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It's hard to admit . . . but I saw a UFO

by Tom Jenkins

It has been three years since I saw my first and only Unidentified Flying Object. While this timelapse does not make my story that newsworthy, I still feel it is a story that should see print - only because it might prevent a few readers from passing judgement too quickly on the story which will be published in next Tuesday's Atlantic News & Advertiser.

To admit that you saw a UFO is not an easy task. As with the four local women who will relate their UFO encounter next week, I am opening myself up to ridicule and a possible lack of future credibility. But I know what I saw, and what I saw was not normal and that in itself is news . . . so here it is:

It was mid-October 1979. My girlfriend and I were returning from visiting a friend in Newton and were driving home on the back roads (what lovers don't try to employ back roads as often as possible?). We had come to a stop in the darkness at the intersection of Brown and Old Stage Roads in Hampton Falls, and were attempting to prolong the evening by taking forever to decide which way was the longest back to Hampton.

As we sat there chatting, I happened to notice a light moving toward us on the right shoulder of Brown Road. I thought nothing unusual of the light at first, but as it came closer I absent-mindedly began to think of a possible reason for the light to be there and be moving toward us.

It was small and about waist high, I noticed, so I began to think of it as a bicycle headlamp, and I could almost picture the rider behind it in the darkness. But as it came closer I decided that wasn't the case. Of course, it had to be a flashlight and somebody was just out walking. But no, there didn't seem to be anybody, or anything, behind the light - just blackness.

By now the light was about 20 feet from the front of the car and I had not yet acknowledged a rational source for it. Without realizing it, my girlfriend had also been attempting to rationalize the light. She, too, failed. We stopped talking.

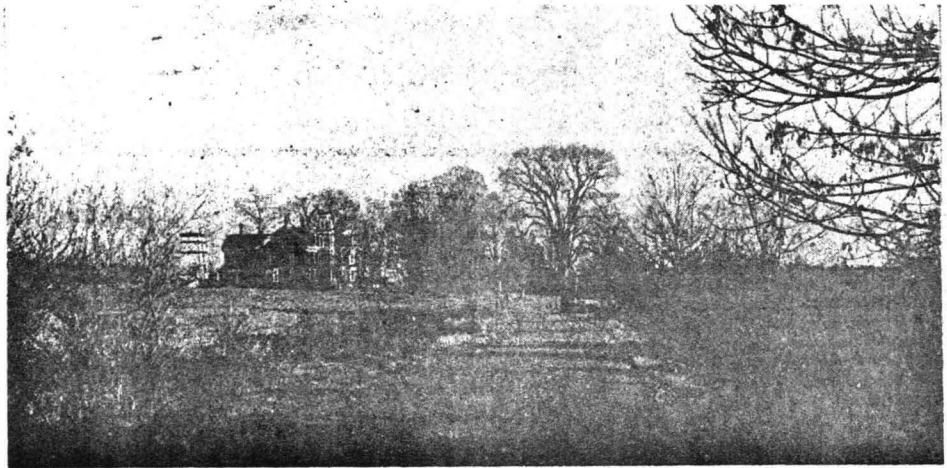
We were both about to say something to each other when the light abruptly stopped moving. It stayed stationary for an instant and then suddenly shot off to the right - straight through the trees and bushes and out across the nearby field, seemingly oblivious to the uneven terrain.

We sat there dumbfounded. We both knew that what we had seen was totally foreign to everyday reality. "Let's get out of here," my girlfriend said, breaking the uneasy silence.

I agreed and we sped off, unable to explain to each other what we had just witnessed.

The next day I returned to the area. The terrain over which the strange light had sped away was as uneven as I had remembered.

No bicycle, no person with a flashlight, nor anything else normal could have traveled in such a straight line without having to bob up and down. It was then I realized the light had zipped through the night and could not have been attached to any earth-bound object. I went home to tell my girlfriend the bad news, which we



Brown Road in Hampton Falls. The UFO was seen moving along the right-hand side of the road.

TWO SPECIAL ISSUES ON UFOs

In this and next week's issues of the Atlantic News & Advertiser we are going to delve into the controversial subject of Unidentified Flying Objects. While this week's main feature will detail a UFO sighting witnessed by this newspaper's editor a few years back, the November 23 issue will concentrate on a more recent UFO encounter experienced by four local respectable women. Letters to the editor on this subject are encouraged.

soon passed on to skeptical friends and relatives, none of whom could explain what we had seen.

About a month later it was explained - by Portsmouth's Betty Hill, an avid UFO watcher (and who is alleged to have been abducted by a UFO in 1961).

Mrs. Hill was giving a talk on the subject during a cold November evening in Kingston which I had attended because my interest in UFOs had, not surprisingly, become quite predominant at that period in my life.

It was during the question and answer period that I learned the following: some UFOs are quite small, the most common being the so-called "remote-controlled black boxes" (probably sent out from larger UFOs) with single lights about the size of a small auto headlamp.

My story has to end here. Where else could it go? There are no answers to these things, you know. Unless you have one that I haven't heard.

equipment and reducing the need for additional base-load capacity." Hamerlinck added, "It is certainly wiser to spend 21 cents today than a lot more later for a new power plant."

Hamerlinck emphasized the need to manage the demand on the electrical system if the company is to attain its goal of 1.5 percent average annual load growth while still providing customers with reliable service at reasonable rates.

ATLANTIC NEWS & ADVERTISER, Hampton, NH
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UFO update

HAMPTON - An unidentified flying object was reported to this newspaper last week by a woman who resides on Exeter Road in Hampton. The woman, who did not wish to be identified, said she saw the strange object on the evening of November 17, over a field across the street from her home.

The object was described as being a large bright light which flew slowly over the area at treetop level for a

period of about ten minutes, beginning shortly after 9:30 p.m. It was reported to have made no noise. The sighting was not reported to the police.

The UFO was seen in the same vicinity as the strange craft reported in last week's Atlantic News. Both were also seen at approximately the same time in the evening (9:30-10:30 p.m.).

The woman additionally said she has seen similar flying objects in the same area on a number of different occasions.

Visit By 'Extra Terrestrial' Leaves Many In Wonder

By JEFF BARNES

E.T., or at least some of his other cosmic buddies, were apparently visiting the Nebraska City area Saturday night.

At 11:10 p.m., Interim Sheriff Rich Tilson says he received a report from a farm seven miles northwest of Nebraska City of a UFO landing in a field. The object had reportedly spooked the farmer's horse. Tilson and Chief Deputy Tom Frudiker responded to the scene of the call, and there, with several other citizens, reported they saw two red lights in the sky. One then appeared to land in a field and the other moved in the direction of the northwest sky. Later on, a mysterious flash no one could account for also appeared in the sky.

Tilson says the lights were also seen by law enforcement officers in Johnson, Nemaha, and Cass Counties, and also by a local wrecking crew. The Cass County officer said what he saw appeared to be a biplane, but a check with the Omaha Air Traffic Tower and Offutt Air Force Base by Tilson showed that no aircraft were in the area at that time.

Tilson says his office investigated an incident several years ago in which a helicopter was used to rustle cattle in the Nebraska City area. Several people reported the helicopter as a UFO. "This may turn out to be the same kind of thing," he says.

As of now, however, both Tilson and Frudiker laughingly deny they saw anything Saturday night.

Readers Tell Tilson 'We Saw Flash, Too'

Interim Sheriff Rich Tilson reports that the mysterious flash witnessed by himself, other area law enforcement officers, and local citizens Saturday night was also reported sighted by Nebraska citizens from Union to Fullerton.

Tilson says he has received several calls from people after they read the Associated Press account of the sighting in their local paper. Tilson described the flash as starting from a single point in the sky with white light emanating both up and down before disappearing.

What Tilson and Chief Deputy missed out on seeing Saturday night, however, were the UFOs they were called to investigate, witnessed by Joe and Tauni Murnan of Route 2,

Nebraska City, and their neighbors, Ted and Phyllis Lyons.

The Murnans described the object as being round, glowing, purplish-pink in Tuesday's edition of the Lincoln Journal.

"There were two of them," said Mrs. Murnan. "One, about half the size of a Volkswagen (Beetle) came down and the other went south. It looked like it sat down in our neighbors' pasture. If it didn't, it came pretty close. Then, it looked like it bounced across the highway (U.S. 73-75)."

Mrs. Murnan said at first she thought the object was a plane, but ruled that out because the object made no noise and had no flashing lights.

NEWS-PRESS, Nebraska City, NE
Dec. 13, 1982 CR: P. Guttilla

NEWS-PRESS, Nebraska City, NE
Dec. 15, 1982 CR: P. Guttilla

CR: B. Greenwood



ABDUCTED BY ALIEN BEINGS — Pictured above is Portsmouth's Betty Hill, who along with her husband Barney (since deceased), were alleged to have been taken aboard an alien spacecraft and subjected to a painful physical examination during the evening of September 19, 1961. They were kidnapped by the UFO in the White Mountains near Groveton, New Hampshire. The famous incident has been the subject of a popular made-for-TV movie, "The Interrupted Journey" (also a book by John Fuller). Betty Hill is pictured above in her Portsmouth home during an interview held last week with the Atlantic News & Advertiser.

Hill, 62, commenting on the UFO sighting reported by the four women as related in this newspaper, said, "There have recently been many reports similar to those. Most have reported objects of disc or oval shaped." Hill also said, "I do not have any doubt in my mind that what they (the four women) are saying is true. This incident is not unusual. The public doesn't probably realize how much UFO activity there is here."

(Tom Jenkins Photo)

NEWS-REVIEW, Darien, CT - Dec. 9, 1982 CR: B. Greenwood

UFO's

Cutty Sark, the whiskey manufacturer, has offered one million pounds to anyone who captures a space ship or other vehicle that the Science Museum of London can verify as having come from outer space.

"We're very serious about this," says the director of the firm, which has taken out several thousand

pounds worth of insurance with Lloyd's of London against paying the reward.

BUFORA, the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, rates the chances of someone's collecting as nil. (Contact: Cutty Sark, 3 St. James Street, London SW1, England).

BEVERLY-PEABODY TIMES, Beverly, MA - Nov. 19, 1982 CR: B. Greenwood

UFO expert encouraged NASA will listen for signals 'out there'

By JOANNE MENESALE
Times staff

BEVERLY — Local UFO investigator Raymond Fowler thinks it's a good thing that Congress has finally approved funds to let NASA listen for possible extraterrestrial messages.

The government will spend money on a new instrument that will improve efforts to detect radio signals from intelligent beings, if any, elsewhere in the universe.

If the search is successful, "the big thing is we would finally be able to prove without a shadow of a doubt that an intelligence was out there that is able to send these messages," said Fowler, a Wenham resident who has been investigating UFO's for decades.

After years of political scorn and scientific doubt, Congress finally included some \$1.5 million in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) budget for this fiscal year, to purchase an instrument that hooks up to radiotelescopes.

The project, which had once been given a famous "Golden Fleece" award by Sen. William Proxmire (D., Wis.), was given the OK, in part, because of a meeting between Proxmire and well-known astronomer Carl Sagan.

When the plan to begin an organized radio search was originally proposed by the Carter administration, it was laughed out of the hearing room by Proxmire. This time around Sagan was able to convince Proxmire the search was scientifically important and involved small cost.

"I think this is one of the many ways to go," said Fowler.

Beverly resident, Marge Christensen, a member of the Mutual UFO Network, an

international civilian organization which investigates UFO's, was skeptical about the idea.

"My response may surprise you, but I think they're looking in the wrong place," said Mrs. Christensen, who is the group's director here in Essex County. "I think a lot of valuable data has been ignored — I won't say by the government — but by NASA. I think the government is keeping tabs on what's going on but won't admit it publicly."

"I don't say they shouldn't try (to detect radio signals) but they're spending a lot of money on something that may not reap a lot of results," she said.

NASA officials say they have reached an understanding with Congress that additional money will flow for at least five years while the new instrument tries to detect messages from other planets orbiting stars in our galaxy.

The fact that searches so far have been disappointing doesn't phase Fowler, national director of investigations for the Mutual UFO Network.

"I guess what irks me is that if searches had been successful we probably wouldn't have heard about them," he said.

For instance 10 years ago, scientists discovered what seemed to be intelligent signals coming from outer space, he said. The whole subject matter was kept secret until the government could find a theory to explain the signals.

Scientists finally discovered that what they were calling LGM's — little green men — were pulsars. "But the government didn't release the information until they could actually find an explanation, that these signals were not from extraterrestrial civilizations," Fowler said.

Budget funds will pay for a signal analyzer to be used with existing radiotelescopes and their receivers, including the world's biggest dish antenna at Arecibo in Puerto Rico.

Because nobody knows where on the radio dial extraterrestrials may try to communicate, the analyzer will eventually study 10 million radio frequencies simultaneously.

"By studying many, many frequencies in a short period of time, the possibility of finding something rises," Fowler said.

Any signals detected would have been sent thousands, maybe millions of years ago, he said, from civilizations that may not even exist now. "The gain to be obtained, obviously, is if we can decode a message which may have been sent to help other civilizations," he said. "Or it might not be much help if the signals are similar to some of our TV programs."

"To listen for radio signals is fine," said Mrs. Christensen, "but instead they should pay more attention to what's happening. There's a wealth of data they should be studying."

That data includes 4,000 pages of government documents from agencies like the CIA, FBI and Air Force, which have been declassified and made public under the Freedom of Information act, she said. They "really have pretty tangible evidence that something is going on," she said.

"I don't know what UFO's are, but I know something is there that we can't identify, that's tampering with missiles and can outmaneuver any aircraft we have."

As for the possibility of other intelligent life existing in the universe, Mrs. Christensen said, "I hope there is. I don't think we're doing such a hot job here."

It's no joking matter

Unidentified Flying Objects have been with us since the beginning of recorded history. Thousands, if not millions, of people have reported sightings of UFOs in the ensuing centuries and the mystery is still with us. Even here, in the seacoast area, we have many such sightings. In fact, the seacoast has been put forever on the UFO map with the famous "Incident at Exeter," written by John Fuller a few years back. Portsmouth's well-known Betty Hill is also familiar to local residents because of her and her husband's reported abduction by an UFO in the north country (the subject of a popular made-for-television movie).

However many sightings are reported, and no matter how respectable the people involved in such incidents are, many publications treat the subject with ridicule. This will not be the case with the Atlantic News & Advertiser. This editor, for example, saw a UFO in Hampton Falls three years ago and, therefore, cannot rightfully deny the existence of them.

In this and next week's issues, this newspaper will treat the subject in an adult, intelligent manner. The UFO controversy is of great concern to many area residents and it is hoped this in-depth coverage of the subject will help to further inform those so concerned, and also spark interest in people who are somewhat ill-informed on UFOs in the seacoast.

October and November have been known as "UFO Months" here in Rockingham County due to the many sightings which are reported every year at this time. Let us take advantage of this unusual season and see if we can come up with some answers. Your comments are welcome.

The Hampton encounter

by Tom Jenkins

HAMPTON - It is approximately 10:15 p.m. on the night of Thursday, September 30, 1982. Four local women are driving west on Exeter Road. A short distance past Hampton Machine Company, the driver of the car, Mary Ann Poland, 44, of Allison Drive in Seabrook, notices what she takes to be an airplane coming in low over the trees. "That airplane is flying very low," she remarks casually to her fellow companions.

The other three women do not at first pay too much attention to Poland's remark until, that is, Poland shouts, "That's not an airplane! Look at it!"

The four women then stare in amazement at the strange craft gliding in the sky above them at treetop level. The huge craft (later described as "big as a house") could be clearly seen in the night sky, moving slowly away from them toward a house on the southerly side of the road. Its oval shape is easily discernable, as the entire craft is ringed with flashing red and white lights. "Stop the car!" Mary LaMontagne, 29, of P Street, Hampton Beach, yells from her limited vantage point in the back seat.

Poland begins to apply the brakes, but before she can come to a full stop, LaMontagne and Rose Messina, 25, also of P Street, hop out of the car, seemingly oblivious to the dangers of jumping from a moving vehicle. Poland and Nicky LeClair, 53, of Park Avenue in Hampton, watch in disbelief as their two friends vanish into the darkness up a nearby driveway.

LaMontagne and Messina, feeling totally without fear or apprehension, dash the length of the driveway as the strange craft slowly glides away from them. They reach the edge of a patch of woods and then stare in awe as the inexplicable object of their attentions comes to a stop almost directly above them. Both women stand completely still, enthralled with the massive craft, its flashing lights, and a larger ray of light which beams down "like a path to the sky" (as later described by LaMontagne).

For a few brief seconds, LaMontagne and Messina watch the object, which hovers soundlessly so close above them, the only noise being the soft rustle of leaves in the wind. Then the craft begins to move again, sliding silently away from them to the protective cover of the woods. In an instant it is gone, and the two awe-struck women suddenly realize that a porch light has been snapped on at the nearby house. They turn and run back to their anxious companions in the car.

Later, after discussing what they had seen, they came to the only obvious conclusion: they had experienced an extremely close encounter with an Unidentified Flying Object.

The above story, reconstructed from information supplied by the four women during a recent interview, does not end there. LaMontagne, who is an employee of New England Telephone (as are the three others), has been especially affected by the encounter, and claims she has received telepathic messages from the craft and/or its occupants. "They want me to be healthy," she told this newspaper, explaining that she has recently quit smoking after indulging in 2½ packs a day for the past 14 years. LaMontagne claims she has had no desire to smoke, and her three friends are all equally amazed at her uncanny ability to quit cold turkey, adding credence to the possibility of outside influence.

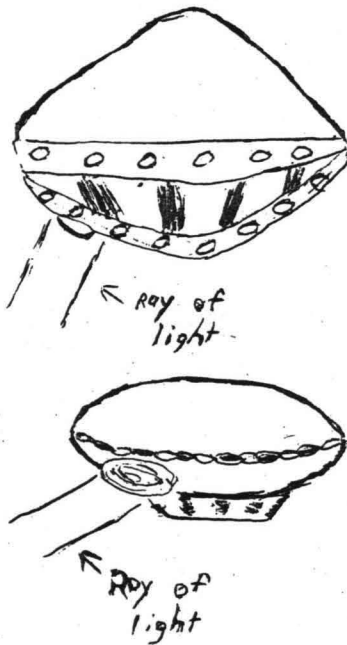
When asked why she felt she needed to be healthy, LaMontagne explained, "I felt because they stopped, they wanted me to do something. I sensed that it was okay and that they are not here to hurt us. . . I just know there is more but I don't know when."

All four women informed this newspaper that what they saw was definitely a UFO. "I saw a huge oval object which was very bright. The fact that it made no noise astounded me," Messina said. The other three women also described the object in very similar terms. Neither LaMontagne or Messina, however, could explain why they felt compelled to chase the object and risk their safety by jumping from a moving vehicle.

Poland, Messina, LaMontagne, and LeClair stand behind their amazing story, despite the fact that they have all been subject to ridicule since revealing their encounter. All feel that what they saw was not of this earth. "It was definitely a ship from somewhere else," LaMontagne said.



The four who encountered the UFO on Exeter Road in Hampton on September 30, 1982. From left: Nicky LeClair, Mary Ann Poland, Rose Messina, and Mary LaMontagne. (Tom Jenkins Photo)



Two sketches of the UFO as seen on Exeter Road. The top sketch was drawn by Mary LaMontagne; the bottom sketch by Rose Messina. The Atlantic News had asked each of the four women to draw what they saw without looking at each other's work during the sketching session. All four were extremely similar.

CENTRAL MAINE MORNING SENTINEL, Waterville, ME - Dec. 13, 1982

UFOs recalled

STARKS — It was the evening of Nov. 28, 1981, when at least six persons spotted an unidentified flying object (UFO) hovering as a bright light in the sky near State Route 43 here.

The sighting produced interest not only locally, but nationally.

Robert Gribble, director of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., said at the time that because of repeated UFO sightings, the Starks area might be classified as one of the "hot spots" for UFO activity in the U.S.

Two representatives of a private organization called Parallel Phenomenon Research, located in Cambridge, Mass., traveled to Starks to interview witnesses.

And newspapers, radio stations, and even a television station kept the telephone of Somerset County Deputy Sheriff Harold "Bud" Hendsbee tied up for days.

A 23-year veteran of the Somerset Sheriff's Department, Hendsbee had been off duty and driving through Starks with his wife when they both saw the UFO.

Now, a year later, the 24-year veteran of police work still doesn't doubt what he saw that Saturday evening.

"I never got over it," Hendsbee said of the UFO sighting in a recent telephone conversation, adding that his wife was even more affected by the strange encounter.

Hendsbee said the sight of the UFO was as frightening as it was fascinating. Some investigators concluded that Hendsbee and the others were looking at Venus rather than a UFO.

Asked if he still believes in the existence of UFO's a year after the strange happenings in Starks, the veteran lawman replied, "Absolutely. No doubt about it."

CR: B. Greenwood

NEWS, San Antonio, TX - Dec. 21, 1982 CR: R. Morgan

Weird light may be plane

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP) — A football-shaped bright light in the night sky that prompted calls to the fire department might have been the contrail of a jet, authorities say.

"It was kind of weird looking," said Garland Everett, a state police communications operator. "I imagine it was a jet. It looked like a jet's stream would look in the daytime."

The Roswell Fire Department received reports of an explosion Monday night, but city police and fire units sent to the area, six miles west of the city,

could not find anything, a department official said.

"The jet's stream looked like an arc about the shape of a football. It was quite large," Everett said. "It's clear as a bell here and pretty cold. You could see lights ahead of the thing. It probably lasted about five minutes."

The Federal Aviation Administration was contacted "and they didn't have anything at all," Everett said.

Jim Lovelady, a spokesman for White Sands Missile Range, said the range has been closed since Friday afternoon for maintenance.

At a landing strip about 150 miles to the west, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration is working with high-intensity xenon lights, but they would not be visible in Roswell because of the distance.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, Denver, CO - Jan. 20, 1983 CR: T. Adams

'Green lights' in Douglas may be meteors

A possible meteor shower — reported to authorities as "large green objects falling from the sky" — occurred in Douglas County Wednesday night.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Department said it received four reports just after 6 p.m. Two of those reports came from a Castle Rock police officer and a Larkspur firefighter. The other two were telephoned in by citizens, according to sheriff's dispatcher J.W. Roth.

Roth said the objects were reported falling two to four miles east of Interstate 25 at Silver Heights; in a field between Spruce Mountain and South Lake Gulch; at Lincoln Way and I-25; and five miles east of Colorado 83 on Hilltop Road.

Roth said a preliminary investigation turned up no objects or damage in those areas. He said further investigations will begin at sunrise Thursday.

"We have no idea what they were," Roth said. Del Kindschi, a spokesman for the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado Springs, said NORAD earlier had received a similar report from Kansas. But, he said, NORAD had received no reports from Douglas County.

He also said NORAD had received no reports of satellites or parts of satellites re-entering Earth's atmosphere. A Soviet satellite is expected to re-enter the atmosphere later this month.

UFOs

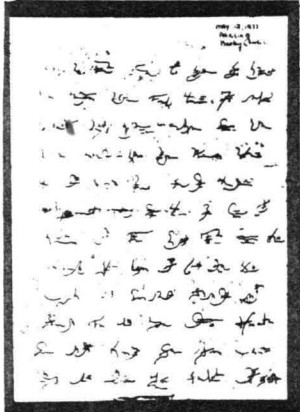
Strange encounters of many kinds

By Sandra T. Blodgett

If it's not a bird, a plane or superman, then you have had a close encounter of the first, second or third kind.

Some people are skeptics when it comes to UFO's but not the Luca's of Cheshire. Both Mr. and Mrs. Luca have had close encounters of the third kind. In fact, the second book about Betty Ann (Andreasson) Luca's encounter with beings from an alien planet has just been published.

For those who are uninitiated in the jargon of UFOs, close encounters of the third kind are sightings of space ships with humanoid occupants; encounters of the second kind are sightings of space ships which have left physical traces;



Sample of space writing

and encounters of the first kind are sightings of UFOs within a radius of 500 feet.

Not only did Betty Ann Luca have an encounter of the third kind, but hers was a case of such "very high strangeness" that even renowned experts in the area of UFOs were at first hesitant to believe her tales.

But after careful examination, including physical and psychiatric testing, and several sessions of hypnosis, the experts began to agree. Her story is probably the best documented encounter to be recorded.

Mrs. Luca's apparent first experience occurred in Massachusetts Jan. 25, 1967. She was at home with her parents and seven children when lights in the house went off and a reddish orange glow began pulsating and flashing on and off through her pantry window.

As her father sped to the pantry, Mrs. Luca told her children not to worry. Suddenly she saw alien beings (see mock-up in photo) with clay-like gray skin enter her living room, passing through the door.

She recalls the beings gave off an aura of peace and simultaneously her parents and children were placed in a state of suspended animation. The initial exchange between Mrs. Luca and the beings, four in number, included an exchange of books. In asking Mrs. Luca for nourishment tried by fire, she first thought they meant food, but they rejected that and settled instead for a copy of the Bible.

In exchange for the Bible, the leader of the beings offered Mrs. Luca a thin blue book which she was told she could keep for 10 days. At some point during the initial confrontation, her daughter Becky, age 11, was allowed out of the suspended animation and she conversed and played with one of the beings.

Following her conscious experience, Mrs. Luca and Becky would find themselves suddenly overcome with an impulse to write. What they would write would be out of their control and appeared to be some kind of hieroglyphics or form of shorthand. "This would happen to us and we would just sit and write. Sometimes it was numbers or figures, we found out some of the things were formulas or symbols for metals or math," she explained.

The beings, apparently male, according to Mrs. Luca, were short, ranging from three to five feet in height. Their large heads were the shape of inverted pears and they had two large slanted eyes. Their skin appeared to be wet gray clay and was cool to the touch. The hands contained three projections like thick fingers and their feet appeared to be encased in boots.

Although the beings communicated with Mrs. Luca and her daughter, they did not seem to be speaking, but rather

contacting her through some type of telepathy. All of this Mrs. Luca remembered consciously, but she never spoke of the incident to anyone outside of her family. She and her daughter continued writing in the strange script, but told no one about it.

It was not until 1975 that she made the first move toward relating her experiences to someone else. She had read a story about Dr. J. Allen Hyneck, director of the Center for UFO Studies, in her local paper. The article made her believe that perhaps her experience wasn't as unique as first thought and she wrote him a letter explaining her experience.

The letter precipitated the entire investigation which was in fact to ultimately reveal that her encounter in 1967 was not her first encounter by alien beings and that she had in fact been abducted by them on two separate occasions, once at age 13 and the second time on that Jan. 1967 evening.

Meanwhile, back in Connecticut, her present husband, Robert Luca, then living in Meriden with his family, was traveling to Hammonasset State Park when he too had a close encounter of the third kind. This was in June of 1967, just months after Mrs. Luca's experience.

"It was just as I got to New Haven Trap Rock that I noticed five men working on the railroad spur...but they weren't working, they were all looking up into the sky. I stopped and looked up too and saw two large, shiny cigar shaped objects moving toward New Haven side by side. They made no noise, had no wings, left no trail and there were no engines visible.

"They looked like two cylinders...Suddenly two small round objects seemed to come out of them, one went toward New Haven, the other went in the opposite direction. After they were out of sight, I resumed my trip, feeling a little anxious.

"The last thing I consciously remember is rounding a bend in the road and seeing one of the round objects return and begin falling to the ground in a gentle swirling motion much like a falling leaf..."

Two or three hours later, Luca ar-

rived at Hammonasset where he met friends. When they asked him why he was so late, he had no answers. It was not until 10 years later, after he met Betty Andreasson and was put in touch with the UFO Center that his case was investigated and, like Betty, he learned of his abduction by alien beings while under hypnosis.

The beings that abducted Bob Luca first shined a red light on his car and then he found himself inside the ship almost instantly. "They asked me to remove all my clothing and they had this bench, this table made of plexiglass or something like that. I was put on the table and they told me not too worry, I would not be hurt.

"I could not move my body, only my head and I didn't like it. I didn't like it, but I wasn't afraid I would be harmed. I know that after the exam I was put back in my car and went on my way."

According to both Mr. and Mrs. Luca, Bob's recollection of the event is still sketchy and he does have an amnesic block surrounding his experience.

Since that experience, Bob Luca has attempted to locate the men who had been working on the railroad spur that sunny morning in an attempt to corroborate his story and to get more information from them. His attempts have been fruitless, the company that owned the railroad line sold out and he has not been able to get any leads as to the identities of the men.

He is still hopeful that someone will hear of the experience he had, remember seeing the ships and contact him.

In fact, since the publication of the first book dealing with Betty Luca's encounter, "The Andreasson Affair", the couple has been contacted by numerous people from all over the country who want to share experiences they have had with the Luca's.

Although she was only able to recollect the events while under hypnosis, Mrs. Luca now has total recall of her experiences. Not only can she recollect in vivid detail her time with the beings, she can make very technical drawings of all of the equipment they used, including drawings of the workmanship of

the space ship.

Coloring all of her involvement with the beings is a feeling of peace which she believes they emitted. "They are not out to harm mankind, but are rather emissaries of peace and hope. I always felt safe, sometimes frightened, but I knew they would not hurt me and they did exude peace and tranquility."

Shortly after boarding the ship, she was asked to move into a changing room, remove her clothing and dress in a type of johnny coat. The examination, recalled under hypnosis, was both frightening and painful.

According to Mrs. Luca, "the beings first measured me for light, using a fan like instrument. Then they began to probe with very long needles, even inserting one into my nose. I can remember screaming that I didn't want anymore tests, but at that time, the leader, Quazgaar, came and put his hand on my forehead...then the pain eased.

"After the exam I was told to dress and after a few more types of tests I was taken into a tunnel with two of the beings. I remember them putting black hoods over their heads. Suddenly we were in a reddish atmosphere. There was no vegetation, just big cement buildings.

"But there were these tiny little creatures all over the place. They had large eye stalks that could move every which way...the beings kept the hoods over their heads and we moved right through into another type of atmosphere.

"We came to an area where there appeared to be green ocean all underneath us, almost a green mist all around. I could see a city of white domes in the distance and can remember passing a three-sided pyramid with the shape of a female head on top of it.

"We just continued until we came to an area where there were bright crystals hanging and I can remember coming up to a large eagle. There were rays of light flashing and sparks of gold flying. It was very hot and the eagle seemed to dissolve into a pile of ashes...suddenly I saw a large gray worm crawl out of the ashes.

"We then returned through all of the chambers and came back to a room with glass chairs. I was told to sit in several chairs and different tests were done. Quazgaar came back and explained to me their mission was love of mankind and a desire to help mankind. He said they will come back and that they have been here since the beginning of time...in fact he told me time was a concept developed by man, that really there is no time..."



Photo by BOB LUPINE

Betty Ann Luca with paper mache mock-ups of beings she encountered

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One of the major findings, brought out through the deep hypnosis was that both Bob and Betty Luca had, in fact, had other encounters with alien beings. Betty had two prior encounters, one at age seven and a second at age 13.

Her encounter at age 13 equals her 1967 abduction in "strangeness" and has been as thoroughly documented. In fact, through her artistic abilities, Betty has drawn an entire portfolio of paintings recounting her experience.

All of these experiences are recounted in the newly published sequel to the first book, "Phase Two The Continuing Investigation of a Woman's Abduction by Alien Beings." Both Betty and Bob Luca will be on hand to sign copies of this book Saturday at Walden's Book Store in Meriden.

Bob Luca's initial experience, also recalled during hypnosis, happened right in Meriden. He was visiting his grandmother on Broad Street when he had his first encounter. It does not equal Betty's in strangeness, but certainly can be classified as a close encounter of the third kind.

"I was five years old and playing on the swings when I saw a bright light ap-

pear in the sky. It got closer and closer and I could see a ship and inside I could see two little people who communicated with me.

"They told me they had visited many people from all over and that they were here to help mankind. They said they would be back and before they left I can remember a light hitting me in the middle of my forehead. It was somewhat painful and even paralyzed me a bit, then they were gone."

These prior experiences are also included in the new book.

The decision to share their experiences with the public was a painful one for the Cheshire couple. "Once all of the children were out of high school we felt better about it," explained Luca.

"This is not the kind of thing people want to hear about. They are quick to say or think you are crazy, unless they too have had some type of encounter. But we decided that doesn't matter. What does matter is bringing the truth to the people and the biggest obstacle in doing that is not the public reaction, but government suppression and the harassment we get from the government," added Luca.

He and his wife believe the government has more information on UFOs than they are willing to share with the public. They also claim the government tries to suppress any investigation of UFO activity and, in fact, will "explain away any sightings or encounters brought to their attention."

"But that is not the worst of it," continues Bob Luca. "We are constantly harassed and under surveillance." He attributes this to the fact he is constantly badgering different branches of the government and the armed services for documents regarding UFO encounters that should be available to the public because of the Freedom of Information laws.

According to Luca he is presently involved in law suits with the government over information they have refused to relinquish to him.

"We also have reason to believe our telephone is tapped, our mail is tampered with and we have photographs of large, black, unmarked helicopters flying low over our home."

Hanover Man Tells Of UFO Sighting

Do you believe in UFO's? A Hanover Green young man, George Dewey III, 74 Center St., Hanover Green told the Sunday Independent Thursday night he saw four while traveling in Plains Township off River St.

Dewey said he called the airport traffic control tower, asking if there were any airplanes in the sky. He was told there was nothing and nothing was expected for hours.

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He then called a UFO number given by the control tower and gave the information over the phone after which he was advised to call his local police.

The next day, he related his experience to a friend's mother and surprisingly, she verified the entire incident—same time, same experience.

Dewey said the four lights first appeared as a bright star, but as the lights became brighter, they moved like a helicopter.

He also said he had a similar incident three years ago near the Hanover Industrial Park and stated Hanover police had several calls from other people who saw them.

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SIGHTINGS UFO casebook: strangely shaped objects observed

Boomerang and cigar-shaped craft reported

By John F. Schuessler
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS WORLD

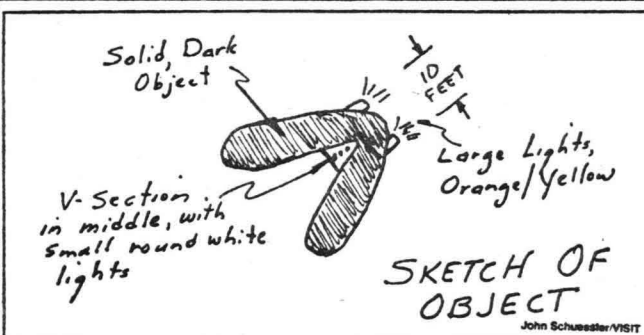
A boomerang shaped object was observed by three witnesses over Katy, Texas, a suburban area to the west of Houston. Diana Moore, a retail salesperson for a major Houston department store, reported seeing the object at 9:30 p.m. on July 22, 1982. At the time of the incident she was walking down the street with her daughter Alsia, and a neighbor.

At first glance the trio believed they were seeing the lights of an airplane; but as they continued to walk

slowly along the street they noted the object had not moved. They stopped and Mrs. Moore asked the girls what they thought they were seeing. Their original assumption that the object was an aircraft soon faded when it remained stationary. Even more puzzling was the total silence. Normally, they hear the sounds of birds and crickets, but while the lights hovered some distance away everything was silent.

Mrs. Moore described the lights as large, round, and orange. The usual red, green and white aircraft running lights were absent.

The witnesses continued their walk down the street, finally stopping in front of the Moore household. There was still no movement or sound from the object; so Mrs. Moore told her daughter to run to the house to summon Mr. Moore. As Alsia



approached the front door, the object began to move; so she returned to her mother's side to watch the object. As it passed by their location they could hear a "heavy sounding" hum.

When the object was parallel to their position it was about 300 feet away and 400 feet in altitude. It was then they could see the boomerang shape and apparently solid body. A small area on the aft portion of the V shape was covered with small round white lights that became visible as the object passed by. They could see no protrusions — tail or landing gear. The weather was warm and clear

and visibility was virtually unlimited. It appeared to the witnesses that the object hovered for a long period over the high tension powerlines that run to the substation on Barker Cypress Road. The flight path carried the object from south to north over an open field, passing between the gas wells some 500 feet to the west and their vantage point. The apparent size was four to five times the size of a full moon.

Carl E. Moore, 14 years old, was fishing with friends near Newberry, South Carolina when he saw a large cigar-shaped UFO land on the water. The sighting took place around 10:30 p.m. on July 15, 1981. The weather was excellent, with a clear sky and a temperature of 75 degrees.

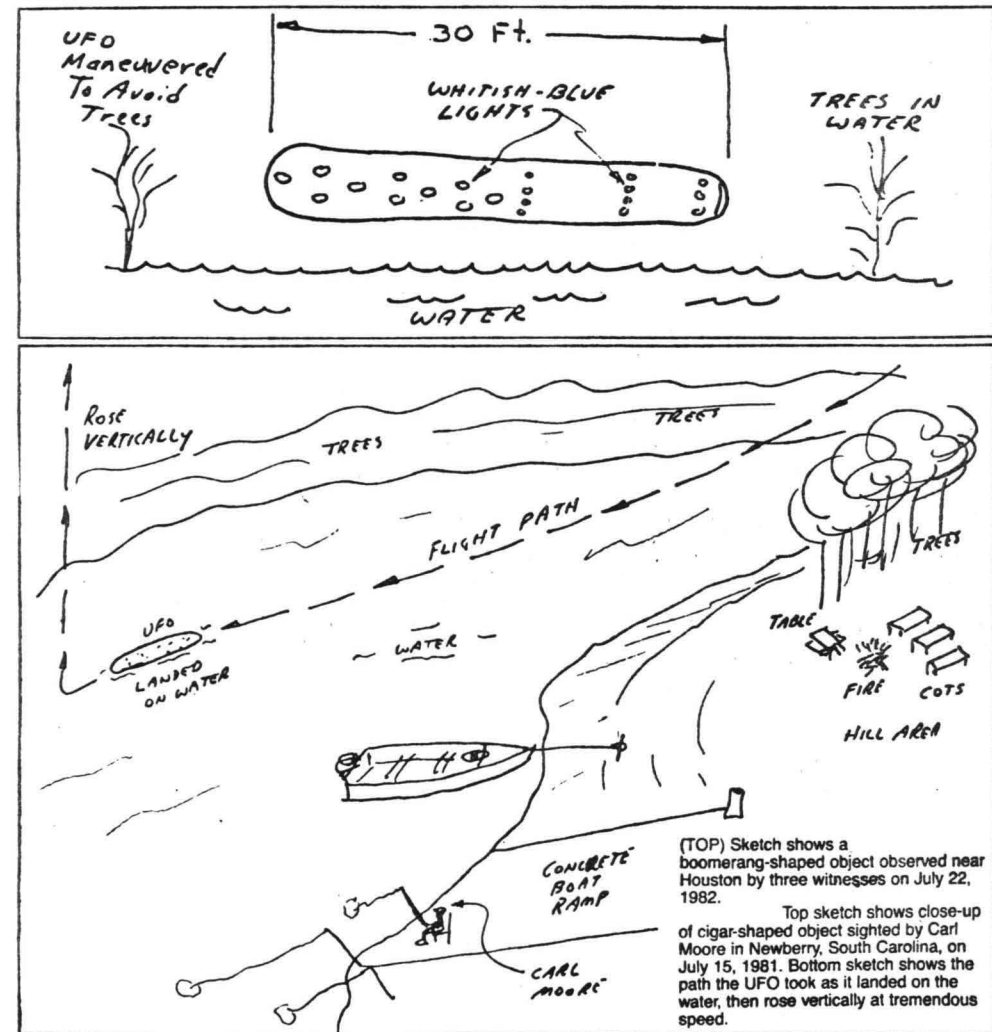
Carl and his friends had been fishing that day, but with very little luck. They had only a few fish to show for their efforts and were on their cots for a rest. Carl decided to go down to the boat ramp and check his trot lines; so he was alone when he observed the UFO.

The UFO was a 30 foot long glowing silver/white cigar-shaped thing. It was flying very slowly over the water — perhaps 20-25 miles per hour. He said it slowly settled on the surface of the water causing steam to rise around it. After about three minutes it rose slightly and hovered about one foot above the surface. Suddenly, it shot skyward, rising vertically until it was out of sight. Carl described the speed as "faaaast" claiming the UFO went from the hovering position to more than 250 miles per hour in an instant.

The UFO was larger than a standard size automobile, without windows or doors. It was covered with small whitish-blue lights. These lights kept flickering back and forth as long as the object was in sight. When the UFO landed on the surface of the water it was less than 50 feet from Carl.

Carl describes his feelings during the sighting as "quite disturbed," but he was able to "keep his cool" and observe the whole event. Because his friends were asleep on their cots, he felt that no one would believe his experience; but when he heard about Project VISIT in Friendswood, Texas he felt compelled to make a report.

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(TOP) Sketch shows a boomerang-shaped object observed near Houston by three witnesses on July 22, 1982.

Top sketch shows close-up of cigar-shaped object sighted by Carl Moore in Newberry, South Carolina, on July 15, 1981. Bottom sketch shows the path the UFO took as it landed on the water, then rose vertically at tremendous speed.



Case no. 176 East Haven, Connecticut.

Remarks: Witness was walking out of animal kingdom in East Haven, Connecticut, with several other friends, when she looked up toward the SW and saw a small, circular object in the sky pulsating with a light that the witness describes as shiny metal. Then the object turned on its side so that all that was seen was a shiny line . . .

By Steven Chaikin
Special Correspondent

Philip Imbrogno calls himself an investigator. To prove his point, he spread out the accumulated data from 20 of his more than 400 cases.

The material made an impressive pile of 12 loose-leaf notebooks and three boxes. What Imbrogno details with such care are reports of unidentified flying objects.

Imbrogno, 31, gathers data from a wide range of sources. He sifts through airport radar reports, police reports and eyewitness accounts. He lectures to local Kiwanis groups, church groups, mens' clubs and Boy Scout troops, spreading the word about UFOs and hoping to discover another eyewitness or enthusiast.

He has been a guest host on Greenwich radio station WGCH, and on radio talk shows throughout the state. He subscribes to a newspaper clipping service, and gleans information and referrals

from the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS), a program run by Dr. J. Allen Hynek at Northwestern University.

With a small group of area residents, Imbrogno searches for evidence of extraterrestrial life.

They call themselves the National Observers on Aerial Phenomena (NOAP).

Imbrogno, who teaches science at the Windward School, a private school in White Plains, N.Y., believes "there is another dimension or existence" that "our scientific instruments only get a glimpse of."

Besides teaching, he has written a book, "Crosswalks Across the Universe — A Guide to Amateur Astronomy."

'Credible people were reporting incredible things. In most cases several people see it.'

Imbrogno says he is an unbiased observer.

"All I want is the facts, just the facts," he stated in classic, "Dragnet" fashion.

Imbrogno began investigating UFOs in 1972, and he founded NOAP two years later.

"I'm not satisfied with what's in textbooks — that's not good enough for me," he explained.

He recalled that he had become "very confused" with UFO sightings. "Credible people were reporting incredible things. In most cases several people see it."

The encounters are basically the same too, he said. "They look the same, act the same. Either this is the same phenomena or people are copying other reported sightings."

Most sightings aren't even worth investigating because people are either pulling a gag or they are confusing an

One problem, said Bob Imbrogno, Philip's first cousin, is that "nothing ever really develops" from the sightings.

Bob Imbrogno, who works as a part-time psychiatric research assistant, is still a member of the UFO group. But he's concerned about the quality of some of the eyewitnesses.

"Quite a few of the people are crackpots, a few are schizophrenics," he said.

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earthly event with extraterrestrial activity, he said.

Although neither he nor anyone else has found any physical evidence of a spaceship, he continues his research. The stories from eyewitnesses rather than the facts spur his curiosity and increase the mystery.

But the ranks of NOAP have thinned, from 15 to seven members.

Part of the problem may be that the number of sightings has dropped.

Last year there were five sightings in Greenwich, said Imbrogno. This year, there were none.

In the southern Connecticut area, the majority of UFO sightings have occurred in the area bounded by the communities of Newton and Danbury in the north to Westport and Fairfield, he said.

Imbrogno has no explanation for the decrease in sightings, but conceded: "When 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' came out, my phone was ringing off the hook."

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Imbrogno said he believes it's possible that there are "spaceships from another world. I don't know if it's a 'they' or an 'it' or a 'him.' My scientific training doesn't let me sit here and speculate. As far as I'm concerned they could be going around the Earth every other day, but there is no evidence."

Imbrogno and his fellow intrepid investigators continue to scan the sky and analyze UFO sightings. "I'm just interested in the day when I can say 'I know what they are,'" he said.

He invites people who believe they've spotted a UFO to contact him at 384-9656 or write P.O. Box 4218, Greenwich, 06830.



The man who made the picture above says an alien scientist named Synestra from the planet Solarian inhabited his body enabling him to draw the picture of the "Reverse emission inductance accelerator-reflector telescopic viewer." The device is supposedly over a mile long and 1000 feet wide.

Close encounter in Sonora



E.T.' is star exhibit

By FRED SCHWARTZ
Bee staff writer

SONORA — At last there's a museum that seeks to explain the strange and spellbinding phenomenon known as unidentified flying objects.

The museum, billed as the world's largest "authentic" UFO exhibit and library, is the brainchild of Marvin Taylor, a Sonora realtor, who has studied and collected information on the controversial subject since 1947 when he was 11 years old.

It's located upstairs from Taylor's real estate office, 115 S. Washington St., and has been part of the downtown Sonora scene for about the past six months.

The three-room exhibit consists of 26 display boards with photos and case histories; tape recordings by persons who claim eye-witness encounters or close encounters with UFOs and aliens; 3-D papier mache replicas of aliens; floor-to-ceiling space paintings; a well-stocked UFO library; and an hour-long documentary film on the subject.

The front window features a "life-size" replica of E.T., the star of Steven Spielberg's hit movie, "E.T. The Extraterrestrial". The graphic rendition, created by Robert Anthony of Daly City, is made of foam rubber and latex with teeth, eyes, a long neck and elongated fingers.

Taylor admits he is "a believer" in UFOs but "I've never seen one." He claims that on a

world-wide average there are four sightings recorded every hour, most by multiple witnesses.

The Sonora resident, who grew up in Oakland, says he is serious about the subject and is not motivated by profit.

"I'm dedicated to making the public aware of the phenomenon and having the government explain them, so we will be able to cope with the psychological aspects," he insists.

Taylor is a well-respected member of the community and that, he believes, adds to his credibility. He's not a weird, off-the-wall character who runs around wearing a Captain Video space suit. He's mainstream middle-America all the way.

"I'm president of the Tuolumne County Chamber of

Commerce, past president of United Way and a school board member. I was raised in a Catholic family, had a normal childhood, played sandlot baseball and built model airplanes.

"But ever since I was 11, I've been interested in the UFO phenomenon. It started out as a hobby and I have a scrapbook with over 2,000 newspaper clippings on the subject."

The scrapbook is just part of a library that Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an astronomy professor at Northwestern University and world renowned UFO-logist, once described as "one of the most impressive in the country, if not the world." It also contains 500 pamphlets and 700 books, including "Flying Saucers are Real," a 1950 paperback that is the oldest book in his collection.

Taylor figures his extensive collection includes "about 70 percent" of everything ever written on UFOs, both pro and con.

A Northern California assistant state director of MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network, a non-profit organization that investigates all UFO sightings, Taylor believes the United States government has not revealed all it knows about the subject.

"Our group has documentation, including testimony by an Air Force officer who investigated the scene, that there was a crash of a UFO near Roswell, N.M., on July 8, 1947. The government later said it was a downed weather balloon."

That supposed crash is explained by the eye-witness on Taylor's documentary film, "UFOs are Real," produced by Stanton Friedman, a nuclear physicist. "The film is a classic, scientific presentation," adds Taylor.

Why hasn't the government acknowledged the UFO crash, which served as the basis of the movie "Hangar 18"?

Taylor has four reasons for the alleged coverup:

- "Our government could be trying to rebuild the guidance, propulsion and weapon systems before the Russians.

- "They don't have a handle on it, either, and don't know what the implications are.

- "By minimizing the significance of UFOs, the government will not have to commit manpower or funds for the private sector.

- "Politically, it is such an illusive phenomenon for Democrats and Republicans, it could affect the confidence level and morale of the country."

Even before the supposed crash in New Mexico, history recounts UFOs going back many centuries, says Taylor. The modern "waves" of sightings began in 1943-44 during World War II when glowing lights followed and maneuvered around Allied and German aircraft on flights over western Europe.

In those days, they were referred to as "Foo-Fighters," later called "Flying Saucers" because many sightings called attention to their elliptical shapes.

Taylor says his beliefs are, at best unproved theories. He and other UFO researchers are looking for answers.

Aside from the government, he has sought answers from the religious and scientific groups, again without success.

"The religious community cannot explain UFOs or creations from other worlds. It is waiting for the scientific community to explain them. The scientific community has no funding and would have a difficult time appearing to be credible with its peer groups," he adds.

"I'm a conservative person but there is a side of me that rebels against the establishment that has whitewashed the phenomenon since 1947. I want to know the things that are affecting my destiny," Taylor says.

He believes the answers will be forthcoming, hopefully, in his lifetime.

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What will it take?

"Right now UFOs are a low priority with our government. But if one lands due to some mechanical difficulties in a major metropolitan area like New York City, the government will have to explain it."

He says the government has all the information it needs on UFOs and its Project Blue Book, a five-year Air Force study, has now been closed. "They came to the conclusion that 90 percent of the sightings were mass hysteria or man-made objects such as airplanes, balloons and satellites."

The other 5-10 percent, according to Taylor, are truly puzzling, not only to the witnesses but also to technically trained investigators who study the reports.

That is what intrigues UFO researchers. The "hard" sightings are yet to be explained. These include daylight discs, objects with lighted portholes, some tracked visually and on radar at fantastic speeds.

The Center for UFO Studies, based in Evanston, Ill., receives three or four reports of sightings a day, many from highly reli-

able sources such as astronauts, pilots, radar operators and law enforcement officers.

According to Taylor, more than 300 abduction cases have been documented, with humans taken aboard alien spacecraft. In most cases, the victims, under hypnosis, have reported their abductors were humanoids who performed physical examinations.

"If there are aliens from outer space, they would appear to be interested in our physiology, not our politics or colonization," Taylor says. "They are probably not hostile. If they were, they

could have done us in long ago."

Taylor says until the day our "space friends" choose to make themselves known to the "civilized" world, we will continue to have "many questions but few answers."

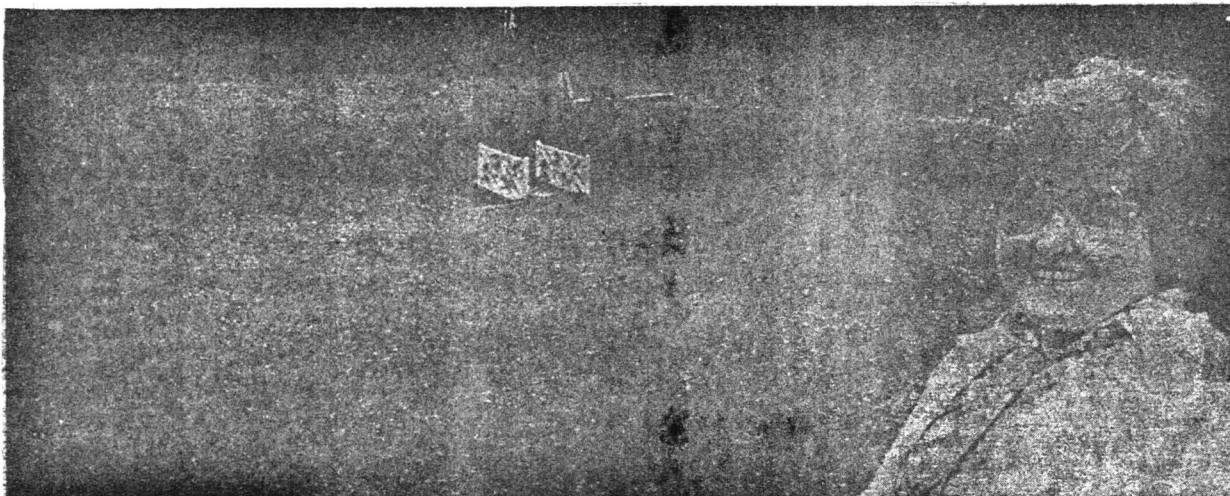
Taylor's museum is open seven days a week. The hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 9-5 and 7-10 Fridays, 10-5 and 7-10 Saturdays and 11-4 Sundays. The admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for seniors and teens, 75 cents for children 6-12 and \$4 for families. Group rates are available by phoning 532-6711.



Marvin Taylor, with "E.T." on his knee, poses in front of a floor-to-ceiling space painting at the Sonora UFO museum. At far left, Megan Valencia admires a replica of a smiling alien, while another space creature, left, casts an ominous look at visitors.

Photography by Manuel Dias

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What's going on?

The last weeks of the year 1982 have brought some rather unusual occurrences to the Lee County area. The unseasonably warm weather has tricked flowers and bushes into blooming as evidenced by these camellias pictured in the lawn of Herald publisher W.E. Horner Sr. Above, Honey Jackson, wife of attorney George Jackson, is pictured in her yard on Lee Avenue Thursday. An unknown occurrence around Christmas created an unusual, bare circle with no leaves in it, while the rest of the yard is covered with leaves. She said their 9-year-old daughter thinks it's where E.T. landed. Mrs. Jackson said the occurrence has never before happened. (Staff photos by Jimmy Haire)



Debris may be from 1897 UFO

Metal found at crash site has unusual properties

By John F. Schuessler
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS WORLD

Did a cigar-shaped unidentified flying object really crash near Aurora, Texas, on April 19, 1897? Some people believe the whole story was a fabrication by S.E. Hayden, a local cotton buyer, while others are reasonably sure the tragic accident really occurred.

Investigators for the mutual UFO Network, headquartered in Seguin, Texas, have uncovered evidence that raises doubts about the hoax theory. Sightings of strange airships were

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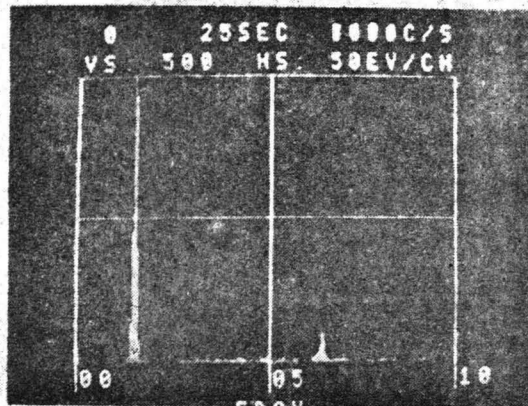
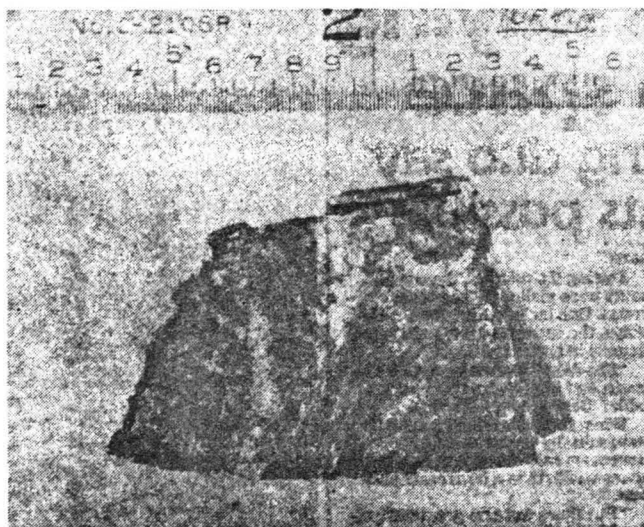
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Kin of witnesses remember

Bill Case, a state director for the Mutual UFO Network, discovered family members of the original witnesses were ready to tell what happened that memorable day. Mrs. Mary Evans, about 15 years old at the time, said her mother and father went to the crash site and told her how the airship had exploded and that the pilot was torn up and killed in the crash. He was a small man and was buried later that day in the local cemetery by the men of the town.

Jim Stephens told his son Charlie how the nose of the airship hit the windlass over the water well on Judge J.S. Proctor's farm causing a chain reaction explosion. The flash followed by a fire was visible for more than three miles.

Investigators have reconstructed the events of the sighting and located the crash site. Using sophisticated metal detecting equipment and guided by the eyewitness accounts they retrieved pieces of metal of various size and types. Bill Case said



(TOP AND ON THE COVER) Photograph of a metal sample found 100 feet west of the alleged 1897 UFO crash site in Aurora, Texas. (ABOVE) Electron dispersion x-ray analyzer finds only aluminum and iron in the sample, an anomaly because most terrestrial aluminum contains copper.

"from all indications there was definitely an explosion. The pattern established by metals recovered indicates the craft exploded on the lower right side first blowing bits and pieces over a two or three acre area east and northeast of the well site on top of a rocky limestone hill. Immediately, the rest of the craft exploded throwing other samples to the north and west."

Although it is difficult to deter-

mine which samples may have resulted from the crash, as compared with debris left by people living on the farm during the past three-quarters of a century, some of the samples were unique.

One piece, thought to be a structural member of some kind, was analyzed by a major U.S. laboratory with exciting results. An electron dispersion x-ray analyzer was used to iden-

tify the elements found in the sample. Only aluminum with a trace of iron could be detected.

The sample was retrieved from a location about 100 feet west of the well site beneath four inches of soil. It was lodged directly against the face of the limestone rock and conformed to the exact configuration of the stone, indicating it was in a near molten state when it penetrated the earth and hit the rock where it cooled.

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X-ray fluorescence analysis determined the sample to be free of zinc. This was an unexpected finding, since the samples retrieved from the east of the well site contained zinc. The soft x-ray spectrographic analysis verified the high purity of the aluminum, the inclusion of iron, and the absence of copper. This also is an anomaly, because commercial aluminum alloys that contain iron usually contain copper.

Photomicrographs of the sample shows the presence of large grains, indicating the sample is stress-free and has gone through a melting and cooling stage. Details of the analysis provide additional clues as to how the material was constructed, the nature of the crystalline structure, and unusual purity. All this is consistent with the allegation that an object exploded spewing debris in all directions, impacting with a tremendous force.

Investigators were able to locate a crude headstone marking a grave in the local cemetery. Metal detecting equipment gave the same readings at the gravesite as they did where the metal was found. The marker and the detector readings seemed to be sufficient for investigators to demand the opening of the grave and exhumation of the pilot's body. Local citizens didn't agree. They blocked opening of the grave. Soon thereafter the headstone was removed and the grave left unmarked and anonymous.

Perhaps the people of Aurora were afraid their longstanding popularity would be diminished if the grave were opened and science proved the whole event was a hoax. On the other hand, what if the grave did hold the remains of an alien pilot? At this time the investigators' files hold sufficient evidence to cast reasonable doubt on the hoax theory.

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Strange light may have been a UFO, Ketchumite reports

By SUSAN WHALEY
Wood River Journal

Alan Pennay isn't sure that what he saw last Thursday night was an Unidentified Flying Object, but he is sure he's never seen anything like it before.

Pennay, who lives at River Run Lodge in Ketchum, says he went outside about 7:15 p.m., on Dec. 2, to watch the large snowflakes that were falling lightly from the sky.

"I noticed a strange light in the sky. It didn't look like airplane lights. It looked like a flare, but not as bright, coming slowly from the northeast," Pennay explained.

He couldn't hear any sounds with the light, so he called his wife and two friends outside to have a look. They

thought initially that the light, about the size of a very large star came from a helicopter or some sort of aircraft, Pennay said.

However, that theory was discarded as the light continued to move silently across the cloudy sky. It eventually stopped and hovered overhead. Then a strange thing happened.

"A small light ejected from it at a very fast rate — whoosh! — and then it disappeared," Pennay said.

At that point, the foursome decided the police should know about the strange lights. As Pennay headed inside, his wife and friends saw a second small light ejected from the large light. It also disappeared.

The bright light then reversed itself and moved slowly back in the direction

it had come from, Pennay said.

The whole episode lasted about seven or eight minutes.

Still thinking it could have been a helicopter or something, Pennay called Sun Valley Co. the following day to see if perhaps airplanes had been above the peaks seeding the clouds to make snow. However, the company said the lights weren't caused by them, which leaves Pennay without an explanation.

"I have no idea what I saw,"

Although Pennay wouldn't mind having a neat explanation for the lights, he's not particularly bothered by the event. He says he's now just one of many people who have encountered something mysterious and unexplainable.

Noisy explosions linked to aircraft

By Lynn Bartels

Staff writer

GALLUP — Two "explosion-like" noises which shook buildings in northwestern New Mexico and southwestern Colorado Wednesday night probably stemmed from military aircraft flying to Tucson, the *Independent* was told Friday.

Two sources, who asked that neither their names nor governmental agency be revealed, said they were told the booms heard about 5:30 p.m. and later Wednesday were from "special aircraft" flying overhead.

They had no other details on the noises, which triggered an avalanche of phone calls to agencies in a three-county area.

Their information confirms a report from the Federal Aviation Authority spokesman in Grand Junction, Colo., who told news sources at the Durango, Colo., *Herald* Wednesday night that there were classified military aircraft in the area, and not to ask any more questions about the matter as the manuver was over.

However, the FAA on Thursday morning denied that such a report had been issued, saying its personnel are not allowed to release that kind of information.

The *Independent* has not been able to confirm from other sources that military aircraft capable of producing sonic booms

east of Gallup off of Interstate 40. However, he agreed it would be difficult to hear blasting noises as far away as Durango.

Authorities have not tied the fire to the explosions, although on Wednesday evening they believed they were related.

Major Bob Riney, a command post controller at Davis-Monthan Air Force in Tucson, said Friday that he is not aware of any aircraft which would be capable of achieving a sonic boom landing at the base.

In addition, he said there is no aircraft at the base capable of achieving supersonic flight.

In addition, Major Gordan Denton with the New Mexico Air National Guard said Friday none of their planes are classified as "noisemakers."

The plane would have to be in the "F" category, such as an F-15, F-111 or F-104 to travel at the speed of sound and create a boom, the pilot said.

Padilla said Dr. Ron Gooley of the Los Alamos National Laboratory told him the sonic boom noises people heard were caused by meteorites breaking the sound barrier.

Padilla also said Gooley told him he was surprised so many people saw the meteor shower, but that the scientist also said such showers were not uncommon.



INDEPENDENT, Gallup, 1



Michael Borley and his son James (16) using a mini computer at their Glen Forrest home to record UFO sightings.

UFOs go on computer

By Jim Odgers

WA's observers of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) have brought their research technology into the space age.

The Perth UFO Research Group (PUFORG) now uses a computer. It is operated in the Kenmore Road, Glen Forrest, home of the group's president, Mr Michael Borley.

It has been used by PUFORG for about four months and belongs to old son, James, also a group member.

The computer was used to help PUFORG put out its first sightings register—a list of some 300 UFO sightings in WA over the past three years.

The register, which will be produced annually by PUFORG, has been sent to similar UFO groups in England, the U.S., Europe and Malaysia. It is part of an information exchange system the groups practise world-wide.

Although pleased with the computer, Mr Borley said he was interested in upgrading the service it provided by getting a word processor—but that depended on funds.

Mr Borley became interested in UFOs because "as a kid I was interested in mythology and anything that smacked of the unexplained."

He comes from Essex, England, and is still a member of, and liaises with, eight British UFO groups.

Despite being interested in UFOs for about 14 years he has never seen one.

The only unexplained phenomenon he has seen was a group of lights — of an orange-red colour—high in the night in 1968. "The lights were converging on each other. It was like watching Star Wars"

He said he would like to see PUFORG's title expanded to include the words "unexplained phenomena" so that its research activities could cover ghosts, poltergeists, psychic phenomena and even spontaneous human combustion.

The group's interests seem to range further afield than UFOs. In PUFORG's latest newsletter two subjects covered—apart from reported UFO sightings and a discussion on "why are most humans small"—were Sussex werewolves and the final resting place of King Arthur.

PUFORG was formed in 1954 with about 20 to 30 members. It now has about 120 members about 35 per cent of whom are English-born.

MILKMAN SEES UFO

THE unidentified flying object spotted by two Torquay teenagers yesterday was also seen by a Denbury milkman on his early morning round.

Mr A. Ellis, of 3, Down View Road, reported seeing a UFO to Teignmouth police. So far no concrete evidence of what the mysterious object was has been established.

The 18-year-olds, Bruce Cowling and Andrew Jarvis, saw a blue light with a white tip heading for earth on the main Teignmouth to Torquay road between 6.15 am and 6.30 am. Mr Ellis reported seeing the UFO between 5.30 and 6 that morning.

(Paper Unknown), Devon, England Jan. 18, 1983 CR: L. Beer

SATURDAY EVENING MERCURY, Hobart, Tasmania - Feb. 5, 1983 CR: P. Norman

UFOs homing in on Norway

From ROY S. CARSON in OSLO

IT'S just another picturesque Norwegian valley, a cluster of less than 40 houses nestled on the mountainside south of Trondheim, 300 kilometres as the crow flies to the north of Oslo.

It can scarcely be found on a map but, if we are to believe what local residents at Hesselalen, near Roeros, say, their valley has recently become the focus of extra-terrestrial attention with only a hint of more to come.

When the mysterious UFO interest in Hesselalen began, no one seems to know. What everyone seems certain about is that strange phenomena have taken a liking to their valley and it has nothing to do with the winter tourist trade or locally distilled moonshine supplies.

Only recently a bus-load of locals, among them more than 30 farmers' wives, returning from a shopping trip to Trondheim, were amazed by the appearance of a flying saucer on the highway before them. Bus-driver, Olav Petersen, said he saw it as a grey metallic object with red lights along the fuselage.

Mrs Margit Olesen, one of the passengers, agrees with his description and swears she saw how the UFO glided in to hover just in front of the bus as if to take a closer look, before flying off just as quickly as it had come.

Other women say they saw the same thing too but don't want to have their names printed in case their husbands think they're crazy, or worse.

Norwegian Ministry of Defence experts have been called in to investigate but say they want to reserve judgment on what the UFO sightings are until they have had an opportunity to really investigate the strange phenomena. So far they can only say it is a mystery for the strange flying objects have not been registered on Norway's Nato-command radar which has the capability of picking up a starling at a distance of several miles.

Local woodsman Bjørne Lillvold says he saw his first UFO on September 24 last year, although he has seen more since then. He drove after it as it began to disappear over the treetops but found it again as he came to a crest overlooking the valley and saw it hover just four metres over the roof of a shack.

In the description he has given local police and MOD officers, Bjørne described the UFO as being like an upside-down Christmas-tree shining powerfully with bright white light and bobbing up and down like a yo-yo.

"The light was so bright I had to shield my eyes from it," he said.

Other witnesses have seen something similar in several hundred sightings over the past few months. Taxi-driver Arne

BURTON DAILY MAIL, Staffordshire, England Dec. 15, 1982

Glowing UFO seen

The fascination of UFO study must go on now with the sightings in our area of the lightless pear shaped UFO glimpsed on several occasions.

Myself suddenly saw a huge pear shaped brilliantly lit yellowish glow in the north western sky, duration of approximately six seconds, absolutely brilliant, stationary, also without noise — Mr James Price, 71 Station Road, Barton-under-Needwood.

Lundberg claims to have seen a UFO in broad daylight although the skies were overcast at the time of his observation.

"It was an oval shaped UFO which stopped suddenly over a ridge and then began to move up and down in something resembling a graphical curve."

Christer Axbom (36) says he has seen strange lights in the valley he cannot explain. His first thoughts turned to electromagnetic phenomena, clouds of plasma, static strikes of lightning, etc, but found the explanations would not always fit what he had seen.

With a friend he had observed the clear contours of a flying saucer come in to land in the valley but, instead of touching down, it hovered almost 50 metres above the treetops while a smaller craft flew in underneath and disappeared into what he can only describe as a "mother ship."

Electronics expert Leif Havik (36) claims to have seen between 25 and 30 flying saucers, perhaps more, since his first UFO sighting on March 18 last year — but he's not sure if what he sees is physical or if it is super-futuristic thought transference from extra-terrestrial beings beaming in from another galaxy.

He cannot explain why he, among the couple of hundred people living in the valley, should have seen so many UFOs — the latest as recent as January 18 — in such a short time — upwards of 30 in the past 10 months — but says his "UFO experience" has changed his whole life. Admittedly he's now "commander" of a section of Norway's "UFO-watcher" force and had spent more than 30 years of his life wanting to see a UFO first hand.

"I know there are many sightings which I could explain away as 'wishful thinking'," says Leif Havik, "but approximately 30 remain for which I have no other explanation than that they were physical flying saucers or telepathy transmissions of what the ET's want me to see."

"It is as if the ET's are trying to contact earth through space and time. I know many people think it's impossible but they said the same thing about flying before the Wright brothers took off."

"Some of them exist, others don't," he told Trondheim's university dons and students.

"Some UFOs are 'physical' inasmuch as they can come from other planets over space and time. I doubt very much they would carry ETs. They are probably controlled remotely, reporting back to home-base by a means we have yet to discover."

"It's just like the probes the Americans have sent into outer space, it's scarcely strange if intelligent beings on another planet try to do the same thing. Without a doubt they are much more advanced than we, on earth, are."

More modern flying saucers, he says, do not really exist, more than in our minds, for they are the successors of physical UFOs.

UFOs 'seen landing in Sidcup'

UNIDENTIFIED flying objects have been sighted over Sidcup, according to eye-witness accounts, and some of the UFOs are claimed to have landed.

In the most remarkable sighting, a mother and her three children saw an oval-shaped object with bright lights hovering above Marlborough Park, Blackfen.

The news of UFO sightings in the area follows a feature in last week's "Kentish Times," in which UFO

investigator for Kent and South-East London, Mrs Margaret Fry, urged people who have had "close encounters" to come forward.

"Since then the response has been tremendous," said Mrs Fry, of Contact (UK).

She has been swamped with accounts from people who have seen or come into contact with UFOs in the last two years. "Some of the sightings in this area have occurred in the last two or three weeks," said Mrs Fry.

"There were three boys out walking, aged roughly between 11 and 14. They were in Halfway

Street, when they saw an oval shaped object with blue and red lights hovering over Marlborough Park."

She went on: "They ran back and called their mother, and she came out and saw the object as well. They watched it come down very low and it may have landed."

Mrs Fry said that only three weeks ago she saw a similar object while she was walking along Eitham High Street with a friend. It had the same blue and red lights, and came very low as it passed above the High Street.

This sort of sighting, where there

is more than one witness, is the most convincing, but Mrs Fry wishes more people would come to her when they see UFOs.

As is common in such cases, the mother involved wishes them all to remain anonymous for fear of ridicule.

"All reports we receive are logged with the police and the said Mrs Fry, "and we work with the Lords Study Group on UFOs." Mrs Fry can be contacted by phone on 01-303 3431, by anyone who wishes to report a suspected sighting or find out more about Contact (UK).

WESTERN DAILY PRESS, Bristol, England
Jan. 17, 1983

Experts check out 'ball of fire' landing

Western Daily Press Reporter

HOME Office scientists will today examine the charred remains of a ball of fire which fell to earth at the week-end.

The fireball, a foot in diameter, plunged to the ground on Saturday night, setting an area of wet grass-land ablaze.

Police and firemen later found a burned, cylindrical object with a wire attached. Mr Hedley Watkins, aged 62, saw the burning object from his flat in Lower Earley, Reading, Berks.

"It was bright red and about a foot across. It fell out of the sky and into a field about 500 yards from here. Within seconds, the grass was alight," Mr Watkins said.

Mrs Pamela Quelch, who lives half-a-mile away in Falcon Avenue, also saw the "extremely bright, red object" fall to the ground.

Her son David, 23, said: "What particularly concerns us is the way in which it set fire so easily to the wet grass."

"Nuclear fuel causes an intense heat, instantly and this is in keeping with what happened," he said.

P.C. Don White, who took the remains away said: "The only 'alien' thing I found was a small burned out cylinder. Whether it was responsible for the fire I do not know."

Flying puzzle in our skies

Two more local sightings of 'strange objects'

JUST WHAT was flitting about in our skies last week? The mystery first reported last week by Mr and Mrs Edward Towers of Borwick, has deepened — with two more sightings of strange objects flying over North Lancashire.

Mr and Mrs Towers spotted something with red, blue and white lights while driving on the M6 at Forton.

The two other sightings took place at a similar time — and are equally puzzling.

Mrs Susan Adderley, 32, of Bridge Road, Lancaster, was travelling to Garstang on the A6 last Tuesday. "I was just at Hampson Green when I noticed something falling through the sky to my left."

"It was a white light and it fell very fast before levelling out and travelling quite low and slow. I just thought it was a strange manoeuvre," commented Mrs Adderley.

She saw it for a few seconds but could not esti-

mate how far away it was. "I just couldn't say what it was."

The second sighting was by two work colleagues travelling home to Overton by car from Asda, White Lund.

Mrs Doris Davis said she was with Mrs Sue Barker when "we saw something

Overton. Later it passed them again, travelling in front of them."

After Mrs Davis returned home, she watched the slowly-moving object for a further 20 minutes.

Neither of the women knew what it was nor have seen anything like it before.

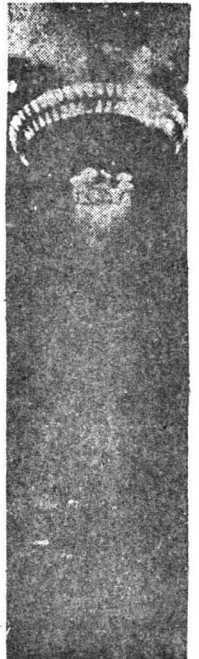
"It was something which attracted our attention. It was just so funny and peculiar," added Mrs Davis.

One possible cause of bright lights in the sky is the arrival of meteors, such as the current Geminid Shower.

"At any time of year there is always the chance of a meteor coming in through the atmosphere. A fair majority of unidentified sightings are just meteors," commented the chairman of Lancaster and Morecambe Astronomical Society, Mr Denis Buczynski.

Meteors are usually white but can have a red head and a yellow tail, said Mr Buczynski — but they do not make any deviations in their flight.

Another frequent object of sightings was artificial satellites high above the earth, he added.



This, of course, is how cinemagoers will see "ET" arriving — but just what was flying around over North Lancashire last week is a deepening mystery! — L30

By
DAVID JACKSON

in the sky — something I can't really describe.

"It was made of bright red, white and blue-green lights. We made a joke about a beam coming down from it," said Mrs Davis.

At first the object was stationary in the sky, then it seemed to travel back past the two women, who both live in Chapel View.

LANCASTER GUARDIAN, Lancashire, England

Dec. 17, 1982

EL LITORAL, Santa Fe, Argentina - March 16, 1982

CR: J. Thomas (translation on following page)

Fotos de objetos voladores no identificados logró un santafesino en Carlos Paz

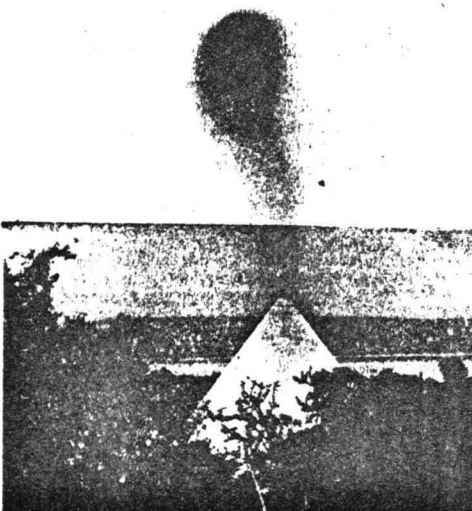
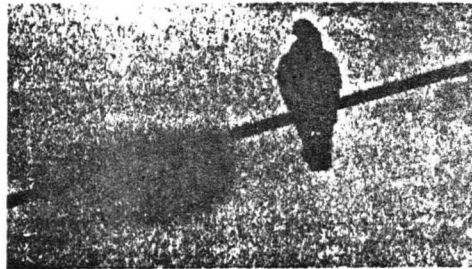
Osvaldo Pino es santafesino, del barrio sur, viajante de comercio y afecio a la fotografía. Su trabajo lo lleva a recorrer rutas y caminos de distintas provincias argentinas; especialmente de noche, porque le gusta y para aprovechar el fresco. Tal costumbre y su capacidad de observación lo nutrieron de un variado anecdotario relacionado con los fenómenos celestes. Por eso, hasta él se sorprendió de que cuando pudo registrar con su cámara uno de esos fenómenos, le ocurrió durante el día y en vacaciones. Pero así fue nomás.

Para su descanso anual Osvaldo Pino eligió esta vez a la ciudad de Carlos Paz, en la provincia de Córdoba. Y allí consiguió fotografiar por dos veces en el mismo día un objeto volador no identificado (OVNI). Fue el 16 de febrero pasado. Razones hasta ahora no determinadas habían dejado a Carlos Paz sin luz por dos horas el día anterior.

Ya de vuelta en Santa Fe y seguro de que lo observado quedó fijado en la película, Osvaldo Pino se llegó hasta el diario con las pruebas. Son las que ahora les mostramos.

Una de las fotos fue obtenida a las 7, y el objeto registrado se desplazaba de sur a norte. La paloma que también sale, puede tener el valor de un símbolo. La otra, la de la pirámide (que pertenece a una publicitada confitería paceña), lo fue a las 11. El sentido circulatorio del objeto era el mismo que en el caso anterior.

La cámara utilizada en ambas oportunidades fue una Minolta, con teleobjetivo; la película FUYI 21/100. Los negativos fotográficos fueron observados por nuestros fotógrafos que certificaron la inexistencia de cualquier clase de truco.



La foto de arriba, fue tomada a las 7 de la mañana y la de abajo, a las 11. Tanto la paloma como la pirámide, asumen en este caso carácter de símbolos

SOUTH WALES ARGUS, Newport, England
Jan. 22, 1983

Probe into UFO reports in S. Wales

MINISTRY of Defence experts will investigate a string of UFO sightings reported over South Wales this week.

Dosens of people, including two detectives, reported seeing objects moving across the sky on Wednesday night and the police will be passing details onto the London Air Traffic Control Centre.

But mystery still surrounds the cause of the lights in the sky, which startled observers.

Early sightings were reported over West Wales before the UFOs appeared to move into West Glamorgan.

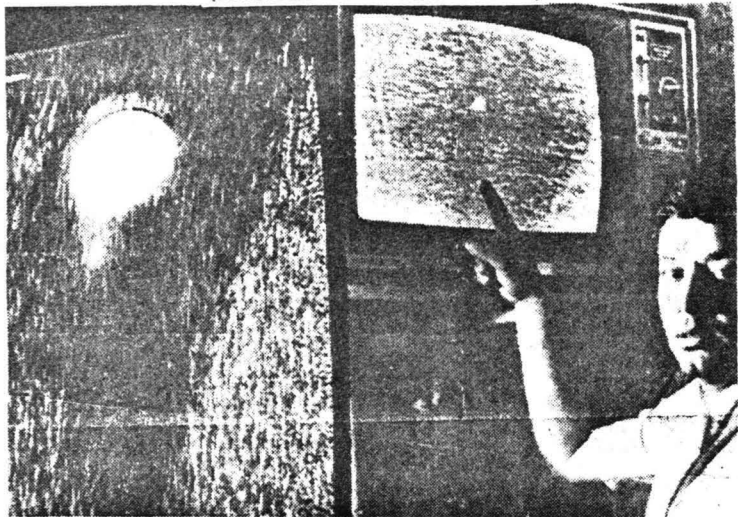
South Wales police reported several sightings over Swansea, early Wednesday evening.

The two detectives reported seeing two triangular objects, one larger than the other, and both covered in lights.

The first of two Gwent sightings was reported at 6.35pm. Mr John Rees, his wife and daughter, spotted a triangular shape with three lights, over their home in Garw Wood Drive, Cwmbran.

Then at 7.45pm Mr M. Powell saw an object alternately blue and red in colour from the front garden of his home in Cotswold Way, Risca.

A police spokesman said reports were being investigated. "We knew that certain activity was going to take place in connection with a meteorological station in West Wales," he said.



(Radiofoto de Telam captada en LA CAPITAL)

ASOMBRO POR UN OVNI EN SANTA FE

El locutor Luis Maria Catania, que tiene un programa en Canal 13 "Santa Fe de la Vera Cruz", pudo filmar a las 5.30 del domingo pasado un objeto volador no identificado. "El objeto —dijo— evolucionaba constantemente y era imposible lograr un encuadre ideal. Pero de pronto disminuyó su desplazamiento y comenzó el ascenso en forma lenta, permitiendo el registro del video". El filme, que fue pasado por Canal 13, es de gran nitidez. Esa misma noche gran número de vecinos observó el objeto volador no identificado en el barrio Guadalupe. La experiencia vivida provocó asombro y motivo variados comentarios.

TIMES, London, England
Jan. 17, 1983

● **RIO DE JANEIRO:** A mysterious metallic cylinder fell from the sky and damaged a house in Macae, 120 miles north of here — (AP reports).

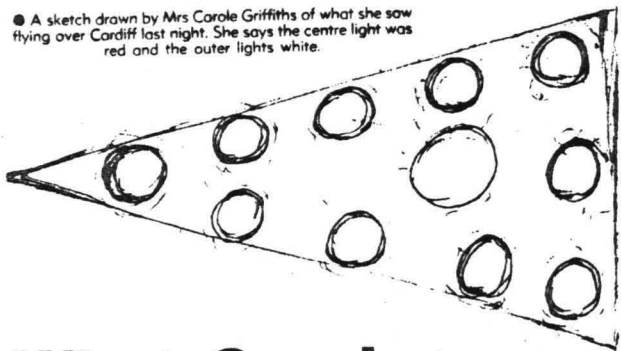
The cylinder was incandescent when it struck the house of Senhor Mauro Freitas Soares and started a small fire. No one was injured.

Police described the object as about 2 ft. long and 4 in. in diameter. It had two small windows which showed numerous red wires inside.

Local citizens were divided into those contending the object was a piece of the errant Cosmos 1402 and those convinced it fell from a flying saucer.

SOUTH WALES ECHO, Cardiff, Wales - Jan. 20, 1983 CR: L. Beer

● A sketch drawn by Mrs Carole Griffiths of what she saw flying over Cardiff last night. She says the centre light was red and the outer lights white.



What Carole saw over Cardiff . . .

REPORTS of a giant triangular object hovering over South Wales are today being investigated by police.

Descriptions of a sighting in Llandaff, Cardiff, match those made by six people in Swansea, including two detectives.

All say they encountered a giant triangular-shaped object with white lights along the border of the triangle. Some reports say it was larger than a jumbo jet and had a red light in the middle.

Mother of four Mrs Carole Griffiths, of Heol Penlan, Whitchurch, Cardiff, was being driven home from work at 7pm when she saw the object over the River Taff, close to Llandaff Rowing Club.

She said today: "My husband stopped the car, we were so amazed. It looked like Concorde taking off but it was stationary in the sky. I normally pooh-pooh things like that, but it had to be a UFO."

Mrs Griffiths's husband, John, who works with her at

POLICE PROMISE A SERIOUS PROBE ON GIANT UFO REPORTS



● Mrs Griffiths — pictured at work today.

the Air Call Ltd — a communications company in Cathedral Road — said he saw a similar object above Pentwyn earlier in the evening.

A passenger in the car, Dr Nribendra Deb, who proc-

ures in Coerphilly, said the object seemed fixed in the sky. "I don't know what I was looking at — I have never seen anything like it before," he added.

South Wales police say they received a number of calls reporting UFO's between 6pm and 7pm yesterday.

The first sighting reported four flashing lights in the sky. Within minutes two detectives reported watching a silent object, triangular in shape, drift west over Swansea.

They said it was flying at 1,000 feet, with three lights, two of which were pulsating. It was followed by a smaller, similar object. The RAF received two similar reports.

A police spokesman said the reports would be treated seriously. "At present we have not got a clue, but inquiries will be made," he commented.

TRANSLATIONS

CREDIT: Jane Thomas (Translator: R. Heiden)

City and country of incident: Clorinda (Formosa), Argentina
Date of incident: probably March 8, 1982
Name of paper and date of clip: CRONICA (evening edition), March 9, 1982
City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

PRESENCE OF UFO SIGHTED IN FORMOSA

FORMOSA, 9 (from our correspondent). — An Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) was sighted by numerous inhabitants of the border city of Clorinda, 115 kilometers (71 miles) north of this provincial capital, leaving behind luminous flashes in the sky, and a type of question mark in the minds, in the face of the mystery of these apparitions.

The news is set forth today in a local morning paper, which remarks that the testimony offered by the observers of this so far impenetrable enigma, claim[s] it was an ovoid object with a pointed protruding element on the upper part, which gave off luminous flashes of orange, yellow, and green.

*MANEUVERS OF THE UFO

The witnesses also said that the UFO seemed to have a vertical motion, moving quickly from the southeast to the northwest, "to then change direction sharply and disappear in the opposite direction."

The maneuvers of the unidentified object were seen by people located on the river banks at Puerto Pilcomayo, ten kilometers (six miles) from Clorinda, in the field of the Argentino del Norte (Argentine of the North) sports club, who were waiting for an evening boxing match, and by youths who were driving by car toward Laguna Blanca and Naick Ceck, towns located 50 kilometers (30 miles) from Clorinda.

City and country of incident: Carlos Paz (Córdoba), Argentina
Date of incident: Feb. 16, 1982
Name of paper and date of clip: EL LITORAL, March 16, 1982
City and country of newspaper: Santa Fe, Argentina

SANTA FE MAN GOT PHOTOS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS IN CARLOS PAZ

Osvaldo Pino is a resident of the south side of Santa Fe, a traveling salesman and amateur photographer. Because of his work he travels the roads and highways of the different Argentine provinces; especially at night, because he likes it and in order to take advantage of the fresh air. This custom and his ability to observe supplied him with many anecdotes about celestial phenomena. Therefore, even he was surprised when he could record one of these phenomena with his camera, which occurred during the day and on vacation. But that's how it happened.

For his annual rest, this time Osvaldo Pino chose the city of Carlos Paz, in the province of Córdoba. And there he could photograph an unidentified flying object (UFO) twice on the same day. It was last February 16. For still undetermined reasons, Carlos Paz had been left without light for two hours the day before.

Back in Santa Fe, and sure that what was observed had been recorded on film, Osvaldo Pino came in to the newspaper with his proof. They are what we now show you.

One of the photos was obtained at 7:00 [a.m.], and the object that was recorded was moving from south to north. The pigeon or dove [the Spanish word could mean either kind of bird--trans.] that is also shown, can have the value of a symbol. The other, with a pyramid (which belongs to a well-advertised Carlos Paz confectionery), was at 11:00. The circular motion of the object was the same as in the preceding case.

The camera used both times was a Minolta, with a telephoto lens; the film FUJI 21/100 [sic--"Fuji" is the phonetic spelling of "Fuji" in Spanish--trans.]. The photographic negatives were observed by our photographers, who certified the absence of any kind of trick.

CAPTION: The top photo was taken at 7:00 a.m., and the bottom one at 11:00. Both the dove or pigeon and the pyramid become symbolic in this case.

City and country of incident: Santa Fe (Santa Fe), Argentina
Date of incident: March 14, 1982
Name of paper and date of clip: LA CAPITAL, March 18, 1982
City and country of newspaper: Rosario, Argentina

ASTONISHMENT BY A UFO IN SANTA FE

Commentator Luis María Catania, who has the "Santa Fe de la Vera Cruz" program on channel 13, managed to film an unidentified flying object at 5:30 a.m. last Sunday. "The object," he said, "constantly maneuvered and it was impossible to frame it perfectly. But suddenly it decreased its motion and began a slow ascent, permitting the video recording." The film, which was shown on channel 13, is very clear. That same night a great number of residents observed the unidentified flying object in the Guadalupe neighborhood. The experience caused astonishment and accounted for varied comments.

[The above is the caption to photos of a man--presumably Catania--pointing at a TV screen, and close-up of the object, credited to "Telam Radiofoto picked up by LA CAPITAL." An article in the March 17 Buenos Aires LA RAZON added this information: Over 50 witnesses in Guadalupe, including the Schwartz family. UFOs moved from east to west, with a mother ship in front. Duration, 30 minutes. Residents of 700 Pavón St. also filmed the UFOs. Catania described the object (sic) as "of changing colors and spherical in shape." He filmed for 70 seconds --aiming toward the NNE at an elevation of 40-45°--until the UFO suddenly disappeared.--Trans.]

City and country of incident: Resistencia (Chaco), Argentina
Date of incident: March 29, 1982 (Monday)
Name of paper and date of clip: LA RAZON, March 31, 1982
City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A BOY AND A YOUNG WOMAN FOUND TRACES ATTRIBUTABLE TO A UFO

RESISTENCIA—A 13-year-old boy, Marcelo Deschutter, found strange traces in an area near the edge of Resistencia, presumably from an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO), and another youth, identified as "Goldi," who was travelling through nearby, did the same thing with another one. These two supposed landings of what are also called UFOs [sic—given in English here--RWH], is [sic] located in an area of country houses known as Villa Fabiana, across from the sports and rural installations of the Hindú Club, on route 16, on the Nicolás Avellaneda stretch, which leads to the General Belgrano Bridge between the provinces of Chaco and Corrientes. Miss "Goldi" said that she found the other trace while they [sic] were going through the area, in the company of Dr. Lidia Frongia, Mónica Dimitri, and Mr. Santiago Noirat. They indicated that equilateral triangles of approximately 20 meters [66 feet] on a side are clearly seen, with, on each corner—one of which clearly points North—circles of about a meter [39"] in diameter, which left a marked concavity in the earth. According to "Goldi," there are signs of burnt grass and a type of ash. Moreover, when residents of the place were consulted, they indicated that at night the dogs were excited and began to howl. At this moment investigators belonging to the ONIFE group are on their way there, and so are reporters. The discovery of the traces took place during last Monday afternoon, from which it is presumed that the supposed landing took place between Saturday night and Sunday.



What thing has 3 toes and...?

BRANDON, Man. (UPC) —Naturalists have failed to turn up any known animal to match a set of three-toed, 48-centimeter-long footprints found in fresh snow on a Brandon farm Christmas Day.

"All I can tell you is there's no animal like this listed under the Wildlife Act," said Manitoba government conservationist Sid Robak, one of a team who measured, photographed and made casts of the footprints.

The 20-centimeter wide footprints, found at meter-long intervals, stretch for a kilometer through a ravine, over a barbed wire fence and across a field to a road near the farm of Bob Woodfield, who discovered the tracks.

"If it's someone pulling a practical joke, they went to a lot of trouble," said Woodfield.

Robak contended the stride was too long for one person, too even to have been made by two people and too regular on a hillside for a person on stilts.

No other footprints were found in the snow, said Robak. He admitted he was confused, however, by the footprints crossing rocks and branches because the toes do not spread as human toes would.

"Either it's a different bone structure, or whatever it's made out of is a material that doesn't stretch," said Robak.

By Rick Brennan
Toronto Star

In the United States it's called "blue ice;" in Canada, the "green blob." By either name it's just as deadly.

It's the ice which forms on the outside of an airplane from seeping human waste — and falls off during flight.

Large chunks of this ice in recent years punched a hole in an apartment roof in Vancouver, smashed a car in Mississauga and just last Sunday crashed through the roof of a North York home.

Despite orders from Transport Canada to seal such leaks, officials in Ottawa and the airlines themselves admit that it's still happening.

If a seal on a recapping waste outlet is worn or the cap is not tightly fitted or the valve isn't closed properly, waste from the airplane's washrooms seeps onto the fuselage and, at high altitudes, freezes. The frozen blocks, which can weigh up to 10 pounds, are called blue ice or green blob because of the color of the disinfectant used in washrooms on commercial planes.

Little doubt

This tell-tale greenish-blue chemical left little doubt as to the origin of the ice that crashed through the roof of Harry and Tilly Deeder's Tobemory Dr. home the day after New Year's Day.

"The smell was awful — just like a toilet," Deeder, an electrician, told The Star as he peered through the gaping hole in his ceiling.

Ian Taylor, of Transport Canada, says the accident is being investigated but doesn't hold out much hope that they will get to the bottom of it.

"We would like to find the aircraft and look at the seal — but in our experience the airlines don't volunteer the information," Taylor said.

But other Transport Canada officials say the type of disinfectant — "because each company seems to have its own" — can be traced. The Deeders, thinking this might be possible, kept some of the ice.

It was through chemical analysis that transport investigators back in 1977 found that it was ice from an Air Canada jet that smashed a Cadillac in Mississauga.

Although officials said that falling ice is not all that uncommon, statistics weren't available on how many cases have been reported in Canada.

U.S. order

It was after a rash of them in the United States that the Federal Aviation Agency in 1976 ordered the airlines there to clean up their act.

At that time there had been 20 reported incidents involving blue ice in eight years. The agency issued a maintenance alert reminding the airlines to close the valves properly.

"The main reason at that time for the leaking was that they weren't being closed properly," FAA spokesman Gerry Lavey told The Star.

Since then, he said, the number of incidents seemed to have dropped off.

Accumulation of this frozen human waste caused an engine to fall off a National Airlines Boeing 727 in 1974 over Texas, the FAA believes.

Transport Canada spokesman Taylor said action against airlines can range from grounding a plane to a heavy fine.

By Wash Giebre
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

When award-winning television producer Alan Neuman knocks on your door, he'll probably want to know about the unknown.

That provocative quest has led Neuman from Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, to the door of Stan Gordon, Greensburg, whose long explorations into encounters of all kinds have made him something of an authority on such mysteries as unidentified Flying Objects, Bigfoot and a host of other unexplained events.

Gordon's venture began at age 10, and today, at age 33, the Westmoreland County man has amassed a comprehensive collection of information about the unknown, which has attracted Neuman's interest.

The producer-director and 13 crewmen converged on Gordon recently and cranked out the film for nine hours at 6 Oakhill Ave., capturing Gordon's testimony about a hobby that has won him national attention.

Besides telling Neuman about his research into UFO and Bigfoot, Gordon produced six male witnesses who claim they have seen UFOs and

Bigfoot in Butler, Fayette, and Westmoreland counties.

Gordon says, "They went through a hell of a lot of ridicule" when they first reported the sightings, but they agreed to tell Neuman about their encounters, hoping that others would also come forward. Gordon says the TV producer "felt very happy" with the material he received for the series on the unknown around the world, which is expected to air in the spring.

Neuman's credits include "Exploring the Unknown," which started Burt Lancaster on NBC in 1977, the "Coke Specials," "Wide, Wide World," "Kraft Theater," "Elmer Fudd," "The Academy Award Show," "Meet The Press" and a host of other top-rated productions.

Neuman's "looking for answers," Gordon says. And as Neuman's camera crew rolled "em, Gordon, an electronics salesman for the J.C. Penney Co. in Greengate Mall, related the information he has collected, part of thousands of reports he has documented about UFOs and other strange happenings.

"When I was very young, I was very curious," he says, dead serious about a hobby that has made him an

authority on the unexplained. His wall-to-wall communications gear keeps him in touch throughout Pennsylvania and other states as the sightings of UFO and other mysteries are reported. "We get reports of sightings every month," Gordon adds.

Gordon is so interested in the mysterious encounters that he has gone to great expense and effort to establish the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, a volunteer, non-profit organization composed of specialists from various scientific and technological fields. And when someone has an encounter with the unexplained, rest assured Gordon will know about it and dispatch researchers to the scene.

The irony of the hobby is that Gordon frankly admits he has never seen a UFO or Bigfoot. Nevertheless he has a keen interest in the encounters of others who report unexplained phenomena. And one of Gordon's focal points today is his research into the backgrounds of people who have had the encounters.

He believes that some of the witnesses may have developed some psychic abilities such as dreams-

come-true experiences, premonitions and some extrasensory perceptions.

"Maybe the phenomenon is not in a physical state," Gordon says. But he is convinced that the phenomena occur. "We may be dealing with an energy form," he theorizes. To punctuate his theory, he produces from his collection an aluminum, silicon and titanium residue gathered from areas where UFOs have been spotted — in Western Pennsylvania, Arkansas and other states — areas with no factories that would produce the metallic substance.

Then he turns to photos of indentations on the ground where UFOs have been sighted and, later, he pulls out his collection of plaster casts of Bigfoot's big foot and caps it off with a tape recording of what are believed to be grunts and groans of the elusive creature.

Gordon also has documented information from witnesses who had "tingling" sensations of the skin while they were exposed to UFOs — "good, quality sightings" by many people who were non-believers about such occurrences. Gordon has filed "a lot of sleepers out there."

One of the most prominent UFO incidents Gordon recalls was in 1965 in the Westmoreland County village of Kecksburg. The tiny community was drawn into the national limelight overnight, and it got Gordon involved when an unidentified object was reported to have landed in

but he's convinced "there are phenomena that simply are not scientifically explained."

Gordon makes it clear, "I never try to convince anyone," but he will record the unexplained events in fine detail to complement his large library at his Northmont home. He also has documented information related while witnesses were under hypnosis.

"We're strictly investigative, and we relay the information to researchers," the hobbyist notes, as a member of the Mutual UFO Network headquarters at Sequim, Texas, a research organization with members throughout the country. "We have professional people to properly analyze what we're dealing with and are able to get specialists to the scene of sightings within minutes," thanks to the communications network.

About the hobby that has gained him prominence in books, pamphlets, lectures and radio and television, Gordon confesses: "We feel the phenomenon deserves scientific study, and also deserves study of physical and psychological and the paranormal effects it may have had on people who have had the encounters with the unknown."

Gordon continues to record those experiences. All it takes is a phone call on his organization's hotline at 412-833-7768. It answers: "This is the Pennsylvania Association of the Unexplained... at the time...."

For weeks the UFO story was the subject of theories, but Gordon adds his own theory: "A controlled military device that got out of control. No, the military would not admit it, but Gordon says he looked for a logical reason and determined that the device was a fragment or a section of a device that made a 35-degree turn over Cleveland, from the Canadian border, and fell in Kecksburg on Dec. 9, 1965. That site was secured by the military and state police and there were reports that the object was hauled out of the woods.

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His hobby on the unknown draws attention of TV producer



BIG FOOT SIGHTING — Robin Cochran says he has sighted "Big Foot" footprints on Laurance Lake Road this week and the imprints measure 14-inches long with a 10-foot stride. He said his father sighted the fabled animal in June of 1974, and is

convinced that the quarter mile stretch of tracks this week were made by Big Foot. Sightings in the past have estimated the animal weighs about 1,000 pounds and stands 14-feet high with arms swinging in human fashion when it walks.

Big Foot tracks reported

Robin Cochran has spent his whole life in the woods and he knows enough about animals and tracking that he is convinced the footprints he sighted on Laurance Lake Road last week are out of the ordinary.

He says he discovered a quarter mile stretch of "Big Foot" imprints which are 14 inches long, and the stride between steps is 10 feet.

"I have seen Big Foot tracks before but I have never seen the animal," Cochran said. "My dad has though, in June of 1974 and when I took him up to see the tracks I found he said that Big Foot is the only animal that could make prints like these."

The elder Cochran appeared on national television on the "Mike Douglas Show" after sighting the animal which he estimated to stand about 14-feet high, with arms swinging in a humanlike manner as it walked in the upper Hood River Valley. He estimated the beast weighed about 1,000 pounds.

Robin, a timber faller, is over six-feet tall, weighs 210 pounds and stretching out his stride it took three steps between each print of the sighting this week.

"I believe they have some kind of supernatural intelligence to stay away from man as successfully as they do, but I know enough about the woods that I could get off a logging road a mile or two into the woods and I could never be seen by man again either," he said.

Cochran said in most Big Foot sightings he has heard about, people that saw the animal were not carrying firearms.

"I think that the only people Big Foot let see them are people who are attuned to nature and wouldn't hurt them," he said.

"If I saw it I don't know what I would do, but I know I wouldn't shoot at it."

Bigfoot or big fib?

SKAGIT COUNTY — Burlington police, Skagit County sheriff's deputies and a police dog could find no traces last week of a Sasquatch-like creature reportedly spotted near Burlington.

According to Sheriff's Department spokesman Gary Frazier, two people reported seeing "a hairy creature" about 10 p.m. last Monday night.

The creature, whose description included phrases like "bent over," "short hair," and "ape-like walking," was reportedly seen running toward the river near the north end of the city limits.

Lawmen declined to release the names of those who reported seeing the creature, but two men told the police they chased the creature at 35 mph speeds down the Gardner Road access.

Frazier said deputies and a dog were dispatched to the scene but: "We didn't find anything."

Burlington Police Chief Ed Goodman said, "There's really no report. We couldn't verify anything."

Goodman suggested the creature could have been a cow or a big dog — "Nobody really knows."

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Calf Mutilated

Saturday morning Orville Bair of rural Burden found one of his bull calves weighing approximately 550 pounds, dead in the pasture after being mutilated. One eye, one ear, tongue, sex organs and rectum had been cut out, the blood drained and the hide on one side of its face cut away. The incident was investigated by Craig King from the County Sheriff's office.

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Bigfoot lives, says Lindcove woman

By SUSAN KLER
Times-Delta staff writer

LINDCOVE — Although 61-year-old Martha Saulsbury remembers first hearing rumors of the existence of a creature called Bigfoot in 1957, she never believed them.

"You couldn't have convinced me," said Saulsbury. "No way. I thought it was all a joke."

And she thought that way until Sept. 10.

On that date, Saulsbury said she saw Bigfoot.

"He was at least nine feet tall," recalled Saulsbury in her Lindcove home. "He had dark red hair that was about six to eight inches long. He walked upright."

Saulsbury was in the Sierra just north of Yosemite that day, at Lundy Lake. It was just after sunrise when she picked up her high powered field glasses and scanned the terrain about one-half to three-fourths miles away.

"Here comes this man, I thought" remembered Saulsbury. "A big man. Then he walked to the edge of the road and stood there. He looked like a redwood stump, he was so big."

"I realized it couldn't be a man. He took only two steps and walked behind a switchback. Then he hiked up on a ledge."

"A pickup truck came along and it looked like a toy cab. The people inside looked like little matchsticks

That's when I realized how big he was."

The people in the pickup never saw him, explained Saulsbury, because they didn't look up to the ledge where he was standing.

Saulsbury said she watched him for a total of three to four minutes. When she told her husband George, 72, he didn't believe her.

"It was a joke for awhile," said Martha. "George would say, 'Oh, yes, Martha saw Bigfoot' and laugh."

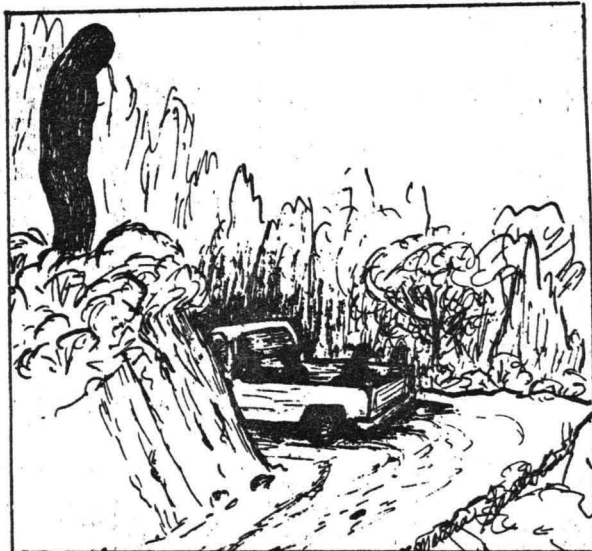
He finally believed her, she said, and admitted she had never said anything like this before.

According to a National Geographic Society news feature, Saulsbury is not alone. "The creature (Bigfoot) has been reported in every region of the continental United States, though the Pacific Northwest, with its dense forests, is its most common 'home.'"

"Like many such creatures elsewhere, he is described as at least eight feet tall, covered with hair, and emitting a foul odor; like creatures elsewhere, he goes back centuries in folklore and myth."

The report concludes that every piece of evidence, such as sightings, footprints, hair samples, droppings and an occasional photograph, has proved controversial. Because skeletons, bones or fossils have never been found, said the report, most scientists are skeptical.

Some fanciful explanations have



Martha Saulsbury sketches her view of Bigfoot near Lundy Lake

arisen to explain the dearth of tangible evidence. One offered by Robert Warth, president of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained, said an aberration in the earth's electromagnetic field may have caused a time warp that enables the creature to appear and then disappear.

And Jack Beckford, a Seattle man who operates a "Bigfoot Hotline," said "It could be that Bigfoot isn't from this earth, that it's able to

prevent us from seeing it."

Although Saulsbury pooh-poohs such ideas, she believes that scientists must eventually admit to the existence of Bigfoot. "They'll have to," she said. "Too many people have seen them."

"I can tell you one thing," said Saulsbury, "I'll be looking for him."

Saulsbury and her husband plan to return to Lundy Lake next year.

The comet that wasn't remains on the record

By Robert Cooke
Globe Staff

Think of it as the comet that wasn't. Or the comet that was, but isn't. Or even the comet that might have been, but won't be.

Named "Comet 1983-a," the first discovered this year, it has, alas, vanished. Gonzo. Missing from the sky.

Actually, "Comet 1983-a" probably never existed, despite being sighted thrice by a pair of astronomers down in Australia.

"We accepted it immediately the report looked good," said Dr. Brian Marsden, director of the International Astronomical Union's central telegram bureau in Cambridge. But the doubts have

surfaced, and now "we think it doesn't even exist."

Too bad, because the designation "1983-a" is now locked in. Marsden said it's stuck in the record, unremovable, so it exists in the books, if not in the sky.

All this started when astronomers Jeff Johnston and Michael Canby at the Perth Observatory reported seeing the new comet on Jan. 5 and 7.

"The information was reported as usual," Marsden said, and the comet was given the designation. Its position in the sky was reported so astronomers around the world could have a look.

Things started falling apart, however, Marsden said, when "it could not be observed here. The Oak Ridge (Tenn.) people couldn't find it, and then we got a phone call from Australia saying they couldn't find it" either.

"At that stage, things didn't look at all good," Marsden lamented, but then a new report from Japan complicated the picture. Japanese astronomers said they thought it was Comet Metcalf, which was last seen in 1906. That object had been discovered by, and named for, Unitarian minister Joel Hastings Metcalf, who served churches in Taunton and Winchester.

More calculations indicated,

however, that it couldn't be Comet Metcalf, since that object can't become visible from earth until mid-March, at the earliest. So Comet Metcalf was out.

"I telephoned the observers in Australia," Marsden said, "and they thought they'd observed it again on a third night. They gave us the accurate measurements."

Unfortunately, the measurements weren't consistent with each other, casting even more doubt on the observations.

So now, Marsden said, the consensus is that it was blamishes in the photographic plates that were seen — not a real comet.

Rancher Reports Sightings

Cow Killing UFO Related?

By JOAN HUGHES
Eagle Staff Writer

Former gubernatorial candidate Pat McGuire Sunday disputed a point in a Dec. 3 article in the Wyoming Eagle about cow mutilations.

"No one ever saw a landing craft at mutilation sites, and no one has ever seen mutilations occurring," the article noted. But McGuire, who owns a ranch 30 miles northeast of Laramie, said that he had ac-

tually seen a disk-shaped craft with lights pick up a live cow from about six feet off the ground.

McGuire also said he has seen mutilations around the same area he has seen the crafts land.

The controversial rancher said one evening he saw a craft, took off after it, and when it disappeared from view he stayed there in his pickup and the next morning

he saw a mutilated cow about 1,000 feet from the pickup.

It was the night after that that the craft took the live cow, he said.

These incidents reportedly occurred in 1976, but McGuire said yesterday that he has seen alien crafts as recently as two weeks ago.

Those crafts didn't land, but McGuire said they were within 1,000 feet of the ground.

Hairy Horrors roam ranges...

There are at least a dozen "hairy horrors" roaming the Coromandel ranges.

But none of them is the legendary Moehau Monster.

He is long gone. Probably curled up dead in one of the many mine shafts he used for shelter in the days, a few years back, when he roamed the picturesque countryside terrifying tourists.

Never known

Who, or what, he was will probably never be known.

One day somebody may stumble upon his bones in some dank cave and anthropologists may be able to tell us whether he was:

- a deserter from a French navy ship
- a freakishly tall, red-headed recluse, or
- a lost spaceman.

All theories have been canvassed in the past.

But the chances any of them will ever be proved are remote.

Commune

I believe the sightings in recent years are probably all of cannabis-cultivating commune members.

Several fit the description of the Moehau Man. And it would certainly be in their interests to perpetuate the myth. If only to keep outsiders away from their crops.

No doubt

But there once was a Moehau Man I have no doubt.

There may even have been a father and son. The sightings persisted over a span of years, indicating there was more than one of them — or else that the one that was sighted was of a great age.

Former Truth staffer JOHN WILSON probably put the Coromandel hairy man on the map more than any other journalist. Several times he travelled through the rugged peninsula trying to track down the mystery creature. Here are his thoughts on the latest news that an Australian scientist believes the creature is still there.

MOEHAU MONSTER TAKES TO HILLS...

Most people who saw the Moehau Man reported him as being:

- well above average height
- liberally covered in red hair, and
- having an unusual toe formation. He had two big toes on each foot.

Smaller

Some claimed there was even a hairy woman. She was apparently slightly smaller than her male counterpart.

However, other reports said that in later years, as he grew older the hairy man's considerable chest muscles sagged a bit, possibly giving the impression that he may have been a female.

A lifetime living in the bush gave the monster a distinctive rambling gait, an amazing elusiveness — and a taste for campers' supplies.

Ravaged

Many campers in the past have awoken to find their supplies ravaged — and a few distinctive footprints in the earth indicating the Moehau Man had been visiting.

For all his fearsome appearance there is only one record of anyone being attacked by the monster.

Attacked

The Moehau Man — who takes his name from Mt Moehau, north of Cape Colville on the Coromandel

Peninsula — is said to have attacked and badly scratched a fencer working in a remote area.

The terrified man rode his horse back to town where he related his experience in the local pub.

Reports say that as the beer flowed so did the descriptions of the hairy man and the attack increase in ferocity.

New Zealand-born author Robin Collins theorised that the hairy man was in fact a lost astronaut.

Spaceships

Collins claimed he was the last remnant of a Lost Tribe of Earth colonisers who came in spaceships at the dawn of the universe.

They settled mainly in Atlantis. But a few — like the Yeti, Big Foot, and the Moehau Man — made it to land masses that survived and where they were able to sustain their lifestyle right in the 20th century.

Tourists

In 1976 a party of Australian tourists (some of them reportedly armed) combed the Coromandel peninsula on horseback searching for the hairy man.

The riders were in radio-contact with a four-wheel drive vehicle in case of emergencies.

Two members of the party thought they saw the hairy man — and one

woman thought she saw the hairy man AND his wife. But nobody got a shot of him or a shot at him.

Over the years the hairy man was sighted from as far north as Cape Colville to as far south as Tairua.

Killed

He is reported to have killed pig dogs sent into the bush after him by tearing them apart.

One elderly Thames bushman told me once he knew the hairy horror — who was actually a woman.

He said she was a regular visitor to his camp at Koputauaki, north of Coromandel township.

"She was about five feet high with great, white whiskers, big white teeth and claws on her feet," he claimed.

The first organised hunt for the Hairy Man was held as long ago as 1932, he claimed. Nothing was ever found.

Pensioner

Thames pensioner Paul Pickering also told me he thought he met the hairy man.

His description varied from the others, however.

"He was really an elderly recluse called Andy Johnston," claimed Paul.

He said Andy was a Norwegian sailor who was amply endowed with red body-hair.

Yet more - about



the Yeti

ONE of the world's greatest mysteries, the Abominable Snowman, may soon be solved.

For decades the existence of the monstrous half-man half-ape, also called the Yeti, has baffled scientists. But now there is new evidence that the missing link of human evolution does exist.

The discovery has been claimed by Chinese scientists searching for the 'wild men of Hubei' in southern China.

In Britain Dr Myra Shackley, lecturer in archaeological science at Leicester University, is convinced that the Yeti exists in this high, heavily wooded region which escaped the ravages of the ice-age.

But according to anthropologist Dr Christopher Stringer of the Natural History Museum it is unlikely that any creature exists which has close links with man 'because, like man, it would have evolved.'

'It is more likely to be a giant ape, an ape-like creature which lived half a million years ago and is not closely related to man.'

Have Sonar Tests Found 'Nessie'?

LONDON (UPI) — The Loch Ness monster may have shown up on sonar tests, scientists searching for the elusive creature said Thursday, but they have no proof the blip was "Nessie."

The findings, reported in *New Scientist* magazine, are the latest in the 20-year quest to establish whether the creature is myth or reality.

At least 40 sonar contacts, together with underwater samples, provided "data consistent with the presence of large animals," in Loch Ness, project leader Adrian Shine said.

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ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR Feb. 18, 1983

Couple to scour loch for Nessie

IF NESSIE really does lurk in the black depths of Loch Ness a former Sheffield man could be the one to bring it to the surface.

Eric Hutchinson has launched an ambitious project to uncover the mysteries of Scotland's most famous stretch of water.

He plans to survey the 30 square miles of largely uncharted loch in a way never before attempted.

Living in their two converted boats, he and his wife Fionna will ply the loch for upwards of five years. At the end they expect to produce the most comprehensive visual and written record of a landmark until now documented almost entirely by folk lore.

And if legend is correct and the monster exists, Eric is certain he will find it.

"Ours is the first real large-scale scientific study ever to be done. Previous attempts have been by dabblers, who have sought maximum publicity and spent the minimum of time actually on the loch," he said.

"The last proper survey was in 1903 and that was with fishing boats and local men."

His plan includes a complete set of maps of the basin, video tape and



Eric and Fionna Hutchinson aboard their boat John Williams.

sound recordings, hydrographic surveys and excavations, while Fionna researches legends and stories.

He has formed a Loch Ness Explorers Club and invited volunteers to join the project.

Already a number have come forward and those now on board range from professional seamen and divers to a pilot and young enthusiasts.

Eric sees the project as a unique opportunity for monster hunters to test their theories with scientific equipment.

"Some people believe Nessie is really a Viking ship, or pine logs, or even giant eels. Now they will be able to find out," he said.

He says he has seen the monster but that like most sightings it was too brief to be conclusive.

Fionna and he are not newcomers to Scottish

waters. Though born in Darnall, Sheffield, and trained in the steel industry, 48-year-old Eric has worked as a seaman for nearly 30 years.

The couple, who met through their love of boats, have been living for seven years on the old Humber barge they converted themselves and have spent most of the time sailing round Scotland.

The Loch Ness project took root, according to Eric, after more than 20 years "mulling about" on the lochs.

But the dream did not come true until he invested tens of thousands of pounds of his own money.

In another five years, he says, when the mysteries of the murky waters are solved and the secrets of Nessie revealed, it will have been worth every penny.

Scientists eye unexplained space signals

More than 100 detected, but may not be from E.T.

BOSTON — More than 100 unexplained radio signals from outer space have been detected by two University of California astronomers, but they said last week the signals did not constitute proof that alien life has been detected.

Astronomers Jill Tarter and C. Stuart Bowyer said that while they plan to go back and re-examine the unusual signals, the chances are small that they will be found to be transmissions from extraterrestrial beings.

It is not unusual, they explained, for preliminary surveys to uncover unexplained signals that later turn out to have a natural or earth-based origin. The two scientists attended the annual meeting of American astro-physicists here.

"At this stage of the game, the odds are against success," Dr. Bowyer said. But, he added later, alien signals might be discovered "five years from now, one year from now, or Jill and I may have already seen them."

New machine expands capability

Dr. Tarter, who said she has seen a handful of unexplained radio emissions during her survey of 210 nearby sun-like stars, plans to go back and listen to the sources of those signals next spring, when she will be able to use a new machine capable of simultaneously monitoring 74,000 frequencies.

That capacity is 9,000 channels more than her present instruments. Tarter said that over the next few years, scientists hope to develop

equipment that can monitor eight million channels and instantly pick up unusual signals, eliminating the current time-consuming system for analyzing the signals.

The federal government will spend \$1.5 million this year listening for radio signals from outer space.

"We're about to invent the telescope," said Dr. Tarter in comparing her efforts to those of the Middle Ages astronomer Galileo.

The ground stations at Goldstone, Calif., Tidbinbilla, Australia and Madrid will carefully search the sky tuned into a narrow band of signals astronomers believe an intelligent society would use to communicate with other life forms. The work will be in conjunction with the Puerto Rico project aimed at nearby stars.

The project is the first large scale effort to study the narrow radio bands, in which scientists "look for some marker that this might be an alien civilization trying to contact anyone out there," Dr. Bowyer said.

NASA funds were approved after Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., dropped his opposition to the project, which he gave a "Golden Fleece Award" in 1977. The scientists attributed his change of heart in part to a survey of the astrophysics community which rated the search for "a needle in a cosmic haystack" worthwhile.

Dr. Tarter said the prototype of the new antenna will be operational in the spring and anticipated a 4- to 5-year research and development period. But, she added, "it will be hard to amass significant statistics in a lifetime."

From Combined Dispatches



Huldre the Nordic Temptress hides in Norway's vast forest region.

ing to the reports, and it's a Norwegian phrase used to make animals keep together.

Huldre-sighting

Police archives contain an official Huldre-sighting report that came from one Nils Smith. On the night between the 3rd and 4th of July in 1950, Nils reported, Huldre came towards him in the extensive forest near Liffjell shepherding a number of cows. Twilight was falling over the forest and a fog had begun to settle in. Nils said that the temptation to follow her was very great but that he struggled hard and managed to resist her. As luck would have it, a church bell sounded clear and strong, and since Huldre is known to dread this sound, she disappeared quickly.

Unlike the Loch Ness monster, for whom a photograph, allegedly of the lake creature rising from the waters, has been published many times, Huldre has not yet been captured on film, though any number of artists and painters have drawn their conception of her. Most of Scandinavia's newspaper editors have a standing offer to buy an authentic picture of the Nordic Temptress, but so far nobody has come up with one. The difficulty in locating Huldre is that she is not confined to one area or region because her home is the extensive forest ranges that cover thousands of square miles.

Allegedly as strong as Sasquatch (North America's Abominable Snowman), Huldre belongs to the so-called "huldrer" people, whose origins go back to the time of Adam and Lilith (who, according to one myth, was Adam's real first wife before Eve came along). Lilith is the woman who gave birth to all demons, goblins and creatures of the Underworld. The Huldre legend maintains that the ugly hag-/gorgeous creature can do a lightning-swift, chameleon change after she has seduced a lone man in the woods.

Whether Huldre exists or not, official government policy is to spice up its tourism for economic reasons. The giant woman with the cow's tail hiding out in the woods makes a nice story for visitors who don't care if the evidence is tenuous or tall-tail.

Tale of 'Huldre' the Temptress' is bewitching

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LIFJELL, Norway — Okay, Loch Ness monster, get lost!

Norway has its own bewitching, phantom tourist attraction — Huldre the Nordic Temptress. And she hides here and there everywhere in Norway's vast forest region. Though nobody has seen Huldre lately, that doesn't stop guided tour parties from going into the woods for a fun-search of what Scandinavian folklore would have you believe is "the most beautiful woman ever," albeit she's over 9 feet in height.

Who is Huldre the Nordic Temptress? According to Norwegians who grew up with stories about her, she's many things to many people. She:

- makes the woods of Norway her home;
- skips over rocks and streams;
- appears suddenly and evaporates into the fog;
- has long blond hair flowing like a mountain river;
- lures lonely men or hunters into the thickets, keeping them as prisoners;
- and, is often seen with a herd of cows (etc. and so forth. . .).

According to unverified eye-witness reports, Huldre is a monster of a female being who can change herself into a fair maiden and have a life-shattering influence on any man who meets her — for all of them immediately fall in love with her and ever so willingly go off with her, only to disappear forever.

A beautiful witch

The legendary figure who inhabits Norway's woodlands has a disarming beauty that is marred only by one factor — beneath her ankle-length skirt there is to be seen the long tail of a cow. This is Huldre — a witch, beautiful beyond all adjectives. As explained by Dr. Birgit Hertzberg-Johnsen, a researcher at the University of Oslo Institute for Folklore Science, Huldre can be compared to modern-day UFO sightings.

"People believe they exist and imagine them when facing a combination of strange phenomena," declares Dr. Johnsen. "They really do think they have seen Huldre, who is invariably spotted at those times during the day when light and shadow can play tricks with the senses. Often it's a strange or unexpected sound that triggers off the experience. If a twig snaps or one hears an unfamiliar cowbell, the lone wanderer lets his imagination spin, especially if his fears as a youngster had already been fired by the stories his grandfather told on dark winter nights about people who were spirited off into the woods."

Despite any lack of scientific data about Huldre, there are thousands of Norwegians, mostly men, who claim to have seen her in the woods. Others have reported hearing her sweet voice, calling to her flock of cows — "vulo, lulo, lulo, lu, lu!" The word "lulo" is the only word Huldre utters, accord-