles, the drivers stood watching the bright object, which fully illuminated the highway." On January 15th, a UFO appeared in Edine as well. The story says, "Giving off yellow and green lights on its way, an egg-shaped object which was flying about 500-600 metres high in the sky has frightened the people who watched it in the area."

The article goes on, "After frustrating the minds of people in Aksaray County (in Central Anatolia) recently, it had again appeared, this time in the Arpac Village of Hava County of Edirne Province near the far west border of Turkey. The myste-

rious object drove the people's excitement to higher degrees, nearly taking away their minds. This is what the Arpac Village Leader says about the incidents:

"We were sitting at the Coffee House and watching television. All of a sudden the television had developed trouble just as we heard shouts from people outside. We immediately dashed out of the coffee house and saw an egg-shaped object flying about 500-600 meters high in the sky, giving off a yellow and green light from behind. Eventually it disappeared from view."

The article quoted a motorist as saying, "I followed the object for 17 km. (10 miles). I was making 80 km. an hour (50 mph) and in my judgement, the object made 120 kph (75 mph) following a straight line. It gave off yellow smoke from behind." "Australian International UFO-Flying Saucer Research" is a publication of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society, Box 2004 GPO Adelaide, South Australia, 5001.



# Mystery in sky may be on film

AN amateur photographer could hold a vital clue to sightings of an unidentified flying object over Mid Wales late on Sunday night.

The UFO was seen twice by Mrs Tegwyn Jones, of Llangurig, Powys, and her husband, Harry. Mrs Jones, who reported her sightings to the police, said she saw a man apparently taking photographs of it.

Police have appealed to him to come forward to assist their investigations.

Mrs Jones said, "It was about a quarter past nine and still daylight. I thought the moon was rather full and a very bright yellow, then I realised the object was completely round like a ball and moving towards me, coming lower and larger all the time."

It appeared to be the size of a small car and changed to an orange colour and had a black line around its centre, said Mrs Jones.

"I must admit I was a bit frightened," she said. "I drove home quickly to tell my husband and he came out. We got into the car, drove out of the village and saw it disappearing over the Plynlimon range in the direction of Machynlleth."

Mrs Jones said it was definitely not a large hot-air balloon and was nothing like anything she had seen before.

Her UFO sighting was at about the same time that ITV started the showing of its science fiction thriller film *Alien*.

## TRANSLATIONS

TRANSLATION CREDIT: George Andrews

- 1) City and country of incident: Laval, Quebec, Canada
- 2) Date of incident: (Not Known)
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: LA PRESSE, July 24, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Montreal, Quebec, Canada

AN EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL SEEN BY FOUR WITNESSES AT SAINT-DOROTHY by Pierre Gingras

"He was five or six feet tall. He had orange eyes, bigger than ours. His head was huge and brown-colored. I was so frightened that I fled."

Stephane Lebeau, aged 16, described in these terms a strange being he believes to be an extra-terrestrial, which he says he saw in a corn-field in the Saint-Dorothy section of Laval, where he camped out during the night in a tent with a friend, Michel Cousineau.

A few minutes earlier, these two campers, as well as another adolescent and a woman of 25, say they saw a mysterious flying object moving slowly and noiselessly above the field, emitting a beam of light. The object, which was about the size of a large helicopter, then disappeared behind a nearby block of houses two or three minutes later. It was two o'clock in the morning.

"The saucer was hovering one or two hundred feet up in the air. It projected a large beam of white light. The sides of the object were equipped with many reflectors of different colors. Only the red-colored lights blinked on and off in sequence, giving the impression that the object itself was rotating," says Denise Labre, who works at night at an ambulance service at 521 rue Principale. At the time of the event, she was accompanied by 13 year old Francois Cousineau, the brother of one of the campers. It was after this younger brother cried out that the two other youths came out of their tent to observe the phenomenon.

As they were afraid of being considered insane, they hesitated for a considerable time before telling this newspaper about their adventure. All four witnesses say the "saucer" suddenly made a muffled noise before disappearing from sight.

After the flying object disappeared, the two young campers had hardly returned to their tent when they heard strange noises "like electronic beep-beeps." Worried, they left their shelter and turned their flashlight on the corn-field, catching a glimpse of a head which immediately disappeared. They then called for help to Francois Cousineau, who arrived on the scene with a powerful projector. They then heard many footsteps in the field and saw another face. A sudden burst of wind enveloped them in a cloud of dust and all of them suddenly felt pain in their stomachs. They panicked and fled to the house. However, Stephane turned the projector on the field one last time, seeing what he says was an "extra-terrestrial" about fifty feet away.

Denise Laore confirms that the youths were white with fear when they reached the house, and took a long time to calm down. The shocked adolescents decided to sleep in the house, and were unable to sleep for several hours.

CREDIT: Irene Granchi

- 1) City and country of incident: State of Paraná, Brazil
- 2) Date of incident: August 6, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: O ESTADO DO PARANÁ, August 10, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil

SEVEN POLITICIANS ARE SAID TO HAVE SEEN THE UFO

A UFO is said to have been seen last Friday, the 6th, in Paraná, by many witnesses, including former Governor Ney Braga, deputies Norton Macedo and Erondy Silvério, who were all in the North of the State, in Araçatuba. One of the witnesses, Joaquim Guimarães da Silva, who resides in Curitiba, was staying at a farm not far from Imbituba, also watched: "...a strange ship in the sky, that at first looked like a rounded rocket with about 20 luminous spots of all colors, among which reddish yellow, blue and green were most prominent."

The same object is said to have been seen by the former Mayor of Londrina, Antonio Belinatti, who, at 10:40 p.m. last Friday, was driving away from Cornélio Procopio. Other witnesses of the strange object included bus-driver Antonio Algaier de Oliveira, of the Redentor bus-company who was leaving the little square of the Industrial Center of Curitiba and who, before reaching the residential quarters, saw: "...a rounded thing followed by about 10 lights, one of each color, flying at more or less the same height of a plane." According to him: "...the thing disappeared so quickly" that when he called the ticket-collector, it had already gone.

According to Journalist Silvana Marchi, who was traveling with politicians Nei Braga, Norton Macedo and Erondy Silvério in Araçatuba, all were on their way to visit Fortunato Coelho Graca, a candidate for Mayor for the PDS (Partido Democrata Social) for that town, when they saw: "...a brilliant ball" flying across the sky so low that: "...it looked more like a balloon about to take off." But

the idea of a balloon was discarded after the politicians noticed that the colored ball was traveling horizontally. In the region of Baraúna, in the State of São Paulo, a rounded luminous object was also observed by 25 students returning home at about 10:40 p.m. last Friday.

The UFO was also seen by over 30 people in Guarapuava and Ponta Grossa. It was also seen in Cascavel by 18 artists belonging to the "Lambe-Lambe" show produced by Daniel Azulay. Farmer Divaldir Laranjeira, from the interior of São Paulo State, was so taken aback when he saw that "multi-colored ball of fire" that he went to the police in Baraúna to register the event.

According to all the witnesses the UFO was visible for about two minutes, disappearing mysteriously and swiftly into the starry night, with the full moon shining, leaving all who saw it frightened and perplexed.

In spite of the fact that dozens of people declare to having watched the object and warned the Air Force of the fact, no section of the Air Force confirmed it, nor even did they confirm having received notice of anything strange having been seen there over this last weekend.

- 1) City and country of incident: State of Paraná, Brazil
- 2) Date of incident: August 6, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: JORNAL DO BRAZIL, ÚLTIMA HORA, and O DIA, August 10, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspapers: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

(Translator's Note: Main translation from JORNAL DO BRAZIL with excerpts from the other two papers added. "Carioca" is anyone born in the city of Rio de Janeiro.)

GROUP OF 'CARIOCAS' SEE COLORED SHIP IN PARANÁ AND BELIEVE IT IS A FLYING SAUCER

"The show lasted less than a minute. It was a large ship with seven or eight smaller ones following it, leaving a trail of orange-rose, with twinkling spots like those of mercury lights. Something never seen before!" The description was given by Marcelo Larrat, 14, about what he and 17 others had watched last Friday, at 22:49, traveling along the BR-277, at about ten kilometers distance from Cascavel, Paraná. They were traveling by bus, heading for Francisco Beltrão, and were moved, emotionally moved, by what they described as UFOs. "We had with us cameras, but we could not use them; we felt helpless, paralyzed by what we saw," says Daniel Azulay, the creator of the program "Team of the Lambe-Lambe" for children. Astronomer Ronaldo de Freitas Mourão, questioned about the phenomenon, believes it to have been satellites regressing from outer space, after having been sent out for research. He explained that, on traveling through the layers of atmosphere, they become incandescent and appear to be in combustion, leaving behind them trails with fragments.

"The trajectory appeared to be that of a rainbow," was Sulamita Larrat's (an industrialist) comment, and, up to then, she had not believed in UFOs. "I felt a little afraid, but truly, I should like to see it again," she said.

It had been a tiring tour. The 18 people traveling in the O. Melo Productions bus, driven by a man named Nelson, take part in Daniel Azulay's show "The Team of the Lambe-Lambe." They were touring the south of Paraná, and had presented their show in Foz de Iguaçu. From there they had gone to Cascavel, and were now on their way to Francisco Beltrão. They were all feeling tired and some of them were asleep when Dino Franca, one of the actors, called them: "Watch out, guys, see that strange thing..." Dino remembers that it was a beautiful spectacle, grandiose in its colors. "Where the larger ship went, there the other smaller ones followed. If I had been alone, I would have believed I was seeing too much, something out of the ordinary," is what the producer, showman Abraham Larrat informed us, while Daniel Azulay was drawing a UFO. "It was 100% perfect" is what all of them said.

According to Azulay, the larger ship was flattened, and had a gyrating bulge. It was traveling at great speed, but all who were curious could follow its flight, for it was above a soya field. "It was a general view from all the bus windows," he said. Sitting by him, Abraham Larrat recollected that he knew something about flying saucers, after having participated at the 1st National UFO Seminar, held on May 31 this year at Barra Shopping. "It was there that I saw slides, photos, films, audio-visuals, recordings and statements by people who had seen flying saucers and I had started to wonder. Now, however, I am sure of it, for I have seen them," says Larrat.

"It was a clear, starry night, and the squadron formed an arc which then started changing color, turning red, and then disappearing among the clouds," is the description given by Elizabeth Larrat Azulay, Azulay's wife, who still yesterday was feeling sorry she had neither taken photos nor filmed the spectacle.

Besides Daniel Azulay and his wife, on the same bus were traveling Selma Lopes, João Kleber Ferreira, Conilda Maria Silva, Edson Clarindo Martins, Marcelo Marques Silveira, Sime Larrat, young Marcelo Larrat, Danusa Vieira, Patricia Sonia Israel, Sulamita Larrat, Eugênio Vieira Barbosa, Vanilson Franca Paulo, Abraham Larrat, Dino Franca, and the bus-driver, Nelson.

Astronomer Ronaldo de Freitas Mourão explained that the phenomenon might have been a meteor or some ships re-entering our atmosphere. He explained that traveling around the earth there are about four thousand objects sent up by man. These are ships employed in space research, like the Soviet space-station Saliut-6 that re-entered our terrestrial atmosphere over the Pacific on July 29. He explained that such objects periodically re-enter and on passing through the layers of our atmosphere they provoke a phenomenon that turns them incandescent. They look like objects in combustion, leaving behind them a trail with fragments.

(O DIA - additional information) -- Azulay's description: "It was larger than the launches that ferry from Rio to Niterói." Sonia Israel said that along the road, she had noticed a Volkswagen car that had stopped and there were two people outside, that showed up in the light from the UFO. The busdriver, Nelson, did not stop the bus, but after the UFO had disappeared, he said that it was quite common for him to see UFOs at night, on that route. UFOs are commonplace there, and Daniel Azulay said there were three hydro-electric plants surrounding the region. In Francisco Beltrão, they learned that the UFO had been seen in Cascavel too, ten minutes before their sighting. Daniel Azulay then added: "I did not believe UFOs existed before then, and while I watched I felt afraid, and it looked as if the objects were running away from something. I know that someday they will return, and although they are not aggressive, mankind is. This worries me. That was a moment of rare beauty, almost apocalyptic." A curious thing happened: "After they had disappeared, and we were still all feeling excited, only a few seconds later there was nearly an abnormal calm on the bus, for everybody had fallen asleep, except for the driver."

(ÚLTIMA HORA - additional information) -- Dino Franca, an actor, said: "I was watching the moon. It was 22:45 and I was adjusting the collar of my coat, for it was cold. On turning my head, I saw a ship flying up, producing a great brightness. I felt euphoric, enthusiastic, and my right ear went deaf. I started shouting: 'Look! A flying saucer.'" Sonia Israel Baki, the coordinator of the show, said she had fallen asleep, listening to music, when her seat-partner, Eugênio Luiz Barbosa, shook her to wake her up. When she saw what it was, she shouted: "Look! A mother-ship." It was much too near to be a comet. It was flat, and had a part jutting from the top. I felt both afraid and peaceful. All the smaller ones were in formation behind the larger one. It lasted for about three or four minutes. Afterwards, everybody fell asleep."

Abraham Larrat: "...at first we thought it was a joke, but then we saw a celestial spectacle. There was a lot of light, color, and a mother-ship, flattened and with a domed top, gyrating. Behind it there were 6 to 10 smaller ships, and a great quantity of probes, forming a kind of rainbow. It was a breathtaking spectacle. We felt incredibly euphoric, and everybody was shouting in the bus. I tried to watch calmly, and I guarantee that what we saw was in fact flying saucers."



STAR, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - June 13, 1982

CR: G. Duplantier

## Are there monsters in Quebec lakes?

MONTREAL (UPC-CP) — Thousands of people have seen creatures akin to Scotland's famous Loch Ness Monster in Quebec's lakes, and the dragon-like animals may be real, researchers say.

"After our investigation, you have to use more imagination not to believe than to believe," Claude Gagnon, a University of Quebec Philosophy professor, said.

Gagnon has collaborated with French "folklorist" Michel Meurger to produce *Monstres des Lacs du Quebec* (The Monsters of Quebec's Lakes), a 320-page book published by Editions Internationals Alain Stanke.

"We didn't write the book to prove that there are monsters," Gagnon said. "The question of belief is one the readers will have to decide."

### Diving teams

Gagnon and Meurger spent six months tracking down eyewitnesses who claim to have seen oversized creatures and another six months combing old books and newspapers around the world for accounts of sightings.

And the authors plan to have diving teams use sonar and photographic equipment this summer to search for a huge fish, between 20 and 80 feet long, with a horse-like head often sighted in St. Francois and Aylmer Lakes in southern Quebec.

Simone Laliberte Roy, one of six people at the news conference who claimed to have witnessed lake monsters, said she was delivering mail in her car by St. Francois Lake two years ago when she saw "a big, big fish, something enormous in the middle of the lake."

But she was hesitant to use the word "monster."

"I don't know if they exist," she said.

But she said she "got the shivers" when she saw the "long, dark, pillar-like" object moving through the lake.

### 'Very fast'

"It was monstrously large and a steel grey color," said Louis-Phillippe Roy, describing his first sighting of the creature while alone fishing on the same lake.

"I couldn't pull the anchors up and I didn't get excited so as not to provoke him. It was about 20 feet long and both the head and the tail were submerged," he said.

"It was going very fast. It had the back fin of a fish, and it went into the lake and plunged underwater. I don't

say I saw a monster, but I know I saw something."

Unlike some residents who look forward to the tourists the lake monsters bring, Roy, who claims to have had three sightings, is anxious that the creatures be located, identified — and exterminated.

"They are undesirables," he said adamantly, "because they eat the little fish."

Luc Paulin, a skin diver, said finding out the depth and temperature of the waters and the types of fish in abundance — a statistic that could determine the diet of the animal — will definitely shed some light on the creatures.

But if the creatures exist, they are harmless. "They are not dragons that are going to eat swimmers," Meurger says.

While the authors said the book presents evidence without drawing conclusions, Gagnon said unknown creatures haunting waters in Quebec and elsewhere are an eerie possibility.

"We weren't interested in finding lake monsters. We were interested in the sighting of lake monsters by people," he said. "But when you compile all the evidence, you realize there must be something there because the stories are all so similar."

### 'An apparition'

"Is it an apparition? Or is it an animal that has adapted so well to his environment that he can live there without us knowing about it?"

The book presented Champ, a monster which has had 132 reported sightings near Port Henry, N.Y., on Lake Champlain since 1819.

And Ponik, seen only as a silhouette with a huge dorsal fin in 1974 at Lake Pohenegamook, the so-called Loch Ness of Quebec, near the border of Maine.

"There are many hypothetical opinions," Meurger said. "We cannot overlook the psychological opinion, that it could be imagination. We look at the pictures and we don't know if it's a monster. But we know it's something."

An English version of *Monstres* will be released later this summer.



Michel Meurger

DAILY RECORD, Glasgow, Scotland - July 16, 1982



## NESSIE'S ALIVE!

THIS happy coachload of American tourists got a bonus yesterday ... a sight of the Loch Ness Monster.

Their coach screamed to a halt at Lochend on the Loch Ness roadside and the driver shouted:

"There's something out there."

And sure enough, the holidaymakers saw three black humps, stationary in the water.

Then the rock-like shapes moved slowly towards the shore before slipping under the water.

Bus driver Graham Roby told his stunned

Story: ALAN DIGNON  
Picture: IAN JOLLY

passengers: "They couldn't possibly have been rocks. The water is 600 feet deep out there."

And as the tourists boarded the bus on the

## Monster pops up in road show for tourists

last leg of a Highland tour, most of them were sure they had seen the legendary Nessie.

Industrial engineer Bruce Klemens, 33, from Clifton, New Jersey, said:

"I don't know what it was, but I have never seen anything like it before."

William Firstenberg, 49, an engineer from Shelton, Connecticut, said: "I am a cynic, but I saw something I can't explain."

EXAMINER & CHRONICLE, San Francisco, CA - July 11, 1982 CR: M. Hall

## A 'religious project' out to kill Bigfoot

THE GREAT MYSTERY of the Pacific Northwest is that elusive creature known as Bigfoot, or Sasquatch, the giant beast that stalks the northwoods with the singular intent of avoiding the detection of man.

But now in 1982, Ernest Sproles of Carmichael wants to end the mystery once and for all as part of what he calls a religious project. He wants to kill Bigfoot.

Well, Mr. Ernest Sproles better say his prayers if he tries such a plot, because there are a lot of Bigfoot lovers out there. And we can get mad.

You may not even believe in Bigfoot. A live Sasquatch has never been captured and a skeleton or carcass has never been discovered — so Bigfoot is a myth, according to folks who rarely venture in wilderness areas.

We others, however, know differently. There are many great untold mysteries of the wild and Bigfoot is one of them.

The 300 or so documented eyewitness reports tell of a creature with the size of a brute and a personality ranging in emotion from that of Tinkerbell to King Kong. One of the great spectacles of the world, reports say, is to watch an 8-foot-tall, 400-pound Bigfoot run across a meadow at 30 mph.

I was skeptical myself until I heard a tale told by my buddy Funsy, who swears as to its accuracy.

"I was at a logging camp in the 50's," he said, "and in the night all the dogs started barking — then one-by-one they were silenced. The next morning we went out and saw they had been thrown against redwood trees and crushed."

"A 50-gallon oil drum weighing 500 pounds had been picked up, carried a half-mile and thrown into a canyon."

That story was documented by the other loggers and has

### Tom Stienstra / Outdoors



appeared in several books. Funsy's true identity must remain anonymous, however, because every time he talks about it, people look at him like he has antlers growing out of his head.

To be sure, there's been a lot of fake footprints and people in gorilla suits running around the woods. It's fun to imitate Bigfoot. But that only makes the real legend grow.

One backpacker even claimed to have been kidnapped and held captive by a family of Bigfoots for several days. The man said that the Bigfoots lived in a remote cave, talked in a series of high-pitched shrills and lived on a vegetarian diet.

Knowing that, plotting and killing a Bigfoot sounds more like first-degree murder than a "religious project."

But not to Ernest Sproles.

"I am founder of Sportsmen for Christ, Incorporated," Sproles said in a letter. "I want to bring forth the necessary physical evidence, a fresh-killed body or bodies of Bigfoot to present to the unbelieving scientific community and provoke serious scientific study."

"This is no joke. In order to get scientists in a serious mood, I'll have to kill some Bigfoot."

When he says he is serious, he's serious.

Sproles has budgeted out \$100,000 in expenses, including about \$18,000 in equipment. He said he will use a 458 Winchester, a gun sometimes used on African safaris.

He calls the scheme the "Christian Bigfoot Project."

A scouring of the lawbooks shows that if he does indeed kill a Bigfoot, he would probably be arrested and charged for shooting a non-game animal, a misdemeanor with maximum punishment of a \$500 fine and six months in jail.

"There's no real law because there's no known identity of Bigfoot," said Vince Vandere of the Department of Fish and Game.

But when Sproles learned of his possible arrest, even on a misdemeanor charge, he said he might change his plans.

"Unless God gives me a turnaround with the Fish and Game Department, I'll have to kill some Bigfoot in another state."



# Psychic-research team works to prove there really is a Buena Foot

By Christopher Dee  
Register staff writer

**BUENA PARK** - The concrete storm drain that attained a splash of fame last month remains unattended now save for occasional visits from a Bellflower psychic-phenomena team.

The team members are Tom Muzila and Dennis Ruminer, who have been investigating UFO and Big Foot sightings and other unexplained events for nearly a decade.

The two return to the drain near Beach Boulevard and Franklin Street weekly.

It's an effort to prove that a Big Footlike creature really did visit this tourist town, as nearby apartment dwellers insist.

"We still don't have that much evidence to verify it," Muzila admits. "But from all the data we have so far, it tends to be like the data from other Big Foot sightings."

Neighbors in the 1700 block of Franklin Street called police May 10

to complain that a tall, dark and hairy stranger was tromping around the flood-control channel behind their homes.

Buena Foot, as the ape-man was dubbed, grabbed national media attention. He also spurred an estimated 500 phone calls to Buena Park police from people around the country with relatives in the area.

The stranger was described as 8 feet tall, broad-shouldered and bare-chested. He yelled like Godzilla and smelled like "really bad sewer," according to those who claimed to have had contact with him.

But attention to the towering visitor dissipated almost as fast as it started when Fullerton resident John DeHerrera gave police a photo he had taken of a shirtless, hairy hobo walking out of town.

"He was big. He was ugly and he was mean," DeHerrera said of the hobo. "And he smelled bad." The comments echoed descriptions of the Big Foot creature tendered to police by Franklin Street residents.

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Tom Muzila

In fact, police concluded the two were one and the same. DeHerrera's picture shows a hobo who looks surprisingly like artists' renderings of the monster.

"We figured it was something along that line," police spokesman Terry Brannum said.

However, Muzila and Ruminer - the psychic researchers - remain unconvinced.

For one thing, the men happened across the same hobo near Ruminer's home in Lakewood. Ruminer took photographs as Muzila walked with the man trying to pry some information out of him.

Muzila, who stands 5-feet-9, is taller than the hobo. DeHerrera estimated the hobo to be close to 6-feet-4, still quite a bit shorter than the reported 8 feet.

But, Muzila said, "He was probably 5-foot-7 or 5-foot-8. And the guy didn't smell. I was right next to him. I walked with him for two miles."

Muzila and Ruminer are convinced that Big Foot creatures do exist. "About 50 percent of the reports are exaggerated or made up," Muzila concedes, "but there's probably a lot of reports - at least 50 percent - that are credible."

Both say they have heard - but

neither has seen - the creatures. Muzila estimates that there probably are at least 200 living in the United States. Many have been sighted, alone or in groups, around the San Bernardino mountains.

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Muzila and Ruminer say, for example, that neither of them could duplicate a four-fingered handprint they found embedded in clay about 125 feet inside the flood-control channel.

The two men also tend to believe the accounts of neighbors who claim to have heard or seen the monster, even though most of these are teenagers.

Ruminer said that "something in the eyes and voice" of the witnesses made their stories believable.

Ruminer said apartment complex

manager Frank Missanelli, who told police he had heard the Buena Park creature "growl like Godzilla," successfully picked out tape-recorded Big Foot noises when they were mixed in with other animal sounds.

"These sounds," said Ruminer, "have never been broadcast or published. They've never been heard except by our inner group."

In addition, the researchers said, they discovered two dead dogs in the neighborhood. The owner of one dog told them that he assumed it had been hit by a car. But, Muzila said, it looked as if it had had its throat torn out, Muzila said, and Big Foot creatures are known to dislike dogs.

They appear to be gentle around people, however. There have been no reports of them harming humans, even though some sightings have occurred as close as 10 feet, Muzila said.

The number of actual sightings no doubt is much higher than reports would indicate, Muzila and Ruminer

agree. They said people are reluctant to admit seeing the unusual creatures for fear that others will think they're crazy.

Still, sightings are not uncommon. An associate in San Francisco said a catalog with more than 4,000 listings, Ruminer said, "and there's a tremendous amount of data that's not published."

Muzila, a 32-year-old former Green Beret who teaches karate at Cal State Fullerton, founded the research group, Special Force Investigations, in 1973. It now has about 25 active members and publishes its own newsletter, the Big Foot Co-op. Muzila has contact with as many as 150 scientists who analyze whatever types of evidence the group members find.

Ruminer, 40, is a technician, electronics researcher and a technical photographer. He, too, has a martial-arts background and says he wants science to examine unusual occurrences such as Big Foot sightings "instead of dismissing them out of hand."

Ruminer won't predict whether the so-called Buena Foot will return to Buena Park. But, he said, the creatures in general "have a reason to be where they are."

REGISTER, Santa Ana (?), CA - June 14, 1982 CR: D. Ruminer via W. Thompson)

PRESS AND JOURNAL, Aberdeen, Scotland - Aug. 3, 1982

## Nessie pops up for English couple

AN ENGLISH holidaymaking couple yesterday reported one of the few summer sightings this year of the Loch Ness monster.

Chartered surveyor Mr James Fisher and his teacher wife, Dillys, from Godalming, Surrey, said yesterday they spotted Nessie only 100 yd, from the shore while they were at a point nine miles south-west of Inverness on the A82 Inverness-Fort-William road opposite Tor Point.

The couple were repairing Mrs Fisher's broken-down hired moped in a lay-by when they heard a sudden, violent movement in the loch.

Mrs Fisher said: "The waves came crashing into the shore and we both immediately rushed to see what was happening. Only minutes before we had remarked on the stillness of the loch."

"There was obviously something

very large in the water moving at great speed close to the shore.

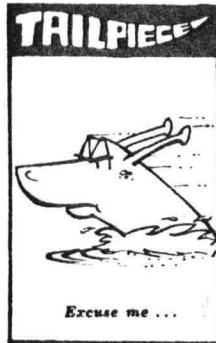
"Initially, I could see one black hump-like object but it submerged. Then within seconds I could see two objects, one of which I took to be the tail."

"I watched spellbound for some time before the creature dived deeply, creating a considerable displacement of water and disappeared."

Mrs Fisher said the incident happened at 11.40 a.m. and was witnessed by four other tourists.

Her husband took several colour photographs of the monster and is hoping they will produce positive evidence that Nessie exists.

The couple were heading to Drumnadrochit to visit the Loch Ness Monster exhibition centre when they made their timely stop



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Craig said there had been sightings of monsters in several of Scotland's 500 freshwater lochs throughout history, but in three particularly in recent times - Loch Ness, Loch Tay and Loch Morat.

He said it was significant that all three were very deep and surrounded by Scots pines. By contrast, Loch Lomond also was very deep but had no Scots pines nearby - and no monster sightings.

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SUNDAY STANDARD, Glasgow, Scotland - Aug. 8, 1982

## Cash has run out in Nessie search

By JOHN NICKSON

A SEVEN-YEAR search for the elusive Loch Ness Monster is about to be abandoned despite traces in recent weeks of large, moving objects 300 feet below the loch's surface.

The decision to call off the hunt has been taken by project leader Adrian Shine because of a shortage of funds and the failure to find commercial sponsors for further investigations.

"We will have to close down, perhaps within a week, and certainly before the end of August," said Mr Shine, whose team's hired cruiser probes the loch day and night with £25,000 of electronic equipment.

"I am depressed about reaching the end of the road, but at the same time I am more excited than ever about our findings," he said.

"We have made ten strong sonar contacts with large, moving objects this summer, at depths of as much as 300 feet, and whatever they are, they are capable of diving at remarkable speed."

"They are at least dolphin size and their behaviour does not fit into known patterns. They could be sturgeon, large eels, or an entirely unknown species."

Mr Shine was not dismayed by last week's theory, put forward by a fellow-scientist, that Nessie is no more than an ancient pine tree, which periodically rises from the depths of the loch to the surface, borne up by bubbles of natural gas.

But what worries people most is that no positive proof exists after 50 years of monster-hunting. It is these nagging doubts which have jeopardised the Loch Ness Project at a time when a scientific breakthrough may be imminent with sonar-scanning devices.

Companies are unwilling to sponsor a venture which, at best, has no guarantee of producing the goods, and, at worst, is viewed by the public as a silly-season joke. Not even the Japanese company whose sonar equipment is being used are interested any more.

Mr Shine is trying to keep enthusiasm going by attracting new volunteers through an appeal at the Monster Exhibition Centre at Drumnadrochit. There, hopeful Nessie-sporters troop in almost daily to report sightings or to deposit films for evaluation.

Many are too shy to reveal their names in case their "sighting" turns out to be the wake of a boat.

Academics, too, are reluctant to be associated with the project in case their theories are proved embarrassingly wrong. Like Nessie, they are unwilling to stick their necks out too far.

"We have to be very diplomatic to avoid discouraging people," said the exhibition centre curator, Tony Harmsworth. "It's a let-down when people discover that their sightings are just a trick of the water and they are wary of other folk making fun of them."

Now Mr Shine's project exists on a mere £10 a day paid by volunteers and from donations at the centre. Outgoings are more than £200 a week for boat hire, fuel, and food. "We are living from hand to mouth and can't continue like this," said Mr Shine, a naturalist with an engineering background.

"We have gone as far as we can with sonar and the results will be evaluated this autumn. The next stage would be to use mobile video cameras guided towards their target by sonar to photograph the objects, but this equipment costs £50,000."

He added: "The hunt for Nessie is not a camera and binoculars job any longer. The solution to the mystery will not be found on the surface, but under water."



# Nessie is only one of many

The legends surrounding the mysteries of Scotland's Loch Ness Monster, the terror of the Rocky Mountain Sasquatch, and the fear engendered by the Abominable Snowman of the Himalayas all have been with us for decades.

The existence of these creatures — a source of skeptical amusement to some — has often been sworn to by those with, usually unwelcome, firsthand experience.

Their histories are too well known to need repetition. But there are others, less well known but far more alarming, whose presence is regularly being authenticated by reports from around the world.

Indeed, the current phenomena of exotic creatures much larger than life has scientists puzzled and, some admit, more than a little bit worried. It would appear that Nessie, Bigfoot and Sasquatch are not alone.

## From Africa:

The first reports of the creature, elephant-sized but equipped with long claws and a heavy tail, came from scientists Roy Mackal of the University of Chicago. He and James Powell, a herpetologist from Plainview, Texas, spent the month of February, 1980 in the Congo area of West Africa searching for "hidden animals" and trying to substantiate one exciting rumor in particular.

What they were interested in, primarily, were documented sightings of an exceptionally strange beast written by Congo visitors over the past 200 years.

It did not take long for Mackal to find out that the jungle natives were familiar with the haunting giant of legend. Indeed, the pygmies, allegedly, killed one in Lake Tele in 1959 — a monster somewhere between the size of an elephant and a hippopotamus in size, with a grey-brown smooth skin, dinosaur neck and clawed feet some 12 inches across. The natives called the source of their terror Mokele Mbembe.

Mackal's journey was a disappointment in one

respect. He did not actually see one of the frightful monsters.

Acting, in part, on the earlier reports, former Jet Propulsion Laboratory engineer Herman Reguster followed Mackal to the Congo in 1981. He was luckier. His party of six, just after sundown, did see one of the African beasts. It was as the natives had described it — about 30 feet long with a small, snake-like head and was shaped, generally, like a brontosaurus, an inhabitant of the dinosaur world extinct for about 65-million years.

## From China:

The ape-man has been a familiar figure to the Chinese for centuries. And, today, it is a relatively common spectre in the mountainous province of Hubei, where more than 250 people have met up with — some to their grief — the 10-foot-three-inch smiling man-beast they call "fei fie", the great baboon.

Recently, however, attention has been centred on the inland Nine Dragons Mountains of the coastal province of Zhejiang. There, the Chinese Academy of Sciences has launched an all-out investigation of these alarming semi-human creatures of horror.

The present search has been prompted not by legend but by the fact that the men and women of the village of Zhuatang killed one of the fei fie on May 23, 1957 after it sent 13-year-old shepherdess Wang Congmei screaming from the hillside where her small flock of sheep grazed.

The villagers sent the creature's hands and feet (each of which had five finger and toe-like appendages) to local government authorities hoping for some kind of reward. The remainder of the corpse was preserved and kept as a sensational exhibit.

Pictures of the startling display appeared recently in the Shanghai Wen Hui, a daily newspaper. The man-animal was covered with long, silky black hair. Its ape-like arms sagged to the ground. The specimen, reported the newspaper, had been kept secret during the Chinese cultural

revolution of the 1960s and 70s and only recently re-introduced to the world.

And, while that land search is going on, other Chinese scientists are keeping a careful eye on the normally unalarming waters of Tien Zhi, "the lake of heaven" located in a volcano crater 7,000 feet up in the Chan Bai Mountains which separate China from North Korea. There is something large and unknown in those deep, cold waters.

Since the water-dwelled apparition was first sighted by weather station employees in August, 1980, it has been seen at least five more times. One of the witnesses was a writer, Liu Jia, 65, whose story in the Peking Evening News first introduced the discovery to the world.

Observers generally agree upon a description. The head is huge, reminiscent of a shaggy-maned buffalo. Instead of a bovine mouth, the lake dweller has a huge duck's beak. The viewers from the weather observation post said that the creature surfaced some 30 yards from them. The fearsome head towered on a tapered neck some 15 feet above the surface of the icy waters that fill the crater.

Although the body of the "Chinese Nessie" has not yet been seen, the newspaper article said that, evidently, it was about 300 feet long according to the wake it left behind as it sped across the lake creating waves of two and three feet in height.

Many questions are being asked about China's unwelcome inhabitants, not the least is why the lake creature had not been seen before 1980 and why it has chosen to expose itself to human eyes so frequently since then. One thing, though, it has had plenty of time to consider these questions. The volcano last erupted in 1702.

**AUTHOR'S NOTE:** More than anywhere else in the world, mysterious "things" have been making their unwanted appearances in North America. The Unexplained will investigate some of these occurrences next week.



# Creatures closer than you think

Last week, *The Unexplained* dealt headlong with a phenomenon quietly reaching epidemic proportions — the increasing numbers of terrifying "things" being seen in the hidden valleys, the far-away mountains and the deep lakes of the world. A variety of reports are reaching us of monstrosities like the water-loving miscreant in Africa that bears an incredible likeness to the extinct brontosaurus; the great man-like baboon that haunts China's Hubei Province; and the awesome buffalo-headed sea monster that lies waiting in its volcanic lake on the China-North Korea border.

There is some comfort in knowing that oceans separate us from them... but that satisfaction evaporates like the sudden sound of fear when consideration is given to what is happening not too far from our North American homes. For instance:

Anna Mae Saunders, 60, and her son-in-law, Charles Fulton of Mason County, Kentucky, had a heart-stopping view of a seven-foot monster, covered with long white hair, which was an unwelcome guest on their front porch on the evening of October 4, 1980. Neither of them want to see the apparition again; ever!

Fulton, 39, and his family were watching television after a hard week's work when tentative, scratching sounds were heard at the front door of the farmhouse. Before anyone, fortunately, had a chance to respond, the heavy door burst open. The open space was filled with white, shaggy hair. Whatever stood there was so tall that its head was

above the top of the door frame.

Quick-thinking Fulton, surrounded by screaming family members, grabbed his .22-calibre pistol and shot twice at nearly point blank range. There is no possibility that his shots missed their appalling target.

But, seemingly unhurt, the huge creature turned and loped off into the nearby woods, offering its dumbfounded witnesses a 90-second view of itself and leaving one of Fulton's chickens on the porch, dead.

Kentucky is the better part of 1,000 miles from Central Florida but equally mystifying reports recently have come from two backwoods areas there.

"Investigators are baffled by the origin of giant foot-prints discovered deep in the Ocala National Forest," begins a UPI wire story dated July 2, 1980.

The day before, a road-grader had come to an isolated section of sand road in a seldom-visited section of the forest. The road builder stopped, astonished, at the sight of six 17-inch-long-by-6½-inch-wide footprints. They left the dense forest on one side of the road, crossed it and disappeared into the wall of green entanglement on the other side.

Sgt. Dee Kirby of the Lake County Sheriff's Department made casts of the prints. So did representatives of the U.S. Forestry Service. These casts show a five-toed foot with an arched instep. The prints were about four feet apart and, evidenced by their depth in the semi-soft sand, law enforcement officers were led to believe that whatever

walked across that narrow road must have weighed close to 1,000 pounds and could, possibly, stand 10 to 12 feet in height.

Slightly less terrifying to consider, perhaps, is a gentle colossus that, while it has harmed no one yet, has been scaring the residents of Bardin, Florida, a crossroads in the centre of the Sunshine State.

Although the first sightings go back a number of years, more recent appearances have produced enough news value to reach the pages of the *Daily News* in nearby Palatka and the wires of the Associated Press.

The marshy, sub-tropical forest has been home to the Bardin creature for more than 45 years. During that time, it has been reliably reported on at least a dozen times. But something has persuaded it to lose the shyness that was, in a way, part of the appeal that has kept townspeople from hunting it down. Appearances, now, are rarely more than six months apart, sometimes only weeks in between.

One of the more recent sightings was on the night of April 16, 1981. Doug Crews was one of several young men sitting on the tailgates of their pickup trucks. The talk was relaxed, the night quiet and moonlit. It was Crews who first saw the white shape coming from the woods. All conversation stopped as the five farmers watched the electrifying scene. Slowly, as if completely unconcerned with its surroundings, the awful wraith came to within 30 feet of the staring onlookers. Then, seeing

them, it stopped, studied the five stunned farmers briefly and, as suddenly as it had materialized, faded back into the palmetto scrub.

There were five different opinions of the visitor's size and general conformation that night but there was a unanimity of opinion, an unshakable agreement, that something had, indeed come out of the April woods that evening.

The first time that the Bardin mystifier was seen was in the early 1930s.

Long-time Bardin resident Bailey Glisson remembers the night well. He took a well-known short cut through the woods on the way to pick up his girlfriend. As he passed the Etouah Baptist Church, his attention was caught by light flickering from its back door pond. That light, he suddenly saw, was the reflection of something large and white — larger than a man but, seemingly, a man without legs. Young Glisson watched fascinated (as did Doug Crews and his friends nearly half a century later) as the petrifying inhabitant of the night moved soundlessly along the water's edge and into the surrounding woods.

Since that time, the unearthly visitor seems to have remained unchanged while the human residents of Bardin grow old and die. Time means nothing to it.

Our series on the unknowable creatures of our earth will conclude in an upcoming issue with an investigation of some of the foreboding tales of American creatures of the deep.

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FRANK SEARLE  
... blames media.

**Nessie  
expert  
blames  
Scots**

OVERSEAS visitors are better clued up about the Loch Ness Monster than native Scots, according to an expert on the subject. And Mr Frank Searle, who runs the Loch Ness Investigation from Lower Foyers, claims there have been eight genuine sightings so far this year.

Mr Searle, who has been watching Nessie for 13 years, went on: "It's true. People in Tokyo know more about Loch Ness than people in Inverness."

"It's absolutely pathetic talking to most of the British people who come here, simply because they don't know the story."

"The reporting of Loch Ness by the British media is absolutely atrocious," he said.

The latest sighting confirmed by Mr Searle was on Tuesday this week by a Newcastle couple and their daughter from a lay-by near Dorn.



# BAY MONSTER

## 30-Foot Sea Serpent Captured By Eastern Shore Couple (on Film)

From News Services

An Eastern Shore couple may have videotape proof that "Chessie," the legendary Chesapeake Bay creature that has been as elusive as the Loch Ness Monster, really does exist after all.

Robert Frew, his wife Karen and some guests were at the Frews' home on Love Point overlooking the Bay on Memorial Day, when they saw a 30-foot-long, serpent-like creature swim by. Frew first watched it through binoculars, then used his videotape camera to film it for about four minutes.

Frew is not sure how to identify the creature, but he is sure it's a stranger to the Chesapeake Bay. "Our conclusions are, number one, it's big, and number two, it sure as hell doesn't belong here," Frew told the Associated Press yesterday.

Karen Frew said she thought the creature might be "Chessie," a sea-monster sort of creature said to have been sighted a number of times in the bay over the last several decades. Until now, however, there was no more reason to think "Chessie" exists than "Nessie."

"Chessie is part of the Maryland folklore," Mrs. Frew said. "It probably was first sighted about 50 years ago, and other people have reported seeing it since. What we saw is not a run-of-the mill animal. I'd say it's similar to the Loch Ness Monster."

Spokesmen for the Enigma Project, a Baltimore-based group that investigates claims of "paranormal" occurrences, said yesterday that the organization has examined the videotape and pronounced it genuine.

"I've heard reports of these sightings—unsubstantiated—back to the 1930s," said one of the group's founders, Mike Frizzell. "Up to this point," he said, "it's been a myth."

George Zug, an official of the Smithsonian Institution who has studied photographs purportedly of Scotland's Loch Ness Monster, said he and other museum experts on sea life will examine the Frews' videotape next month.

Zug, chairman of the Smithsonian's department of vertebrate zoology, said the largest water snakes and eels common to the bay usually grow no longer than about four feet.

According to Frew, however, the creature he videotaped was eight or nine times that long. "I would say 30 to 35 feet would be about right." In girth, he said, "it's about the size of a good-sized person's thigh"—about 10 inches in diameter.

"My mind says it's a snake," Frew said, but the shape of its head—"a little more round than a football"—makes him doubt that hypothesis.

Asked what other traits the crea-

ture displayed, Frew said with a laugh: "It seemingly doesn't eat people, because it swam within 50 feet of them."

On the tape's soundtrack, Frew, his wife and two friends are heard shouting to a group of swimmers that the creature was nearing. The creature dived and then re-appeared beyond them, Frew said. "If they'd seen it at eye level, there would have been mass panic," he said.

According to Frew, the creature appeared in three to five-foot-deep bay waters just off his property in the calmest conditions. "That day there wasn't a ripple." He said he used a zoom lens and filmed the creature from about 200 feet as it repeatedly broke the surface.

"The first time up, we saw its head and about four feet back... the next time about 12 feet, the next time about 20," he said, adding that more of the animal appeared to be beneath the water. The creature appeared to have humps along its back, he said.

Frew, a businessman who was trained in wildlife management at the University of Maine, said he and his family have seen sea turtles, sharks, otters and other animals in the bay, but never anything like the creature.

He said the Enigma Project offi-

cials were skeptical when he first told them about the sighting.

Bob Lazzara, co-founder of the group with Frizzell, said he and a video engineer examined Frew's tape, "to make absolutely sure it hadn't been subjected to some sort of studio effects."

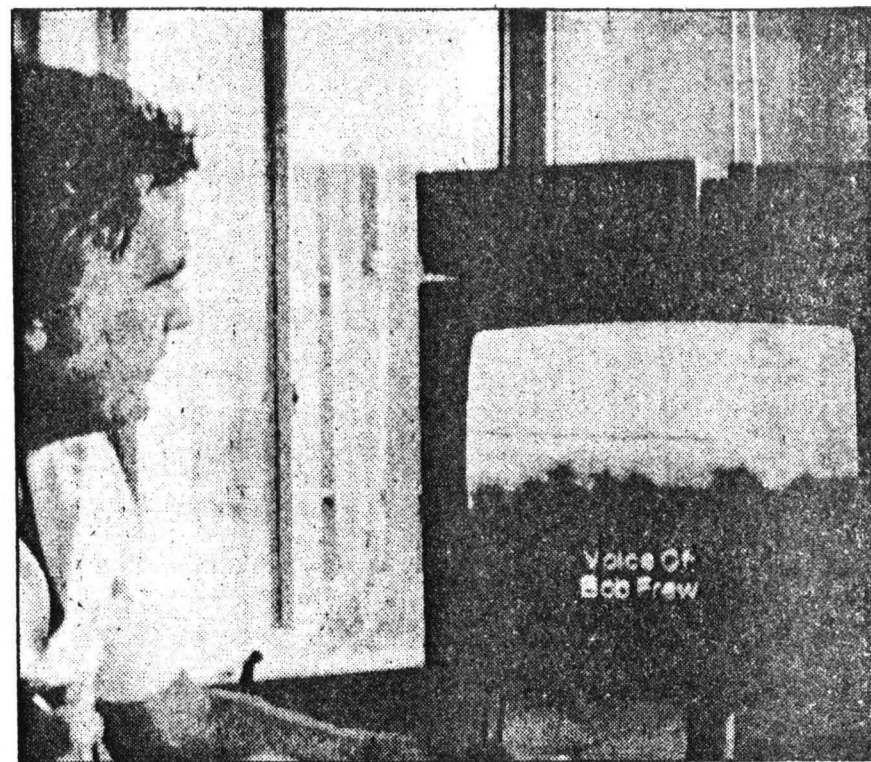
"When we showed it in very slow motion, it wasn't just the appearance of the snake—I use that term because it seems to fit—it was the motion of it as it moved through the water," Lazzara said. "Whatever it is on the tape is alive. There's not someone under the water pulling it along. There's not some line tied to it and someone pulling it. It's alive."

"Now," Lazzara said, "we take the film, which we know is genuine, to marine life experts."

The Smithsonian's Zug said he hopes to assemble a marine mammalogist and a specialist in fish to examine the tape at the museum next month. No date has been set.

Lazzara said others invited to the viewing include a regional fisheries biologist, a Maryland Wildlife Federation official and scientists from the National Aquarium in Baltimore.

None is speculating about what the creature is, Lazzara said, describing their attitude as "baffled enthusiasm."



Robert Frew examines a videotape of what Frew says is a creature that he filmed swimming in Chesapeake Bay.

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## Ocean experts to study tapes of Bay monster sighting

By Rupert Welch  
WASHINGTON TIMES STAFF

Scientists from the Smithsonian Institution, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the National Aquarium plan to study the video tapes of an alleged serpentine creature reportedly lurking in the waters beneath the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

A spokesman from the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History, Thomas Harney, said Dr. George Zug, the museum's director of vertebrate zoology, and the other scientists would study the tapes some time in mid-August. He said there would be no comment on the reported sightings of the "monster" until after that.

A Kent Island man and his wife reported seeing the serpentine creature, which they said was at least 30

feet long, swimming in the waters off their Love Point home. They recorded what they saw on video tape.

The Kent Island man, Robert Frew, a computer salesman, reportedly had a difficult time convincing others of what he saw. The sighting was made over Memorial Day weekend but was shown on a Baltimore television station this past weekend.

Bob Lazzara and Mike Frizzell, co-founders of Project Enigma, a Baltimore-based group that studies "paranormal" occurrences, said yesterday that they hope the Frew film will encourage other people who have sighted the strange beast to "come out of the closet."

"We don't plan to go out and search for it," Lazzara said. "Regardless of what it is, it spends most of its time under the water. We're just going to sit

back and monitor the reports as they come in."

Lazzara said Enigma has received reports from several sources. "Four in the last 24 hours," Frizzell added.

Lazzara said the film had been shown yesterday to a group of researchers at the National Geographic Society. He said he had been told they thought the creature might be "a very large oar fish."

"I have done some research of my own on oar fish," Lazzara said, "and I don't think that was what we have here. I think Chessie is something else."

"Chessie" is the nickname for the sea serpent that has been reported in the Chesapeake Bay off and on for many years. The sightings of the creature have never been substantiated and have been relegated by many to the realm of folklore and superstition, perhaps even to hallucination.

Lazzara and Frizzell said the lack of seriousness with which most people approach Chessie sightings makes others apprehensive about reporting them.

"It was a couple of weeks before Frew showed his video tape to anyone," Lazzara said. "People just don't take this serious, and people who have seen these things are kind of afraid to tell anyone about it."

Lazzara said reports of Chessie were not unlike those of "Nessie," a nickname for the Loch Ness Monster. The Loch Ness Monster has been reported many times over many years by people on the banks of the deep, peat-filled glacial lake in the Scottish highlands. Nessie has been described much the same as Frew described what he saw swimming off Love Point, the northernmost point of Kent Island, where the

Chesapeake Bay Bridge touches the Eastern Shore.

The creature on his video tape was about 30 or 35 long, Frew said, and about 10 inches in diameter. Its head was "a little more round than a football," Frew told the Associated Press. "It seemingly doesn't eat people," Frew said, "because it swam within 50 feet of them." As Frew and his wife were filming the object in the water, a group of swimmers was in the water nearby. The sound track of the tape picked up Frew's shouted warnings to the swimmers.

Frew said the creature appeared to have humps along its back. The water in which the creature was sighted is from 3 to 5 feet deep, Frew said.

Frew, though a businessman today, was trained at the University of Maine in wildlife management. He said he and

his family have been seen many sea creatures in the vicinity of their Kent Island home, including sea turtles, sharks and otters, but nothing like what they saw over that Memorial Day weekend.

Lazzara and Frizzell examined the tape and decided it had not been tampered with. Now that it is known the tape is genuine, Lazzara said, it will be up to the marine-life experts to find out just what is on it.

That is where he hopes the Smithsonian's Zug will play a part. "I hope they are taking this serious," Lazzara said. "I hope all of this publicity won't turn the Smithsonian people off."

Zug reportedly hopes to assemble several scientists, such as a marine mammalogist and an ichthyologist, and others. No one at the Smithsonian will speculate on what might be found.

CR: F. Whiting

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# It's only fate they live a dream

Highland Park, Ill. —AP— Mary and Curtis Fuller have never spotted a UFO or chatted with a ghost.

But they relish telling the nation about people who hunt for dinosaurs, travel outside their bodies and commune with their dead parakeets.

The Fullers' vehicle is Fate magazine, a monthly ma-and-pa publication packed with quasi-scientific articles, book reviews, features and personal "mystic experiences."

In recent years, Fate has told the tales of the ghost who owned a pub, the civil servant who experienced out-of-body travel and the military man who sighted a mysterious glob of glass in the sky.

Among the pages of personal testimony in the magazine is a section called, "My Proof of Survival," featuring, among other choice selections, a woman who "talked mentally to her dead parakeet."

Fate's advertising, too, frequently borders on the bizarre.

Among the variety of goods peddled in Fate are the "Unlink Augmenter," a device that claims to amplify your psychic power for a cost of \$59.95, and Mo-Su-Bong Prayer Ritual Kits, a unique way to try to gain one's desires for just \$4.

Even though the magazine is eccentric, the Fullers emphasize that Fate, which they say has about 150,000 readers, is not fiction.

As they say each month on the magazine cover, Fate is the place to find "The World's Mysteries Explored."

"We think we're dealing on the frontiers of science," said Fuller, Fate's 70-year-old publisher and a monthly columnist.

His wife, Mary, 68, associate publisher and editor, says Fate's policy "is to take the lunatic fringe and make it believable."

Tales of paranormal phenomena may seem kooky, but one has to ask, Mrs. Fuller said, "is it capable of belief?"

And, she said, when it comes to testimony of ghosts and contact with dead relatives, "There's no proving what you dreamed last night."

In fact, not all of Fate is so outlandish. It has focused on archeologists' research and scientists' views of acupuncture.

And the task of Fate's four editorial employees, Mrs. Fuller said, is to take "sensational material and try to authenticate it."

"Subjective" articles appearing in Fate must be accompanied by an affidavit signed by the author, testifying to its veracity.

Associate Editor Jerome Clark says Fate passes on many proposed stories, including those people who "say they have contact with benevolent beings of another world."

Once an article is accepted, Fate often tries to authenticate the contents but does not go out in the field to do research.

Clark said that Fate has done its share of debunking, too. In one issue, a Fate writer investigated the story of an African town where it supposedly rained beads and discovered the tale was nonsense.

The Fullers say that Fate has been duped, but they also say they know how to weed out a hoax. "You get a feeling which ones are true, and which ones aren't," Fuller said.

Fate's first issue in 1948 told the tale of a pilot who said he saw disc-shaped objects while flying over the Cascade Mountains. It's believed to be the first modern UFO sighting.

These topics, the Fullers say, were laughed at years ago.

Many scientists still regard Fate as inferior and refuse to talk about it, fearful of expanding its readership.

There are, however, a smattering of scientists who are Fate fans, including J. Allen Hynek, professor emeritus of physics and astronomy at Northwestern University and head of the Center for UFO Studies.

Fate "would not be considered a scientific journal," he said. "But on its own level, it's the best thing going in its field."

Indeed, Fate is rife with outrageous offers in its ads, including a Govinda fortune stick, promising riches, power and joy for \$3.95; and Negajinx, claiming to wipe out jinxes in one day flat for \$3.

But if that seems absurd, these are ads that have been screened.

Mrs. Fuller says Fate rejects cancer cures, get-rich-quick schemes, or vanity press ads. "We won't advertise things that hurt you," she said. "We don't expect to stop you from wasting your money."

The Fullers see Fate as a serious magazine.

"We believe we don't understand the world we live in and no one does," Fuller said. "We don't use the word proof around here. We use the word evidence."

# Chesapeake Bay creature live at 11

By Rick Lemont  
NEWS WORLD STAFF

Chessie, a fixture of Chesapeake Bay folk-lore, apparently made an appearance over the Memorial Day weekend sending investigators scurrying to their TV screens to view a videotape of the creature.

Robert Frew and his wife Karen of Love Point, Md. were entertaining guests when they claim to have spotted the creature.

Frew watched the creature through binoculars before getting out his videocamera and filming three minutes of the creature's holiday swim.

Karen said "It was like seeing a UFO. If there hadn't been a lot of people with us and we didn't have it

on tape, we probably would have thought no one would believe we saw this thing," she said.

"The first time we saw it it was about 7 feet long and had a round head about 10 inches in diameter," Karen said. "It dived down and when it came back up we saw it was about 20 feet long. We were staring at each other saying, 'What the hell is this?'" The Frews finally convinced a local TV station to broadcast their tape of the creature, amusing and alarming residents of the Chesapeake Bay.

Investigators for a group called Enigma, a group of scientists that investigate "paranormal" events, were interested enough to send a copy of the tape to a videotape specialist to enhance it for detail and resolution.

Robert Lazarra, a co-founder of the group reported that, "In his (the specialist's) opinion, the tape had not been subjected to any type of special effects."

"At least the recording is not a fake," Lazarra said. That opinion differed from that of someone else who had viewed the film.

Emory Kristof, an undersea photographer for National Geographic magazine lent support to the idea that it was a fraud.

Kristof, has spent time diving in the waters of Scotland's Loch Ness in an attempt to photograph a reputed relative of Chessie, the Loch Ness Monster.

In an interview on WJLA-TV Kristof said, "It looks like four kids swimming inside a plastic bag."

Kristof criticized the movement of the creature as clumsy.

"It's so jerky and amateurish... you can't tell very much from it."

Lazarra disagreed with Kristof.

"Whatever it is on the tape is alive. There's not someone under the water pulling it along."

Lazarra told interviewers, "When we showed it in very slow motion, it wasn't just the appearance of the snake — I use that term because it seems to fit — it was the motion of it as it moved through the water."

He estimated the length of the creature at 30 feet and black or dark brown in color.

Chessie was first reported in the Chesapeake bay about 50 years ago and is rumored to have been sighted on occasion since.

Karen Frew said that while they were filming the creature they became frightened as it swam near some swimmers.

"It came really close (to the swimmers). But the serpent dived when it got near them," she said. "I thought, 'Oh my God, it's going to start grabbing them.' But it doesn't seem aggressive."

"The swimmers never saw it, which is good because they probably would have had a heart attack."

A spokeswoman for the Smithsonian Institution, Madeleine Jacobs, said that the institution would convene a panel of experts in August to study the creature.

Dr. George Zug, director of vertebrate zoology for the institution would head the panel and would try to get a marine mammalogist and a specialist in fish to examine the videotape.

"It's probably likely they will be from the International Society of Crypto-Zoology," she said. The society studies unusual animals, she said.

Chessie qualifies as one of the more unusual animals a scientist is bound to run into.

Karen Frew says, "What we saw is not a run-of-the-mill animal. I'd say it's similar to the Loch Ness Monster."

A finding by the Smithsonian that Chessie inhabits the Bay could send a number of experts running for their swim fins and facemask, hoping to find Chessie.

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## Monster mystery

Smithsonian Institution scientists have examined a videotape of the supposed Chesapeake Bay monster and are unable to identify the mysterious creature, an official said Monday.

Dr. George Zug, chairman of the department of Vertebrate Zoology at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., said "in spite of the eyewitnesses' descriptions and the visual evidence, no identification, not even a tentative one, was offered for the strange sightings."

Smithsonian scientists and eyewitnesses met to examine Robert and Karen Frew's videotape made at Kent Island, Md., and Katherine Pennington's photos of a serpent-like creature dubbed Chessie.

Zug noted, however, "The usual explanations of a partially submerged log, a string of birds or marine mammals, or optical illusions, seem inappropriate for the dark elongated object."

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## Minister Displays Hammer As Proof Of Creationism

The Rev. Carl E. Baugh on Wednesday displayed a hammer that he says contradicts the evolutionary theory of the origin of man. He said the hammer had been found in a rock formation in Texas.

Baugh, a lecturer on the creationist theory, displayed the hammer at a news conference at the Landmark Bank of Creve Coeur, 12395 Olive Boulevard.

Last April, Baugh exhibited a footprint of a manlike creature found in the same area along the Paluxy River in Texas.

That exhibit was at the Calvary Heights Baptist Temple in Maryland Heights, where Baugh was pastor until he resigned five months ago to become president of the International Baptist College of Crystal City. The church is carrying out the excavation near Dinosaur Valley State Park, about 70 miles south of Dallas.

Baugh said the hammer head was made of iron and was attached

to a handle about 4 inches long. It was found in a formation of rock made through both volcanic and sedimentation action.

Baugh said evolutionary dating methods set the age of the rock formation at 300 million years. "We don't agree. We set it at 4,800 years, or the time of Noah's flood. The hammer is evidence of intelligent life at that time. There is no evolutionary explanation of what we have found."

"There is no plausible explanation except by cataclysm and great hydraulic pressure. It all fits man and great beasts fleeing from a flood and then returning back to a feed bed," Baugh said.

Discoveries from the excavation announced earlier have included 98 dinosaur tracks and 20 human prints, he said, all in a rock layer which by evolutionary methods is 135 million years old. Baugh said the creationists believed these finds also date only to 4,800 years ago.

## Further study planned on videotape of Chessie

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of Smithsonian Institution scientists has viewed a videotape of a purported Chesapeake Bay monster, but experts say the film is not clear enough to allow identification of the creature.

Friday, scientists viewed the videotape made by Robert and Karen Frew on May 31 near their home on Kent Island, Md.

The videotape purportedly shows a serpentlike creature, which has been nicknamed Chessie, swimming 100 feet off Love Point. Those who have reported seeing Chessie say the creature is between 20 and 40 feet long.

George Zug, chairman of the Smithsonian Institution's department of vertebrate zoology, suggested the Frews' tape be sent for further processing to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. The Frews agreed to send the tape to the laboratory, which can produce a computerized enhancement of videotapes.

The computerized enhancement would allow more detailed study, scientists said.

Michael Frizzell, a researcher coordinator for the Enigma Project, said he was pleased that Smithsonian scientists did not disregard the videotape as a hoax. The Enigma Project studies paranormal phenomena.

"We and they obviously don't know that it is, but we do know it is something, and we might just have to wait until someone else gets a better picture of it," Frizzell said.



# The Bermuda Triangle is no mystery

by Richard D. McIver

FOR YEARS I have been fascinated by the so-called Bermuda Triangle mystery, and have been amused at the extraordinarily imaginative explanations for ship and aircraft disappearances in the area. While the number of such losses in the Triangle is far smaller than we have been led to believe by some authors and seers who stand to benefit financially by keeping the legends alive, there have been some disappearances that seemed inexplicable. However, bits and pieces of

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scientific data, some at first apparently unrelated to the enigma, have finally fallen into place, giving us a reasonable explanation for occasional disappearances of vessels and their crews and passengers, without a trace.

Oceanographic studies have shown that the ocean bottom in the Triangle is rich in hydrocarbon gas — richer than most oceanic regions of the world. It was here that scientists first realized that much of the gas was not in gaseous form, nor dissolved in the water, but immobilized in a solid, ice-like mixture of water and gas, called hydrate or clathrate, that forms well above the freezing point of water when gas and cool water are brought together under very high pressures, particularly the enormous ones at the floor of the deep ocean. For several years, the presence of this hydrate layer was supported only by a convincing collection of circumstantial evidence. But recently some of this solid gas-water hydrate was recovered in coring operations in several locations, including the Bermuda Triangle, and was sent to the lab to be studied and photographed.

Having virtually the same properties as ice, hydrate serves as a seal that traps some of the enormous quantities of gas generated in the muds, or even gas leaking upward from deeper rocks. In most cases, any build-up of pressure in the accumulated free gas would probably be dissipated slowly but, as pointed out in the June issue of the Bulletin of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, occasionally a large gas accumulation probably erupts through the seal and rushes to the surface. Here it has the same characteristics as a gas-well blowout from petroleum operations offshore: There would be an area of ocean surface whipped to a frenzy by the gas.

Floating objects would lose their buoyancy in the frothy mixture. A ship encountering such a blowout by chance could sink so quickly that there would be no time to send a distress signal.

Such spontaneous blowouts could occur capriciously almost anywhere in the world where the bottom muds are rich in gas and where hydrates form. Another such area, almost identical in this respect, is the infamous Japanese counterpart of the Bermuda Triangle, called the Devil's Sea because of the large number of boats and ships that have gone down there.

Even waters shallower than about 1,000 feet, under which the pressures are not sufficient for hydrate to form, could be the site of ship disappearances if normal gas pools were breached by active cracks, or "faults." These are thought to be responsible for the occasional "eruptions" of the surface of the Gulf of Mexico, accompanied by foul odors and the appearance of floating balls of tar, reported by explorers almost two centuries ago. The continental shelf off the U.S. Gulf Coast, like many similar shelves of the world, is rich in gas and oil, and the sediments are cut by many faults reaching from the sea floor to great depths. Therefore, ships could be swallowed up by gas erupting anywhere large quantities of gas exist beneath the ocean floor.

However, the fact that there is a far greater frequency of mysterious ship disappearances in the Bermuda Triangle suggests that the combination of hydrates and gas trapped beneath it is the more active culprit.

Natural gas blowouts could also explain the sudden appearances and equally sudden disappearances of "islands" on ships' radars, and of large ocean surfaces that take on the appearance of "heads of cauliflower" observed by high-flying jets — both reported by credible witnesses in the Bermuda Triangle.

Engines of low-flying aircraft penetrating the gas plume rising above the sea's surface would suddenly be ingesting a fuel mixture too rich to support combustion. They would stall, and the plane would likely never be seen or heard from again — the fate of most such craft downed at sea.

Graphic by Steve McGraw, Chronicle Staff

The explosive release of vast volumes of gas and the associated violent movement of large blocks of sea-floor sediment could generate shock- and sound waves also frequently heard, but heretofore unexplained, off the East Coast of the United States. Moreover, agitated water generates negative ions which, streaming upward above the ocean with lighter-than-air hydrocarbon gases, would induce anomalous magnetic fields that would disrupt normal compass readings — also reported by vessels experiencing problems in the area. No doubt, a case-by-case analysis of encounters within the Bermuda Triangle, and the strange events attributed to them, would allow most of the other unusual observations to be explained — at least those not too distorted by minds paralyzed with fear or superstition.

It may be well and good to seek amusement from the products of men's imaginations on the screen and printed page, but it is important to realize that there is a logical explanation for all that we do not yet understand. The search for this understanding provides even greater entertainment, even greater adventure.

## Scientists seek forgotten worlds

CHICAGO (AP) — Roy Mackal has wandered through steamy, uninhabited jungles searching for dinosaurs, and he's journeyed to distant waters looking for sea monsters.

Now he and his fellow scientists are joining forces, hoping to rediscover forgotten worlds.

Mackal is among a unique group of scientific sleuths who hope to prove that sauroptiles, apemen and the Loch Ness monster roam Earth. The scientists belong to the recently formed International Society of Cryptozoology, an organization of about 300 members formed to explore the science of unknown or unexpected animals.

The society — primarily for scientists — includes paleontologists, biologists and anthropologists from France, China, South Africa and the United States. They represent some of the biggest and best institutions of the science world: the Smithsonian, the Darwin Museum in Moscow, the Peking Natural History Museum.

What they have in common is a spirit of adventure and a desire to probe reports of creatures believed to have vanished eons ago.

"We're interested in solving mysteries — regardless of the outcome," said Mackal, a University of Chicago



Mackal holds model of dinosaur.

—AP Laserphoto

biologist, society co-founder and a director of the Loch Ness monster investigations.

Many of the mysteries have been controversial for decades.

But J. Richard Greenwell, society secretary-treasurer, said, "People haven't been communicating with each other. There's been a gap between what's represented in the field and the scientific community. The society will bridge that gap."

That's not to say "all these animals exist," Greenwell said. "It should be investigated just like any other controversial topic."

Mackal and Greenwell do not see themselves as monster hunters.

"We know monsters don't exist," Greenwell said. "But the larger the animal, the more resistance there is to its existence on the part of scientists. If an animal is 2 or 3 feet, they shrug their shoulders. After 10 to 12 feet, people begin applying the label monster. But it's entirely in their minds."

Some of the creatures that intrigue them most last known wereto have walked Earth millions of years ago. One may be the sauroptid dinosaur — or mokele-mbembe, as this animal has been dubbed by villagers in the Congo. Mackal and Greenwell journeyed there in search of a reddish-brown creature that witnesses describe as being 30 feet tall with a long neck, head, tail, heavy legs with claws and, sometimes, a mane.

They did not see the animal — which fits the description of a dinosaur extinct for 60 million years — but did spot unusual footprints. "It was pretty damn exciting," Mackal said. Still, he said, that's not proof.

"If this is a real animal, it could be a large lizard," Mackal said. "We always assume there is a simple, non-sensational explanation. We have to be pushed. We're not stuffed shirts. But

we do keep our feet on the ground."

So the society, which hopes to organize expeditions financed by contributions, will seek evidence and study photographs, sonar tracks, footprint casts and tissue and hair samples.

The scientists know the chances of discovery are extremely remote.

Mackal said that his years of probing have not been without success. Once, on a boat during his Loch Ness probe, he said he spotted a large black animal that broke through the water. "It's skin was black with wrinkles. It was twisting left to right," he said.

Mackal is convinced that the animal was a primitive whale.

Such sightings are not the only incidents that are encouraging. After all, Mackal said, the gorilla was accepted only in the 1850s and the pygmy hippopotamus in 1913. In 1976, the megamouth, a new species, genus and family of the shark, was found.

The society has several reports of "unexpected animals" it wants to investigate, including octopi spanning 150 feet and sea serpents that may represent primitive whales known as archaocetes, believed to be extinct for 20 million years.

And the society will probe tales of the yeti, the sasquatch, the alima or the wildman — all versions of hairy, human-like creatures reported in the Himalayas, the Soviet Union, China and the United States.

# Champ's no snap for cameras

By Ronald Kermani  
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PORT HENRY — Claude Van Kleeck focused a borrowed \$800 camera on what he thought was Champ, the elusive Lake Champlain monster, and snapped the shutter.

For several hours, he was confident he had taken the best pictures ever of what some claim is a prehistoric creature living in the cool recesses of this 132-mile-long lake.

But Van Kleeck's plans of international fame didn't develop.

Neither did the photos.

Somehow, somewhere, the protectors of Champ's identity surfaced again. The film didn't advance inside the expensive camera, and Van Kleeck was left with a string of blank negatives to joke about during the remaining days of his camping vacation.

Another summer, another outbreak of Champ fever here.

For years, local residents and vacationers to these sandy beaches on the fringe of the Adirondacks have reported seeing a large object, with undulating humps, breaking the surface of Bulwaga Bay.

Until recently, tales of such sightings were met with toasts and jokes at the local bars. But lately, local residents and some scientists have taken a keen interest in the sightings, and hypothesize that Champ — America's version of the Loch Ness Monster — may be alive and well in Port Henry's backyard.

Moreover, this old mining town of about 2,000 is capitalizing on its monster mascot, selling everything from bumper stickers to coloring books and postcards, all the time protecting its commercial interests with the title "Home of Champ."

The tales of Champ received a boost last summer when a tourist from Connecticut, Sandra Mansi, sold her exclusive photo of what she claims is Champ to the New York Times for an undisclosed sum. Her photo, taken from a spot on the Vermont shore she said she couldn't pinpoint, shows a dark object sticking out of water. Scientists said the photo is genuine, but they can't identify the object.

Champ's unscheduled — but always lively — guest appearances off the Port Henry shores last spring and summer created a virtual flood of newspaper ink



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## SNAP DRAGON?

— Joyce Ruggles of Washington County, left, shown with husband Sam, thinks she may have a better photo of the elusive Champ than the 1981 picture above.

as reporters jockeyed in line for interviews with witnesses.

Then winter locked its firm, icy grip around Port Henry, and Champ disappeared, escaping the five feet of ice. After the thaw, no sightings were reported immediately, possibly because of the high lake level, said Port Henry Mayor Robert Brown.

But Champ again pleased Port Henry — and its cash registers — in May, when several people reported sighting the creature frolicking in the currents.

And then came Van Kleeck.

As he has done each spring for five years, Van Kleeck, the dog warden for the town of Ramapo, Rockland County,

pitched his camp gear in an isolated spot along the Port Henry beach last week.

An overcast sky hung low over the still water Monday as Van Kleeck awoke from a nap and prepared for a spaghetti supper with camping companions Joyce and Sam Ruggles from Hebron, Washington County.

Someone shouted to look at the lake, and Van Kleeck saw a "blackish gray" object about 50 feet long, with four or five humps undulating from the water, he said.

The creature's head, two feet above the surface, turned left, then right, "almost as if it was searching for a landmark" on shore, Van Kleeck said.

No fins or flippers were visible, Van Kleeck said, but the creature looked as thick as an oil drum. The creature produced a noticeable wake as it moved toward shallow water, Van Kleeck added.

"There's a lot of whatever there is there," Van Kleeck said. "It's definitely here and it's definitely very big."

Van Kleeck said he grabbed the camera he had borrowed and pointed the telephoto lens at the creature about 100 yards offshore.

Meanwhile, Joyce Ruggles pulled her little cartridge camera from its pouch and snapped one photo of the scene.

Believing he may have better photos than the Mansi picture, Van Kleeck hustled to Plattsburgh to have his film developed.

"I figured I had the camera paid for," he joked about the possibility of selling the Champ pictures to the highest bidder. "I wanted to prove to the people who are skeptics. I wanted to finally show them what I saw. I know it's here. There's no doubt about it."

His film, however, didn't wind properly. It never advanced.

As it turns out, Ruggles may have one of the most important scientific pictures on her little camera — but she wasn't getting too anxious about the possible big money offers for a good Champ picture. She didn't rush to Plattsburgh to develop her film. After all, she said, she still had several frames left to use.

Joseph Zarzynski of Wilton, a teacher who has spent considerable time and thousands of dollars chasing and researching Champ, said Van Kleeck's sighting adds to the "lucidity" of other sightings.

"One credible point here is (Van Kleeck's) background relating to wildlife," Zarzynski said. "He can discriminate between animate and inanimate objects."

Even if the Champ-ions don't find their monster in the lake, they can't miss him in town. He jaunts around town in the form of a parade float, he adorns road signs and T-shirts. Mayor Brown carries an ample supply of Champ bumper stickers and post cards.

"Champ is a symbol of hope to us here," said Joan Petro, a member of the town's Chamber of Commerce. "When something like this happens, it's like the Fourth of July around here."

## 'Big, hairy, ominous eyes ...and a good set of teeth'

By PAUL GREEN  
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ELLINGTON — Two farmhands said this morning they surprised a large, ape-like creature with a human's nose but a "good set of teeth" in a barn late Monday, but ran away as the creature "vanished into nowhere."

State police searched the area but found nothing.

David Buckley and John Fuller told police they were about to check on the cows at Valley Farms on Route 83 shortly before midnight Monday when they came upon the creature.

"We almost had a heart attack — we were about 2 feet away from it," Buckley said this morning.

Buckley described "it" as about 6 feet tall, weighing 300 pounds, with immense muscles, long, dark-brown hair over its entire body, arms that hung down to its knees, ominous dark eyes and a "good set" of dangerous-looking teeth, according to Buckley. And a nose that resembled a human's more than a monkey's snout.

"We walked around the back and we saw it on a feed bunk, sitting right on the edge of it, like a person," he said. "It was watching the cows, and it had its hand down in the silage and was either playing in it or eating it."

The creature turned and got up quickly, saw the two employees, and in what Buckley said might have been a gesture of friendliness, walked towards Fuller slowly.

But neither man was interested in making friends.

Buckley said Fuller, the farm's night man-

ager, screamed and neglected to ask the visitor its name.

The mysterious cow-watcher then veered towards Buckley, its arms outstretched. Buckley screamed.

"We had the impression he wanted to have us for dinner," he said.

After Buckley screamed, the creature turned, ran slowly around the corner of the feeding bins and "vanished into nowhere," Buckley said.

Buckley and Fuller, still in shock, ran the other way and called the police.

"I've never seen a human with a build like that," Buckley told the police. "Not even the muscle builders."

State police at the Troop C barracks in Stafford thought the two men were stoned.

"At first they didn't believe us," said Buckley. "Then, ah, I guess they started believing what we had to say. They went up with us to look for him."

While Buckley and Fuller searched the area with a trooper, another officer drove up the road by some cornfields along which Buckley believes the strange visitor may have fled. Nothing was found.

This morning, Buckley checked the ground by the cow bins. He found scuff marks from the beast and one "heavy imprint" he thinks may have come from the creature's heel. Other than that, no sign of last night's encounter.

Buckley, 21, said he would continue to work at the farm, maybe a little warily, as he has done for the past 9 months. In the meantime, the state police reported that they were investigating the incident and asked anyone with information to call them at 684-2741.

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## A Skeptic on the Pyramid Builders

To the Editor:

Tribes of Indians used to go to Hot Springs to take baths and steam themselves. While they were there, they would replenish their supply of arrowheads by making new ones out of novolite from West Mountain. They chipped their arrowheads out by hand, and even today it is easy to see where they made their arrowheads. Tons of chips and miscut arrowheads are still piled around as evidence.

When I was about 16, I decided to learn stonemasonry. I apprenticed to a group of stonemasons and spent a long time learning the trade. In the 30 or so years I have worked in construction I have learned a lot more about stones. I have learned enough not to believe it when someone says that the great pyramids of Egypt or anywhere else were cut by hand with primitive tools.

The evidence says different. There would have to be piles of chips, broken and miscut stones bigger than the pyramid itself. There is none, or relatively none. If those stones had been cut at the quarry and then skidded on rollers 50 to 100 miles over rough terrain there would not have been any sharp edges left on them, and there would have been broken stones lying all along the way.

The part where cut stone weighing 10 to 50 tons was raised by hand

up to 400 feet in the air and set into place is too unrealistic and impossible to bother talking about.

I will rather believe that these stones were cut with a laser beam, or by some ultrasonic cutting device, and then carried and set with the aid of a rocket ship, employing the methods we use with our helicopters. I'd even be willing to believe that those stones were cut with concentrated thought and moved and set with levitation. But, the heaving and the hoisting and the grunting and the groaning while beating rocks into shape with other rocks I cannot accept.

Last week, I watched an archaeological documentary on educational TV showing the Inca ruins in Peru. The camera zeroed in on some of the most fantastic rock walls I have ever seen. All of the stones were cut perfectly and laid perfectly and all of the seams and lines were perfect. There was no variance. The narrator explained that the people who cut those stones and laid them perfectly did so without any tools — just rocks to beat rocks with.

That is not possible. Perfect work such as that demands levels, squares, transits, hammers, chisels and expert master craftsmen to use those tools.

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