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CURRENT ARGUS, Carlsbad, NM - July 2, 1982 CR: J. Moseley

UFO Reported

An unidentified flying object reportedly seen Thursday night in the flume area in northwest Carlsbad was at least patriotic as the Fourth of July draws near.

A caller, who would not give his name to the Eddy County Sheriff's Department because he felt others would question his sighting, said the UFO showed up about 10:10 p.m.

The object had red and blue lights around it, and it made a "hissing" sound as it flew about 500 feet above the ground. After the flyby, the UFO flew off toward Werewolf Hill, west of Happy Valley, at a high rate of speed.

The caller said the engine in his vehicle died and its lights went out for a short time.

HERALD, Anderson, IN
Aug. 13, 1982
'E.T.'s here'

A frightened young boy screamed to his family, "E.T.'s here." Monday night while playing outside.

Little boys will be little boys, but this time, the little boy wasn't kidding, as his family soon found out.

Dismayed by the strange sight, the family, who wished to remain anonymous, curiously watched what they considered to be an unidentified flying object for some 30 minutes as it hovered over their Markleville home.

GAZETTE, Gastonia, NC - Sept. 11, 1982 CR: G. Fawcett

What's up in Belmont?

BELMONT — Look! Up in the sky! It's no bird, no plane, not even Superman.

The question in Belmont Friday night was "What is it?"

It was a long, black object hovering over the northern part of town. One woman said it looked like "a big, blown up trashbag with a light on it." Diana Williams of 402 W. Henry St. said she didn't know what it was, but it had folks standing in their yards looking at it as it floated toward McAdenville.

The object — unidentified and flying by most accounts — appeared shortly before 8 p.m.

Willara Griffith of 107 Main St. called *The Gazette* to report "something floating up in the sky, heading toward Mount Holly."

"It wasn't making any noise and it wasn't a balloon," Mrs. Griffith said. "I had binoculars looking at it, but I couldn't tell what it was."

Gaston County Police said it was what Mrs. Griffith said it wasn't — a hot air balloon.

Police Communications Supervisor Jim Palmer said he received about 20 calls about the object and that it was the second hot air balloon reported in the area this week.

The National Weather Service office in Charlotte said weather balloons are released in Greensboro and Nashville and Memphis, Tenn., but not in the Gaston area.

TRUTH, Elkhart, IN - July 13, 1982

UFO? Meteor? Or What?

By BIL HARP

Officials say the shooting bright-green light across the northern sky early Monday was a meteor, but Rex Mullins and Albert Kreider still are not so sure.

Harry Eby, Bristol, who awoke about 4 a.m. and saw a similar bright light, agrees with law enforcement officials in Indianapolis, who sighted a green-tinted shooting star Monday morning.

Kreider, 70, New Paris, was driving to work at the Salem Bank in Goshen, where he works as a handyman, about 4 a.m. Monday when a bright light shone from overhead on his car.

"It was a shocking kind of light. It was scary and soon after that I noticed it going over to the right," Kreider said.

Kreider described the object in the sky as "a big ball of greenish light and a white tail light."

At the same time, Rex Mullins, 201 W. Indiana Ave., Goshen, said he, along with three friends, were near the overpass "plotting stars," something he does as a hobby.

Mullins said he saw an object nearly hit the Kreider car, something that Kreider denies. But, Mullins' description of the object nearly matches the one provided by Kreider.

Mullins described the same green and white lights and said the object appeared to be shaped like an "8."

"It looked like it was wobbling and couldn't keep its balance. It looked like it was coming down, then gained altitude and something fell off of it" as it disappeared behind a wooded area to the west of the overpass, said Mullins.

Eby, unlike Mullins and Kreider, says he is sure about what it was he saw upon awakening early Monday morning.

"It was a meteor. I could have read a newspaper by the light in my bedroom, it was so bright. It was a meteor without question," Eby said.

Charles Tucker, head of the International UFO Investigative Bureau in Nappanee, who has investigated hundreds of UFO sightings worldwide, said he found nothing within a mile radius of the wooded area.

Tucker, who is continuing to investigate the sighting, concurred that the sighting may have been a meteorite that exploded over Michigan.

The meteor theory may or may not explain the trouble Mullins had with his citizens band radio, however.

Mullins said soon after the sighting he attempted to use his citizens band radio and found it wouldn't work. Mullins said a semi-tractor driver pulled under the overpass, also unable to get his CB to work. The driver, however, drove away before Mullins could talk to him.

Kreider said the object at first appeared to be a small plane trailing a banner, but "it wasn't shaped like an airplane. It wasn't no airplane. It definitely wasn't an airplane."

Mullins said he saw something similar at 1 p.m. Sunday while at his home. The object then was being chased by three airplanes, but eluded them. Mullins said he checked with Grissom Air Force Base, but was told there were no planes in this area at the time.

The object he saw Monday morning, Mullins said, "looked like the thing the jets were chasing."

Eby said he has sighted several meteors, but this was the first so close to the ground. He figured the meteor exploded between four and five miles north of his home in Bristol.

"It had a large ball of light in the front and an extremely long tail," Eby said.

Women spot UFO hovering over Duarte

Two Baldwin Park women were driving down Buena Vista Avenue near Arrow Highway in Duarte on the way to work when it happened.

"I happened to look up and I saw this really bright light," said Mrs. Hope Alderete, 47.

"It was really bright," she said. "We got kind of scared."

"At first it was very far away, but then it started getting closer. It spun around."

Said Mrs. Sylvia Ortega, 32: "We just saw this light. It had a little bubble on it. It was gliding with us."

Mrs. Alderete added that the object was round and flat. "I've never seen anything like it."

The two women were hesitant to report what they had seen. "Maybe people would think we are crazy," Mrs. Alderete said. Neither says it was a flying saucer, just that they saw something highly unusual flying in the air early on a cloudy morning about a week ago.

As is often the case, the National Weather Service has an explanation: a weather balloon. According to the NWS, a balloon had been launched from West Los Angeles about 30 minutes before the Baldwin Park women sighted their strange object. The winds could have carried the balloon to the area, they said.

The morning in Duarte was partially cloudy last Monday; the women reported. The NWS said that weather balloons, struck by a rising sun, can pro-

duce a bright glow when seen through low clouds if the balloons themselves are above the clouds.

But the weather balloon explanation doesn't wash with Mrs. Alderete. "It didn't look like a balloon to me," she said.

What it was, nobody will ever know, and the sighting itself was not all that unusual. The point is that reports of Unidentified Flying Objects, which used to appear like clockwork in news stories, have become scarce critters. Does this mean there are fewer sightings?

"No," says Jim Eppes of the UFO Education Center in Valley Center, Calif. "The number of sightings remains pretty constant."

What happens, he explained, is that the amount of coverage given by the media to UFO sightings fluctuates. When movies like "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" or "E.T.—The Extraterrestrial" hit the silver screen, the news media is more likely to pick up UFO stories.

Another thing that is happening, Eppes said, is that police and sheriffs are now referring sighting reports to organizations like the UFO Education Center rather than taking it all down themselves. Fewer detailed reports wind up on the police report boards, so police reporters don't see them as often.

But, whatever the fluctuations of media interest, he said, the number of sightings reported to the center remains constant at between 10 and 15 per month.

While the number of sightings remain constant, they tend to occur in clusters in different areas. Lately, he said, there have been a number of reports of sightings in the Sacramento area.

The UFO center, one of many in the United States and the world, was started officially sometime in the 1960s, but got its real beginnings in the 1950s, when George Adamski wrote books about visits from aliens that look just like us but are from other planets. These aliens are benign, intelligent creatures.

They were attracted to Earth in large numbers after the first atomic bomb blasts, Eppes said. They are afraid we'll blow ourselves up and wind up polluting the solar system, he explained.

DUARTEAN DISPATCH, Arcadia, CA

July 18, 1982 CR: L. Whitehurst

UFO Sighters Invited to Come Forward With Details

Both men, each of whom claims his own UFO sighting, say far more people have experienced an unidentified encounter than have spoken up publicly. Concerned that openly talking of the bright lights and flying vessels will cause others to doubt their stability, most people, they say, simply keep their observations to themselves.

"People are very afraid to talk. This is happening all over Vermont and probably all over the country," Williams said. "A lot of people don't even want to write it down. They just call and say they want me to know they've seen something weird."

Since Williams published a notice in the Valley Reporter encouraging people to contribute information, UFO accounts have begun to trickle in. Most of the objects viewed, according to Williams, were seen at night, the darkness broken by one or more flashing lights, usually red. The objects often were seen in a stationary position, where they remained for several minutes before drifting over a nearby mountain.

In addition to the approximately

dozen sightings that Williams has documented, several other people have acknowledged that they too have seen unidentified objects, he said.

Williams prefers that UFO sighters complete the probing questionnaires provided by the International Reporter but will take the information over the telephone if witnesses are reluctant to write down their observations.

The information sought by the questionnaire includes a description of the object, location, and weather at the time of the sighting. Observers also are asked whether animals were present and how they reacted, what the viewer was doing prior to the sighting and whether the object was seen concurrently with meteors, birds or other flying objects.

Williams' interest in UFOs, latent for more than a decade, was reignited this summer during an early morning drive through Middlesex. He said he witnessed a "round thing lighted as bright as the moon, hovering in the sky. It had two wings at angles so I knew it couldn't be a plane."

"I said to myself, it's late and I know I can't really be seeing this," he said. "But I looked away for a minute or two and when I looked back it was still there."

Both Williams and Heinzerling believe that as many as 80 percent of UFOs are easily explainable phenomena such as meteors or satellites. It is the remaining fraction of celestial objects that seemingly defy explanation that have piqued their imagination.

"Ever since I had my sighting (in the Catskill Mountains in New York) I've felt this is the ultimate mystery," Heinzerling said. "Somehow it perhaps explains all our beliefs in religion and the very origins of man. I think it is the most interesting subject I know."

At the request of William Heinzerling, local representative of the Ohio-based Center for UFO Studies, Williams is taking UFO descriptions over the telephone and transcribing written accounts for submission to the International UFO reporter.

The principal goal of the effort is to gather information of sightings for use by UFO analysts attempting to explain the phenomena. The two Watsfield men also hope the process will encourage other UFO witnesses to come forward with their celestial observations.

By SALLY JACOBS
Free Press Correspondent

WATSFIELD — UFO sighters who may have kept silent about their observations for fear of ridicule can emerge from the closet in safety and talk of their experiences in voluminous detail.

In his small Watsfield office, Sewall Williams, president of the New England Chapter of the 10th Mountain Division, is documenting accounts of large, foreign flying objects, some with winglike appendages, that light up the sky, as described by residents and visitors to the state.

POST-CRESCENT, Appleton, WI
Aug. 24, 1982 CR: R. Heiden
UFO sighting reported

A bright light that appeared to move across the sky at "an unbelievable speed" was reported to the Outagamie County sheriff's department as an unidentified flying object about 9:30 p.m. Friday after being spotted on County AA a couple miles north of Appleton.

Cindy Schulze, route 3, Appleton, was driving northbound on County EE a couple miles north of Appleton when she saw "a really bright, bright light" up in the sky which went across the road in front of her. "It looked like a big white blob that came zipping across the sky," she said. "It was just like a big field light."

A passenger in the car, Randy Hansen, 604 Monroe St., Neenah, said he saw it after Schulze pointed it out to him. He described it as being "kind of a football shape" and it became a bright orange as it ascended rapidly into the sky. "It just shot straight up in the sky at an unbelievable speed," he said. "It was gone just like that."

Schulze said there were several other cars in front of her and she wondered if any of them had seen it. Police said there were no other reported UFO sightings Friday night. "It was so weird," she added. "Up until now I never believed in UFOs."

Neither had any idea what they had sighted actually was.

NEWS, Indianapolis, IN - Aug. 26, 1982

'Red Glowing Object'

Police View Several UFOs

SUBURBAN NEWS

Police in Marion and Johnson counties today tracked a "red glowing object with fading green lights" from the vicinity of Southport Road and I-65 to just east of Edinburgh before losing sight of it in heavy fog.

A citizen reported seeing the object approximately 4,000 feet above the horizon about 4 a.m.

The caller told State Police it was moving back and forth about 25 feet each direction.

A State Trooper tracked the UFO from the southern tip of Marion County to the east side of Edinburgh where he last sight of it in heavy fog about 5 a.m.

Johnson County Sheriff's Deputy Dave Taylor said he saw the object just east of Franklin.

"It was hovering over the area 10 minutes," Taylor said.

"It had a red glow with flashing lights" and "was about 1,000 feet high

CR: P. Gersten

and it left the area."

Franklin police officers also reported seeing "at least three" unidentified flying objects.

Greenwood police contacted Weir Cook International Airport and were told the object "might be a star with gasses surrounding it."

State Police contacted Grissom Air Force Base, Peru, and were told by military officials they "had something on radar at about 6,000 feet, five miles southeast of Indianapolis." They thought it was a plane.

Another explanation to State Police from Weir Cook officials was the object "may have been some type of temperature inversion."

JOURNAL-STAR, Lincoln, NE - Aug. 11, 1982

What was THAT? Cont.

Was it just a coincidence?
Probably.
And yet . . .

Emma Miller of Cortland tells of sightings of some strange things in the sky, the same night, at Lincoln and, clear on the other end of the state, at Mitchell.

It was in 1974, August, about the time Scott Colburn and his dad saw something silvery they couldn't identify swoop over Lincoln. In recounting that incident for Offbeat recently, Scott mentioned that the fellows in the airport tower told him that, while they hadn't seen anything at the time he and his dad did, they had seen an unexplained something a few days earlier.

Emma says her late husband, Eric, was confined to Milder Manor in Lincoln that summer. The night of Aug. 19, he was restless. During the wee hours, he saw an object in the western sky.

"He watched it and didn't know what to make of it," Emma says.

The next day, while Emma was visiting him, Eric told her of the incident. "He recognized that I was rather skeptical, but I didn't want to just say he was seeing things. We always understood each other and I knew he was serious," Emma says.

A short time later, she received a letter from a friend in Mitchell, Thelma Coleman. "She had seen something in the western sky about 5 a.m. the same day. They both (Eric and Thelma) described what they saw the same way," Emma says. "It bobbed up and down and did maneuvers our own flying machines couldn't possibly produce."

Emma says Thelma called a dentist, figuring someone of a "scientific turn" might be able to explain. He watched from his home, but couldn't explain it.

Were all those sightings in the summer of 1974 just coincidence?

Probably.
And, yet . . .

Offbeat
with Don Pieper



Have they been here?

While we're on the subject, the latest Merit Report (a public opinion survey of 1,200 randomly selected adult Americans conducted every other week by a cigarette company to get a little publicity) asks if respondents believe unidentified flying objects from outer space are visiting earth?"

Almost half the respondents said "they definitely have been here" (11 percent) on "they probably have been here" (38 percent).

Twenty-five percent said visitors from outer space probably had not been here and only 15 percent said they definitely had not. Eleven percent said they had no opinion.

By the way, 45 percent of the same sample said they think their astrological signs have at least a smidgen to do with the type of person they are. Forty-seven percent said astrology has nothing to do with their personality, but 23 percent said it has a little to do with it, 15 percent said it has a fair amount of influence, and 7 percent said it has a great deal of importance. Eight percent had no opinion.

The sample was asked why people work on summer suntans and 49 percent said tans make them look better and 10 percent said tans make them feel healthy. But 15 percent said they look sexier tanned and another 15 percent said a tan indicates they lead a life that includes leisure time. The other 11 percent had no opinion.

GAZETTE, Texarkana, AR
Sept. 23, 1982 CR: W. Leet

UFOs believed weather balloons

Three glowing objects that a crowd of churchgoers saw at dusk Wednesday could have been weather balloons, a spokesman for the National Weather Service in Shreveport, La., said.

One man, who watched the objects along with a crowd of people at the First Baptist Church at 401 Pine St. in Texarkana, Texas, said the objects were large and moving slowly in the western sky.

The crowd watched the objects as evening services were concluding at about 7:30 p.m., the man said.

The weather service spokesman said weather balloons are released regularly from an experimental weather station in Palestine, Texas.

The spokesman said some of the balloons passed through Shreveport recently. He said that at dusk, the clear plastic balloons appear to radiate their own light, but the effect is a reflection.

UFO sighting reported

Could Carpinteria be destined for a close encounter of some kind?
Joseph Scott, 4776 Dorrance Way, told city police Thursday night he spotted an unidentified flying object descend to the ocean, and he watched it for about three minutes.
Telephoning the department at 8:35 p.m., Scott said his mother saw the object

first. He went to get field glasses and watched it hover at the water line for about three minutes, from the beach between Elm and Holly avenues. He said the object descended slowly.
He said it was round and bronze in color, with windows around it and light in the bottom. A responding officer said he was unable to see the object.

STANDARD-OBSERVER, Irwin, PA - Sept. 1, 1982 CR: S. Gordon

By CRAIG SMITH
S-O Staff Writer

UFOs: Sighting reports on rise

On July 6, at 10 p.m., residents of Level Green reported a large rectangular-shaped, six section object, with orange, red, and yellow lights, flying very low over that section of Penn Township.

On Saturday, August 28, on a rural road outside of Latrobe, a couple riding in their car observed an 80 foot long, elliptical object hovering motionless about 50 to 100 feet above the ground.

They described the object as being a "squashed circle", with blue, red, and green lights on its side, making a buzzing sound.

Are these the reports of kooks, or crazies? Pranksters or practical jokers? According to Stan Gordon, director of the Pennsylvania Association For The Study of The Unexplained, who investigated both incidents, not so.

The all-volunteer, non-profit organization serves as a statewide clearing house for reports of unusual phenomenon and has investigated numerous UFO and other unexplained sightings in both Westmoreland and Allegheny Counties.

Although Gordon stated that some incidents can be explained as misidentification of planets, stars, or night flying aircraft, he said that this marks the first year since 1973 that shows a definite increase in "good quality" unexplained sightings.

He went on to explain that on August 28, at a location on the opposite side of the rural road location of the Latrobe sighting, a report of a similar nature was received. And then, one hour later, a similar report was received in the West Mifflin area.

Gordon stated that the organization, made up of scientists, engineers, doctors, technicians, and other volunteer professionals, has received 16 cases of unexplained phenomenon this year.

The Greensburg-based organization conducts "open-minded investigations into categories science has yet to identify," the director stated. He also added that all reports are confidential "without ridicule."

Gordon classified the sightings as a "world-wide phenomenon" with reports being received even from Communist countries.

The group works hand-in-hand with two large international organizations: The Mutual UFO Network and The Center for UFO studies.

The group conducts investigations into all reports of unexplained phenomenon, including animals, and the yearly reports of Big Foot.

A UFO Hotline has been established at the Greensburg headquarters and Gordon asks that all persons experiencing an unusual phenomenon to report the incident. Again, all reports are confidential and without ridicule.

The Hotline number is 838-7768, or one can write the group at 6 Oak Hill Road, Greensburg, Pa. 15601.

More UFO sightings reported in Clark

CLARK — Donna Carson and her friends can be a little more confident tonight that their eyes were not playing tricks on them Wednesday night.

The 17-year-old township resident and three friends claimed they saw a formation of UFOs hovering above them Wednesday night, but felt a little uncomfortable about reporting the sighting to the Daily Journal.

However, about a half-dozen other residents of Clark and Cranford, upon reading of Carson's tale in Friday's Daily Journal, called to report similar sightings on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights at approximately 9 p.m.

Most callers concurred with Carson's story that there were about nine yellowish lights hovering about, silently.

Ann Ferko of Gibson Boulevard, Clark, said she always sits outside with her binoculars and watches the planes fly overhead. When she saw a group of lights coming into view, she knew they were not planes.

"Over the rooftops of the houses I saw what looked like a flashing lights," she said. "Then there were two more. They looked like a blaze of fire."

She said two of her neighbors also saw the lights.

"They were up so high, but it was such a clear night that I saw a plane go by and the lights were much higher," she said.

Mrs. Ferko said she witnessed what she believes was a UFO sighting in Alabama during World War II. She said that time two "pancake" shaped objects flew in quite low to the ground. She said the next day, town officials drove around the area broadcasting to the people they should not speak to anyone about the sighting.

"And nobody did, not even to each other, and it was forgotten," she added.

Driving home with her two daughters about 9 p.m. on Tuesday

night Joan Duffy of Clark looked up and noticed three bright lights that looked like stars hovering in a "perfect triangle."

"As we were watching them they disappeared one by one at about 30 second intervals" Mrs. Duffy said. "My husband said we were crazy."

The next night her 18-year-old daughter, Linda, was with three friends and they claim to have seen the same triangle of bright lights described by Donna Carson. Mrs. Duffy said the objects appeared to be moving east.

"It wasn't even obvious they were moving until we saw them leave and they weren't in the location that we saw them in first," said Mrs. Duffy.

Frank Reilly of Cranford offered his observation while driving along Raritan Road.

He said he thought he saw a squadron of helicopters heading toward the Linden Airport, but there was no sound; and no blinking lights normally adorning aircraft.

He said when he got home he took his wife outside to watch.

"She only caught the last one or two disappearing," he said.

Reilly said there were at least 10 objects which occupied "a large segment of the sky."

He said they appeared to be coming from the northeast.

One possible explanation for the objects in the sky, according to Frank Berribauer vice president of Amateur Astronomers Inc. at Union College, Cranford, was a meteor shower.

Berribauer said meteor showers are prevalent this time of year as the earth rotates through debris in space called Persids.

However, Berribauer said meteors would be moving too fast, between five and 50 miles per second; for them to appear to be hovering as described by the witnesses.

"If the observations these people gave are accurate, that is not characteristic of meteors," he added.

Back to UFOs

By SAMUEL S. REYNOLDS

CALL Staff Writer

The night of Friday the Thirteenth was an opportune time to return to the topic of UFOs, and the people at Spiritual-Psychic Development Center at 56 Arnold St. provided the opportunity.

For several years in the mid-1960s, this writer was associated with Joseph Ferriere, former local radio broadcaster, and Harold Trudel, and many other interesting people in a UFO (unidentified flying object) study group that met in area homes.

Personal View

On the 13th, Ferriere and Trudel, who have been relatively inactive on the UFO scene since 1968, presented a rundown on UFO sightings here and elsewhere at the Arnold Street center. There they gave the first public showing of a movie taken in Woonsocket by Trudel, as well as slides of UFO pix taken by others.

To begin with, Trudel is, perhaps, one of the worst photographers I know. He is utterly confused by any little gadgets or levers on cameras, so he seeks out those that need only to be aimed and the button pushed.

With the patience of a saint, he would bundle up in all kinds of weather, then hike out to the wild edges of Woonsocket and wait, gazing skyward with his ancient box camera ready to capture whatever might be there.

Most of the time, his only reward was a thorough soaking or a cold, but a couple of times his patience paid off. He took some snapshots of something in the sky which defied the efforts of photo-expert debunkers.

Then came his triumph, the movie. Taken with his only concession to photographic progress, a movie camera with automatic exposure control and a zoom lens.

According to Trudel, he saw a long, slender, cylinder-like object in the sky in the distance and

as it approached him, he aimed the battery-operated camera, pushed the button, and used a whole roll of film.

During his filming, with his finger still on the exposure button, he lost his footing a couple of times and the camera pointed in all directions. If what he was aiming at had been something rigged up with strings or cables, their supports or persons operating them would have been disclosed. Also, the thing in the sky passed behind a tree, a manufactured effect which only Hollywood has succeeded in doing convincingly and at a cost of \$1,000s.

While the film was being run forward and backward many times at varying speeds, the approximately three dozen people in the audience had ample opportunity to study the image of the mothership-type object.

Reactions ranged from open-eyed wonderment to quiet and polite indications of disbelief. I consider the footage as probably the most amazing I have seen, and I have been chasing UFO reports and delving into parapsychological happenings since before emerging from graduate school in 1951.

UFOlogists are a breed all their own. The more the government claims sightings are marsh gas, stray planets, jet contrails or flights of geese, the louder the UFO fans scream coverup. Reports of strange objects in the sky date back to Biblical times, and people through the ages have described them in terms with which they were familiar — flying wagons, flying ships, giant wheels, etc., but the reports when disassembled then reassembled have a marked similarity.

Maybe more of us, if we keep our gaze skyward, instead of keeping our attention on the gutter, will see something, too. Then, maybe the experiences of other area residents will be included on the schedule of fascinating topics of the Spiritual-Psychic Development Center.

Burning asteroid in sky dazzles earthly observers

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.

In Pittsfield several calls from people who saw the object were received by The Eagle Tuesday evening and yesterday. One caller, David Vitone of 90 Exeter Ave., said he chanced to see it when it flamed into view at 8:34 p.m. He was on North Street at the time, he said, and was impressed by its brightness. "It was in view so long I was able to count out eight seconds," he said.

A person who frequently engages in sky watching, he said when he spotted it in the southwest quadrant of the heavens, it appeared between two street lights near him, yet shed a light brighter than the lights.

Less than an hour later, The Eagle was contacted by two unidentified persons who described not

only the burning asteroid but another object high in the sky that one of them described as "very strange." This object was bright, was considerably larger than any star and moved very suddenly in a westward direction, one said.

The New York Times reported that detailed reports from several observers in New York and New Jersey led 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."

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.

UFO Study Group:

An Investigative Eye Focuses On The Sky

By John Waldschmidt
Journal Staff Writer

On a warm August night in 1980, the Rev. John E. Schroeder was driving east on Hwy. 21 between Fenton and I-270. In the sky ahead of him, he saw what appeared to be a conventional commercial airplane.

"From the side, it looked like the silhouette of a standard aircraft," he recalls. "It was very dark grey and was not moving fast."

His observation turned from casual to curious when he noticed that the plane had no running lights and did not reflect the twilight.

"Aircraft have highlights and shadows, but this was a solid grey, almost as if it were absorbing light," he says.

"I still took it for a conventional aircraft until it banked. Then I could see that it had a tail structure but no wings. A standard aircraft could not maintain that height and speed with no wings."

"A woman who saw it from another angle said the same thing - that she thought it was a plane until she saw it had no wings," the Rev. Schroeder notes.

DID HE AND the woman see an optical illusion created by the fading sunlight? Was the airborne object actually an airplane, or a weather balloon, or a blimp?

If a logical explanation for the image existed, it never was discovered. Thus, the experience duly was reported as a sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO).

Stories similar to that of the Rev. Schroeder may inspire skepticism among some people. But the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis takes them seriously.

The group is a "non-profit organization dedicated to research and investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects." The Rev. Schroeder is chairman of its board of directors.

Members of the organization gathered for its annual picnic last Sunday at Love County Park in west county.

The Rev. Schroeder - a minister for 32 years and currently serving in social ministry for the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod - says recent surveys show nearly 50 percent of those questioned reported having some experience with a UFO.

HIS GROUP currently has between 80 and 90 members, most of whom are scientists at area colleges and universities or employees of McDonnell Douglas Co., the Rev. Schroeder says.

"The emphasis of our group is on getting information about the subject (UFOs) through investigation of UFO reports, promoting public awareness of UFOs and lectures at our regular meetings," he explains.

The Rev. Schroeder points out that between 80 and 85 percent of UFO reports can be explained in

conventional terms.

They may involve an airplane, weather balloon or a celestial body, such as a star, planet or meteor. And sometimes they are the product of an optical illusion; heat rising from the earth makes celestial bodies appear to grow larger and smaller or to move slowly in the sky.

Reports concerning unidentified objects most often come to the group from law enforcement agencies, the Rev. Schroeder says. Libraries also contribute news of sightings.

The group has three phone numbers through which people can relate an experience directly.

"The usual procedure is that people call the police or the planetarium or some other agency and say 'I just saw something unusual. Has anyone else seen it? What was it?'" the Rev. Schroeder explains.

UPON RECEIVING a report, a study group member will gather rudimentary information on the sighting. Of interest is the size of the object, the speed at which it moved, its altitude, any sound it produced and whether light was emitted or reflected off of it.

The investigator further will attempt to find other witnesses. Data from a triangular sighting - that is, three different views of the same object - is especially useful.

Furthermore, the presence of witnesses helps to establish the credibility of the person originally making the report.

"We've gone into several investigations where it was not immediately apparent the person was making up the story," the Rev. Schroeder says. "We catch most of these on the surface. In the 12 years I've been with the group, there have been only two occasions where the person was obviously fabricating the story."

Once some facts are collected, the investigator tries to uncover obvious explanations.

Airport personnel are called to see if planes have been routed through the area at the time of the sighting. They also are asked if anything unusual had appeared on radar.

WIND AND weather conditions are checked, as is whether any weather observation balloons were in flight at that time.

The Rev. Schroeder asserts that such painstaking investigations have helped to give credence to UFO phenomena, at least in the scientific community.

"When we are out speaking in public, we do run into some skepticism," he says.

"But more and more people in the scientific community are saying, 'We don't know what it is, but there is evidence to show that something is out there.' People in the scientific community are not skeptical to the point the public is. I didn't believe in UFOs myself until I saw one."

Although acknowledging that public interest in UFOs has been heightened by the success of such films as *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and *E.T.*, the Rev. Schroeder expresses concern

about the manner in which those productions depict UFOs and their interactions with humans.

"Steven Spielberg (producer and director of these films) apparently has found that UFOs and related subjects make money," he says. "My problem with those two movies is that they only show the good side of UFOs."

"BUT THERE HAVE been numerous examples of people getting radiation burns, hair loss and other anomalies (abnormalities) as the result of encounters with UFOs.

"With these things having happened, we're not sure they (extraterrestrials) are going to be good guys, if they are 'guys' at all. They could possibly be very dangerous," he asserts.

Anyone interested in more information about the UFO Study Group can call the Rev. Schroeder at 352-3058.



Mark Sanderbeck Photo

Members of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis gathered last weekend in Love County Park in west county for their annual picnic. The group, which now has a membership of between 80 and 90 people, is dedicated to investigating Unidentified Flying Objects and similar phenomenon.

UFO Spotters Encouraged

So you're sure that thing up there in the sky isn't a bird, plane, weather balloon or a gin-induced hallucination. But, if you tell anyone about it, there's always the chance you'll get laughed at. Fear no more. The Memphis Aerial Phenomenon Society (MAPS) wants to hear from you.

MAPS was formed about a year ago after a Memphis woman sighted a unidentified flying object while driving on Summer. The group has about 10 members and meets once a month.

Society president Richard Rortter said MAPS is trying to catalog and investigate local UFO sightings, and has asked local law enforcement agencies to re-

fer anyone who sights a UFO to the group.

He said the group wants to provide people who think they have seen a UFO with a place to come without fear of ridicule or publicity.

After the sighting last year, a seminar on UFOs was held in Memphis by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, head of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., and Allen Hendry, another UFO investigator, Rortter said.

Anyone who thinks he or she has sighted a UFO or who is interested in joining MAPS can call Rortter at 372-6801 or Karen Tydes at 274-2255.

UFO Is Making Regular Nightly Run Over City

Every night this week the residents of 27th St. just off Scioto Trail have been gathering in the street in a gala mood.

No, it's not a block party, but a UFO watch.

According to several residents, the orange or red ball of light has been appearing in the sky about every night for the last two weeks.

One of the residents, Martha Altman, notified Bernita Parsons of South Shore, Ky., a state section director for Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), who was on hand Thursday night along with about a dozen of Martha's neighbors.

"We were all waiting about 9 o'clock," the 27th St. woman said, "and, by golly, at 9:10 that thing came right over the street just like it was making a performance!"

"I don't get excited easily, and I've never really been interested in UFOs," she said, "but when I saw it Wednesday night for the first time, I suddenly got interested."

She said her neighbors had been talking about it for the last two weeks but she hadn't paid any attention till her mother sighted it from the back porch Wednesday night.

and called her to look.

That's when she called Parsons.

The investigator said the glowing object came out of the southeast, right toward them, then veered and disappeared into the northeast.

He described it as a pillow-shaped deep orange or amber light, although the residents had seen it earlier as red and round.

"It was shaped like a basketball and looked like liquid fire, with a teardrop shape hanging from the bottom," Martha said.

Parsons, who watched it through field glasses, said he could make out the shape of a craft which was a different shape than the light. He said it moved slower than a small airplane and made no sound. He also observed that the light pulsed slightly.

The MUFON investigator, who had never personally sighted a UFO before, said the residents have been sighting it every night between 9 and 10.

Parsons is beginning an investigation to learn if it could be a weather balloon or some other explainable craft.

He asks that anyone with information about what it may be call him at 532-4653.

'The Craft Hovered Over Bellamy Reservoir'

An Incident in Madbury: Could It Have Been a UFO?

By CAROL LIGHT
Sunday News Correspondent

MADBURY, Aug. 28 — It's an uncomfortable yet somehow fascinating feeling, thinking that somewhere in the sky beyond what we can see with the naked eye there might exist other beings, other worlds.

Some say hogwash to the infrequent UFO sightings, dismissing them as military maneuvers or the product of over-active imaginations. There are skeptics who have never seen, but still scan the skyline from time to time on the one-in-a-million chance they might catch a glimpse of a spaceship.

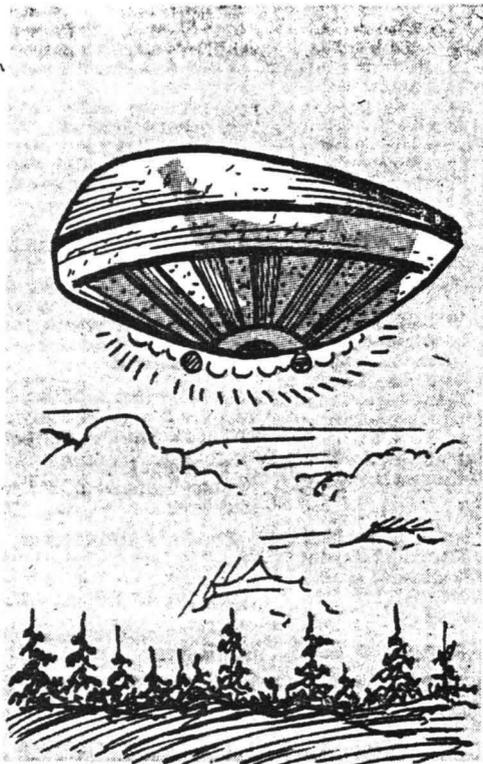
And then there are those who have seen something — red lights pulsating, or dim shadowy shapes streaking across the night sky, or a white flash along the tree line. Some never quite resolve in their minds what it was they saw. Others know for sure, having never doubted for a moment the possibility that life exists somewhere else besides the planet Earth.

Bob Grynkevicz falls into the last category.

He'd always believed in the possibility of higher life forms, visitors from outer space, space crafts landing quietly in a field somewhere and aliens disembarking. But what he saw in the company of his girlfriend and his mother on a warm night earlier this summer made his position on the matter unshakable.

The events of that night have just recently come to light, having been kept quiet during an investigation into the sighting by MUFON (Mutual Unidentified Flying Objects Network), headquartered in Seguin, Texas.

"My mother, she was the brave one," said



Grynkevicz. "She wanted to get out of the car and see if there were actually any little green men."

Grynkevicz still cannot contain the excitement in his voice as he relates the story, punctuating his articulate narrative with expansive flourishes of his hands.

"I just saw it there, hovering over the water ... I saw the reflections of the lights on the reservoir ... we just came around a corner of the road, and BOOM! it was right there," he said.

AN AIRPLANE?

Grynkevicz, 21, and his mother Miranda, were driving his girlfriend, Bobbi, 18, to her house from their Garrity

Road home in Lee, along Rte. 155. When they arrived in the rural town of Madbury, they turned down Town Hall Road.

Mrs. Grynkevicz saw lights first, and remarked to her son about the brightly-lit airplane on the horizon. She finished the statement by saying that "it was no wonder people kept thinking they were seeing UFOs with airplanes that looked like that," according to her son.

As the craft kept pace with them just beyond the line of trees, the three passengers in the compact car slowly realized that whatever it was, it was not an airplane. And when they arrived at the Bellamy Reservoir on Mill Hill Road, the show began.

The craft hovered over the water for several minutes, 500 feet from their car, exposing its top and bottom sides to the spectators. All three later told Peter Geremia, an investigator for MUFON, that the craft never made a sound — never caused the trees to rustle or the surface of the water to ripple.

As they proceeded toward Bobbi's house, the craft stopped near a home and flashed what Grynkevicz describes as a "pulsating red light" on both the house and then the Grynkevicz car. A few moments later, when they began to move farther down the road, the craft passed directly over the car at a height

not much greater than that of the surrounding trees.

Grynkevicz carefully shows to visitors the pastel drawings of the craft that both he and Bobbi did not long after the sighting. (Staff cartoonist Bob Dix's rendition of one of the drawings accompanies this article.) His bedroom walls are covered with photos and posters of the universe, of nebulas, the rings of Saturn, and the creations and creatures embodied in science fiction.

Although he feels the fact that he saw the craft was a special privilege, he also realizes there are those who will think he might be a little off his rocker.

"Why would I go through all this if it wasn't true?" Grynkevicz said. "To make myself look like a nut? My feeling is that if nobody out there believes what I'm saying, they're just plain ignorant."

Grynkevicz, an electronic technician and a graduate of the New Hampshire Technical Institute, describes the sights he saw as "magnificent," and notes he might even have liked to return in a spaceship if he'd had a chance.

MUFON's Geremia, who freely admits he is a skeptic on the subject of UFOs, first got into investigating the infrequent sightings through a friend involved in MUFON about 10 years ago. But after hours of questioning the trio, after listening over and over to their tape-recorded conversations and scanning their drawings, he feels sure the Madbury sighting was not a hoax.

"When it's a hoax, you get a feeling for that

from the conversation," Geremia said. "But I didn't get any of that from them. In fact, the mother was reluctant to talk to me at all."

"I have no doubt in my mind that they did not make this up," Geremia said, glancing at the drawings and folders he has accumulated on the case.

"In cases of UFO sightings, the fear or ridicule is really strong ... but they know what they've seen, and deep down they really believe that something is going on," he said.

Geremia, who works as a computer technician, believes that man does not yet have the technical ability to produce a craft that could travel at the speeds described by the Grynkeviczes without making a sound or even ruffling the nearby trees.

TO CHECK AFB

All the same, he plans to check with Pease Air Force Base in Newington just to be sure there might not be a military experiment of some kind that could explain the existence of the mysterious craft.

The Grynkevicz sighting is the first one in a couple of years in southeastern New Hampshire, Geremia said, but it follows in the wake of a very similar sighting only two weeks before in rural Vermont.

Geremia said there are many theories as to why the crafts seem to appear near sources of power — high voltage lines — or in the Grynkevicz case,

near a dam. Some researchers say the familiar pattern of a craft following or pacing a car may just be a kind of interstellar harassment or curiosity.

And there has to be an explanation for why the sightings most frequently happen in small, rural towns on the outskirts of large, heavily-populated industrial areas. But no one has found it yet.

Grynkevicz, with his characteristic enthusiasm and excitement over the possibility, sums it up neatly.

"They're just exploring space," he said smiling. "They're checking us out. Maybe their world is gone now, for whatever reason. Maybe a nuclear war. If we have the capacity here on earth for nuclear war, they certainly must."

"It's like my mom said when she looked up at the spaceship," he concludes. "She said to me, 'Bob, this might be the best experience of our lives.'"

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Man tells about UFO

One of two Sturgis men who reported strange lights in the sky Monday, said he "has no idea" what he saw.

Greg Hettinger, 22, and Jim Lincoln, 22, reported the unidentified flying object (UFO) about 9:45 p.m. Monday to Sturgis Police.

Hettinger said he and Lincoln watched the three lights for about 20 minutes as they first hovered over Sturgis and then traveled near Centreville before they "took off into the clouds."

No other sightings of the lights were reported to Sturgis Police or the St. Joseph County sheriff's department and Dennis Root, air traffic manager at the Kalamazoo airport tower, said Tuesday he knew of no radar reports of any UFOs.

Hettinger said he and Lincoln were eastbound on Chicago Road about 9 p.m. Monday when they saw the "red, white and blue lights, blinking on and off to my left just past Prospect Street."

He said the two men first thought the lights were from a plane or helicopter but "they were lower than what a plane would have been traveling across the city" and he said the lights were "real bright" but neither man could hear any sounds, the "freakiest part of the whole thing."

The men followed the lights north on M 66 and stopped at Wait Road. The lights then moved back toward Sturgis.

The men then drove to the Kirsch Municipal Airport and could see the lights in the northwest "either in Centreville or past" before they "took off into the clouds."

Washington briefing

ET: Call NASA

By PHIL GAILEY and WARREN WEAVER JR.
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WASHINGTON — You may sleep a little more soundly these star-strewn nights to learn that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has had regulations on the books since 1969 to protect you from "extraterrestrial exposure" at the hands of any "person, property, animal or other form of life or matter whatever."

The quarantine procedures were originally established as part of the first manned space voyage to the moon, anticipating the possibility that astronauts would return bearing, perhaps inadvertently, some form of life that could prove threatening on Earth.

But NASA officials now believe that the same regulations, which involve some suspension of civil rights, could be invoked against any spacecraft and its operators arriving on earth from another planet, system or galaxy. "Our lawyers agree that if a UFO landed, those regulations would indeed apply," said a spokesman for the agency. "We'd be responsible to implement them to avoid contamination."

Under the rules, the NASA administrator can determine, with or without a hearing, that a person or object has been "extraterrestrially exposed" and impose an indeterminate quarantine under armed guard, which could not be broken even by court order. Any quarantined person "shall be given a reasonable opportunity to communicate by telephone with legal counsel or other persons of his choice," but the regulations fail to define "person" and do not specify whether interplanetary communication is also permitted.

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Meteor or visitor? Nobody's really sure

By RICH BASSMANN
Press Staff Writer

meteor," said Robert Warth, president of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained, based in Little Silver.

THE FIERY OBJECT that appeared in the sky Tuesday evening was actually "some sort of intelligently-controlled craft or something from outer space," the head of a local society that studies the unexplained says.

But astronomers in New York said that, while they couldn't be sure, the best explanation of the bright show that many area residents saw about 8:30 p.m. was a meteor.

"Several individuals with extensive military experience have called the organization saying it definitely was not a

"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, New York.

A former military air controller who did not want to be identified estimated the object to be a craft 30 feet across moving at 300 mph at 3,300 feet, Warth reported. He said reports indicated it was an object with a long vapor trail and a definite shape, and was white before changing to red.

"My experience is that a meteor is very brightly colored, usually bright white, and, depending on the wind currents, it leaves a smoky, black trail," he said. "But in this case, it (the trail)

seemed to dissipate fast." "We did call NASA," Ms. Gwyn told the Associated Press yesterday afternoon, "but unless someone comes up with something else, the story that they're going with is fireball."

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

But Warth disagreed. "We've had reports like this for centuries, and after a while the reports form a pattern," Warth continued. "Naturally, it is easier to say it was an aircraft or a satellite. But these reports give rise to the possibility that the things are visitors

from other areas of life above our solar system. It's one of the so-called unexplaineds.

"A number of people took the time and the expense to call us and say that it wasn't a meteor and definitely wasn't a comet," Warth added.

Warth said the viewers who called his organization were concerned because people were being falsely led to believe that "it was some type of natural object falling to burn up in the atmosphere.

"If it was a craft of any type having mechanical problems, it would land in an area where it could be helped or repaired," Warth explained. "It is very possible there could be assistance following it. We're looking for scientific explanations."

Flurry of UFO sightings in Valley

By CATHY STONE
Staff Reporter

Patrick Clausing thought he was seeing another one of the hot air balloons that so frequently fly over the Green River Valley, as he drove toward Auburn about 6 p.m. Aug. 11.

But the closer he got, the more he realized this was not a hot air balloon.

In that moment, he became one of several people who got close looks at unidentified flying objects in the Kent-Auburn-Black Diamond area, a hot spot for UFO sightings between Aug. 10 and 15.

Clausing's sighting actually was the second close one in as many days. Several other people reported sightings prior to Aug. 10, but since they were made from afar, they weren't really investigated, said Dale Goudie, executive director of Puget Sound Aerial Phenomena Research (PSAPR) which now is investigating the sightings.

Affiliations

His organization is affiliated with the Mutual UFO Network of Texas and Dr. J. Allen Hynek's Center for UFO Studies and investigates sightings for the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle.

The first close sighting was reported by a couple near the Lake Sawyer area. They were driving with their 6-year-old son about 10:30 p.m. Aug. 10 when they saw an object in the sky that appeared to have searchlights pointing into outer space, said Goudie, noting the direction of the beams was unusual. Then the beams shifted down to the ground. The object looked quite large to the husband, Goudie said. The lights appeared to come closer near Lake Sawyer and the trout farm there and the high tension wires began arcing and making loud noises. Goudie explained that arcing produces a corona effect, but may be caused by dust on the wires.

Car illuminated

The wife wanted to go; the husband wanted to view the object a while longer, Goudie said. But the wife was quite insistent — she was frightened. As the husband turned the car to go, a light illuminated the inside of the car, primarily on the driver's side, "sort of in his face."

Later, the child drew a sketch of what he had seen for the investigators. The most prominent thing he remembered was stationary red lights on the top and the bottom of the object, Goudie said, noting different people may view the same object but remember different things about it. The parents also had noticed the red lights, he said, but to them the beams of light were most prominent.

The next day Clausing, a Maple Valley resident, saw the object which at first resembled a hot air balloon. He first noticed something amiss when the balloon didn't move, even though it was windy. He hurried toward the object, then went into a dip in the road and lost sight of it. When he came out of the dip, he found that the object was only about an eighth of a mile away.

Lozenge-shaped

It was about 100 feet in diameter, lozenge-shaped and metallic. "It wasn't spinning. It was just flying. It may have had a sound, but I didn't hear it. It didn't have any windows or

antennas. I couldn't see any landing gear or markings at all," he said, noting it reflected the sunlight.

Although it must have been at a standstill when he first saw it, he said, when he came out of the dip, it was heading toward Auburn going about 80 mph.

"I looked at it for almost a half a minute in amazement, then it took off like a jet airplane at Sea-Tac. It was going at about that speed above the treetops, following the shape of the land. It accelerated over the crest of the hill and when I got there, it was gone.

"When it accelerated, it was in terms of hundreds of miles an hour, instead of vanishing."

Clausing said seeing the UFO gave him the same feeling you get when you see a Ferrari going down the freeway — "that feeling times 10. It was unmistakably a UFO." It seemed logical that there probably were UFOs, he said, but seeing this one and being close to this one in broad daylight confirmed the possibility. "After I saw it, it changed my perspective of the planet we live on."

Clausing, who is a musician, songwriter and arranger, was classified as a reliable source by PSAPR.

Another strange occurrence Goudie's organization looked into is what he termed a "poltergeist sort of thing." On Aug. 15 at about 11:30 p.m. a Pacific couple were lying in bed in their home near Highway 167 when their bedroom was flooded with a brilliant white light, followed by a bright red light. Goudie noted that the bedroom curtains were red, but said that doesn't explain the white light. At the same time, the couple's children were watching television in another room. When their parents asked them if they noticed anything unusual, the children said there had been a brief disturbance in the television reception.

Pass light over

Goudie said he isn't certain whether the incident has anything to do with UFOs, though he noted that "some of these objects just pass light over. Some of these objects make no noise at all."

Goudie's organization is investigating some other cases reported in the area, he said, but won't reveal the details until the investigations are complete.

Organizations such as the PSAPR receive reports from only a few of the people who actually see objects, Goudie says, noting that over the years, there's been a lot of activity in the Kent-Maple Valley area.

One other sighting — perhaps the most interesting — occurred within the five-day time period, but was in Tacoma, he said. A woman who is an independent producer was on a hillside filming toward the west. Something crossed the view, but she thought it was a bird. When the film was developed, it turned out to be something quite different. It was about 30 feet in diameter, looked a little like a cloud, but was traveling at approximately 1,220 mph, he said. The speed was determined by estimating the distance the object traveled in crossing the view and by punching into the formula the fact that it crossed in four frames time — she was shooting at 30 frames per second.

3 locals report UFO sightings

By Barbara DeWitt

IWV BUSINESS EDITOR

Three Ridgecrest women saw something in the sky Wednesday night and they'd like to know what it was.

According to Gene Schneider, an employee of the Naval Weapons Center in China Lake, she got involved in the sighting when her neighbors, Ardith Turbin and Linda Scott knocked on her door that night at 10:40 p.m.

"Ardith and Linda were both a bit hysterical," explained Schneider, "and they claimed that a white light had buzzed them a few minutes before, as they were

walking west from K mart. They also pointed out a light to me in the northwest sky approximately 35 degrees up, that was changing colors — red and green and occasionally yellow and green."

Schneider, Turbin and Scott observed this second, smaller light for about five minutes using a pair of binoculars. They report that it didn't move or make any sound as the first object did.

Schneider went home, but says she was awakened at midnight by Turbin, who said the light was back again, this time in the northeast.

"I looked at it again with the binoculars," said Schneider, "and

this time it was just partly red and green, with no evidence of the alternation of colors we'd seen before. I watched it for three minutes."

The other two women saw the more spectacular flying object, which they claim was moving fast over their heads and making a swooshing sound. The object was lower than the clouds or lower than an ordinary jet would be. Scott also said that it was visible for about eight seconds as it crossed the entire valley, east to west.

What did it look like? Well, say both Scott and Turbin, it had silver sparkles and spikes. They thought it was a shooting star at first but feel it was too big.

All three of the women are sure they saw something, but just what

the two objects were is a mystery to them.

Ridgecrest Police Station, Inyokern Airport, and Naval Weapons Center's public affairs office say they've received no reports nor do they have any obvious explanation.

A spokesman for the Griffith Park Observatory said that although he didn't know what the objects or lights were by the women's descriptions, he ruled out a meteor. He added that although the planet Jupiter and its bright moons are moving east right now and are very visible, they wouldn't have been visible that late at night.

No one was available for comment at the Tucson, Ariz., office of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization.



ALIEN VISITORS?

Pair awaits second UFO visit

By DIANA DILLABER
Of The Oakland Press

By now, E.T., the ugly little alien who lands on earth in Steven Spielberg's movie, is popular with young and old alike.

The creature, who grows from creepy to lovable as you get to know him, would probably be welcome in the living room of any American who's seen the film named after him.

It hasn't always been that way. The old science fiction movies usually characterized aliens as horrifying and menacing. But more recent movies, like Spielberg's Extra Terrestrial, have given such beings a new image — sensitive and peace-loving.

And belief in the existence of UFO's carrying aliens, like E.T., has grown.

A July Merit Report shows more U.S. citizens believe in extraterrestrial beings than not. A sample of 1,200 adults were interviewed over the telephone three times to come up with the data.

According to the results, half (49 percent) of the nation thinks that unidentified flying objects from outer space have either probably (38 percent) or have definitely (11 percent) visited earth.

On the other hand, almost as many (40 percent) say that they probably have not (25 percent) or definitely have not (15 percent) been here.

"In every group but one, more believed than disbelieved that UFOs have visited earth. The over-50 group is split — 41 to 41 percent, on the alien visitation question," the report said.

UFO 'flap' is coming in 1983-84

Local UFO believers have viewed "E.T.," just as they viewed Spielberg's "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" released in 1977, with great interest.

Some believe such movies are being made to prepare earthlings for en masse visitations of beings from other planets. Others think alien visitors are trying to prevent nuclear destruction.

Oakland County residents who claim to have had UFO encounters of their own say they find much truth buried in the fantasy of both movies — that Spielberg combined facts from actual experiences to make the films.

And they say in 1983-84, when the next UFO "flap" occurs, there will be many more encounters with UFOs — and possibly extraterrestrial beings — in Oakland County and across the country.

The flap — what Ufologists term a period of time when the number of sightings increase tremendously — will follow a pattern of flaps which seem to occur about every 10 years.

The last flap, in 1973-74, saw dozens of reported sightings, especially in the Lake Orion area.

Quietly and with little publicity, much research is going on in the field of Ufology, as it is now termed. Just recently an international conference was held in Toronto with leading researchers and contacts attending.

Turbulent weeks follow experience

A contact is a person who has come in contact with a UFO — from seeing it to being abducted aboard the spacecraft.

One Lake Orion woman, who was among many in the township to cite a UFO during the last flap, is working to set up an organization of "contacts."

Since she sighted a UFO hovering near a tree in her backyard, Lillian Fleischmann has talked to hundreds of others who had similar experiences. Some, more traumatic than her own. She has counseled many through the turbulent weeks and months that she says follow such an experience.

A Lake Orion man, who claimed an experience about the same time, was recently interviewed by an investigator from the Westland division of the New York-based Scientific Bureau of Investigation.

Founders are studying the reports of contacts to determine whether people claiming UFO experiences have similar characteristics or if their reports will give any clues to the reasons for alien contacts with earthlings.

They also use questionnaires, taped interviews and investigators' assessments to determine whether the contact really had an experience. In general, those involved in studying the phenomenon are working hard to make their research acceptable to scientists in the more traditional fields.

Few will report UFO experience

Mrs. Fleischmann says few people who have such an experience will report it to U.S. or local officials. They fear ridicule and disbelief.

Such was the experience of Tom, the Lake Orion man who was recently interviewed by an SBI investigator about his 1973 experience and those that have followed.

Tom, who was pleased to find someone willing to listen to his story, was adamant about not revealing his name. Earlier publicized accountings created problems for his family.

"I waited five days," he says, "I felt as a good American I should tell the police. When I told the officer at the sheriff's department, he started to laugh. He asked me if I'd been drinking."

"I used to think they were all nuts, too," Tom says about people who report seeing UFOs.

"I took my wife and daughter to go shopping that night," he says, relating his first experience. "We shopped at (a small local store). We started home. We were going up a steep grade. Straight ahead was (what he thought was) a real bright star. It seemed peculiar."

"As we drove down Orion Road (the large bright object) began to follow us, then it stopped to the left of me and hovered. It was about a block away — about 1,500 feet ahead. I checked the colors. They were blue, greens and reds."

'It was going like a dive bomber'

"It came down parallel with the car. Then it made a 90-degree turn and started coming towards the car at a 30-degree angle."

"I pulled into the parking lot at the Knights of Columbus Hall. I saw the (craft's) windows when it came over the top of the car. It was going like a dive bomber," says the man, who was in the Navy during WWII.

"My daughter looked to the right to see if she could find it. It was just about then that we noticed the mercury vapor lights (in the lot) start to flicker."

"The (craft's) lights were reflected on the hood. I was going to get out. I looked out the window and it was about 30 feet over the top of the car."

"It was 30 feet in diameter and was rocking like it was on water. Then it moved forward kind of jerky as it got over the hood of the car. Large blue lights went off and on like strobe lights."

"It moved forward, then a green beam of light — about two or three inches in diameter aimed at my head," he says indicating the center of his forehead.

"I put my hand up." Doubting his own perceptions, Tom asked his wife what lights she saw. "She and my daughter acted like they were in a trance."

Sighting made him a lonely man

"It was now 20 feet in front and 30 feet up and kept shining the beam in my face. I had a tingling sensation. My head felt kind of funny. I had a headache for about five days after," he says.

Tom's experience has left him a lonely man, isolated by the experience and the changes he has gone through personally since then. His wife

and daughter now deny it ever happened, he says. Yet, at the time of the incident, his wife was quoted as describing the sighting.

Since then he has had other, perhaps less dramatic experiences.

"One day I was sitting by the window in the (dining area). She (my wife) was in the kitchen. A sphere about the size of a basketball materialized. It was bright white."

"I watched my wife to see if she would see it. In five seconds it went from white to deep blue and back to white. Then it went out in a tremendous flash of light."

"She looked at me and said 'What the hell was that.' I played dumb and she described it."

On another occasion, he says, he and two neighbors saw three spheres of light over his house. At other times, including once in June, he and/or a neighbor have seen UFO's in the sky at night.

'Hard to explain to other people'

Since the first sighting, Tom, who once would have debunked such things, has begun to explore religions and psychic phenomenon.

"There is a definite pattern people go through after an experience," the tool and die maker says. Your I.Q. increases and if you were never psychic before, you become psychic. If you were already psychic, your ability increases.

"Right after my experience I couldn't read enough. Before I never read. I gave away all my guns. I never went hunting again."

"I was brought up in a Presbyterian church, but I had the need to explore other religions. I got to the point where I read people's minds. I was picking up what I didn't want to pick up."

However, it leaves a person doubting his or her own sanity, he and others interviewed said. You question yourself. People stay away from you or ridicule you if you talk about it.

"It's so hard to explain to other people," he says. There are no words to describe such an experience — what you see, what you feel. There are usually no other witnesses.

Two Los Angeles men who related their experience in a recent newspaper article, said they had a sense of panic after the incidents.

"I was shaken to the very foundation," one of them said. "I had a certain concept of the world, and suddenly I was confronted with something that didn't fit into my belief structure."

Many contacts don't remember

As far as Tom knows, he was never abducted into a space craft or had contact with an alien being. However, he says many contacts, remember only seeing a UFO, and don't remember they were taken aboard a ship until after they have been hypnotized and regress back to the time of the experience.

And that's what Elaine Kaiser, public relations director for the Westland SBI, (1-595-4698) says about her own experience. She accompanied the investigator who interviewed Tom at his Lake Orion home recently.

At first, she could remember only a brief portion of her Dec. 10, 1979 abduction. It was only after she had been hypnotized, she says, that she remembered more details of the experience which happened while she was visiting a friend in Rhode Island.

"I went to bed tired. The room was a converted sunporch with the bed along the windows. I turned over and saw a white light — a solid beam. I rolled over."

"I thought I dreamt the experience until I went into hypnotic regression in February 1981. (Paralysis and time loss in a very bright light are common phenomenon in UFO reports).

"I didn't recall too much in the morning. I remembered I was looking toward the window and the light was pulsating."

'I levitated and went up the beam'

Through hypnosis, she remembered, "I levitated and went up the beam. It went from white to blue to green. When I got on board, I felt I was in a force field or cylindrical unit," says the blonde homemaker and part-time instructor of psychic phenomena.

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"A being whom I saw (in a similar experience) as a child gave me something similar to a doctor's office smock to put on. I just put it on. I don't know why. Then I was in the middle of a semi-circular room.

"On one table was a gentleman. I was on the other one. Something was placed around my wrist, over my chest, on my ankles and a unit was attached to my head.

"The unit was attached by wires to the gentleman's head. A cord was inserted into his nasal and attached from him to me. There was a blood exchange until it ran clear.

"If I was uncomfortable, the being would pass his hand over me and I would feel all right. I asked the tall one his name - Tabar. He was a giant. He looked human, oriental with a black metallic suit.

"I asked 'Where are you from?' He said, 'Vector 4 - 2.4 million light years from here.' I asked the little one who he was. He said 'Kelb from Ceres star constellation.'"

Their communication, like most other abductees have reported about aliens, was not vocal but mental.

She later met the man on the table

Their ship was designed to maintain and repair craft outside and within the earth's surface, she says they told her.

Six months after her experience, Mrs. Kaiser says she was setting up a seminar on UFOs at Wayne Westland Community College where she was a teacher for a continuing education program in parapsychology.

The producer of "Taylor Made" a former television talk show, invited her to bring her students to see an interview with a UFO expert.

"As we were going to our seats, I looked at him (the guest) and my knees buckled. I recognized him as the man on the other table in the ship."

Until then thoughts of the "dream" had plagued her but she was not sure whether it had happened or not. And here was the man aboard the ship with her. He looked uncomfortable too, she says.

"After the program we began to talk. He cancelled his flight back to New York. We talked until three in the morning. He remembered a great majority of details of the incident. although he has not been hypnotized to remember it.

Pete Mazzola, the man she describes as being on the other table, is a New York City detective and heads up the SBI which has investigators throughout the U.S. and several other countries.

Aliens chose only certain people

He is scheduled to appear on Channel 7's "Kelly and Company" at 9 a.m. Sept. 1 to talk about recent UFO cases.

The majority of the people involved in the organization are policemen or detectives - many of whom have seen UFOs on their jobs, Mrs. Kaiser explains.

She and Tom believe aliens - wherever they come from, outerspace or other dimensions - choose only certain people for an experience.

In the last two or three years there have been few sightings in Oakland County and the U.S. An unscientific survey of county police departments indicates that the last reported sighting of a UFO was in Holly in the spring or early summer last year.

Investigator Scott Fischer of the Holly Police Department says he and another Holly officer received a call one night from a woman on Holly Road. The Oakland County Sheriff's Department took the official report, says Fischer, but the two Holly officers also went to the scene.

"The lady said (over the telephone) she could see a UFO in her backyard. She was hysterical. The dogs were barking and her mother was barricaded in her bedroom.

"She said it was just above the ground about 100-200 feet away and it was getting closer."

Many sightings are never explained

The officers were skeptical, but felt duty-bound to help the hysterical woman. But when they arrived, they too saw a craft hovering over the trees.

"It went way up until it went toward Seven Lakes Park. It had red lights going up and down and back and forth real fast," Fischer says.

Officers reported the incident to the National UFO Reporting Center, (1-206-722-3000), in Seattle, Wash., which was set up years ago to investigate UFO sightings.

A UFO is an Unidentified Flying Object until investigators can determine what the object is. Many times a reported UFO has been found to be an airplane, a blimp or there is some other logical explanation to rule out an alien aircraft.

'It's so hard to explain to other people.'

- UFO sighter

Robert Gribble, director of the central bureau, says "things have been real quiet in the U.S.A. in the last few years."

She believes she is to bring peace

Investigators always look for physical evidence of a reported UFO landing. In this case it was impossible to document. Quibble says there have been rumors of kidnappings and more recent sightings but none have been reported to his agency.

Professor Alvin H. Lawson, head of the UFO Report Center of Orange County, Calif. cautions there is still no hard evidence of alien visitation.

"I don't believe these experiences are physically real," he says. "But psychologically, they are very real."

Mrs. Kaiser and Tom believe the beings - whether from another dimension or another planet - definitely have some reason for contacting humans.

Mrs. Kaiser believes she has a mission - what it is she's not sure - but in some way she is supposed to help bring peace and love to the earth.

"How can we live with someone green or purple," Mrs. Kaiser asks, "when we can't live with ourselves? We have to clean up our own hearts then we have a chance."

UFO hovers over Elba

2 people saw the same strange glow Thursday night hovering in the sky near Lippencott and Hadley roads in Elba Twp.

And police are calling both reports unofficial UFO sightings.

The object was described as a large star that was constantly changing colors from red, to yellow and then green.

The 1st person to spot it was Marie Stock. She saw it from a bedroom window of her 4744 Lippencott Rd home. She and her husband, Leo, went outside to get a better look.

"We looked at it through binoculars, it was about 10° or 15° above the horizon to the north-northeast," said Stock. "We couldn't hear anything, we could just see it. I don't really know what it could have been. Maybe it was a satellite. I just don't know."

Another woman spotted it about 15 minutes after Stock did. She told sheriff's dispatchers it was large and very bright. She also said it looked like a large star or "some kind of strange airplane." Dispatchers didn't get her name.

The sheriff's department reported the sightings to Bishop Airport in Flint. Nothing was confirmed by controllers there.

Stock said it didn't move and he and his wife watched it for several minutes. He said when he checked on it about a half hour later, it was still there. But about 15 minutes after that, it was gone.

"The night was still clear and you could see all the stars but it was gone," said Stock.

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UFO Reported

An "odd-shaped" object appeared in the sky over Grants Pass Monday night, according to several callers to the police and sheriff's departments.

The object had "numerous lights" and was seen hovering over various parts of the city at about 9:30 p.m., according to a dispatcher for the Grants Pass Police Department.

No report was made to the National UFO Reporting Center, however. The center's telephone number is (206) 722-3000.

JOURNAL, Salina, KS - Sept. 3, 1982 CR: P. Gersten



John Schmiedeler/What Now?

'I know what I saw,' UFO-sighter says

"I know," said Willis H. Hinkson ruefully, "I'm going to be ridiculed. I know lots of people in this town and they're going to call me and say:

"I didn't know you were a drinking man, Skinny.' Or, 'When did you start smoking marijuana?' It's going to be worse than the time I broke my neighbor's window shooting at a dog with a slingshot. Darn dog kept tipping over my bird bath.

"But I know what I saw. Or, rather, I know I saw something. I don't know what it was. And Margie (Mrs. Marjorie Devins) saw it, too. And so did a Mr. Bentz, who said he was from Lincolnville."

According to Hinkson, 73, 920 Cedar, it happened like this:

It was 4:30 p.m. Aug. 20. As is their custom, Hinkson and his longtime fishing partner, Mrs. Devins, were en route to a fishing pond southeast of Salina.

"We went out East Crawford and turned right on a county road just like we always do. About 1 1/2 miles south of

Crawford, Margie said: 'What in the world is that?'

"I slammed on the brakes and we watched.

"Well, it was something, I guess they call them flying saucers. It was on a waving flight path, tipping to one side and then the other. When it tipped one way, we could see the black bottom. The other way, we could see a silver dome.

"And, apparently, when it got to a desired altitude, it flew off in a south-west direction faster than anything I ever have seen.

"I had slammed on the brakes and got out of the car when we first saw it. Up ahead was another car, also stopped. We drove up behind it and a man walked to our car.

"You never saw such a look on a face! He was speechless. I asked if he had seen what we saw. He said he had, said it appeared to come from behind a hill up ahead. He said his name was Mr. Bentz from Lincolnville.

"I'll tell you, the fishing was done for

that day. We - Margie and I - talked about whether we should tell our friends. Nobody would believe us. And Margie said: 'I don't give a damn if they believe us or not, we saw what we saw! It looked like a big Frisbee up in the sky.'

"But a Frisbee has to come down and this thing didn't. I've got pretty good eyesight and good hearing. This thing didn't make a sound when it flew away, not a sound.

"I was an artillery mechanic in a 155 howitzer battery in World War II and I used to stand behind the piece and you could see the shell leave the muzzle. When a shell passed over, you could hear it. This thing never made a sound; there were no lights, no exhaust. What was the propellant?"

"What controlled the thing? I'm not going to say there were little green men inside. That's stupid. But something controlled it.

"What was it doing, anyway? I don't think the Air Force has anything like it. If it came from some other planet, they're 100 years ahead of us."

Hinkson, a retired interior decorator, insists he is not given to exaggeration. "When I catch a two-pound fish, it's still a two-pound fish when I get back to town."

And, he repeated several times, "I'm not a drinking man.

"It's kind of scary. I never saw anything like it. I'm not sure I want to see it again.

"One friend said it is too bad I don't have a picture of it. Why, if I would have had a camera right in my hands, I wouldn't have had presence of mind to take a picture."

In all this, his fishing partner, Mrs. Devins, agrees. Whatever it was and from wherever it came, "We saw what we saw." Now they are wondering if anyone else in the area saw it, too.

"If I had been alone," said Hinkson, "I would never have told anyone, not a living soul.

"As it is, I know I'm going to get calls. 'Skinny, I didn't know you were a drinking man.' Or, 'Skinny, when did you start smoking marijuana?'"

UFOs spotted above Yellowstone near Glendive

By GLORIA GIBSON
Yellowstone Newspapers

"Things that Go Bump in the Night" may summarize the flying objects four people have sighted south of Glendive along the Yellowstone River over a 12-year period.

Oscar Mastvelten and Harry Huotari are the most recent observers of a large, round flying object that displays light more intense than a yardlight. They observed the Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) at 3:30 a.m. Aug. 10 as they camped on a gravel bar approximately 16 miles south of Glendive.

All sightings of this particular UFO were near the Bob Rein farm south of Glendive on Cracker Box Route.

"When sleeping in a sleeping bag, you have to wake up to turn over — which is what I did that morning," Mastvelten said Thursday. "I thought being that I was awake, I might as well look at the sky for satellites. I saw a huge, bright light a mile upstream moving slowly. It looked like a ball. I'm not talking about spaceships or green people or anything like that."

"I hollered at Harry to wake him up to see it," he added. "I told him 'if it is

what I think it is, I'm getting scared.' There was absolutely no sound at all. The animals didn't even make a noise — it was strange."

Huotari's account was similar to Mastvelten's.

"The big, bright object was standing still for awhile and then moved to the left slowly, and to the trees behind us," Huotari said Thursday. "There was no sound to it. It was a perfectly calm night. The birds were singing, then everything quieted. The birds started squawking again afterwards."

Huotari said seeing an unexplainable object did not scare him because he was able to fall asleep again.

The two said they had begun their journey from the Fallon Bridge by boat to hunt for agates and chose that bar as a camp spot. They added that they camped at the same spot again with some other agate hunters twice during the following weeks, but never sighted the object again.

Both said it was the first time they had sighted a UFO and didn't have any opinions on what UFOs are. Neither man reported the incident to law officials, the Federal Aviation

Administration or defense installations.

A brother and sister who live within a half-hour's drive of each other on Cracker Box Route sighted a similar object during the same week 12 years ago.

Bob Rein, an irrigated farmer in the area, said he was in an isolated spot by the Yellowstone one night and the object hovered 75 feet above the ground within 150 feet of him.

"It had flashing lights that reminded me of the color of a firefly flashing," Rein said Friday morning. "At first, I thought it was an airplane that was going to crash into the river and how that guy was in trouble. I waited for it to hit, but nothing hit. It was humongous. There was no motor noise. The dog heard something that I couldn't, because he got all excited."

Rein said the encounter frightened him to the point that he "was still white" when he got to the house.

His sister, Bev Reuther, saw an object matching the description of the one seen by Mastvelten and Huotari during the same week of her brother's incident.

"I was driving home from the Richland County Fair down a country road near the river and everyone was sleeping but me," Mrs. Reuther said. "A real bright light came over the top of the trees and took off across the sky. It was bright like a yardlight, but much brighter. It was just like looking into the sun. It moved real fast — I've never seen anything move that fast."

Later that year — in October — Mrs. Reuther saw another UFO after being awakened by the frantic barking of their dog.

"I was in bed and heard the dog raising Cain," Mrs. Reuther reminisced. "I looked out to see a light hovering above the ground and moving in a circle. It had flashing lights of various colors. I remember there was red and blue light in it."

Before the Mastvelten's and Huotari's sighting, the last UFO incident reported in the county was five years ago, according to Capt. Duane Peterson of the Glendive Police Department. Statewide, there were six incidents of unexplainable lights in the sky in 1981, according to the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash.

What are the standard procedures taken by law and defense officials when an UFO is reported?

Peterson said his men conduct a visual check and then contact the state Emergency Operations Center in Helena, which in turn conducts a radar check to determine what the object is.

At one time, if the Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls was contacted about UFO sightings, they referred the sightings to a special task force at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. The task force was terminated in 1969.

Lt. George Jamison, a U.S. Air Force spokesman for the Pentagon, said Thursday that the Air Force "is not in the business of recording sightings anymore."

He said the Air Force first began studying UFO incidents in 1948, under a project dubbed as "Project Sign." Later, it was known as "Project Grudge," and in 1953, was changed to "Project Blue Book," which was its title until the termination.

"Between 1948 and 1969, the Air

Force investigated 12,618 sightings," according to Lt. Jamison. "Of those, 11,917 were found to have been explainable and 701 remained unexplained.

He said at the end of "Project Blue Book," the task force listed three major findings about all UFO investigations:

—No UFO reported or investigated or evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication to be a threat to national security.

—No evidence was discovered that would indicate unidentified flying objects represent technological development beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge.

—No evidence indicated these were extraterrestrial vehicles.

At the present time, if a defense radar station picks up UFO on its screen within the perimeter of the U.S., personnel try to identify the object by checking logged aircraft flights stored in a FAA computer, Lt. Jamison said. The personnel also attempt to contact the object by radio and if this fails, they "scramble some fighters to take a look."

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UFOs Reportedly Sighted Northeast of Bismarck

Sightings of an unidentified flying object north of Bismarck overnight Friday are unconfirmed, officials said Saturday.

Five people reported to authorities having seen a UFO in the sky northeast of Bismarck.

Deputies from the Burleigh County Sheriff's Department said they received two phone calls from unidentified persons shortly after midnight who said they had sighted an unidentified flying object north of Bismarck near the Missouri River.

The third call came late Saturday morning from a man who said he had seen a UFO during the night, deputies said.

Bismarck police also received two calls overnight from people who said they sighted a UFO. It was not known if the calls received by the two departments were from

the same people.

All five callers reported seeing an object with two red lights stacked on top of each other, authorities said.

Deputies patrolling the area near the river did not see anything unusual, the department said.

Neither department made any official reports of the phone conversations.

Federal Aviation Administration officials in Bismarck and Minneapolis said that pilots flying in the area reported no unusual occurrences overnight.

A controller at the Bismarck tower, and an official at the Air Route Traffic Control Center in Farmington, Minn., just south of Minneapolis, said no UFO sightings were reported.

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COURIER, Prescott, AZ — Sept. 28, 1982

Let's swap, or else

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The letter to the Kennedy Space Center contained a request — and a warning.

"Two sharp guys from New Jersey want to trade photographs of UFOs for a ride aboard the space shuttle," said the missive, quoted by Rocky Raab, space center public information officer.

The request reflected increasing national interest in space travel, but also contained a warning that unless the two seats were reserved aboard a future flight, the letter writers would take their pictures of Unidentified Flying Objects to the Soviet Union.

"It's quite a pitch, but I'm afraid we're going to have to turn them down just like we do all the others," Raab said, declining to identify the writers. "At least they're different."

The men, who said they had about 40 photographs of the last lunar eclipse that supposedly showed UFOs, apparently were serious, Raab said.

If the two men turn up on a Soviet spaceship, the Kennedy Space Center will know it missed something, he added.

CR: W. Moore

sky a mystery Lights in area

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SCHENECTADY — Was it a light? Was it a sparking power line? Or was it really a UFO?

Officials in Schenectady and Albany counties reported receiving numerous calls Sunday night from people who believed they had spotted an unidentified flying object.

Schenectady police reported receiving a call around 10:30 p.m. from a woman who saw flashing orange lights in the sky. Another call was received at the Albany County Airport tower, and three similar calls were made to the airport's flight service division.

"We got a report around 9:20 p.m. from someone who saw lights in the shape of a V that opened up," a spokeswoman at the airport said. Airport personnel told callers there was nothing they could do about the sightings.

YOU'RE GONNA THINK I'M CRAZY BUT...

By J. Kingston Pierce

Let's say you've seen an unidentified flying object. Maybe you stood on the porch one night and watched strange lights dance back and forth across the Big Dipper. Perhaps the experience was more exciting. A weird glow in an open field? Discs hovering over a mountain lake? A cigar-shaped craft that dove toward your house at high speed, then just before impact . . . vanished?

What would you do if any of these things happened to you? Chances are you wouldn't tell many people about it. They probably would think you were some kind of ranking banana, and maybe a Bigfoot groupie, to boot.

After some 30 years of bad publicity, the growth and death of more than a dozen UFO-related religions and U.S. Air Force statements denying the existence of flying saucers and alien intelligences, these ubiquitous aerial phantoms have earned a spot in the credibility corner right up there next to Christmas pixies and succubi. Consequently, there may be hundreds of Northwesterners who have seen nocturnal lights or daytime discs but kept it to themselves.

But it isn't always that easy to ignore UFO sightings. Especially for individuals who have had those by-now famous close encounters of the third kind, people who think they may have been somehow contacted by alien humanoids.

"They think they're going crazy," said Dan Edwards, founder of the UFO Contact Center in Seattle, "and they usually have no one to talk with about it."

Edwards and his wife, Aileen, established the center in their home in 1981 to help these "contacts" readjust to life and cope with their peculiar encounters.

"The whole direction of the center is to find contacts and put them in touch with each other," Edwards explained. Through group therapy, center leaders "try to stabilize people, without altering what they feel. We want them to understand that there are others like them, and that it's just as alien — if you'll pardon the phrase — to them as it is to everyone else."

There's nothing particularly odd in the fact that a UFO contact center should find a home in this part of the country. After all, the Pacific Northwest has long had a role in the international UFO controversy. Oregon, Washington and Idaho accounted for 6 percent of the unexplained American sightings catalogued in the U.S. Air Force's much-maligned Blue Book from 1952 until the project was scrubbed in 1969. One of the most reputable UFO photos was taken by a Willamette Valley farmer. The term "flying saucer" was coined by a Pendleton newspaper reporter in a story about Kenneth Arnold, a Boise, Idaho, businessman who, while piloting a private plane near Mount Rainier in 1947, witnessed a "tremendously bright flash" some 20 miles or more off his port wingtip. Arnold watched as the "flash" became a string of metallic disc-shaped objects, which he said flew erratically, like saucers thrown into the air.

Many of the UFO sightings in these parts have occurred near McMinnville, along the southern coast of Oregon and around Toppenish Ridge, long a source of bizarre legends, in the midst of eastern Washington's Yakima Indian Reservation. There have been stories from other locations, including one about Air Force jets chasing a high-climbing saucer into the clouds above Redmond, and another about Independence Day celebrants who watched nine "white discs or globes" dance a zig-zag display above Portland's Oaks Amusement Park in 1952. In 1977, investigators found a large circular impression in the grass where a 9-year-old Harrah, Wash., boy said he'd seen two odd aircraft land and disgorge their humanoid occupants.

The region continues to attract alleged UFOs, enough to make the Seattle therapy center one of the busiest of 15 nationwide.

Not all of the people who visit the center have had UFO experiences — some go just out of curiosity — but most of 30 or so who attend monthly meetings and the 15 to 20 who take part in weekly drop-in sessions relate unusual stories.

There's a woman who remembers aliens regularly removing her from her childhood crib. Another woman mentions waking up from a nap once with the feeling that someone else was in her house, but all she recalls of the period following was seeing a strange "leg" and then passing out. When she awoke again, there was no one around.

Ron Chaput, 36, who recently took over from Dan Edwards as director of the center, said he was driving home from a machinist's union meeting in August when he witnessed "two lights about 150 feet apart right above me." He thought they marked jets — until they moved together and darted off as one.

Aileen Edwards' first encounter in 1953 sounds like a scene straight out of "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." While driving around midnight on a country road near Pendleton, the car in which she was riding was surrounded by a bright green almost-neon light. It followed the car for 5 or 6 miles before disappearing as mysteriously as it had appeared.

Dan Edwards' personal introduction to UFOs came just a few years ago when he woke up one night to find "three beings coming through the door." Then he passed out. In the morning, the only signs of anything strange were a small puncture wound in his left arm and a crushed toe on a new leather shoe lying near the bed.

Jean Grover, a 52-year-old secretary from Everett, Wash., claims she had her first close encounter when she was living in Chicago in 1960.

It was late, and Grover was driving on a secondary road when "over the trees comes a UFO straight toward me." She pulled off the road to watch the approaching pattern of lights, and that was the last memory of the incident she had for years. Through hypnosis later, she said, she learned that she was "beamed up (to the ship). They checked me out, and I was able to observe their instrument board. There was a (monitor) screen and I could observe parts of the ship on it, and there was one individual — I just saw one — who was about four feet tall with very large eyes. He looked kind and I wasn't afraid." Grover listed other UFO sightings she's had, including one just a few weeks ago, but said this was the only one that involved personal contact — as far as she knows.

In UFO circles, there's a theory that if you've even seen a UFO, you've actually had a one-on-one contact with aliens, whether you remember it or not, Chaput said. However, he added that he has not found adequate support for such a hypothesis.

Some contacts go through two-week periods during which they sleep, yet seem not to rest. Stories are told of beds shaking before their occupants fall asleep, strange beeping noises at night and unusual dreams relating to UFOs or alien intelligence.

Many contacts mention odd incidents from their youth. "I remember some beings when I was small, maybe 5 or 6 (years old)," Chaput said. He has the vague memory of his father's car breaking down on a road one night. His father told him later that Chaput, who had been asleep, suddenly woke up and insisted there were beings nearby.

Most of the people who seek help from the UFO Contact Center — now located in Chaput's home — are experiencing stress, although they may not understand its cause. They have an inexplicable compulsion to investigate UFO information. Sometimes, they have periods of what Aileen Edwards termed "missing time," periods that can't be fully accounted for, and that confuse them. This confusion, she said, often leads to such serious disorders as anorexia nervosa and serious depression.

Because contacts often do not remember encounters, hypnosis and a series of questions often are employed to determine if the cause of these disorders is a nagging memory of alien visitation trying to pass from subconscious to conscious levels.

The questions are aimed at finding similarities between a new subject's experience and those who have been treated before: Have you had shoulder pain that comes and goes? Have you had unusual puncture wounds or geometric marks on your body? Do you often cry for no reason? Have you ever tried suicide? Have you seen unexplainable lights in your bedroom? Have you noticed what might be a sudden development of extrasensory perception? More to the point: Have you been visited at home by aliens?

Contacts tend to have similar answers to these questions. But the most bizarre similarity is the response to the simple question, "Is it time?" Without taking time to think, without asking "time for what?" contacts typically answer an instinctive "Yes."

What does all this mean? To the skeptic it's just so much mumbo-jumbo from the twilight zone. But to people at the UFO Contact Center, the answers are becoming more clear every day.

Dan and Aileen Edwards are cautious about elaborating too much about their beliefs, fearing they will not be taken seriously. However, they indicate that contacts believe they are being "summoned" for some reason. They think that those contacted, either physically or psychically, during the night — as many are — may have been removed from their homes for "education" of some kind; hence, those periods of sleep without rest.

Contacts often become inexplicably knowledgeable about natural foods and herbs, "things they can use on a survival basis," Edwards said, quickly adding that "this isn't related to the usual survivalists," which he equates with doom and fear. Edwards also is cautious when talking about the affinity many contacts express for "God, the creator," and their beliefs in reincarnation. He doesn't want his work confused with that of the Aetherius Society, Unarius — Science of Life, or any of the other UFO religions that survived the 1960s.

"We're very concerned that we don't look like nuts out here in the wilderness," Edwards said. "Each newspaper and magazine that talks to us reaches that many more people. If we don't sound credible, we've lost some possible contacts."

Many contacts experience an unexplainable need to move to the Rocky Mountain states. Following their own inner urges, the Edwardses recently moved to Wyoming where they plan to open a centralized center for contacts. They expect to see many troubled individuals over the next few years, people who can't talk easily about their experiences, who have suppressed their stories for fear of public ridicule and who have become depressed, alcoholic or suicidal in the process.

Why the Rockies? Some soothsayers claim that E.T. & Co. are on their way to Earth, either as new friends or returning ancient astronauts, and likely would choose high mountains for landing sites. Others say Armageddon is at hand and that the high lands will be the best place to survive.

The only question remaining: Is it time?

If your answer is yes, you may want to contact the UFO Contact Center, P.O. Box 78378, Seattle, WA 98171. ■

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U.F.O.s over Newfoundland

It was inevitable, in this series, that we would come to our own Flying Saucer stories, and indeed we have our share. Every country in the world have reported sightings of these U.F.O.'s and a great number of cults have grown up around them.

Are there really aliens from outer space, flashing through our skies, keeping an eye on us? Do people really get "zapped up" to these saucers for physical and mental examinations, as has been suggested by people under hypnosis? Who are the so-called Men in black one reads so much about in flying saucer magazines, who visit persons who have sighted the saucers, and warn them against talking to much?

Corner Brook is a favorite haunt of the elusive flying saucer. Reports from that place, from time to time, has pinpointed these space ships as being seen near the Blomidon Country Club and even over the paper mill out there. Cigar shaped objects have been known to glide over that paper-making town as though some Martian historian were tracing our present activities in resources and commerce.

The safest way to report on U.F.O. activities is to have an interview with persons or representatives of the law, such as policemen on duty who are informed of a sighting and then must go and check it out and report what was going on. If the law didn't do this they would be remiss in their duties, so when a U.F.O. is reported by the law it is generally written up by local newspapers and given TV and radio coverage. The academics and scoffers must then deal with the authorities, who, more often than not, are forced to make grudging, embarrassed confirmations of such sightings, or encounters...Such an incident occurred here in Newfoundland on Thursday Oct. 26, 1978 when the RCMP detachment in Clarendville answered a call at 1:45 a.m. from two people who reported seeing a stationary object with flashing blue lights with red tones in it, directly over Random Island at an altitude about two or three thousand feet. Constable Jim Blackwood took the call and immediately took the RCMP telescope and went to the homes of the persons who had called. He could not set up the telescope there so he returned to the RCMP detachment office and set it up there.



STRANGE TALES OF MYSTERY

Joan Horwood

The telescope which has a magnification of a maximum of sixty thousand was placed on fifty thousand and he pointed it to the sky in the direction of the object. He reported the following:

It was an oval-shaped object about the size of a DC 8, but it was definitely not a plane because it didn't have wings. It had blue flashing lights at the front and back and red and white lights apparently from the same protusion on the object. He wasn't sure what it was these lights emanated from, but it was in the centre of the object.

Constable Blackwood watched the oval-shaped object for about forty-five minutes, after which it started to rise; then it went straight up and disappeared. Later a spokesman from the RCMP said that a report of the incident was filed with the National Research Council of Canada.

No doubt Constable Blackwood experienced quite an ordeal after this sighting with regards to his descriptions of what he saw. When the experts came to talk to him, they obviously didn't believe he saw what he saw, because afterwards, a spokesman for the RCMP in Clarendville stated publicly. "We're beginning to wish we didn't see the bloody thing." The subject is just too touchy in this old world of ours.

UFO stopped car

RECENTLY, I published the testimony of two terrified West Australian businesswomen, whose car was pursued for almost 100 kilometres by a spinning UFO.

Now, a similar object had reportedly buzzed a motorist near Highclere, Tasmania.

The driver (who has asked that his name be withheld) told investigators he saw the craft at about 7.30pm on July 7, near the old Hampshire railway yards.

He said: "It was hovering about six metres above a paddock.

"It looked a bit like a helicopter but had no blades. There was a blue sort of haze surrounding it, and there seemed to be an exhaust glare.

"While it hovered, a roadside fence seemed to give off electrical charges.

"My car is near-new and has no history of breakdowns. But when the object appeared the car lost power and came to a halt.

"After a few seconds the UFO faded away noiselessly to the west. I was then able to re-start the car and drive home.

"The UFO scared me... I just didn't know what it was."

Since I co-founded Victoria's UFO Research Society in 1957, I have interviewed dozens of witnesses who claimed their cars, TV or radio sets broke down when these mysterious objects appeared.

Most investigators believe UFOs, of an extraterrestrial origin, emit some kind of force field which interferes with electrical circuits.

These interferences do not usually result in injury although some cases of disappearance have been attributed to the interference of UFOs.

If you have had any kind of super-normal experience, John Pinkney wants to hear from you. Write to John at PEOPLE, PO Box 156, Chippendale NSW 2003.

Pix-people, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia - Aug. 24, 1982

STAR PHOENIX, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada - Aug. 25, 1982

A MISSISSAUGA, Ont., orange-juice salesman doesn't have to go too far to seek out extraterrestrials — one knocked on his front door in this community just west of Toronto three months ago. "They're extraterrestrials and (they) are sinister in their appearance," Tom Grey told a three-day conference on uni-

dentified flying objects in Kitchener, Ont. "One knocked on the door and he had pure white skin and red lips." He went on to describe the space visitors: "They wear black suits, black hats and drive black Cadillacs and they all look identical. I would say they are clones." Grey said his 10-year-old daughter answered the door and the visitor left after being told Grey wasn't home.

Evening News, Worcester, England - Aug. 17, 1982

Mystery object splits in two

A MYSTERIOUS cigar-shaped UFO was spotted over Worcester last night.

The brightly coloured object "grew and grew" before splitting into two.

"When they split, they went off in two different directions and disappeared, said an eye witness, sixteen-year-old Christopher Whippe.

Christopher of Whitehouse Close, Worcester, spotted the object at Lower Wick at about 10.10 p.m.

"I've never seen anything like it before," he said. "It was eerie — like something out of 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind.'

"It was at a great height; it must have been something larger than a jumbo jet," he said.

Mini UFO spotted at pool

HOUSEWIFE Elizabeth Isaacs believes she may have spotted a mini-UFO flying above Peterborough Regional Swimming Pool.

The mystery object — described as only twice the size of a tennis ball — was seen late on Sunday evening, hovering about ten feet above the roof of the pool, in Fengate.

Mrs Isaacs, of 68 Kesteven Walk, Peterborough, said she saw it as she was drawing her bedroom curtains before going to bed.

She said: "I was amazed. I saw a bright white light. It was about twice the size of a tennis ball and hovering just ten feet above the roof of the pool.

"It was a sphere-shaped object."

As Mrs Isaacs was watching it, the object suddenly gave off a red glow, she said.

"Then the edges seemed to flatten until it became disc-shaped and it shot off out of sight at fast speed."

A pool spokesman said there was nothing on the roof that could have caused the phenomenon.

"The only thing I can think of even like that could have been someone on the roof or fire escape with a torch," she said.

"But if the glow was seen ten feet above the roof, that seems unlikely."

South Wales Argus, Newport, England - Aug. 14, 1982

And the next object is... a mystery

A BRIGHTLY coloured moving mystery object in the Gwent skies had bewildered both police and local residents.

The UFO — described as bright red and green with bands of light splaying outwards from a central point — was spotted hovering over Markham.

For two hours Mr David Edwards, of Coedy-Brain House, Aberbargoed, together with family, neighbours and police called to the scene watched the object.

"It hovered for quite a while very high up and then shot off very fast," said Mr Edwards.

He telephoned Rhose Airport who said that they knew of no aircraft in the area when the mystery object was spotted between 11.30pm and 1.30am.

"There was one central object with bits shooting from it," said Mr Edwards.

"I was watching with binoculars. About six people must have seen it altogether. I would never have believed it if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes.

Inspector Graham George of Bargoed police confirmed that one of his men had watched the object. Its origins were a mystery, he said.

Oldham Evening Chronicle, Lancashire, England - Aug. 16, 1982

UFO HUNT CENTRES ON SADDLEWORTH

UFO sleuth David Bezer is trying to solve the mystery of a shining object which has been spotted several times in Saddleworth.

The bright, cylindrical-shaped object, has been seen on six occasions high at the side of the Wharfton television mast at Grasscroft.

Reflecting

"It's certainly very baffling. We have no idea what the object is," said 38-year-old David, an official investigator with the British UFO Society.

It was first spotted by a 77-year-old Uppermill man in April, and its last sighting was just before 3 a.m. on May 28.

New David, of Stephens

Road, Stalybridge, is anxious to trace anyone else who may have seen the mystery object.

"We have made exhaustive checks which have ruled out aircraft or the possibility of a star reflecting on the mast.

"On at least two occasions, the object hovered by the tower for about 20 minutes before moving away.

"It has been spotted from Uppermill and Mossley, and I would like to contact anyone who may have seen the shape," he added.

"It is completely unexplained. The more information we can get, the better."

David can be contacted on 358 6068.

More UFO reports

Evening News, Worcester, England - Aug. 18, 1982

TWO more sightings of a mystery UFO have been reported in Worcestershire.

Mrs Rosemary Hughes was out with her dogs in the orchard at High Trees Farm, Lenchwick, near Evesham, when the ground near her feet started to glow.

The four dogs were also bathed in an orange light and looked up at her in alarm.

"I looked into the sky and there was a big fireball going overhead with a smaller object just behind," said Mrs Hughes. "It was radiating a glow from an orange halo around the centre which seemed to be burning with a white heat.

"It took a few seconds to pass by and then suddenly disappeared."

Fruit picker Mr Richard Baldwin, of Henry Street, Evesham, was standing nearby. "He came over and described exactly what I had just seen," Mrs Hughes said.

The first sighting of the UFO was reported at 10.10 p.m. by Christopher Whippe of Whitehouse Close, Worcester. He saw a brightly-coloured cigar-shaped object which grew in size before splitting in two.

Mrs Hughes told the authorities at RAF Churchdown in Gloucestershire, who took a statement to pass on to officials in London.

A spokesman at Edgbaston Observatory in Birmingham said today that he could not identify the shape. But he added: "It was a clear night and they could well have seen something."

Our children also sighted object in sky say families

THERE have been more reports of the mysterious airborne object seen over Northampton at the weekend.

Mrs. Annette Rolfe did not believe her children when they said they had seen an unidentified flying object over the town. And Mr. David Boniface did not believe his children when they also reported a UFO.

But both parents feel it is more than a coincidence that a similar object was spotted over Northampton by Mr. Peter Rainbow, as reported in the Chronicle and Echo.

Lorraine Rolfe (11) was outside the Deer's Leap pub in Bellinge with her sisters Jeanette (10) and Teresa (14) when they spotted the mystery object in the sky at about 11 p.m. on Saturday.

Lorraine, of 31 Kingscroft Court, Bellinge, said: "It had about five lights on it and a ring of lights round it."

"It was moving slowly and we saw it for about five minutes. I was very frightened."

"We told my mum and dad but they did not believe us until they saw the story in the paper."

Jason Boniface (12) was camping in his garden at 2 Riverside Court, Kilsingbury with his brother, Simon (10) and their friend, Simon Massingham (12) when he saw what he first thought was a shooting star.

"It was round and had five different lights. It was moving very fast—20 seconds later it was gone," said Jason.

Mr. Boniface said: "The lads reported seeing an object in the sky at about 11 p.m. on Sunday, but I said it could not possibly be true."

"I just dismissed it until I read the story in the Chronicle and Echo."

Mr. Mark Brown, of the British UFO Research Association, commented: "It sounds from the descriptions given that we can rule out the object being a conventional aircraft."

Another mystery in skies 'Terrific light' stuns pensioner

Report: JO HARTLEY

ANOTHER strange object has been reported in the Macclesfield skies.

The latest sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object was during the early hours of Friday morning over Byron Street near to the Central School Annex.

The time 1.30 a.m. and a 63-year-old woman living alone is stunned by the sight of pink searchlights beaming directly into her kitchen window.

The woman who suffers from insomnia as a result of chronic bronchitis was making a cuppa at the time. She wants her identity kept secret for fear of mockery from friends and neighbours.

LENGTH OF BUS

She describes the heavenly body: "There were about eight pink lights in a sort of semi circle about the length of a bus," she says. "It hovered for about 20 minutes just above the trees by the annexe before it moved off in the direction of the airport. But it wasn't a plane..."

"I can't get it out of my mind. At first I thought I was hallucinating. I don't drink. You read about these things but you don't expect to see them. It was the terrific light that unnerved me."

"It was full moon at the time, virtually broad daylight and I could see the sheds and all the back gardens."

UFO INVESTIGATOR

Alan Bramhill, British UFO Society investigator, this week visited the home of Mr. Grahame Evans in Springfield Road, the witness to last week's appearance of a heavenly body, to question him about his experience.

Mr. Evans spotted a saucerlike object twinkling in the sky above the Hanging Gate, Sutton Common last week. Alan describes Mr. Evans' experience as a "Close Encounter of the First Kind" — a nocturnal light.

The British UFO Society has he says, entered the computer age and is now using new techniques to analyse sightings. Alan would like to hear from anyone who thinks he or she has spotted a UFO and who has so far been reluctant to come forward. You can reach him through the Express Advertiser.

UFO spotted over town

MR. PETER Rainbow did not really believe in unidentified flying objects until he saw one hovering above the Express Lift's tower in Northampton.

But now, after his son Peter (16) and he concentrated on the mysterious space saucer through a pair of field glasses from a bedroom window, he is not so sure.

"It couldn't have been an aircraft because we saw it turning round before it suddenly shot off," said Mr. Rainbow (43), who is unemployed and lives in Greenwood Road, Northampton.

Mr. Rainbow feels certain some other Northampton sky watchers might have seen the mysterious object around 11.00 pm on Sunday.

He described the spaceship as about 160 feet in diameter with five bright lights at the base. At one point he saw the centre of the base come down and it looked as if another craft emerged.

CHRONICLE & ECHO, Northampton, England - Aug. 24, 1982

Winning yacht crew see flying saucers

VICTORIOUS crew of the Ocean Youth Club ketch Samuel Whitbread, who were presented with the Echo Uffa Fox Trophy at Hombie, also made a sighting of seven "flying saucers" over the channel during a week of racing.

The Channel race with the other two Hamble-based OYC yachts, Sir Thomas Sopwith and Scott Bader Commonwealth, was preceded by a local race around the buoys in the Eastern Solent in which Whitbread proved a decisive winner.

In the second race across the Channel to Cherbourg, Whitbread made a dramatic start and was again 12 minutes ahead of her nearest rival when she reached port.

After a day in Cherbourg the three yachts left the French port on the evening tide to cruise in company to Alderney Channel Islands — when they saw the U.F.O.s.

LIGHTS

"It was a beautiful moonlit night, with bright stars and a gentle norwesterly breeze," says Paul Alenson, skipper of the Samuel Whitbread.

"When we were just out of Cherbourg, we saw a string of seven bright orange lights hovering above the horizon," he said, "They couldn't have been made by any other vessel. They were quite high up in the air. They flickered, very bright intense orange colour, and always in a straight line."

He said they were not helicopters nor aeroplanes, which have different characteristics. So the only explanation they were left with was the "Flying Saucer" phenomena. "One of them moved

across the others, then they all disappeared. I have never seen anything like it in my sailing career," he added.

Skipper Alenson thought that all three yachts had seen them, but at the prizegiving in the Hamble River Sailing Club I could only get the confirmation from the Whitbread crew whose boat had sailed fairly close inshore to cheat the tide.

All the Whitbread crew saw them. One girl described them as bright red, and one young man said that one theory was that they were reflections from Oberbourg, Bosun, Bob Me, of Conifer Avenue, Lower Parkstone, Poole, said: "There were seven or eight lights floating in the sky, flickering on and off."

LEYLAND GUARDIAN, Lancashire, England - Sept. 9, 1982
DON'T THINK US CRACKERS —

Family terrified by UFOs

Saturday night viewing was a little bit more exciting than usual for the Martland family.

It was not that they had their eyes glued to the box however, but rather to . . . three flying saucers circling their house.

Encounters of a space ship kind, on a lonely spot, far from civilisation would have

made perfect material for a science fiction movie.

IN CIRCLE

But to the Martland family it is all fact. Explaining their "terrifying" viewing, Mrs. Hilda Martland said: "My husband was unloading straw, when he thought he was seeing things."

"He called me out. And there right in front of us, were three oblong shaped U.F.O.s."

"I was really frightened. It was difficult to believe. They just circled our house, which is in an isolated place. The moon was giving them a shine."

NO JOKE

For 15 minutes Mrs. Martland, her husband, William and daughter Jean (14) watched in amazement. "I kept thinking 'they would go away,'" she said. "We'd go in the house, and come out again, and they would still be there."

"We haven't told anyone about it, because they would think we were crackers. But when I read in an evening newspaper that U.F.O.s had been sighted in the area, someone probably saw the same thing."

The family, who live on Midge Hall Lane, are now no longer treating U.F.O.s as a laughing matter.

WONDER . . .

"Thirty years ago I know someone who talked a lot about U.F.O.s," added Mrs. Martland. "It used to be a real laugh, because I didn't believe a word, but now . . ."

Jean, a pupil at Worden High School certainly had something to tell her friends, when she went back to school. "I think she has told everyone," said Mrs. Martland.

"I just wonder if anyone else saw anything."

DAILY EXPRESS, London, England
Sept. 25, 1982

Riddle of UFO at the palace

By ROY CARSON in Stockholm

OFFICIALS are refusing to comment on reports of a flying saucer landing on the lawns at Stockholm's royal palace.

A "reliable" national service guardman spotted the brilliantly lit UFO when he was on duty late one evening.

He reported it to his commander but King Carl Gustaf and Queen Silvia who were in the palace at the time were not told until much later.

Guardman Per Troell said: "There was a tall fin. There could have been windows, I'm not certain. There were no wings . . . and no noise."

"Immediately it landed, it rose and flew away again. I didn't know what to do. I thought everyone would laugh at me."

Strange object flies past

A SOUTHAMPTON family were left shaken and stunned after a strange object flew past their home at about 9.30am this morning.

The black doughnut-shaped object flew soundlessly over the Alexander family's home at West End Road, Bitterne, heading in a north-easterly direction and maintaining a constant height and speed.

"Sometimes it would flip over and we could see the hole or concave part in the middle," said Mrs. K. Alexander.

Mrs. Alexander, who was alerted to the strange object by her 12-year-old daughter, said the object was too small to have been a plane or a helicopter.

"I would just like to know if anyone else saw anything like the thing we saw," she said.

SOUTHERN EVENING ECHO, Southampton, England - Sept. 1, 1982

DORSET EVENING ECHO, Weymouth, England - Sept. 4, 1982

Mystery Objects Plunge From Sky

Ankara

Two unidentified objects fell out of the sky Thursday and crashed in the central Anatolian plateau with an explosion that could be heard miles away, the newspaper *Hurriyet* said yesterday.

Official sources said the two round objects, each weighing about 22 pounds, exploded on impact 1½ miles from the village of Uluagac after being seen flying over the town of Nigde.

Hurriyet said villagers ran out of their houses in panic after the explosion. No casualties were reported.

Hurriyet said the objects dug one-foot holes in the ground and the explosion burned vegetation around the holes.

The regional military commander, Captain Ertekin Iscan, said the objects were dug up and sent to Ankara for examinations, *Hurriyet* reported.

"They were mysterious, sphere-like objects, the size of a small gas container, and had holes open through them.

"They were empty and might have fallen from a plane," Iscan said.

Nigde, a central Turkish town, has been a center for Unidentified Flying Object watchers since the first alleged sightings last year by about 300,000 people.

NEWS WORLD, New York, NY - Sept. 18, 1982

Report strange fabric from UFO

A current issue of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) Bulletin (no. 8) has an article on "Strange Material" that was inspected by a member of the organization.

According to the Bulletin, in the early '50s, a plate-shaped, metallic colored object crashed near an Argentine village populated by Indians. A few days later, the occupants of the craft started to barter with the local inhabitants for water and food. When they left, they gave the Indians the container which they used to carry water in.

"This container was shiny, soft, pliable, weightless (or approximately so) and could be crumpled, hammered, etc., but always returned to its original shape," reported the Bulletin.

The report of the crash leaked out of the area and was investigated by a journalist who somehow got the container from the Indians and took it back to Buenos Aires with him. Stories about the crash appeared in the press, but suddenly stopped and the container was confiscated by the

Argentine Army.

In 1963 the APRO member, who worked in the American military-industrial complex, examined some material that resembled the material given to the Indians. "The material, he said, was being manufactured by the 3M Company under a contract with the Honeywell Company. He also claimed that the material was being used on a classified project for NASA," said the Bulletin.

"Our informant said that at first glance, the material he examined appeared to be aluminum or lead foil. When handled, it felt like plastic, it would not tear, and when stretched very taut between two vises and struck with a two pound hammer, the hammer bounded back as though it had struck a trampoline.

"The material could be crumpled into a ball, but if left alone, would return to its original state (flat, absolutely smooth) within 6 seconds.

"At the end of the work day during which he examined this material, he folded it into a 1½ inch square and placed it under 20 tons pressure, and

left it overnight. The next day, when taken out of the press, and allowed to lie at rest, it once again took its original form."

"Although the material could be stretched, it returned to its original shape in seconds, yet it could be cut very easily with a razor blade. It was about 4 mil. thick, but its weight was practically nothing," said the article. The Bulletin also indicates that the material is described on page 9 of a report by William B. Moore, entitled "The Roswell Incident—Update and Conclusion," which was delivered at the UFO Ohio Symposium in Cleveland, Ohio in June, of '81. (Copies are available from APRO for \$3.50.)

APRO asked the question whether the United States obtained samples of the material confiscated by the Argentine military in the 1950s. They speculate that the 1950s Argentinian material is related somehow to the 1963 material. They also speculate that the Cash-Landrum case represents an "experimental UFO-like aircraft manufactured right here on Earth (emphasis in the original) — in these United States!"

CLOSE ENCOUNTER FOR TWO BOBBIES

By IAN CAMERON

TWO young policemen told yesterday how they had a close encounter at dawn with a UFO.

Constables Simon Holder and Tim Banks, both 23, said the mystery object landed before shooting off at incredible speed. Simon

'Dawn landing' riddle of multi-coloured spaceship

said: "We have taken a lot of ribbing from our colleagues but we were wide awake at the time and hadn't touched a drop." They

reported the sighting to their senior officers at Monmouth, Gwent.

Chief inspector Keith Harris said: "I don't doubt what they saw for a moment.

The bobbies were on patrol at Monmouth when they spotted a strange light in the sky at 4 a.m.

Simon said: "It was about the size of a star and flickered blue and

white with red flashes."

The bobbies saw two red lights fall to the ground.

There was a flash where they landed and then a blue light soared from the ground into the sky and vanished.

The area was searched but no trace of a landing was found.

Simon added: "The object couldn't have been a plane because it was hovering at times, and not a helicopter because when it moved off it went at incredible speed, faster than any jet."

DAILY MIRROR, London, England - Sept. 25, 1982

MYSTERY OF LIGHTS NEAR CASTLE RUIN

MYSTERIOUS lights in the night sky have left a Highfields family wondering what they were.

Birmingham Airport meteorologists could offer no explanation for the red, green and white glow which hovered in the sky near Stafford Castle for two hours on Sunday.

The lights were seen by the Merritt family of Tennyson Road, Stafford from 10.30pm to after midnight. A policeman too saw the strange phenomenon.

Dorothy Merritt said she first saw the glow when her 19-year-old daughter, Michelle, pointed it out, after coming home with her boyfriend.

"There was a really bright white glow over towards the castle," said Mrs Merritt. "Later it had a red and green light with it."

"It looked round, like a ball and it didn't move for a long time. Then it moved just a little bit towards the town."

Mrs Merritt's other daughter Mandy, aged 15, and son Anthony, aged 11, also watched the light with binoculars.

"They got quite excited," she said.

PLANE

After a while they told the police and a constable came round.

"He saw the same thing too," said Mrs Merritt.

"All I want to know is what it was. It couldn't be a plane because it stayed still and I don't think it was a helicopter either because it was there for so long."

"I wouldn't say I had seen a flying saucer, but I'd love to know what it was."

"We know nothing about it," said a spokeswoman for Birmingham Airport meteorological office. "We can't explain it."

TRANSLATIONS

CREDIT: Jane Thomas (Translation Credit: R. Girard)

- 1) City and country of incident: Santiago del Estero, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: April 7, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: LA RAZON, April 14, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

HUGE, SLOW-MOVING UFO OVER SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO

Santiago del Estero — A UFO, behaving differently than other "unidentifieds" which cross the skies, in the sense that it traveled slowly, was seen in June Pozo, in Villa San Martin, Loreto, according to reliable sources.

Among those who saw the object were Cristóbal Soria, José Chazarette and also Soria's son, who is an adult. Around 9:30 p.m. local time, as the three were on the road between Villa San Martin and June Pozo, they spotted the craft, which was of an elongated form, great dimensions, and which contained several windows illuminated in strange colors of varying intensity. The mechanical enigma moved from east to west. Apparently, with a touch of fear and lack of confidence, Soria, his son and Chazaretta, accelerated their own steps and hurried away, while the UFO continued its slow motion.

- 1) City and country of incident: Valdivia, Chile
- 2) Date of incident: July 7, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: CRONICA, July 24, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

CHILE: THEY WERE SOBER AND SAW A UFO

Valdivia, Chile, 24 July 1982 (EFE). — A UFO, seen by hundreds in full daylight, caused a huge traffic jam on one of the city's main highways.

According to eyewitnesses, the strange object, in the form of two plates joined at the edges, flew silently and flashed powerful lights.

The UFO appeared over the northern horizon, in "Las Animas," and crossed the sky near the "Calle Calle" Bridge, before disappearing upward over the "San Luis" section of the city.

Traffic Interrupted

The UFO, which traveled at a high rate of speed, caused a traffic tie-up near the bridge, as motorists left their cars to watch the strange spectacle.

- 1) City and country of incident: Mendoza, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: March 21, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: LA RAZON, July 30, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

MENDOZA TEACHER TELLS OF A DIFFERENT KIND OF UFO

Mendoza — Victor Corradi, director of El Instituto de Estudios de Fenomenos Extrahumanos (IDEFEH), today released details of a strange incident involving three independent witnesses, each of whom had a different theory regarding the origin of the phenomenon observed. The incident occurred last March 21, but was not publicized until now, pending a thorough investigation and comparison of testimonies.

On that date, a married couple, Fernando Luis de Baggis, former director of Public Services of Mendoza, and Catalina Arago de Baggis, as well as an unidentified student of economic sciences, saw an apparition of a small being, transparent, luminous and somewhat triangular in shape, and with a small head at the upper extremity.

The phenomenon happened at exactly 10:10 p.m. local time. It left a broom singing by "a fire which did not burn, which did not produce heat or cold."

Mr. de Baggis, according to Corradi's report, says he saw "a living being related to UFOs," while his wife thought she had been "in the presence of an image of the Virgin." Mrs. de Baggis explained that they had finished supper. She went to the kitchen, turned her head, and upon looking out the window, "I saw a strong light, about the size of a statue of the Virgin, dressed in traditional clothing of the Virgin, and with a very small head." She said that together with her husband, they called to a neighbor, the student of economics, and looked for a broom which they could use to probe the tree in whose upper branches the phenomenon was taking place, and which was "full of lights and tiny stars."

According to the report, the strange entity oscillated up and down in the treetop for not less than 15 minutes, and the tree was lit up "as if it were Christmas," a soft rustling of the leaves accompanying the apparition.

Corradi gave examples of similar experiences recorded both in Argentina itself and in other countries, drawing from various authors of books on the subject of UFOs, to explain that new fields of UFO investigation are opening up, based on the question: is there a link between UFO experiences and religious phenomena?

- 1) City and country of incident: Londres, Belén, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: August 13, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: CRONICA, August 14, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

FIRE SET BY UFO IN CATAMARCA!

Verified by Police Communique; Londres Isolated

Catamarca, August 13. — A fire today in the town of Londres and nearby areas injured two persons and damaged 11 dwellings, as well as causing extensive damage among plantations of walnut, citrus and vineyards. At the same time, a raging windstorm caused many to fear for the village—with many residents fleeing from their homes briefly—but the fire turned away toward the mountains after the wind changed direction. However, while the cause of the fire was still being debated, an official police communique left the village residents baffled.

The Work of a UFO...!

In effect, Police Headquarters reported this evening that the fire reported today in the Londres area (a village more than 400 years old) may have been caused by a UFO, which touched down on the ground on two occasions. The communique, released by the public relations department of the Police, reads:

"In the village of Londres, Province of Belén, a violent wind ('viento Zonda') sprang up, with a speed of about 150 KPH, causing extensive damage, destruction of roofs, and felling walnut trees and utility poles. At 3:50 a.m., a UFO was spotted which moved from west to east at an altitude of 7 meters, and illuminating the ground over an area of 50 meters in circumference.

"Afterwards, it touched down on a farm, only to lift off again, heading northeast, and then touching down again for a period of two or three minutes. A raging fire suddenly broke out on the spot at which the UFO was landed; it quickly spread, due to the strong winds. The fire endangered the village and its inhabitants, and police from the Londres detachment and the provincial station at Belén were all called out, together with all municipal and volunteer firemen to try to put out the flames. Together they were able to do it.

"As a result," concluded the report, "two persons were treated at Belén Hospital for injuries."

Still Isolated

The village of Londres, located some 300 KM from Catamarca, remained isolated for several hours due to the interruption of telephone and telegraph service. The violent wind blew the roofs off of the more vulnerable houses. The inhabitants of the 11 dwellings affected by the fire, as well as those who lost their roofs, were evacuated to safe places and given the necessary help, according to information given by the undersecretary of Public Information of Catamarca, Carlos Bravo. He stated that the situation was completely under control now that the wind had died down and changed direction. But, the big surprise was the official use of the police communique, which blamed the fire on a UFO.

Apparently, the fire may have begun in a field adjacent to Londres and was spread rapidly by the wind, causing losses of about 50% among fields of walnut and citrus trees and vineyards. The fire was fought at first by police from Londres and other provincial personnel, who were then joined by teams of firemen from the provinces of Tinogasta and Belén.

There Were Other Fires

Police communications networks revealed that there were fires in fields in other parts of the province between late last night and early this morning. The areas most affected are Quebrada de San Lorenzo, near the villages of El Rodeo and La Calera, and mountainous areas around the district of Poman.

Finally, a raging fire destroyed pastures and outbuildings near Zanjo, some 15 KM from the city of Santiago del Estero. No injuries were reported in the 100-hectare fire, as police and firemen struggled for several hours to control the fire, which threatened to spread.

- 1) City and country of incident: Londres, Belén, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: August 13, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: CRONICA, August 15, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

CATAMARCA: PEOPLE INSIST THAT UFO CAUSED FIRES

Catamarca, August 15. — Scientists from the Provincial Museum of Natural History and experts of the provincial fire department were busy in the village of Londres trying to determine the cause of the fire which threatened the small village and which was blamed on the landing of a UFO.

Meanwhile, two members of the Londres police detachment reaffirmed their statements, saying that they saw the strange object touch the ground twice with their own eyes, touching off the flames which roared toward the village, pushed by a wind of 150 KPH which was blowing that morning.

The statements of the witnesses have discredited one of the hypotheses set forth by the scientists—that the UFO may really have been a meteorite. "Meteorites travel in a parabola and fall to the ground. But in this case the object hovered over the roof of a farmhouse, resumed flight and then landed about 500 meters away," explained one of the investigators of the case.

The two policemen coincided in saying that the spectacle was "awesome," especially "because of the size of the vehicle," which they estimated at 50 meters in diameter.

"The thing did not appear to be of this world; on the contrary, the lights, the colors and even the way it took off, in no way resembled either aircraft or anything known," said one.

The official police report, released by the sub-station in Londres, said that the UFO "moved from west to east at a height of 7 meters, illuminating the ground over an area of 50 meters in circumference with a yellow light."

Several residents of the village reported having been awakened by the inter-

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se yellow glow, and corroborated the policemen's statements with respect to the speed and dimensions of the object.

On the other hand, it happens that a similar event took place at almost the same time in the village of Los Angeles, in the province of Capayan.

For the time being, a guard has been posted around the land near Londres on which the UFO landed.

- 1) City and country of incident: Londres, Belén, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: August 13, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: CRONICA, August 16, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THE UFO FIRE: A TERRIFYING TALE

Catamarca, August 15. -- Emotions are still running high in Londres over the mysterious fire, apparently caused by a UFO, which destroyed approximately 2,000 walnut trees and crops of anise and cumin.

The facts, which were reported by CRONICA in its most recent editions, have still not been clarified yet, since the only witnesses have refused to elaborate on their testimony, especially two policemen who saw plainly a UFO of great size maneuvering in the area around the village of Londres during the early morning hours of last Friday.

Nevertheless, CRONICA was able to speak with a porter, who was called by the two policemen to look at the phenomenon. For obvious reasons we cannot even divulge the name of this brave witness, since the police headquarters took strict measures with the two members of its forces who were involved in this fantastic story, and has forbidden them permanently to talk about the event--while at the same time confirming it in their officially released report.

"I saw a yellow, and then orange-colored, light, very bright," said the witness, "which practically blinded me. Although I was almost paralyzed by fear, my head and senses were working normally."

"Did you see any UFO?"

"I was dazzled by the light coming from overhead and which hovered nearly over a place between the Londres slaughterhouse and its holding yard. On reaching the ground, the light had an effect something like throwing a match into naphtha...it made me want to get out of there in a hurry."

"And what did the police do?"

"They were like I was, stupefied, seeing the sudden fire and saying that at least the wind wasn't blowing from the fire toward the village."

Gathering facts from among the residents provides us with the following enigmatic conclusions:

1. In Londres' 400 years, there has never been a wind like last Friday's, which clocked between 140 and 150 KM per hour.
2. The wind, which some classify as a tornado, blew from 1:30 to 6:00 a.m.; never has there been such a prolonged windstorm in the area, except "the Zonda," which never reaches such velocity.
3. The roof of the church was completely blown off, while those of other houses remained unscathed (a tornado, perhaps, but instead of an erratic path or trajectory, just one single point?).

Specialized official task forces from the police and museum scientists are working in total seclusion. The people of the village are divided into two factions: the believers and the skeptics.

On the other hand, a quick survey reveals that approximately 1,500 walnut trees averaging 50 years of age and in full production, and another 500 averaging 25 years of age in partial production were destroyed, as well as crops of anise and cumin.

Eight KM from Londres is "La Aguada," an uncultivated place where fires also struck. The skeptics say that the wind could have blown burning debris there, causing those fires.

- 1) City and country of incident: Londres, Belén, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: August 13, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: CRONICA, August 17, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Curiosity, Lack of Vigilance Put Londres in Grave Danger

UFO--DANGER OF RADIOACTIVITY!

Catamarca, August 16. -- Despite the obstinate silence of the two police officials who watched a UFO land on a farm near Londres, in the province of Belén, certain rumors are creating waves of apprehension among the village's two thousand inhabitants. In recent days, in disregard of the prudence which should guide those dealing with the unknown effects left behind by objects "which do not appear to be of this world," many people have approached the kind of "pan" * which was left by the object where its "belly" sat. A calcined tree speaks clearly of the heat which radiated from the strange ship, and Javier Navarro, janitor at School No. 289, says that a light emanating from the UFO caused the fire. Calcined stone and a strange mixture of metals and clay, sometimes greenish and sometimes ochre in color, are confused with what was until last Friday normal land, thickly planted with walnut trees, the main industry which supports Londres.

Danger!

Right from the start, the arrival of experts and analysts was expected, but up to now nobody knows if they have shown up. What is certain, however, is that there lurks the danger of radiation. Because information regarding the chemical composition of the residue left in the object's landing traces has not been made public, a strict guard ought to be posted around the area in which the UFO landed and whose actions were described in an official communique issued by the police detachment in Londres.

This morning, children from Londres moved freely through the area and showed the devastating effects caused by the incredible visitor to sightseers coming from the provincial capital of Catamarca.

A Bad Fright!

While theories of all kinds abound, and old books on the subject are consulted, Javier Navarro, married and father of two, insists that he saw the object in great detail: "A weird, extremely powerful light blinded me, looking like a thousand light bulbs all lit at once," he says. His intuition, maybe, or perhaps the influence of the statements given by others who also saw the apparition--the two policemen of the local detachment--cause him to talk about the object at every opportunity.

He said, "I had been asleep. Evidently the policemen did not believe what they were seeing with their own eyes; I would have felt the same!" Then, banging on the window of the bedroom in which he was resting, they pleaded with him to come out to see the unusual phenomenon. The janitor, in his underwear, went out. At that moment, the "Zonda wind" was raging intensely. "I saw the fire start and the strange light the object was giving off. That was enough to give me a bad fright."

Among all of this, the investigations appear to be confined to a rigorously pre-determined administrative plan.

* (Translator's Note: The word "olla" is used here, which would seem to indicate some kind of pan-like object. However, since there is no mention of a metallic artifact having been discovered or recovered at the site, a more reasonable translation would seem to be "stew" or "clay.")

- 1) City and country of incident: Londres, Belén, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: August 13, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: CRONICA, August 18, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO FIRE: A SHOWER OF GLASSY FRAGMENTS FELL OVER LONDRES ON THE NIGHT OF THE FIRE

Catamarca, August 17. -- Was a UFO the cause of a fire which struck the outskirts of the village of Londres last week?

To answer this question, a legion of investigators are trying to shed some light on the affair. At this point the investigations are concentrated in the laboratory, where analyses are being run on pieces of bluish, apparently glassy, fragments which rained down like manna on the night in which a 150 KM per hour wind was blowing (completely unheard of before in the 400-year history of Londres) and the fire was started.

The only witnesses to the alleged UFO are two policemen of the local detachment, Isaac Saracho and (first name omitted) Carpio. But both are forbidden to give details on orders from their superiors. Therefore, the police are hindering the flow of knowledge about the case to the public.

Javier Navarro, the janitor of School No. 289, saw an orange and yellow light. His wife listened as the strange fragments (somewhat like automobile windshield glass) showered down on the roof.

The field of walnut trees and plantings of anise and cumin are burned. Who can say that the UFO touched down there? Did the police find residues left by the object, verify radioactivity, collect fragments or photograph landing marks? Only they can answer.

A place known as "La Aguada," some 8 KM from Londres, also has some burned fields. Could the fierce winds have carried firebrands from there and given them to Londres?

CREDIT: M. Heseemann (Translation Credit: R. Girard)

- 1) City and country of incident: Canary Islands
- 2) Date of incident: June 22, 1976
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: LA PROVINCIA, July 28, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Las Palmas, Canary Islands

MICHAEL HESEMANN: ON THE TRAIL OF THE GRAND CANARY UFO

The Idea Is Spreading That In The Canary Islands An Underwater Extraterrestrial Base May Exist

Michael Heseemann, a young reporter from Neuss, West Germany, regular columnist for Das Neue Zeitalter and the bi-monthly Magasin 2000, is using his vacation at the Playa del Ingles to investigate the UFO event of June 22, 1976 at Paso Firme, which he calls "the most important landing case to date."

Heseemann has followed closely the works of J. J. Benitez, one of the best-known ufologists in Spain, and his colleague, Faber Vaisen of Madrid. Now Heseemann has come to our islands to gather first-hand data about that remarkable landing and to include his conclusions in a book he is preparing: "In Search of A UFO."

Despite the fact that he has never seen a UFO in his life, his passion for the subject has been with him from a very early age. He is affiliated with numerous investigating groups, but his expertise results largely from a constant process of self-teaching. "There is no education center in the world, except the University of Colorado, which offers truly scientific information, beyond the margin of mere speculation," he says.

"Are the Canaries a strategic location for UFOs?"

"Yes," he answered, "the possibility of an underwater UFO base in the Canaries is already famous all over the world. The archipelago possesses some very peculiar magnetic anomalies, the same as the Bermuda Triangle. I believe the geophysical conditions in the Canaries are proving most attractive to the extraterrestrials, and that they come here to observe the human species, in much the same manner that Europeans can march off to New Guinea to study the Bantus in their native habitat."

Michael Heseemann carries some official Spanish government documents, dated 1978, in his suitcase, which reveal a marked interest in UFO investigation, although he is much more familiar with German investigating efforts. He has a file of 14 landing cases and 1,500 cases of "unidentified" lights from Germany alone. Among his most interesting investigations are included the production of disc-shaped aircraft, imitating the common form exhibited by UFOs, by the governments of his country, Canada and the U.S.A. in the early 1940's and which were a complete fiasco. "We earthlings are not sufficiently developed," he explains.

TRANSLATION CREDIT: George Andrews

- 1) City and country of incident: Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- 2) Date of incident: July 31, 1982
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: LE JOURNAL DE MONTREAL, August 6, 1982
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Montreal, Quebec, Canada

UFO ALERT AT MOUNT SAINT-HILAIRE by Yvon Laprade

The luminous sphere which was seen last Saturday night at Mount Saint-Hilaire has upset all the UFO buffs...but not the directors of the Mount Saint-Hilaire Conservation Center.

The UFO alert was begun at the end of last week. About thirty citizens of Saint-Hilaire contacted the local police, asking them to take action, after claiming to have seen the mysterious object.

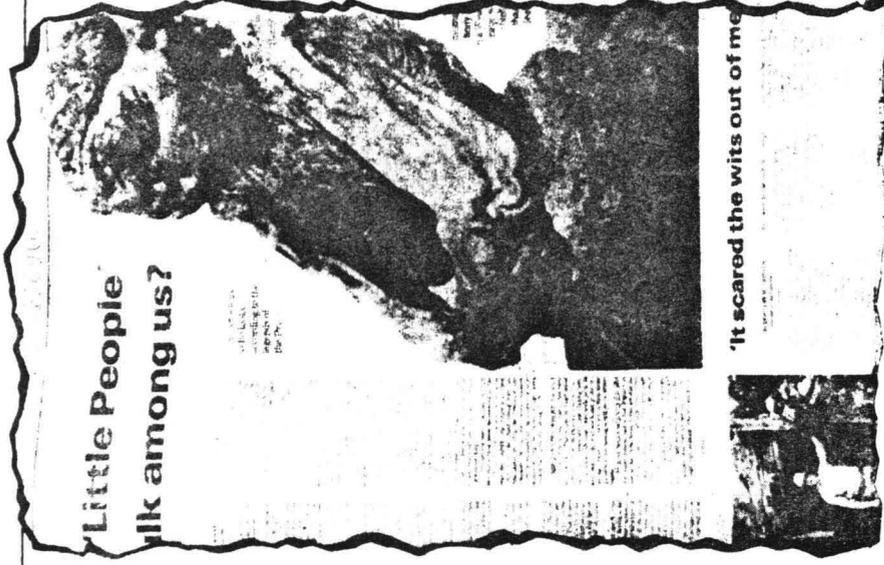
The director of the Conservation Center, which is owned by McGill University, stated that "In the past 30 years, no one has ever seen any paranormal phenomena on this mountain. We have witnessed normal phenomena, such as falling stars, but never any UFOs."

According to Mr. Michael Drew, this is not the first time that people pretend to have seen a mysterious object. He says that last year after a television program, over a thousand people went to the mountain because the presence of "extra-terrestrial phenomena had been announced." Other people claim to have seen three UFOs with their own eyes.

Mr. Drew has held his position at the Conservation Center for ten years, and has this to say concerning the pretended paranormal phenomena supposedly witnessed by the citizens of Saint-Hilaire: "I don't contradict those who say they saw a mysterious ball of fire suspended in the air. But as far as we are concerned, nothing concerning UFOs is to be found in our files."

Mr. Drew reminds us that Mount Saint-Hilaire is a place privileged by advanced scientific experiments: "Government experiments concerning geodynamics, for example, have been carried out on the mountain by many different groups. Some people could then think they saw a UFO when this was not the case."

Finally, he emphasizes that some people like to go to the mountain at night, although it is forbidden to do so, in order to carry out experiments, such as lighting up the sky with flashlights, for example.



Little People
ilk among us?

Little people mystery still unsolved

Sunday Sequel

A number of anthropologists believe the mummies to be anecephalic monsters, or infants having severe birth defects. This is the belief of Dr. George Gill, of the University of Wyoming at Laramie, who has examined several specimens. Gill said the fetuses, if they were not stillborn, probably didn't live more than a day or two. In some cases of anecephaly, there is no cranial vault, or skull to house and protect the brain (usually very tiny), while in others, a piece or pieces of skull might be present.

Gill said he still finds the phenomena a mystery in some respects. He does not agree with those who claim the mummies represent Wyoming's first inhabitants and estimate their age to be about 9,000 years. Part of the problem is a lack of organic material to perform tests on — a radio-carbon test, he said, would probably use up nearly a whole mummy, destroying a valuable specimen.

Neither has it been explained why some of the mummies are not of animal origin at all, but were carved out turnips or potatoes to look like the mummies. Gill said a significant number of the specimens he's seen were made up of vegetable fiber. It is still unknown why numbers of infants in the region were stricken with anecephaly, or whether there was an abnormally high incidence among inhabitants of the area.

And what about the people claim to have seen the little ones? "Well, I don't joke about the matter, because I don't have all the answers," Gill said.

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'What's Happening with Champ's Cousins?'

by Joseph W. Zarzynski
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Without doubt, Loch Ness, Scotland is still the scientific shrine for the lake denizen world. Each summer laymen and scientists are attracted to its shores to test their new equipment, ingenuity and enthusiasm against one of the world's greatest mysteries-Nessie, the Loch Ness monsters.

1982 was no exception to this annual pilgrimage of Nessie searchers. However, this summer did offer Loch Ness historians new material for their latest chapters on Nessie.

One of the most exciting events from Loch Ness this summer was the use of a Goodyear blimp over Loch Ness to try to photograph one of those shy animals.

In June, the 192 foot long Goodyear blimp EUROPA motored over the peat clouded waters of Loch Ness in hopes of catching on celluloid one of those bashful water horses. Nessie hunters Tim Dinsdale, Adrian Shine and Ivor Newby participated in this phase of the airship expedition. A series of ecological experiments were also completed during the several day long airship excursion. Unfortunately for Nessie researchers, the EUROPA flights did not spot any of the creatures.

Other groups participated in the investigation at Loch Ness during summertime, 1982. Among those were the Concord, New Hampshire based Academy of Applied Science and the British investigation team of the Loch Ness and Morar Project. The Academy's work focused on the use of sonar triggered underwater cameras in the loch and the project's primary investigative techniques centered around sonar work in Loch Ness. Both groups shall be reviewing their collected data in the upcoming months for another try at Nessie in 1983.

Thus, those elusive Nessie animals remained as evasive as their American "cousins"... Champ!

"Longnecker" Notes:
*As of mid-August, 1982 the Loch Ness and Morar Project reported picking up about ten sonar targets in Loch Ness that might be of Nessie animals.

*Two classic Nessie books have been updated and new editions published in 1982: *Loch Ness Monster* by Tim Dinsdale (Routledge & Kegan Paul-Boston) and *The Loch Ness Story* by Nicholas Witchell (Corgi Book-London).

*Leon W. Dean, former author, English professor, and Champ authority died in July at the age of 92. Mr. Dean was a Burlington resident and was sometimes quoted in regards to Champ.

*International Society of Cryptozoology is accepting membership applications. The ISC is dedicated to the investigation of unidentified and unexpected animals like Champ, Nessie, sasquatch, yeti, etc. . . For information write to International Society of Cryptozoology, P.O. Box 43070, Tucson, Arizona.

*The NY State Senate on June 3, 1982 passed a champ resolution similar to that passed by the Vermont House of Representatives on April 20, 1982. It called for Champ's protection and for further scientific inquiry into the Champ Phenomenon. Senator Ronald Stafford for Plattsburgh, NY sponsored the NY State Senate Resolution.

[Joseph W. Zarzynski is the Director of the Lake Champlain Phenomena Investigation. In August, 1982 he made his 6th excursion to Loch Ness, Scotland investigating these unidentified animals.]

POST, West Palm Beach, FL - Sept. 24, 1982

Teenagers Find Mystery Object

HUTCHINSON ISLAND — Two Jensen Beach teenagers discovered what may be a chunk of a large meteorite and turned it over to Martin County sheriff's deputies. Mark Hammond, 16, and Michael Vaillancourt, 18, said they discovered the 7½-pound rock on the beach near the old Sheraton Inn Wednesday.

Detective Bill Sprague said the black, tooth-shaped find could be a meteorite or a part of a rocket, burned by friction as it entered the Earth's atmosphere. He said he wasn't certain if it was metal, but that if it was, it was curiously heavy.

An attempt to determine if the rough, cinderlike coating would come off with a steel file failed. The tool barely scratched the object's surface.

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Police wonder if hairy midnight visitor was a prankster

ELLINGTON — State police are wondering if a large, ape-like creature with a human's nose that two farmhands said surprised them earlier in the week at a local barn may have been "someone in a gorilla suit."

Sgt. Fred Bird, temporarily commanding the Troop C state police barracks in Stafford, said Wednesday he plans to ask Benedict Moser of Moser Farms Dairy Inc., which owns Valley Farms on Route 83, where the

creature is said to have been spotted, if he knew of any current or past employees who might have played such a prank.

Other than that, Bird said, a police investigation into the strange midnight events Monday has turned up nothing so far — including no footprints.

"We're looking into all aspects," Bird said. David Buckley and John Fuller told police

that they came upon the creature as they were about to check on cows in the barn. They 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.

They also said the visitor to the barn had a nose that resembled a human's more than a

monkey's snout that it was sitting "like a person" on a feed bunk, watching the cows.

"We had the impression he wanted to have us for dinner," said Buckley.

But, he said, instead of harming them, the creature lumbered off and "vanished into nowhere."

Police searched the area that night but found nothing.

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MONSTER HUNTER CHASES A MATE



Frank Searle and his former girlfriend, Pat.

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Unknown Species—

Creature 'Chessie' May Be Big Snake

By ROBERT F. BUCHANAN
BALTIMORE (UPI) — The 30-foot-long creature "Chessie," videotaped in the Chesapeake Bay last spring, appears to be a big snake, two researchers investigating the case said Tuesday.

Robert Lazzara, the head of the Enigma Project, a group of scientists and technicians sponsoring the research of "Chessie," said, "It appears to be an unusually large snake, about 30 feet long and about 10 inches in diameter."

Lazzara said in a telephone interview he and other researchers are trying to make certain that Chessie is indeed a snake. They are trying to have the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Columbia, Md., conduct "image enhancement" work that would more clearly define the creature on the tape.

The process would remove extraneous images and more clearly define those of "significance," Lazzara said.

South American Anacondas and Reticulated Pythons have been known to grow to 30 feet in length, researchers said. But none of those species have ever been

spotted in the Chesapeake Bay, they said.

"If Chessie is a snake, it would be an unknown species," said Mike Frizzell, another researcher.

Robert Frew of Love Point on Maryland's Eastern Shore made the videotape on Memorial Day. Frew said it shows a 30-foot-long serpent swimming in the bay near his house on Kent Island, Md.

If Johns Hopkins does not do the work, scientists said they might try to ship the videotape to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

Researchers hope to establish the creature's length, girth and speed, Frizzell said.

The scientists also examined still photos Kathryn Pennington took near the Choptank River on the lower Eastern Shore.

But Lazzara said the photographs do not appear to be of the same animal as seen in the videotape. "That appears to be a marine mammal, perhaps an otter or a large muskrat," Lazzara said.

CR: R. Girard

MONSTER hunter Frank Searle has a new search on his hands.

He is looking for a mate.

Loch Ness's only full-time Nessie hunter spelled out his requirements in a long advert in an Aberdeen paper.

He said: "I need a girl to join me in my caravan and

become FULLY involved with me and my project."

The young woman would have to remain for at least a year and would share in the income from his "monster" kiosk at the lochside village of Foyers.

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She would meet visitors from all over the world and might also accompany him on a lecture tour of the United States.

By ALAN DOW

The advert goes on: "So if you fancy being girlfriend/girl Friday to a famous monster hunter, drop me a line, or call in."

And it says life in the moustachioed Englishman's one-bedroomed blue caravan on the loch shore might be preferable to the rat race.

Yesterday he said: "There would be no other way but for us to live as husband and wife under these rather cramped conditions."

Frank, a familiar figure on the loch for the past 13 years, said he had already received five replies. He explained his last

assistant, Pat, who lived with him for two years, had to leave suddenly

Frank, who claims to have spent nearly 40,000 hours on the loch and spotted Nessie 39 times, is secretive about his age.

The five applicants are between 20 and 30 but all he would say about himself was "old enough for some things and young enough for others."

As he stood beside a box of fishing lures he was smiling, Frank said he was writing to the five with an even-more-detailed outline of their expected duties.

Advanced Sonar Searching for Champ

SONAR SEARCHING FOR CHAMP
by Joseph W. Zarzynski
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[Joseph W. Zarzynski is the Director of the Lake Champlain Phenomena Investigation. Jim Kennard and Scott Hill are honorary members of the Lake Champlain Phenomena Investigation.]

Steady pulses of ultrasonic signals burst from the torpedo shaped transducer being pulled through Lake Champlain's depths by boat and cable. The sound signals reflect off the lake bottom, are captured again by the transducer, and are then sent up the cable to be recorded onto paper. Directing this sonar search to collect data on the Champ animals and possibly locate shipwrecks is Jim Kennard, President of the Rochester Engineering Laboratories.

Teamwork in this pursuit is an absolute necessity. To maximize sonar resolution the pilot must guide the vessel at less than three knots over a predetermined course. This allows the transducer fish to pass closer to the lake bottom and record animate and inanimate objects. Piloting Kennard's sonar equipped craft is Scott Hill, a veteran of many of Jim Kennard's numerous sonar surveys in North American waterways.



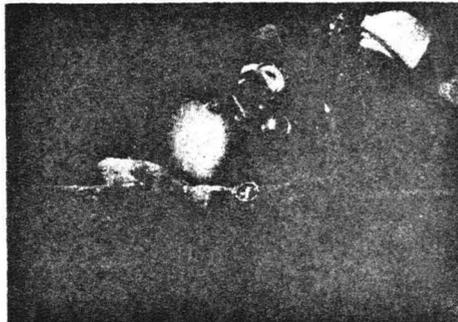
LCPI members Scott Hill [left] and Jim Kennard [right].

Jim Kennard is a 39 year old electrical engineer from Fairport, NY with a degree from Clarkson College. Jim became interested in scuba diving and then over a three-year time period built his own side scan sonar to complement his scuba diving. The cost of his side scan sonar would commercially sell for about \$35,000. Since he began his sonar business, Kennard has located over one hundred shipwrecks throughout North America.

His partner, Scott Hill, is a 32 year old police officer from Honeoye Falls, NY and a graduate of Northeastern University with a degree in criminal justice.

A little over three years ago Jim donated the use of his sonar to me for scientific work searching for Champ. Since then, we have made several sonar excursions on Lake Champlain looking for the elusive Champ creatures. While searching for these unidentified animals we have been fortunate enough to relocate several Lake Champlain shipwrecks. And in 1979 Jim and I picked up a moving sonar target in Whallon Bay that could have been a Champ animal.

The sonar search at Lake Champlain is aimed at capturing on sonograph the image of a living Champ or to find a carcass of one of the animals. Both are



Jim examines a Dead Eye on the "General Butler". Photo by Scott Hill.



Jim points out a large wooden cleat. Photo by Scott Hill.

remote possibilities, but should the animals be vertebrates, LCPI members could possibly dive and retrieve bones for scientific identification.

Whereas Kennard is the director of sonar operations, Hill is the underwater photography expert.

Scott views his relationship to the team as providing the "photo documentation of sonar finds." Underwater photography in the murky Lake Champlain is often difficult, so Scott has invested several thousand dollars to acquire excellent photographic gear to produce first rate results.

Both are currently working in taking underwater photographs of several shipwrecks to fashion a photographic mosaic of these now silent vessels. The pair feels with this they can better understand each boat's maritime past.

One of their future projects is to complete a multi-projector slide presentation with audio accompaniment of their shipwreck finds in not only Lake Champlain, but the Great Lakes, too.

Whether looking for Champ or searching for shipwrecks, the acquisition of Jim Kennard and Scott Hill to the LCPI is a real bonanza. They have added a much appreciated touch of technological and photographic sophistication to the search for the Champ animals. And they have freely donated their time and equipment to LCPI expeditions.

Two things are certain when characterizing Kennard and Hill, both are remarkable individuals with considerable talent to exercise in searching for Champ.

Kennard noted while reflecting upon his Lake Champlain work with Scott Hill and the LCPI, "The camaraderie we've experienced over the years has solidified reasons for doing it."

ISLANDER, North Hero, VT 17

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HERALD, Everett, WA - Sept. 29, 1982

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Going ape

Hairy creature has island batty

OAK HARBOR — Halloween may have come a little early to Oak Harbor this year.

At least that's one explanation for why police and school officials, including one armed with a baseball bat, stomped through the woods near Oak Harbor's Olympic View Elementary School Tuesday searching for a large, hairy creature reported to be on the prowl.

Police said three youngsters told school officials they saw a "man in a gorilla suit" darting about in the thick forest owned by the U.S. Navy which surrounds the school on three sides.

The children, not named by police, have reportedly caught glimpses of the Sasquatch-like creature in the past. One little girl said Tuesday she watched it drag a rabbit to its "fort."

Police, U.S. Naval Security Police and school Principal Mike Milat, who hefted the baseball bat, thrashed their way through the tangled undergrowth to the "fort," which turned out to be a large, uprooted tree with branches piled around it.

There were no footprints or signs of habitation. Police Lt. Pete Gaalerna said.

"But, we never discount these things," he added. "If there is some nut hanging around the schoolyard in a gorilla suit, we want to put a stop to it."

The area will be closely patrolled for the next few days, he said.

Milat and Gaalerna both are concerned that a poacher, a problem the Navy has repeatedly experienced on its property over the years, may have ventured too close to the playground to butcher an illegal kill. Poachers in that area are known to favor bows and arrows for stealth, a practice that can be dangerous in populated areas.

However, no evidence of weapons, slaughtered game, gorillas, the elusive Sasquatch or a long-haired "E.T." were found during the search.

Gaalerna credited the siting to an overabundance of imagination that flourished with each retelling.

Marfa Lights convince pair of geologists

By David Hanners
Staff Writer of The News

For Pat Kinney and Elwood Wright, the Marfa Lights provided a close encounter of the unforgettable kind.

Kinney and Wood, geologists who spent several months in Marfa in Southwest Texas, say they have no doubt the phenomenon known as the Marfa Lights is real.

But unlike the thousands who during the years have seen the mysterious moving orbs from afar, the two men claim they got within 100 feet of one of the lights.

"I'll never forget it, I'll guarantee you that," said Kinney, 33, who works in Lubbock for Fort Worth-based Meeker Oil Co. "Those lights are for real, for sure."

"Oh yes, they're for real," agreed Wright, 39, now a consultant in Nevada.

The men were surveying uranium deposits around the Chinati Mountains near Marfa in early 1969 when they heard townfolk talking about the lights. "We heard the stories, so we went out to investigate," Wright said. "I was fascinated."

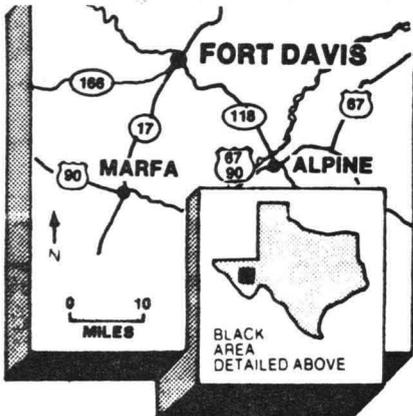
Wright and Kinney made several other trips and kept a journal of their sightings. Although they never found out what the lights were, their attempt remains one of the few serious tries by trained personnel to find out what is behind the phenomenon.

They tried to triangulate the path of the lights in an attempt to see where they originated from, but the lights moved too fast to get a bearing.

But one night they had no trouble seeing where the lights were from.

"As I remember, we were out in the flats, out by the old air base, and we were just sitting in our car with our lights out and the motor running," Wright recalled. "There were about six to eight range horses within 40 or 50 feet of my left side."

"You know how horses are when lightning strikes," Wright said. "Well, it was just like that. The horses just whinnied and took off, and al-



most instantaneously, two lights — with terrific speed and very low — came right over the horses."

"Boy, I mean they were moving," Kinney said. "We had the impression they were going 150 or 200 mph."

The men said one of the lights stopped in the middle of the road and hovered — about 3 feet off the ground — 100 feet in front of their car.

"Elwood says, 'Put it in gear, Pat! Floorboard it! Run over it!'" Kinney said with a laugh. "I said, 'Seeing how fast that thing could go, we can't run over it.'"

The men watched the light for about 45 seconds. It then brightened and pulled away and flew east toward the abandoned air base.

"We just sat there, and we both felt so stupid," Kinney said. "It had intelligence, definitely. I never felt so stupid in my whole life."

Wright said he also came away with a feeling that he had been in the presence of something with intelligence.

"I really and truly don't have any idea what it was," he said. "It kind of looked like it was playing with us. It was a heck of a lot smarter than we were. It just leaves you looking at one another."

The men say they have no idea what the lights are. But both say they want to return to Marfa to try to find out.

STAR, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - Aug. 8, 1982 CR: G. Duplantier

Is there a 10th planet?

Scientists believe they'll soon find the culprit that affects the orbits of Neptune and Uranus

By Bob Harrington and Betty Harrington
Star special news services

WASHINGTON — The ancients looked up at the sky, charted the points of light and concluded that there must be seven planets — Sun, Moon, Jupiter, Saturn, Mars, Venus and Mercury. The planets travelled in a narrow band of sky known as the zodiac, a popular region for gods who wavered between earthly and celestial journeys.

That there should be seven planets seemed only right. After all, the number seven was considered to have magical properties. It was obvious to the ancients in their Earth-centred universe that there were not, nor could there ever be, any other planets.

Then scientists began to agree that the sun was the centre of the universe, Earth a planet, and, in 1781, a fellow named Herschel, using his new telescope one night, identified a faint, fuzzy, greenish disc, which ultimately turned out to be a new distant planet — Uranus. The ancient pact with the number seven had been broken.

Called 'Humphrey'

Now, just over 200 years and two subsequent planets, Neptune and Pluto, later, teams headed by T.C. VanFlandern and I at the U.S. Naval Observatory are searching our solar system for a mystery 10th planet, jokingly dubbed "Humphrey." We figure others can spar over the planet's actual name after we discover it, but Humphrey caught on in a moment of whimsy. So Humphrey it is for now.

For several decades following the discovery of Neptune — the first planet predicted mathematically before its discovery — in 1846, everyone thought the solar system was in great shape and thoroughly understood. However, as the century drew to a close, it was becoming increasingly clear that the path of Uranus was not following its predicted course. Neptune was not doing too well either. Could there be another planet in the neighborhood?

Several astronomers speculated about this, but only two, William Pickering and Percival Lowell, set out to mathematically calculate where the new planet was.

Lowell, who had the advantage of his own observatory, plotted carefully, but his prediction was not borne out until after his death. In early 1930, a Lowell Observatory staff astronomer named Clyde Tombaugh located, close to where Lowell said it should be, what was subsequently known as Pluto.

Everyone thought Lowell had executed a mathematical marvel, but there were problems that nobody wanted to talk about too much.

First, Pluto was more than 10

times fainter than had been predicted. Second, it did not appear through a telescope as a round white disc as a planet of its predicted size should. This meant Pluto was excessively black or was excessively shiny and only reflected the sun at one point or was much smaller than anticipated and therefore much more dense than anything yet known.

None of these questions were resolved in the ensuing years until, in 1978, James Christy of the U.S. Naval Observatory discovered the moon of Pluto.

Pluto's too light

By calculating the period of revolution and average distance of a moon, the mass of the parent planet can be determined. Pluto, it turned out, weighs only about one-fourth as much as our own moon, and yet, to explain the observed effects on Uranus and Neptune, Pluto should weigh 1,000 times more than it does.

So Pluto is not the object predicted by either Lowell or Pickering at the turn of the century. If they were right, their object is still out there waiting to be found.

Other research has suggested the possibility that Pluto may once have been a satellite of some planet, most likely Neptune, and that a marauding planet — our Humphrey? — may have invaded and disrupted Neptune's satellite system, causing Pluto to be flung out into separate orbit and permanently altering the dynamics of Neptune's other moons. Adding credibility to this theory is the well-known fact that Neptune's moon system behaves like no other in the solar system.

When VanFlandern of the Naval Observatory and I computed the hypothetical orbit of the marauder, the theoretical planet that emerged resembled the one that is believed to be causing the presently observed variations in the predicted orbits of Uranus and Neptune.

Armed with all this information, theory and conjecture, we decided the time had come to search for this still-missing planet. Thus far, the search has been directed toward computing the orbit or at least the location of Humphrey, based on its effects on other observed objects, such as planets and spaceships.

Even if the exact location of the mystery planet cannot be pinpointed, at least we can narrow its location to a specific region of the sky.

The final step will be to photograph this suspected region through a telescope and compare the plates. Indications are that the planet is probably in a part of the sky that cannot now be observed from any Naval Observatory station, which means a co-operative effort with a Southern Hemi-

sphere observatory will be required.

Since we think the planet will be, like Pluto, too distant to display the telltale disc-like shape of a planet, the only possibility is detection by its motion. This can be accomplished by using a good telescope that can photograph a large field of the sky on a single plate and to photograph a given region twice, separated by a day or two, under as similar conditions as possible.

These plates are then placed on a special machine that compares them, either by electronically scanning the entire field on both plates, followed by computer analysis, or by alternately projecting images of both plates on a viewing screen where they can be visually compared. The plates are adjusted until most objects are exactly aligned. Then the plates are scanned for something that moves. Any potential missing planet, which would move, could be quickly spotted.

Several comparisons

The apparent shift over a given time interval also tells almost immediately the distance to the object if the plates were taken in the proper season.

Three plates are generally taken of each field of sky to allow several sets of comparisons.

What do we expect to find?

Imagine for a moment a planet maybe three to five times the mass of Earth orbiting on the outer edges of our solar system. The mystery planet's orbit is quite elongated, with its farthest point much more remote from the sun than its closest point. While Earth revolves around the sun in one year, Humphrey would take as long as 800 years to make the same circuit.

At this point, however, it's impossible to say how long it will be until we see a new planet — one month or 10 years.

Yet this much is sure: Something strange is going on with the orbits of Uranus and Neptune, and we feel strongly that Humphrey, the elusive 10th planet, is to blame.

Dr. Robert Harrington is the head of one of two teams at the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C., attempting to locate a 10th planet in our solar system. His wife, Betty, is a freelance writer.

MERCURY, San Jose, CA - Aug. 26, 1982 CR: L. Whitehurst

Bigfoot' sighting claimed in Pacific Grove

PACIFIC GROVE — Police are pondering a report from three youths who say they saw a creature similar to the legendary "Bigfoot."

Two boys and a girl, whom police did not identify, said they were driving home at 1:35 a.m. Wednesday when a 7-foot-tall "gorilla-type" creature crossed Buena Vista Street, which is 20 feet wide, in "three leaping steps."

They described the creature as "bald with long white (body) hair

reaching to its waist."

No other description was given except that the creature moved "bent over" with an apelike shambling.

Police investigating the report said the youths appeared frightened and did not seem to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The three told police that others in the area had seen the creature but had not reported their sightings because they feared no one would believe them.

A police spokesman said the area is now "under close patrol."

Although the spokesman said the department is somewhat skeptical, he said that the area where the creature was reported is near a wooded portion of Del Monte Forest.

Bigfoot is the name given to a creature reportedly sighted periodically in the Trinity Alps and Marble Mountains in Northern California.

"I'll go back down someday," Wright said. "The country's mineralized and I love the people. I'll go back, if nothing else, just to see old friends."

Does he consider the lights "old friends?" "Yes, I do," he said, "even though I feel they made a fool out of me."

This, as you may be aware, is the silly season. It is the time of year when MPs take a break from shouting at each other in Parliament and local councillors try to struggle along without all those fat attendance allowances.

It's a grim time, too, for the Press. With the People Who Matter unavailable for comment, we poor hacks are obliged to get off our backsides and actually go out looking for news.

Fortunately, there are a few silly-season standby stories. Like the weather. Give us an August week without rain and we'll speculate about drought; let the temperature drop below 60 and we'll produce some boffin prepared to say the ice age is coming.

The silly-season faithful on which photographers rely is the unlikely-chums picture, that familiar anaphot of something harmless and fluffy curled up next to something large and predatory.

The skill comes in clicking the shutter before the terrified day-old chick / rabbit / gerbil is snapped up by the grateful Alsatian / alligator / leopard.

Don't take a shot at my friend Nessie



And there is always, thank goodness, the Loch Ness Monster.

Evasive and controversial, Nessie is ideal silly-season stuff. She has seen generations of journalists safely through these lean summer weeks.

But now she is at risk. Retired engineer Robert Craig, writing in *New Scientist*, is attempting to kill her off. He is obviously a newcomer to journalism for the golden rule of the silly season is to preserve your star characters (expensible fluffies apart) for future years.

Mr. Craig suggests that Nessie is no more than an assortment of ancient pine logs which, having sunk to

the bottom, decay and then shoot to the surface, powered by escaping gas.

You get the picture? Flatulent pine logs whizzing around Loch Ness like giant Alka-Seltzers.

If you think you detect a note of scepticism at this point, you are dead right.

Sceptic

To be honest, I do not know whether there is or is not a monster in Loch Ness. I would like to believe that some huge dinosaur with a tiny brain has survived all these years, if only to offer some hope for the future of the Labour Party.

What I do know is that a hell of a lot of sensible, sober people are convinced that

they have seen Nessie. Not jet-propelled logs but something large, lithe and living. "An undulating creature with eel-like movements," is a typical description.

Such witnesses will feel affronted by Mr. Craig's theory. Some may even suggest what he can do with his pine logs.

Peril

I believe the nation's love affair with Nessie will continue. She will remain, like flying saucers, Yetis and Allegro drivers, a mystery in a world satisfyingly full of mysteries.

In fact, the only certainty in this life seems to be the existence of experts; cool, scientific chaps like Mr. Craig who seek logical answers to silly-season quizzes, thereby putting in grave peril the bread and butter of summer journalism.

Happily, the experts have a consistent track record; they are usually wrong. It

was experts who predicted that railway passengers would suffocate at over 20 mph and experts who said the Wright Brothers would never fly.

Dream

The corridors of history are littered with torn-up theories discarded by the experts. Debunking them can be a lot of fun.

Until Robert Craig's *New Scientist* article, I had rather hoped that the Loch Ness Monster would remain its cryptic self forever, occasionally flashing a tantalising flipper just long enough for yet another blurred and inconclusive anaphot.

But now I'm not so sure. I have this dream of the ultimate silly-season scoop . . . Nessie posing on the shore of Loch Ness with fluffy little Robert Craig between her paws.

Just long enough for a snap . . .

HERALD, Everett, WA - Sept. 13, 1982 CR: L. Williford

Canadian police suspend search for missing families

Associated Press

CLEARWATER, British Columbia — An exhaustive, two-week air and ground police search for two missing British Columbia families has been suspended, primarily because of a

lack of new leads.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police directing the search from Kelowna said Sunday the effort is on hold.

"We just had no place left to look," said one spokesman. "But if any new

leads surface, we will check them out."

Two RCMP members are to appear on a televised public affairs program in Vancouver, British Columbia, on Tuesday to make a public appeal for additional information.

The Johnson family of Kelowna — Bob, 44, his wife Jackie, 41, and daughters Janet, 13, and Karen, 11 — and Mrs. Johnson's parents, George and Edith Bentley of Port Coquitlam, have been missing since early August.

The Johnsons were last seen at the home of friends in Red Deer, Alberta, on Aug. 6. They planned to drive to Wells Gray provincial park in the Clearwater area to meet the Bentleys.

The disappearances of the families and an overdue airplane in another case have stumped Canadian authorities. Even UFOs have not been ruled out by Scotty Gardiner, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police superintendent directing the search for the two families and for two Burnaby, British Columbia, teenagers who vanished in a small, rented single-engine airplane.

He is a veteran of dozens of searches but rates these among the most baffling cases of his 31-year police career.

UFOs have been suggested in both cases but it's not a view Gardiner subscribes to readily. "But as long I don't have a better solution the person who suggests that still has a foot in the arena," said Gardiner.

In the second case, Gary Ambrozuk, 19, and his girlfriend Diane Babcock, 19, left Penticon on Aug. 22 bound for Vancouver, B.C., in a Cessna 150. Eight days later, Ambrozuk called a friend in Vancouver to say he'd crashed the plane in Montana's glacial Little Bitterroot Lake but was unable to free his girlfriend, who was trapped by her seatbelt.

The lake is about 62 miles south of the Canadian border and lies in the opposite direction the plane should have headed to reach Vancouver.

SUN, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - Aug. 15, 1982 CR: G. Duplantier

NESSIE JUST ONE OF MANY

Mysterious sea monsters invade world's waterways

The most famous of the world's aquatic nightmares is known, almost affectionately, as "Nessie", the renowned Loch Ness Monster that frequents the nearly bottomless lake in the Scottish Highlands.

But Nessie is a relative newcomer to the parade of marine mysteries which have intrigued mankind for centuries.

Currently, the highly regarded *Encyclopedia Americana* notes that, "although there is a tendency to discredit the sightings of sea serpents, the sea still holds some surprises."

One of these surprises, certainly, is the coelecanth (see-luh-canth) which continues to astonish Indian Ocean fishermen and marine scientists alike. The first specimen of this steel blue, six-foot-long part fish, part mammal was caught near the shores of the Perfume Islands off Africa's east coast in 1938. Since then, they have shown up in deep water nets with some regularity. The year 1980 saw no fewer than five brought ashore for study.

Why the astonishment? Only because the coelecanth is, at best, an echo of times long gone. To some, an impossibility. Geologists say that the deep water denizen that native fishermen call "old four legs" for the remarkable fins which protrude where legs are situated on most animals, ceased to exist almost 100 million years ago. Their fossilized remains have been found but no record exists of anyone seeing a living coelecanth anywhere . . . until, some 45 years ago. How could they possibly live concealed for so long? Or if they did disappear from the seas, how

FILE ON THE UNEXPLAINED

By Michael Lucas



have they reincarnated themselves? Assuredly, the coelecanth is one of the "surprises" of the sea.

Another curious sea creature apparently inhabits the waters of the Potomac River in Virginia.

Like most sea mysteries that do not linger long enough for a detailed description, the Potomac puzzle is said to have a relatively small, snakelike head, a long tapering neck, and a wide, flat body. Witnesses estimate that its overall length is from 30 to 40 feet.

Curiously, that description belongs to another supposedly extinct animal, the Plesiosaur, a paddle-finned, water-land creature of the Cretaceous Age which ended some 100 million years ago.

More recently, Virginia farmer Goodwin Muser and several friends were shocked to see the serpent calmly swimming up river. The date was June 14, 1980. A week later, Richmond, Virginia office manager G.F. Greene and his family were waterskiing on the Potomac's placid waters about 15 miles from where Muser had made his sighting. Suddenly, without creating more than a ripple, the creature surfaced some 400 feet from the ski boat. The terrorized Greene family kept their composure well enough to make the best-vet observation.

Whatever it was that they saw was "some kind of serpent", at least 25 feet long, with three of four humps on its back.

Specialists at the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences are studying these reports and those from more than 30 other witnesses to the invasion of the Potomac by the scary serpent. So far, lack of funds has kept research to a minimum but, with every sighting, another piece is added to the puzzle.

For most of us, the thought of a monster of the deep is fraught with unease if not outright terror. But, in Fort Henry, New York, the shoe is on the other foot, so to speak. That city, on the shores of Lake Champlain, has passed laws prohibiting anyone from harming or even harrasing the water monster that has been a part of their history since 1609 when explorer Samuel de Champlain reportedly wrote of seeing a sea creature 20 feet long, as thick as a barrel, and with the head of a horse.

Since 1819, when official records related to the sightings begin, more than 100 authenticated reports have been filed by sharp-eyed citizens of New York, Vermont and Canada. The year 1980 led in the number of viewings with five reported — the most for any annual period.

The Lake Champlain invader has been photographed. The pictures were studied by herpetologist Dr. Roy Mackal at the University of Arizona. Authorities agree that the photographs have not been doctored and that there is something in the lake.



The San Diego Union/Tony Doubeck

Virginia Swanson, 80, on ridge of mountains where she has chased Big Foot tales.

She's 80, And On The Trail Of Big Foot

Age Has Slowed, But Not Ended, The Quest Of Julian's Virginia Swanson

By GEORGE FLYNN
Staff Writer, The San Diego Union

JULIAN — Virginia Louise Swanson, veteran Big Foot tracker of Julian, arched her 80-year-old eyebrows up toward her light-frost hair and dropped a delicate chin to the top of her print dress.

Satisfied with the expression, she continued her stories about her quest for Big Foot, the hairy creature of the forest.

For the last dozen years, the di-

minutive senior citizen has chased tall tales in this mountainous area. A respiratory ailment and old age are slowing her pursuit, but the imagination and verve appear more active than ever.

A two-room cabin crammed with mementos and mounds of speculative publications about the unknown serves as home and headquarters.

Swanson talks of a long past winding from the tundra of Alaska through the gold mines of Northern California. The nuggets she now pur-

sues are elusive, made even more shadowy by what she sees as an uncooperative citizenry.

"The locals want absolutely no part of it," Swanson bemoans of the push for Big Foot clues. "More than being afraid of the unknown, they are afraid of being laughed at."

"Those that don't sneer at me openly figure I'm just a crackpot," Swanson continues. "They think I just like to imagine things."

At times it is almost more than she can bear.

"I'm about ready to go up the wall and around the bend. I don't get any cooperation," she said on a recent afternoon, fanning flies but not the heat from her cabin.

Random inquiries in the area turned up few who had even heard of Swanson. None felt that someone would be ostracized for reporting the sighting of a strange creature in the woods.

Julian — like any area — has eccentric individuals, and considers them a legitimate part of the community, a spokesman at the Chamber of Commerce said.

Ghost stories have originated here, but reports of a Big Foot have been rare over the years, others said. Longtime Forest Service workers said virtually no man-ape tales are generated from this region of the state.

Swanson says the reports are there, just well-hidden. She has been asked to leave many areas, some of them on reservations, by suspicious residents who want no intruders, she said.

"The people — some of the respected old-timers — whisper about the things they've seen and heard but they don't want to talk about it and don't want to be quoted. The Indians are just about ready to shoot me in the back."

Swanson looks at high ridges and sometimes densely overgrown canyon floors and propounds theories. Her latest is that the creatures roam a series of caverns in the mountains stretching down the state.

They follow an underground stream that helps disguise their entrances and exits into the more human world.

Her research, she says, has led her to a hilltop near a large communications tower near the Santa Ysabel Indian Reservation. If the creatures are to be found, that is a likely site, Swanson assures a listener.

She has to be cautious in her investigation, she says. Landowners have not assisted her, saying they don't want any publicity attracting the curious and the problems they bring, she adds.

The few residents or workers on the reservations who will talk to her either risk physical retaliation or will only hint at strange occurrences there, Swanson maintains.

Yet she can roll off a dozen different episodes she has collected about apparent confrontations between humans and the creatures.

A night motorist in northeast San Diego County revealed one to her, she said.

"A huge hairy animal with a man-like face bounded alongside the car, trying to thrust his arm inside. Hitting hard on the throttle, she broke its grasp."

"She got home safely — hysterical with shock and terror. Neither prolonged questioning nor derision has broken her story — nor does she drive after dark now."

Many of the stories feature the creatures emitting unearthly howls ending in screams. Fortunately, for a recent visitor, Swanson didn't attempt to simulate these sounds.

She said she heard them herself while trying to set up a mining operation in Northern California in the early 1950s. At the time, she thought wild pigs were attacking her cot in an isolat-

ed clearing. Now she says it must have been a band of Big Foot monsters.

The account is contained in her book "Night-Side of Gold." She financed its publication by Budget Book Co. of San Diego in 1978. Sales haven't soared, but Swanson says that is because she hasn't stumped the traditional authors' publicity circuits.

Other publications that feature articles on the unknown have accepted some of her stories on Big Foot searches, although one editor asked her to include a clear picture of the monster and a lock of its hair.

"I told him I'd have National Geographic publish it if I had all that," Swanson said. "I sure wouldn't fool with him."

She corresponds heavily with other believers, and draws her strength from their support. One woman from Puerto Rico, responding to a tiny Swanson ad in a magazine, mailed her money for her next book.

A man gave her a notarized statement of his sighting of what she calls the Abominable Sandman of Borrego. Researchers and psychics from other regions have interviewed her and sought Swanson's assistance in their own investigations, she says with pride.

Beyond the help of a few local acquaintances, Swanson is left to herself, her geological maps, hiking gear and literature on the thus-far mythical monsters.

Greeting cards from Christmas still adorn one wall of her cluttered cabin. Visitors consist mostly of 14 stray cats crunching on pet food she leaves on her porch.

"I've never lived a normal life — if there's any oddball thing to get into, I'll get into it," Swanson chuckles. "I'm just not a nice little old lady who talks about regular things."

"That would bore me stiff."

She went through eight years of schooling in Washington state, scrambled for jobs and went to Alaska to find work as a waitress. World War II brought her back to the continental states, where a seven-year marriage dissolved.

She got a job as a chemist for Pet Milk Co. in Monterey, testing farmers' milk for butterfat content. That ended when she was tugging a 5-gallon acid container up metal steps from a building basement. The bottle broke, cascading sulfuric acid over her legs. The burns required skin grafts and nearly two years of recuperation.

There were other stints at mining and she came to San Diego to retire on Social Security. When the congestion in the big city worsened, she moved to Julian.

Treks into the backcountry to examine possible Big Foot areas, and to check on reports of sightings or alleged evidence, have left her exhausted and recovering from poison ivy and scratches.

But the commitment remains, pulsating under a devil-may-care attitude.

"I spent the first half of my life trying to conform — to be like other people," Swanson says. "Now, to hell with it."

"I'm going to, within the bounds of decency and according to my principles, do as I please. If that means climbing up and down mountains, looking for something that interests me, so be it."

Bay monster film 'intrigues' scientists

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than from side to side as do the common run of snakes, Frew noted. Its head, the shape of a football, ends in an angular snout, not a sharp point like a snake's head but somewhat blunt like the profile of a Labrador retriever puppy, he added.

He and his wife, Karen, met with some 35 scientists for a showing of the tape on Aug. 20 in a lecture hall of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. In a statement after a two-hour viewing, Dr. George Zug, chairman of the Smithsonian's department of vertebrate zoology, found the tape "intriguing," although he offered no identification of the creature.

"The usual explanations of partially submerged logs, a string of birds or marine animals, optical illusion, etc., seem inappropriate for the dark, elongated, animate object," he said.

The Chessie phenomenon differs in many ways. The front end is strongly angular, appearing and disappearing vertically. Similarly, the object undulates on a vertical plane rather than a horizontal plane as in the normal swimming movements of marine animals, Zug added.

The Smithsonian conference was coordinated by two young businessmen of the Baltimore area, Michael Fritzell and Robert Lazzara, who

head the Enigma Project, a national non-profit association of 70 members that investigates reports of unexplained phenomena.

The Smithsonian report is significant in saying that there is a genuine, unknown phenomenon swimming in Chesapeake Bay's waters, Lazzara said Sunday, adding: "This is important because up to the Frew videotape, Chessie was nothing more than local legend."

Of four possible candidates, two are snakes that grow 30 feet or more, the African reticulated python and the South American anaconda. Fritzell noted. But neither lives in brackish or salt water, nor could they survive Maryland's winters.

Two other possibilities are an eel or an oar fish, but both are gilled creatures that do not breathe above the surface of the water, Fritzell noted.

Scientists at the Smithsonian conference said that the pattern of movement in the water indicates a surface bather, not a fish.

"I'd love to say we think this is a throwback to the days of the dinosaurs. We can't do that," said Lazzara, "but Chessie has been transformed from folklore to phenomena, and now is being studied seriously by scientists."

On Memorial Day the Frews were dining in their home on Kent Island when a guest, Charlotte Brown Rosier, formerly of Virginia Beach, saw through a large window what she thought was a log drifting 100 feet offshore. Then the party saw that the entire mass was moving in an undulating motion against the tide and at one point, while submerging and resurfacing, it displayed a large portion of its body.

Frew seized his camera, opened the glass sliding doors, and filmed it. Then as the creature turned and began moving toward children frolicking in the water a block away, the adults hurried, shouting, to the bulkhead to warn them. The animal came within 50 feet of the youngsters and dove in their direction. "That's when we really started yelling," Mrs. Frew said Sunday. It resurfaced beyond them and passed from view.

Half a dozen sightings have been made since Memorial Day. Frew noted that in a letter to a newspaper in Annapolis, a doctor said that while fishing near Maryland's Chesapeake Bay Bridge he had sighted and followed Chessie in his boat two or three minutes, radiating to other craft nearby.

The occupants laughed at him, he wrote, adding, "I don't care if they do think I'm crazy. I've seen it, and I'm glad I did."

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Chessie lives!

That's the consensus of scientists who studied a four-minute videotape of a 30-foot creature swimming off Kent Island two-thirds the way up Chesapeake Bay. As to what Chessie may be, however, nobody knows.

But Robert Frew, a businessman who filmed the creature on May 31, said Sunday in a telephone conversation that in mid-October scientists will make a computerized enhancement of the tape, blocking out everything but the creature, and will come up with measurements on its length, girth, and perhaps its weight.

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