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LEDGER (Beverly High School), Beverly, MA - Jan. 28, 1983 CR: B. Greenwood

UFO's come to BHS English Department

By BARRY DUNPHY

After the Christmas holidays, Miss Poirier, an English teacher whose homeroom is C-110, took time off from school for an operation. For many of her students, these weeks could have meant week on end of boring, dull schoolwork until she returned, but were they surprised.

The substitute was Mrs. Marge Christensen, a part-time substitute teacher, and a full-time UFO investigator.

Mrs. Christensen works for MUFON or the Mutual UFO Network, which is an international scientific organization, made up of people seriously interested in researching the UFO phenomenon.

These people are not nuts, most have PhD's or MD's in 45 areas of science, technology, medicine, psychiatry, engineering, communications, political science, and photo analysis.

They work as a team to research UFO sightings and track down evidence to prove that there are other life forms in space.

MUFON has chapters in all 50 states and over 40 countries including most of Europe, Scandinavia, Austria, France and even Russia.

France is one of the only countries which supports research on the subject of UFO's, while China has just allowed people to research UFO's there.

They obtain information of other sightings from documents released from various government agencies under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). If you send a letter to the proper government agency, and ask them the right way, they will send you all the information on that subject that you could possibly want.

The documents that MUFON have requested help to prove that there are other life forms.

By now you might be asking yourself, where does Mrs. Christensen fit into all of this. Well, she is the State Director of the MUFON chapter of Massachusetts. This is quite an achievement since only two other states (Utah and North Carolina) have State Directors who are women.

This title means that she is in charge of all sightings in Massachusetts, and she is also in charge of public information and education on the subject of UFO's.

Now, let's get into the serious sightings. In July of 1981, MUFON received a call from a woman in Ipswich that said she saw four pink

UFO's on New Year's Eve of that year.

At first they thought that she was hitting the champagne pretty hard that night, but when they got to her house, they saw that she lived in a convent, and that she was a nun.

That shed a different light on the subject, because nuns supposedly don't lie. They saw four disc-shaped marks on the ground. They took samples of the dirt, pictures of them, etc.

They later found out that just a week after the nun's sighting, (on January 8, 1981) the same four UFO's were seen in France.

From October to November 1975, daily sightings were reported over Air Force Bases on the Northern Border of the United States. They are the Loring Air Force Base (AFB) in Maine, the Wurtsmith AFB in Michigan, The Malmstrom AFB in Montana, and the Minot AFB in North Dakota.

These sightings were over the nuclear weapon storage silos on the air force bases. Military experts at the base said that they sent up jets to chase the UFO's but could not catch them because of strange movement and great speed.

One of the most recent sightings was actually a landing at the Kirtland AFB in New

Mexico. In fact, there wasn't just one landing but five separate landings, which set down by the Manzano weapons storage area on the base.

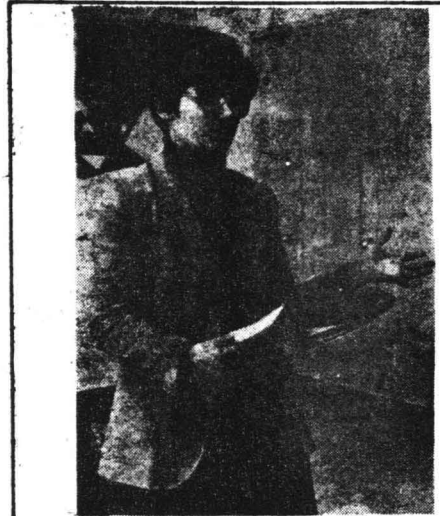
Now, probably the most unbelievable story of them all, was that of a Beverly resident, who was abducted by alien beings and brought to another planet. When the person got there, it saw all kinds of people from the Earth.

The person didn't know many of them but did recognize one person. When put under hypnosis, this Beverly resident described a lady that lived in the small town of Webster, South Dakota.

The people from MUFON called up the small town asking if there ever was such a person. She had died the year before but she had a living sister, who said that the description given by the Beverly resident fit her to a tee.

The strange thing about it was that the lady from South Dakota had never been to Massachusetts or known this Beverly resident.

There have been many sightings on the North Shore in recent years, ones that include a multitude in Ipswich. They have been de-



Mrs. Christensen: State Director of MUFON

Photo by Becky Wuenschel

scribed as silvery cylinders, circular objects with blinking lights or emitting a light beam.

These sightings might seem very strange but MUFON has over 5,000 government documents to prove them.

If you would like to report a UFO sighting, you can call the UFO Hotline at 617-944-0686. When you call, you will have a recording, just follow the instructions given and they will call you back later to interview you. Pranksters will also be called back.

Mrs. Christensen and MUFON have been getting much attention in the last two weeks. Last Thursday, she was interviewed on the Channel 7 News at 6 o'clock, and last Sunday, she was on Boston Sunday Review, a radio talk show on WBCN.

It looks as if UFO's will be a very important part of our lives in the next ten years and with a group like MUFON and substitute teachers like Mrs. Christensen the world will keep in touch with our extraterrestrial friends.

BALDWIN TIMES, Bay Minette, AL - Feb. 17, 1983

Unidentifiable object described

Stapleton

by Maxine Byrd

Wednesday night between 7 and 7:30, Vivian White and her family were cleaning the school. She and her daughter were standing on the sidewalk in front of the school when Mrs. White heard the boys that were having a Royal Ambassadors meeting at the near by Baptist Church, they were screaming "look at the UFO."

Mrs. White looked up and saw it, and she described it this way, "It looked like a cloud or a star, with a big bright light and lots of little blue lights on it. We watched it as it hovered over the tree tops in front of the school. About a minute later it started moving toward the school. It had a sound like a motor humming. It moved real slow then it disappeared. It was the size of a television.

Vivian's father, I.B. Byrd, lives about a mile in back of the school with pine trees in between. His son went outside for something and looked up and saw it, and he called all the family out. It came from over the trees in front of the house, stopped and hovered for a few seconds, had all of its lights on, and then it turned out the big bright one and left a panel of little blue lights on the bottom, then it moved off in a north easterly direction. They watched until it disappeared.

Authorities have not verified what the craft was. Could it have been an unidentified flying object?

CHRONICLE, Colfax, LA - Feb. 3, 1983

Bell-shaped objects spotted in sky

By Mrs. J.W. Norred
Harris Correspondent

I received a call early Monday morning from my friend, Mrs. Verna Lowe of Iatt Community saying that she and several others had witnessed an unusual and spectacular sight in the sky around 5:30 p.m. Sunday when they saw two flying ball-shaped objects and one exploded into small pieces which looked like stainless steel, the other kept on flying and left them wondering -- We didn't see it but would liked to have.

ENTERPRISE, Brockton, MA - Feb. 10, 1983

CR: B. Greenwood

Rockland residents report UFO sightings

ROCKLAND — A number of residents independently reported sightings of what appeared to be unidentified flying objects Wednesday night, police report.

A police spokeswoman said the department received four separate calls during the course of the evening from residents who told of seeing bright red and yellow objects in the sky.

She said patrolmen sent out to observe the phenomenon saw the objects and concluded they were from airplanes.

Charles Reed, a flight dispatcher at the South Weymouth Naval Air Station said that "any metallic object should have reflected back on the radar screen," but none had done so during the time residents said they saw the objects.

Gail and Wayne Leander of 55 Turner St. saw what they described as four objects brilliantly illuminated with red and yellow in the sky from about 8 p.m. to approximately 10:40 p.m.

They saw the lights from their home. Mrs. Leander said that the lights appeared to hover then would disappear and return. "There were always four of them. They kept coming. We're not wackos," she added. "We just want to know what's flying over us."

The couple also reported having seen the same lights Jan. 29 and said they notified the naval air station at that time.

More UFO's Seen, This Time In Derby Area

By LINDA JONES

Special To The Express

DERBY — Do you believe in UFO's? Well for some people in the Derby area Tuesday evening there is definitely a basis for their believing.

Around 9:30 p.m., a Derby resident saw what she truly believes to be a UFO. It appeared to hover over Jay's Snack Bar for about three minutes. It was saucer-shaped, had a red outer ring, and yellow and orange flashing lights. It seemed to move away, then return, move to the North, and then finally move South over Derby Pond and disappear.

One of the girls working at the snack bar said that at about the same time she noticed the pin ball machine making a funny noise, like a buzzing sound.

The State Police were called and they came to investigate. They did not see anything but the matter was reported to the UFO Reporting Bureau in

Seattle, Washington. The Bureau logs all reported sightings from around the country.

Jerry Davis commented that "maybe they were after my tartar sauce recipe".

Island Pond residents there, many believe that it was definitely something. There are quite a few believers in UFO's and with the frequent sightings reported from all over the country, who knows?

Whatever was or was not the object first appeared behind the home of Sarah Rigdon of 1700 E. Foster Maineville Road. In the report to the Warren

By JEAN FUDGE
An unidentified flying object (UFO) visited the Maineville area at about 9 p.m. on Jan. 19, according to accounts of two eyewitnesses.

The object first appeared behind the home of Sarah Rigdon of 1700 E. Foster Maineville Road. In the report to the Warren

County sheriff's office, Rigdon said that something strange had fallen into the wooded area behind her house, said dispatcher Patti Gilbert, who handled the call. The call was initially classified as a "nature unknown" and did not develop into a possible UFO sighting until after her shift had ended, Gilbert said.

Rigdon said she was in her

house when she saw the object.

"It looked like an air balloon on fire," Rigdon said. "That's what we thought it was."

Rigdon said she screamed for her husband because she feared people in the balloon might be in danger. A person driving along the road also stopped to watch the strange object, she said.

The object had reportedly

descended, lifted up and landed again at a different place, said Sgt. Paul Bailey, watch commander on duty at the sheriff's department that night. Bailey said he investigated the area but discovered nothing. Night vision optical equipment was used to search fields and woods, he said.

A second sighting occurred in the Zoar Road area about a half hour later, said Vernon Roy, Rigdon's neighbor.

Roy said Rigdon's husband was upset when he ran next door to discuss the first sighting. "He was telling me about it and seemed really concerned, upset about it," Roy said.

The two men set out in Roy's truck to check the area where Rigdon last saw the object. Roy said he stopped the truck along Zoar Road, after Rigdon had pointed to a field.

"He (Rigdon) was looking across the field and he said, 'There it is,'" Roy recalled.

Above the field, Roy said he saw a "constant light, kind of a red, real bright light. Very bright. Like a clear, red light."

Because of the distance, Roy said he is not certain of the object's size. He described it as oblong in shape and estimated it was six feet high and about three or four feet in diameter.

After traveling for about 3,000 feet in an upright position, parallel to the ground, the oblong light took a sharp turn downwards over the horizon, Roy said. It moved extremely slowly, making no sound, he noted.

Roy estimated that he and Rigdon watched the light travel for 1½ to three minutes.

"I don't know what I saw; I just know I saw something," Roy said.

Looking back, Roy described the set of events as "strange."

"It's really a strange sensation," Roy said, "because at the time you're saying 'I can't believe it.' But there it is. It's especially strange because we went out to investigate. Normally, you find nothing. To find something is really strange."

Another strange facet is that the UFO looked different in the first and second sightings. Rigdon said he agreed with his wife's description, Roy noted, but the second object did not look like a balloon on fire.

UP THE CREEK, Denver, CO - April 1, 1983 CR: C. Raschke

Chicken Little Strikes Again

Unmarked Helicopters Circle the City

"Mysterious" unmarked helicopters have been spotted in recent weeks by a growing number of Denverites — many of whom share an active interest in UFOs.

"We've been asking because we've heard about them," said Bill Swenson, president of the Denver UFO Society. "I've seen one myself and I don't understand it. On the unmarked choppers, God knows who they are."

Federal Aviation Administration officials say all airborne vehicles (including military helicopters) are required by law to carry identification letters, numbers or insignia. But "mysterious chopper" enthusiasts consistently describe either olive drab or black "military-type" helicopters which lack any markings.

Officials at Lowry Air Force Base and Buckley Field have received several citizen inquiries concerning anonymous 'copters; but they deny any knowledge of origin — as do public information officials at Fort Carson and Peterson Air Force Base.

Denver UFO expert Vance Reed (a recent guest on KOA Channel 4's "All Night Live") mentioned at least "six people who have experienced several (anonymous) helicopter sightings" in broad daylight since the first of the year. "One woman told about two recent sightings at the last (March 25) meeting of the UFO Society," said Reed. "She said they flew over her car at Cinderella City and they made no noise. We think these helicopters could be connected to cattle mutilations."

Adding to the mystery, Denver University student Glenn Larkin reported a black helicopter (unmarked) flying south above Interstate 25 out of the downtown Denver area around March 1. "I noticed after a moment that it stopped moving and started spinning in place," said Larkin. "It looked like it crashed and I heard a thundering type noise after it went out of sight." He was

unable to find verification of the alleged incident.

Denver University professor Dr. Carl Raschke told the Creek that on "six occasions since mid-February," black or dark green unmarked military helicopters have flown low over the D.U. area. They were seen circling the university campus on two occasions, he said.

As a popular professor of religions at D.U., Raschke is a frequent recipient of wild rumor:

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"Since last fall," he said, "I've heard from at least three individuals . . . that these black helicopters belong to some international military consortium . . . and that they are spraying a form of flu virus which makes people listless. The cumulative effect of this biological warfare conditioning supposedly makes the population manipulable." Raschke questions such speculation as do local military spokesmen.

Lowry A.F.B. information specialist Sergeant Chuck Kubin offered one logical explanation: "In combat dress, helicopters may be painted dark green with flat black (identification) markings — which might be hard to detect from the ground. And if the sky is reasonably bright behind it, spotting a bird is hard enough."

According to Buckley public affairs director Doug Abbotts, helicopters are frequently routed along I-25 on an approach to various military installations. Thus, unidentified helicopters could originate from a variety of sources. With combat markings, black/green aircraft could appear unmarked.

However, for several Denverites including Blue Cross/Blue Shield service representative Lois Avery, unmarked black helicopters remain an entertaining mystery.

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Mysterious craft sighted here

by David Oakes
Associate Editor

It made a low humming noise. Three people have confirmed that. It had a series of blue lights towards the top of its structure, and one brilliant, piercing white light at its very top pointed to the heavens.

Again, three people have confirmed that.

But what is not certain, is what "it" was.

What occurred Wednesday night in Stapleton will probably remain a mystery forever to the people who witnessed the unusual event.

"We were out in the school yard about 7-7:30 p.m. when over in the west we saw a brilliant light that looked like it was stationary, a little above the trees," said Vivian White of Stapleton. Children near the Methodist church saw the saucer-like craft too and were shouting that it was a spaceship, she added.

Mrs. White said that she stood with her husband Nolan and daughters JoAnn and Susan, and watched the light for about 10 minutes as it drew closer to the school yard.

The craft had blue lights around it, she said, with one bright white spotlight that angled up toward the sky.

"It had a low humming noise like a jet way up in the atmosphere," she said, adding that when she first saw the lights she thought the craft was a helicopter. "When it got over us I knew it wasn't a helicopter."

She said she was scared when she first saw the object. "The first thing I thought about was a star that fell down from heaven," she recalled. "It looked kind of awesome."

Mrs. White's father, I.B. Byrd, said it was "something I couldn't explain. It was definitely not an airplane...but I thought maybe later it was."

He explained that his son Clayton went out to his car to get something when he called him outside.

Both the father and son recalled that the object came from the west over the tree tops, and it had a circle of rotating blue lights around the top with a bright light on top.

When it got about 150 yards away from the house and was about 50-60 feet above the ground, both Byrds said the object appeared to become stationary for several minutes before the lights on top went out and a light that illuminated a panel beneath the craft came on.

Clayton said the object then went straight up into the air about 2,000 feet and continued on slowly and horizon-

tally toward the northeast.

"I never saw nothing like that before," he said. "If it had been me that saw it I wouldn't say nothing to nobody. But my sister came up the next day and said she saw it."

He said the object's noise did not sound like an aircraft or helicopter engine.

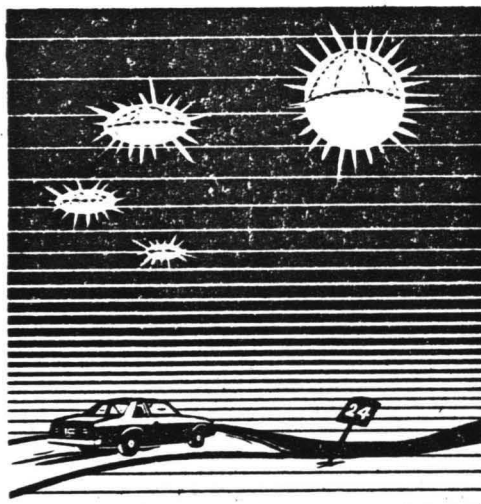
Clayton says he has received "digs" from people after describing the experience. "I had not been drinking anything," he said.

Charles Beard, the flight clearance supervisor at Pensacola Naval Air Station, said that there were U.S. Navy aircraft flying on Wednesday night.

"But we don't have anything that wouldn't make a lot of noise," Beard said.

He explained that Navy aircraft would not have blue lights, but do have white sequence flashing lights on top, a red sequence beacon on the left wing, and a green sequence beacon on the right wing.

A spokeswoman inside the Mobile Municipal Airport control tower said that she did not know of any radar log entries regarding a craft described by the Stapleton residents.



Enterprise Illustration by Joe Thompson

Who knows what they were — but she saw them

By PAUL R. STEVENS
Enterprise Staff

Hear! Hear! There were strange objects moving about in the heavens Tuesday night, circular objects that whirled and climbed rapidly at angles — then stopped in fixed positions showing weird colored lights before moving again. They climbed so high in the sky they looked like fat stars revolving in Technicolor.

UFOs?
"I don't want to call them that," said Denise Gormley, brunette daughter of Enterprise reporter Joseph V. and Kay Gormley. "I feel stupid talking about them. But I did see four strange things."

Denise was driving in heavy traffic on the Southeast Expressway, as dusk was settling in, at about 6 p.m. When she saw the first "strange thing" in the sky, she was on her way home to Easton from work. She is assistant front office manager at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Cambridge.

"I was in Milton. Traffic was slow, and I happened to glance out the right window at a swampy area in the distance. I saw green and red lights flashing overhead on a round thing. I love looking at planes and watching their lights. This was no plane."

What she saw startled and fascinated her, she said. "It was round at the top, and lights seemed to go up in the shape of a pyramid. There was a white light flashing at the point. It was weird and I kept glancing at the thing as I went down the expressway."

She told of three other sightings that startled her later — but more about them in a moment. At this point, she wanted to make something crystal clear: "I'm no nut. I'm a realistic person. I'm the last person that should have seen what I saw because I don't believe in UFOs. But I know what I saw, and what I saw was strange, strange — very strange."

Moving along, she arrived near the Route 24 turnoff from Route 128 when — well, let Denise tell you.

"There were three strange objects — all like the one I saw in Milton — in the sky to the left of me," she said. "They were quite high and spaced apart in diagonal fashion . . . High but very noticeable."



DENISE GORMLEY
... what did she see?



Denise Gormley — despite being in the minority — swears she saw some unidentified flying objects hovering above while driving home on the Southeast Expressway in Milton last week. (Enterprise photo by Craig Murray)

Flying objects: What were they?

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She said she couldn't understand why cars weren't pulling over to the side to see the display. The only explanation she could think of was that the drivers and passengers were so intent on keeping from bumping into other cars, they kept their eyes glued to the highway. (As things turned out, two accidents occurred on Route 24 Tuesday night, according to police reports.)

When Denise arrived home and got out of her car, she could still see the strange objects. By now they had moved deeper into the sky, roughly forming a triangle — deeper, but "very bright with their flashing red, green, blue and white lights all blurring together like a whirling rainbow."

She said: "I wanted corroboration. I ran into the house and told my parents, 'Come out and take a look at what I saw!' In front of the house later, my father and mother both said they were convinced they were looking at objects in the sky like nothing they had ever seen before."

Denise aimed borrowed binoculars skyward. "But when I put 'em up to my eyes, I couldn't focus them and I only saw a blur."

She telephoned the Weymouth Naval Air Station to see if anyone had called there about strange objects flying around in the sky that might have been sighted on the radar screen.

"I got someone on the phone who was a clown," she said. "Honey," he said, 'have you had too many drinks?' I hung up on the clown of the corps."

She called the Globe while a family member called The Enterprise newsroom. "I'm not a nut," I told the man who answered at the Globe. He seemed young but didn't laugh. I said, 'All the way from Milton to Easton I saw these strange-looking things in the sky.' For credibility, I said again, 'I'm not a nut.'

"He took me seriously but he said he didn't get any calls like mine Tuesday night. He said he remembered hearing about a similar call the newspaper had received Monday night."

Denise called Wheaton College to see if anyone in the college's observatory had seen any flying objects — but the person who answered informed her the observatory is closed Tuesday nights.

The night man at The Enterprise reported getting two calls about flying objects — one from a female and one from a male. He said neither seemed to be making crank calls — "but I couldn't help them."

West Bridgewater Selectman Charles H. Johnson and his wife Audrey looked at the heavens late at night and Audrey commented for the record: "I saw something up there with a bright, reddish light — and if it was a star, it was a lot different from the other stars." Her husband thought it might be Venus winking at the earth, but that was only a guess.

Reporter Gormley twice was called out of the house by his excited daughter, Denise. "He put on a coat and went out with me and my sister, Pam," Denise said, "and suddenly when he looked behind us, he noticed something very strange."

What did he see? Gormley, himself, said: "I am a skeptic, but what I saw was a strange object in the sky with lights flashing all around. I saw it twice. The first time it was stationary, just hanging there motionless. Later, it was moving in a northwesterly direction — and it was no plane."

Could the objects with the whirling lights have been helicopters? Lt. Maggie Read of the Navy public affairs department said she thought the lights could have been the configuration of helicopters.

But later she called back and said: "There were only two 'copters' out of Weymouth Tuesday night, and they weren't flying together." So that wouldn't account for the triangular flying objects Denise said she saw.

Denise's mother, Kay Gormley, who also saw the triangular-shaped phenomenon of objects with spinning lights, said one helicopter flew by at one point — "but what I saw were not helicopters."

She said: "I'm not saying they were UFOs, but I'm not saying they weren't, either. Whatever they were, we couldn't hear any noise coming from them, and what I saw was interesting — and a wonderment, too."

Denise said: "I refer to the objects I saw only as 'strange things in the sky' and not as UFOs because I like my sanity. Maybe the government's trying out secret inventions with whirling lights."

DEMOCRAT, Tallahassee, FL - Feb. 21, 1983

Look, up in the sky

Has E.T. come home to Tallahassee? Brenda Poston, 22, of Tallahassee, may think so. Poston and her sister were driving near Mission and Fred George roads Sunday night when they spotted an unusual object in the night sky. Poston described the object as large, with three red, blue and yellow lights, and, yes folks, round like a saucer. "I know it sounds crazy," she said. But she didn't feel quite so crazy after calling the control tower of the Tallahassee Municipal Airport. An employee there had received another call describing the same object just moments before. The employee told the Democrat that although he had received two calls about the object, his screens told him there was nothing there. Perhaps E.T. had to hurry home.

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I will pay \$5.00 for a xerographic copy of each published UFO sighting report not on the above list which mentions a magnetic compass needle or compass-type detector being affected. Jan Eric Herr, 6250 Stanley Avenue, San Diego, Calif. 92115, U. S. A.

Some Say Lights in the Sky Aren't Just a Flash in the Pan

By David Thompson

World-Herald Staff Writer

Just after 10 p.m. on Dec. 11, the Otoe County Sheriff's Office received a report of two strange purplish-pink lights hovering over a horse corral on a farm northwest of Nebraska City.

Deputy Rich Tilson investigated. Tilson said that on the way to the farm he saw a flash in the sky.

"It was a bright light, then part of it shot up at an angle, part of it down," he said. "It lasted about as long as a flash cube on a camera. We thought at first it might be an airplane exploding, but there was no noise."

Tilson, who was acting sheriff at the time, said another deputy with him saw the flash, too.

They decided, at first, not to say anything about what they saw. But then they heard on their police radio a Johnson County deputy sheriff discussing the flash with a Nemaha County deputy, Tilson said.

The sighting by the deputy sheriffs has drawn the attention of a fledgling organization called the Nebraska Association for the Study of the Unexplained.

The society, currently a small group of individuals interested in unidentified flying objects and other unexplained happenings, will hold its first meeting at 2:30 p.m. March 20 in the American Charter Savings & Loan Association building, 40th and South Streets in Lincoln.

Director Ray W. Boeche of Lincoln said the organization is investigating the Nebraska City sightings and hopes to study other reported unexplained phenomena in the state.

Boeche, a 28-year-old former school teacher, said he has been "hooked" since his early youth on looking into unexplained phenomena.

He said he and his associates look first for a natural explanation. In the Nebraska City case, he said, they have

ruled out aircraft, stars and other normal sources of light.

Deputy Tilson said he called the Offutt Air Force Base control tower and also the radar station serving Eppley Airfield in Omaha to determine if there were any planes in the area.

Sgt. Paul Shoup, Offutt public information officer, said that a call was made to the base's control tower early on the morning of Dec. 12.

"Our radar showed nothing," he said. "We verified that we had no planes in the air and there was nothing."

Boeche said the light "was bright enough to cast shadows." It was seen by four law enforcement officers in three counties and by four people in Lancaster County, he said.

"There was no hoax involved and there were multiple witnesses," he said. "It has to go down as an unexplained phenomenon."

The Society for the Unexplained is interested in obtaining reports of other such sightings, Boeche said. It now op-

erates through a post office box in Lincoln, but eventually members hope to establish a "hot line" to receive reports of such events, he said.

The organization will serve a good purpose, Boeche said. People who have seen unusual lights in the sky and other phenomena are reluctant to report them to law enforcement agencies, he said.

Those who see such occurrences often are subjected to ridicule, he said.

Tilson said he was kidded by a number of people after he reported his sighting. Even one of his children joined in, giving him a card that said, "E.T. was here, but you were out."

Several years ago when he was working as a police officer at Central City, Neb., Tilson said, he saw what he thought were lights on the town water tower, but when he approached the light moved away.

"The only one I told about it was the (police) chief, and he said to keep it quiet, because it would only cause problems."

In some cases, Boeche said, there are natural explanations of sightings.

Sometimes, especially during hazy or foggy weather, it could be an aircraft that is misidentified, he said.

"People's eyes also may play tricks on them," he said.

The society also is looking at other unexplained phenomena:

—Mutilation of cattle near Norfolk, Neb., in December and near Imperial, Neb., last June.

—Reports from the Lincoln area and northeast Nebraska of "phantom cats," where people said they saw large cat paw prints in the dirt but no cats.

—"Big Foot sightings" in northeast Nebraska.

Boeche, a Nebraska City native and Peru State College graduate, has lived in Lincoln about 18 months after returning to Nebraska from Pennsylvania, where he had worked. He taught art at Monroe Junior High School in Omaha in 1978-79.

DAILY OLYMPIAN, Olympia, WA - Feb. 7, 1983

Unusual sighting

A Mason County man early Saturday morning told deputies he saw what appeared to be a disabled tractor-trailer rig along the Cloqualum Road near Star Lake, about 15 miles southwest of Shelton. When he approached the vehicle, he said it went straight up into the sky — without any lights.

DAILY NEWS MINER, Fairbanks, AK - Feb. 14, 1983



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UFO, ANYONE?—It happened Thursday night, a caller told the Insider—seems the caller and a friend saw bright orange lights hovering about 200 feet over the Tanana Flats. We couldn't explain why—can anyone else?

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DAVID CHASE

UFO's: From the Sea?

Although I've never developed much of a taste for science fiction. I've always been fascinated by tales of things that have no apparent explanation. UFOs, for instance.

I've never seen one myself, but if there are any, I suppose they're either from here, meaning Earth, or there, meaning somewhere else. The common assumption is that whatever they are, they're probably from outer space. In fiction, for some reason they are almost always assumed to be evil and warlike. Only occasionally are they portrayed as simply curious.

One book on the subject with a different twist is "Invisible Residents" by Ivan T. Sanderson. Sanderson theorizes that rather than from outer space, the aliens in the flying saucers come from the depths of our own oceans.

Among his arguments is the fact that many UFO sightings occur around bodies of water, often with the sighting ending as the UFO plunges beneath the surface. Navy submarines reportedly have tracked objects travelling through the sea at speeds in excess of 200 miles an hour, far faster than any known sea creature or man-made vehicle can travel under water. For years there have been reports of strange lights coming from beneath the sea with rays radiating from a central strong light source and spinning slowly beneath the surface.

Sanderson argues still further that since all life evolved from the sea, and since creatures have lived in the sea for millions of years longer than any of us have lived on land, that time has given the sea the advantage. He figures that given this advantage, it seems reasonable to surmise that another species superior to our own could have evolved to live on the floor of a sea of water as easily as we live on the floor of a sea of air.

Sanderson apparently has been subject to a certain amount of ridicule from various people. But, as

he likes to point out, these same people accept the existence of an all powerful God entirely on faith and with a good deal less evidence to justify His (or Her) existence.

Hmmm.

I'd barely digested this theory when I chanced upon another book called "Missing Time" by Budd Hopkins which claims to be a "documented study of UFO abductions."

Hopkins' book consists of detailed accounts of people who have apparently been selected by the UFOs, taken inside for a period of time, examined, and released. All of the abductees apparently had been given some sort of hypnotic suggestion to forget the experience although most still remembered flashes of the abduction and had a general feeling that there was a period of time that they couldn't account for.

Hopkins interviewed and subsequently arranged to have a number of these people hypnotized to help them recall the experience. All of them told essentially the same story. Some of the details and circumstances were different, but the story was basically the same.

Typically, a victim of an abduction is first aware of a general uneasiness. This is followed shortly by a bright light either above the car or outside the window. First impressions vary. Most assume the light is the moon or a low flying aircraft, although there is never any of the noise that usually accompanies machinery. Before long, as though by some sort of telepathic command, they find themselves outside the house or car, alert and awake, but unable to move as they soon find themselves surrounded by a group of little people.

The abductees refer to these "people" as people. They're about the size of 10 year old boys. They're very slight, have very thin arms and legs and no hair. Their eyes are large and dark and "liquid" and have no

pupils. These people seem to be clothed in some sort of suit that completely covers them and appears to have no seams. The suits are a metallic gray.

These people seem to communicate by telepathy. None of the abductees remembers hearing any of them speak. They do, however, understand what these little people want them to do.

The victim is propelled somehow over the ground and into the UFO where he finds himself in a large, round room with a table in the center. Details at this point are always sketchy but the victim's clothing is removed and some sort of physical exam takes place with the aid of various instruments. Under hypnosis, all the victims speak alternately of intermittent pain and of a great calming warmth and the good feeling that comes over them during the examination.

Occasionally, instruments of one kind or another are used to actually go inside the victim to take samples of various organs. Many of the victims have been left with large and visible scars on their bodies and no knowledge of how they receive them. Some of them have later found traces of blood on their clothing and have no idea how it got there.

With the examination complete, the abductee is set free about two hours later.

Some of these abductees have been taken from a group of other people who spend the two hours looking frantically for them. Other times, the rest of the group remains in a sort of suspended animation during the abduction. Usually, however, the victims simply have been alone.

As I read "Missing Time" I kept thinking I'd heard it all before. And I had. A local man once told me an almost identical story of his own abduction. I thought he was pulling my leg. Maybe he was, but he told me the story in 1977.

Four years before the book was published.

JEWETT, VAN ARSDOL & BECK **ink**

After three decades, man tells about UFOs



COULD THE MOTHER BASE of the flying saucers or UFOs or whatever you choose to call them be inside a remote mountain range in northern Arizona?

Sandy Linker firmly believes it is, and he has decided to come forward after 31 years to tell his story.

Linker, who describes himself as a beat-up old bronco buster, lives in eastern Vancouver. Now 56, he was a young man in 1952 when he spent six months breaking horses at a remote corral in the Hualapai Mountains, halfway between Las Vegas, Nev., and Kingman, Ariz., nearly 100 miles from the nearest town.

"My ex-wife and I used to sit on the fence of the Archibald corral and watch the flying saucers," Linker said. "They seemed to come right out of the side of the mountains at about the same time every evening."

When Linker tells his story, in his cow country drawl, one immediately becomes convinced he is telling the truth. This is an honest, sincere working man, not just another freak.

Linker said he has been within 300 feet of one of the hovering UFOs, which he said was about the size of a two-story house, so close that a silvery-blue light from the machine burned his eyes. He tried to take pictures of the craft, but was foiled by this same light.

"My ex-wife and I were driving across the desert one night, when suddenly our car was bathed in this light," he recalled. "The engine just plain stopped. Then, after whatever it was had left, I turned the ignition and the engine started right up."

The UFOs Linker claims he saw are identical to the photographs that are being printed with more and more regularity around the world. They had the appearance of a flattened bell, with portholes or windows around the perimeter. The space machines seemed to glow with blue, orange and red lights.

"I went to the place where one had landed," Linker said. "There was a circle about 60 feet in diameter where the grass had been singed and sand had blown away. There were indentation marks made by what appeared to be three landing pods."

The former wrangler said he has no idea what the flying saucers are, or if they are from outer space or originate here on earth. Along with dozens of others who have seen them, he firmly believes the government knows much more about them than it is letting on.

Linker said he had kept quiet all these years because he didn't want to be labeled as a crackpot. "I was known to be a little bit crazy in those days anyway," he said.

What he would like, he said, is to lead an expedition of scientists back into this remote country, to show them exactly where the UFOs materialized every evening.

"They still might be there," he said. "Even if they're not, there should still be some evidence of them lying around."

Mystery Sightings on Vermont 36

By SUSAN GREEN

Free Press Staff Writer

It was just one year ago that Aubre Brogden may have had an awfully close encounter with something she still cannot explain.

The Bakersfield woman was driving home along Vermont 36 from St. Albans at about 9 o'clock on a clear mid-February night, under a full moon as she recalls. "I was about a mile and a half out of Bakersfield when I saw a large, white light moving slowly, quite low in the sky," she said. "At first, I thought it was a plane about to land, so I flashed my car headlights to warn it off the road. And then it started coming towards me."

Brogden's sighting, only one of a series of unidentified flying object reports throughout Vermont last winter, was the most dramatic of several such Bakersfield observations.

As the object got closer, Brogden was able to discern it was triangular in shape. Before losing sight of the light, she convinced herself it had to be a hang-glider or hot-air balloon.

Turning into her driveway, Brogden was more than a little taken aback by the sight of the glowing triangle in her own backyard. "It was just hovering there, about 25 feet away from me," she said, pointing to a spot between two tall trees.

"I got out of the car, picked up my two bags of groceries and started toward the house," she said. "Then, I stopped for a moment to look at the thing and began to feel very frightened. It was obviously watching me." She called out for her upstairs neighbor but no one responded.

Feeling fairly panicked, Brogden then began running for the house, and in the process dropped her grocery bags. "I looked down at the bags, then up at the sky. The thing was then moving right over my head, making absolutely no sound. Now I could see that it wasn't just one light, it had many lights all across the bottom. And it was much bigger than I'd thought: maybe as big as a football field," she said. The object moved away noiselessly.

Brogden ran inside the house, locked the door and woke her neighbor, who agreed to spend the night downstairs. Neither woman would go outside for the groceries.

The next morning, the object was nowhere to be found and the groceries had frozen onto the snow.

It was about a month later that Jan Marcotte was one of a dozen or so people who spotted something out of the ordinary at the same location as Brogden's initial sighting of the triangle.

"We were all part of the same PTA group — plain old Bakersfield moms — enroute to Fairfield for a meeting," Marcotte said. "I saw four blinking red lights at different elevations. We stopped our car, but the others kept going. We got out to look but couldn't hear any sound. Then suddenly, the lights just disappeared: Zap!"

Two other occupants of the car, including Marcotte's husband Ron, dismissed this sighting as a possible jet. However, when the PTA reassembled, everyone was buzzing with speculation and wonder about the strange lights all had witnessed, Marcotte said.

Marcotte acknowledged her lack of skepticism about these UFOs may stem from the fact that, during another winter nine years ago, she saw something — again on Vermont 36 — that she feels was unmistakably not of this earth. It was a large, not quite circular light, low on the horizon.

Initially, she suspected it was merely the moon, but after a few minutes, realized it was the wrong shape. "At first, I was frightened," she said. "But after a while, I became real comfortable with that light. I felt I had a friend in the sky. I felt as if someone was trying to tell me something. It was awesome." It suddenly disappeared, she added.

Inexplicable lights were seen by Joe Cofelice, a Bakersfield man who operates a barbershop in St. Albans. His account begins at 7:50 p.m. on November 10, 1981, as he was driving west out of Bakersfield on Town Road 20 — which is parallel to Vermont 36 — with his 16-year-old son, Jimmy.

"We saw two lights on the left that seemed to be pacing us," he said. "They looked like large stars but they were coming closer, then suddenly shot up straight in the air." Cofelice assumed these objects to be helicopters at first. When he turned around a bend, the lights were about 200 yards away, 200 feet above ground, and blinking on and off in turn.

"They lit up the whole road, like daylight," said Cofelice, explaining that he then stopped the car and began walking towards the UFOs. When the objects moved off, they crossed in front of the full moon and Cofelice was able to delineate their shapes. "They had square wings on each side and round backs," he said. "In front, there was a half-circle of seven lights."

Two nights later, Cofelice returned to the site, along with his fiancée — now his wife — Laurie, armed with binoculars and a camera. "Lo and behold, at exactly 7:50 again, the lights came at us from the west, he said. "Through the binoculars, they looked like two red-orange balls of fire."

As these apparitions reached a spot about 500 yards away, Laurie took a photograph, from inside the car, which Cofelice later sent to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill. for scrutiny. (John Timmerman, an associate in the organization's Ohio office, said that the picture, which shows merely a round light against a dark background, does not seem to be the moon "or an out-of-focus anything else. I'm inclined to think they saw something unusual, but we cannot identify what.")

In mid-March 1982, a Fairfield woman, who asked not to be identified, was driving along Vermont 36 towards St. Albans at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. She spotted what looked to her like "two black swastikas, as big as two large dogs, flying along without any noise."

When added to a list of almost two dozen reported sightings, particularly in Richford and Windsor, the Franklin County incidents give the winter of 1982 an eerie flavor. Police and firefighters were among the many citizens talking about strange activities in the skies.

But what about this year? Is a return engagement likely? Since the beginning of the month, there have been only scattered reports from Island Pond and Derby. Back in Bakersfield, however, these sightings are given a contemporary as well as historical context, through the stories told by Doris and Lemond Bovat.

Farmers on the same land for half a century, the Bovats, with a breath-taking view of the surrounding mountains, live just barely over the East Fairfield line. It is beautiful, rugged, remote country that local residents call Lost Nation.

Lemond claims to have twice seen extraordinary objects. Twenty-five years ago, it was something that looked like a full moon, moving so low to the ground and so fast towards him, that he jumped into a ditch for fear of being hit. Twenty

years ago, it was a more oblong UFO, with multi-colored lights. He thinks they must have been "meteors that fall from the moon."

Doris Bovat, who says she has been seeing large, low-flying lights for years — most recently in early February — pinpoints her most unique sighting as an afternoon encounter a decade ago.

"I was looking out the doorway," she recalled. "And I saw this rounded, pale orange disc about four or five hundred feet up in the air, moving pretty fast, north to south. I ran out of the house to watch it. It looked like a pretty good-sized washtub. To me, it was a miracle."

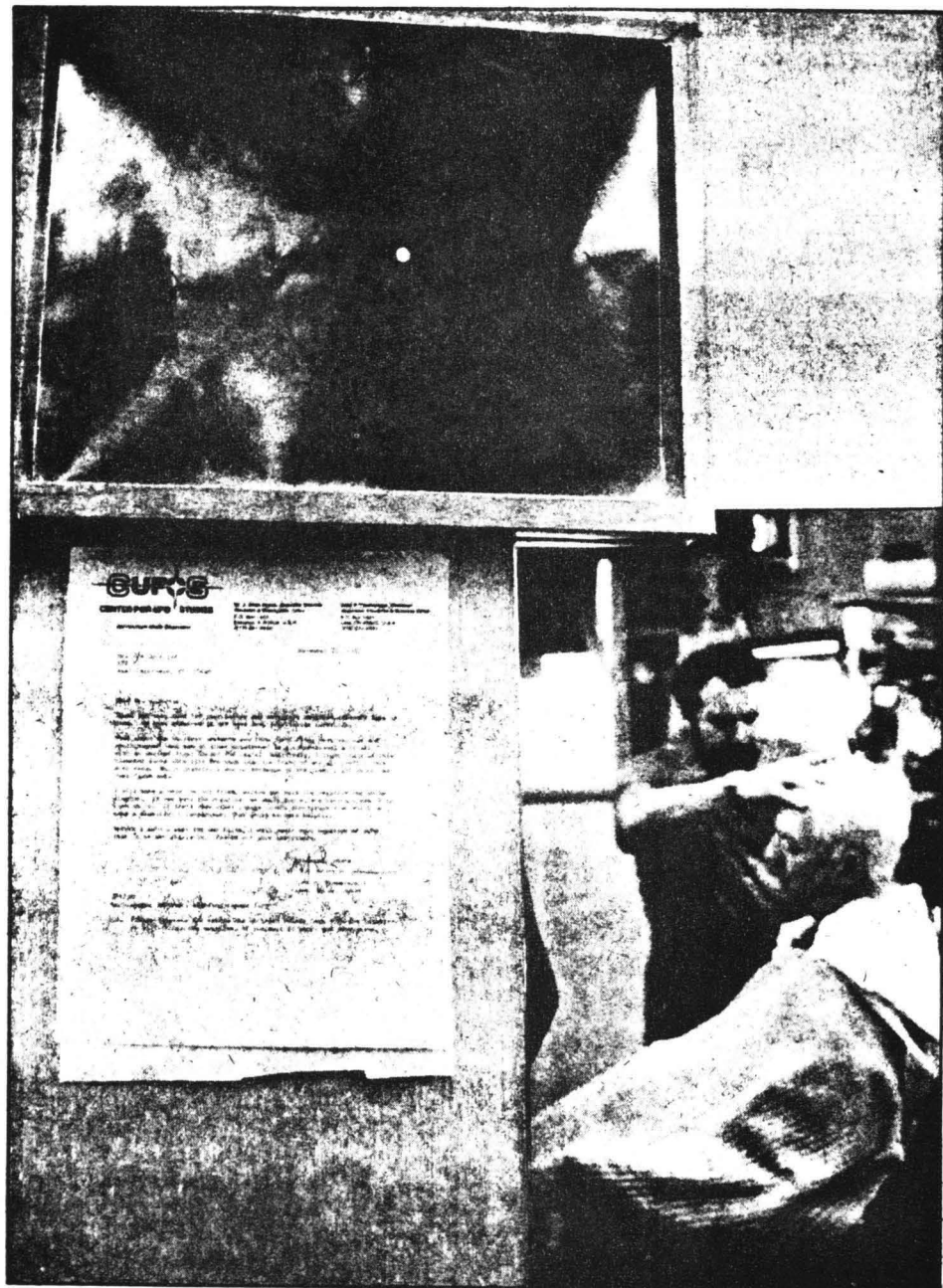
Doris said she watched as this object appeared to crash in the woods of a mountaintop.

None of these sightings surprise her, though, because the hills were always alive with the sound of UFO tales. As she was growing up, Doris remembers hearing people in the area talk about small, round, red lights that were often seen flying around in the bushes.

One summer night in 1975, Robert Nickson and a friend were stargazing from inside his Lost Nation cabin, with the door open and a candle the only source of illumination. A basketball-sized object suddenly appeared, hovering about eight feet off the ground, he said. It was a round, red light that came within 15 feet of the couple.

"It made a sort of ticking noise every few seconds," said Nickson, who teaches at Syracuse University.

When he invited the object to come in, it took off. "The whole thing lasted about one minute," Nickson said. "I don't know if it was a UFO or some sort of ball lightning. I suppose it can be ascribed to a number of possible other phenomena. All I can say with certainty is that it was an unusual orb with a glowing emanation."



A photo of unexplainable lights taken by barber Joe Cofelice, is displayed in his shop, along with a letter from the Center for UFO

Studies, which evaluated the photo. Cofelice saw the lights on Town Road 20 — which is parallel to Vermont 36.

N.J. scientist thinks he's found UFO propulsion system's secret



Kenneth Behrendt

New Jersey chemist Kenneth W. Behrendt, 32, specialist in UFO propulsion.

'Anti-mass field' theory is his answer to mystery

By James Hammond Robinson
NEWS WORLD STAFF

"I think I've solved the mystery of how the UFOs propel themselves," said Ken Behrendt during a recent interview with The News World. "They fly through the use of anti-mass and magnetic fields," he said.

Though most know what a magnetic field is the term "anti-mass field" (AMF) is a new one.

Created by an anti-mass field generator, "the field reduces the mass and weight of nearby objects," he said, "and the magnetic field, produced by the drive units, create a pressure differential which causes a UFO to travel at thousands of miles per hour."

The anti-mass field generator, the heart of the UFO propulsion system, is theoretical, admits the 32-year-old Elizabeth, N.J. native, who holds a Master's Degree in chemistry and is contemplating going for his Ph.D., "but it answers all the unanswered questions about UFO maneuverability and other effects," he said.

Behrendt is the author of a book, "The First Book of Theoretical

Ufology" which has a publisher but is still awaiting publication, and he is "three-quarters of the way through" a sequel. Behrendt said he wrote the books because current UFO literature did not deal with the "how and why" of UFOs in a scientific manner.

'Not known to earthly science'

Claiming that the anti-mass field effect is "not yet known to earthly science," Behrendt described how an AMF generator of the "gaseous variety" would operate.

Consisting of "a toroidal electromagnet made up of hollow tubular windings, with an insulated heavy metal ring at the core of the torus," the AMF is created when an inert gas, inside the hollow windings, is charged and interacts with the metal ring. (The gas takes on a positive electrical charge by losing some of its electrons to the ring, creating an electric field between the hollow windings and the metal ring.) This electric field runs perpendicular to the floor of the craft.

This interaction produces a magnetic field at the core of the toroidal electromagnet that runs parallel to the floor and at a right angle to the electric field.

"While the electric and magnetic fields are entirely contained inside the AMF generator, the AMF itself expands into the surrounding space to reduce the masses and weights of nearby objects," he said.

Pulls itself through the air

"The combined anti-mass and magnetic fields near the hull of a UFO strip the air atoms of electrons and converts the air into a rich ambient temperature plasma," (a mixture of electrons and positively charged molecules and atoms).

"The plasma," he said, "can be made to rapidly flow around the hull of the UFO without touching it if the plasma particles are subjected to the effects of a crossed or perpendicular electric and magnetic fields produced by the drive units of the UFO's plasmadynamic propulsion system."

The drive units consist of large capacitors shaped as rings or plates that provide the electric fields and electromagnets called "drive coils" that provide the magnetic fields. "These drive units project crossed electric and magnetic fields out into the plasma surrounding a UFO in such a way as to allow the craft's pilot to force plasma to flow in any direction around his ship's hull," said Behrendt.

"The pressure differentials produced by this can move the virtually massless UFO along at thousands of miles per hour, with virtually no drag," he continued.

Behrendt explained that the pilot can produce various motions by activating the craft's various drive units. "Each drive unit can produce two directions of plasma flow which are gotten by interchanging the electrical charges on their capacitor ring-plates," he said. "The pilot's controls can instantly change the direction the craft moves in." From the ground the UFO appears to make a sudden right angle turn or an instantaneous course reversal.

Source of eerie glow

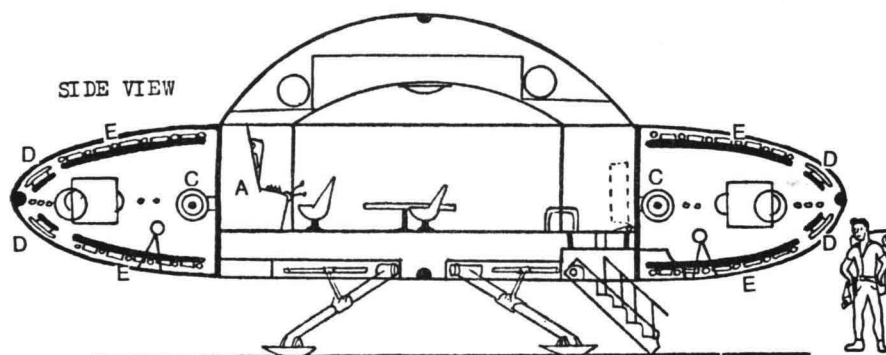
According to Behrendt the eerie glow seen around UFOs at night is also caused by the ship's plasmadynamic drive. When the plasma near the craft's hull is subjected to the crossed electric and magnetic fields created by the drive units the plasma particles "emit a form of electromagnetic radiation known as cyclotron radiation."

"The equations that describe this radiation state that the smaller the mass of the plasma particles the higher the frequency of the radiation emitted," said Behrendt. "Because of the AMF, the plasma particles lose much of their mass and can emit cyclotron radiation whose frequency is high enough to place it in the visible region of the electromagnetic spectrum," he said.

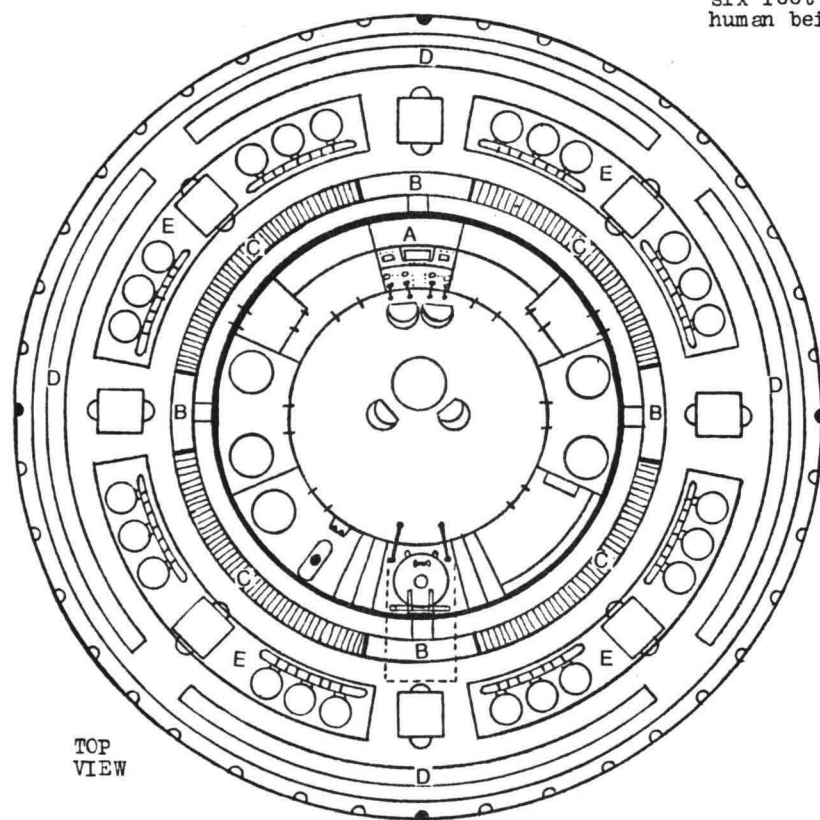
"It's this visible cyclotron radiation which causes nocturnally observed UFOs to often be enveloped in a bright spectral glow," he continued.

Another effect caused by the anti-mass field are stalled automobiles. The plasma generated by the AMF ionizes the air around the craft, and because ionized air will easily con-

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six foot tall human being



TOP VIEW

A drawing of a "typical flying saucer" with an interior view, showing among other equipment: (a) the dual navigational controls for the plasmadynamic propulsion equipment; (b) the plasma pumps which move positively charged gas ions through (c) the anti-mass field generator; (d) vertical drive units which move plasma around the craft's hull for up and down movements; and (e) the horizontal drive units for forward and backward movement.

Ken Behrendt

duct electricity when it comes in contact with a strong local magnetic field, (such as the magnetic field around a car's ignition coil) it causes a short circuit, he said. "The ionized air makes it possible for a competing energy flow to travel opposite the usual direction causing the spark plugs to miss and finally killing the engine," he explained. "Once the UFO is out of the area, the competing flow stops and the engine starts up again."

Began with science fiction

Having been involved with UFOs since he was 15 years old, Behrendt began by reading science fiction, but when he "realized I wasn't learning anything from it" he stopped reading sci-fi, and started reading UFO-oriented material. "The first UFO book I read was by George Adamsky," he said, "and I was turned off by it."

But because of the number of writers and their reports I figured that there must be some reality behind UFOs and started reading other authors: Keel, Hynek, the Lorenzes, Vallee, Sanderson. In January of '78 I wrote a pamphlet on UFO propulsion and soon after that formed a group called UFO Scan and later a group called Proteus.

Race to duplicate UFOs

"UFO propulsion is my specialty," said Behrendt. "The governments of the world are currently in a race to see who can duplicate UFO propulsion. The first one to get it will render obsolete the computer-operated defense systems used by other nations," he said.

"Because missiles travel along a ballistic trajectory, all the computers are keyed into this arched path. Through the use of an anti-mass field a missile can travel in a straight line and be ignored by the tracking system. But if, for example, the U.S. government discovers the AMF, they would have to keep it top secret."

There would be a great public outcry if it were discovered that AMF technology, which would provide unlimited, cheap energy, were diverted for weaponry rather than civilian use. Actually I don't think that the government has the technology, though they may get it in the near future," he said.

"The technology could not be salvaged from crashed saucers, unless the anti-mass field generator remained intact. If pieces of the AMF generator were found they couldn't be figured out on the basis of current physics," he said. "It would be like the wisest men of the 12th century getting together to evaluate the parts of an electromagnet. All they would see is strips of zinc, strands of copper, a chunk of iron and some acid, with no inkling of the potential of the electromagnet. The same is true with the AMF generator; it would make no sense to modern physicists," he said.

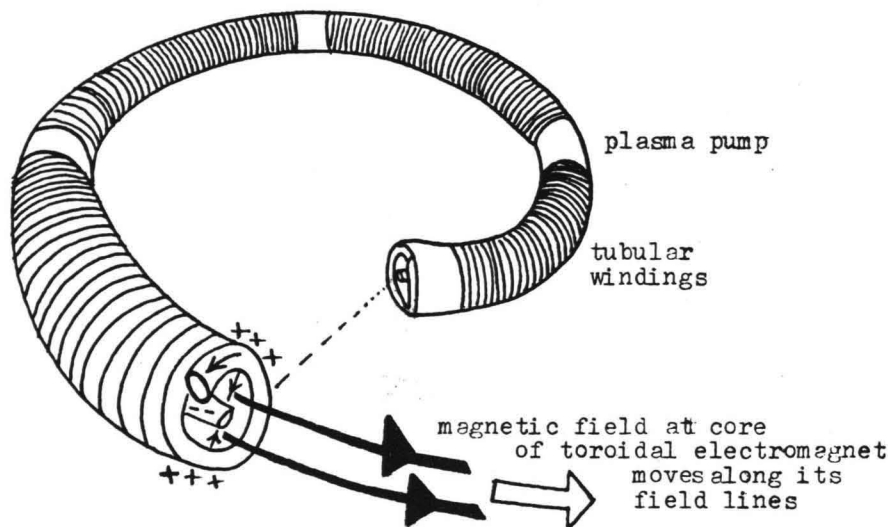
Invented UFO detector

Based on his theory of the anti-mass field Behrendt has invented a UFO detector that detects the ionized air created by the craft's propulsion system. "Actually it was the car stalling effect that led to the UFO detector," he said. "If a car can be stalled by the ionized air, then the UFO can be detected by the same ionized air," he said. "All that's needed is to build a detector that uses this effect is a source of a magnetic field and a device that indicates the presence of current-carrying ionized air."

Behrendt modified an ionization-type smoke detector, replacing the capsule of radioactive material with a strong magnet. Though it hasn't been thoroughly tested yet, Behrendt is "99 percent confident" that it will work and give coverage of up to 25 miles, depending on the strength of the magnet used.

"The Cash/Landrum UFO also used AMF as the basis of its propulsion," he said. "The plasmadynamic drive is only one way of propulsion for UFOs, but all make use of the AMF. There has to be some way for the massless UFO to move; some kind of hybrid propulsion system with thrusters or rockets could do it," he said. "The radiation burns were probably caused by cyclotron radiation in the ultraviolet or infra-red wavelengths."

Behrendt thinks that the government will be cleared in the Cash/Landrum case. "I don't think that UFO was an experiment controlled by the government; why would they test it near an inhabited area? I'm convinced the copters were trying to recover the craft."



A drawing of a gaseous anti-mass field generator, broken open to show the internal details. Shown are the hollow tubular windings which carry an inert gas and the metal ring which takes electrons from the gas.

Ken Behrendt

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UFOs Buzz Two In South Park

By DON HOPEY

Ross Guidotti was on the phone Saturday night when he looked out the window and saw the speck of light moving out of the northern sky.

"Oh my God," the South Park High School sophomore said into the phone. "Dan, something's coming toward my house. It's incredible. I've got to go..."

By the time he'd hung up the phone, Aero, Ross's dog, was yelping, crying and huddling in a corner. The speck of light had grown to a 100-foot-wide, saucer-shaped "object."

An object. Unidentifiable. Flying. The hair on the back of Guidotti's neck was standing at attention.

"The front edge of it was rounded, but the back was just a blur," Guidotti said. "And it was silent. It didn't make a sound."

As it passed over his house, no more than 80 feet above the ground, the house lights dimmed momentarily. Shades of Steven Spielberg. A close encounter of the second kind.

It was the first of two such encounters the 16-year-old was to have near his home at 2900 Abbey Lane Saturday night while he was baby-sitting his sister.

"As soon as it passed over, I called Cindi, my next-door neighbor," Guidotti said. "She got on the line and immediately said, 'What the heck was that?'"

Cindi Siwik, 26, of 2896 Abbey Lane, joined Guidotti on the lawn outside their homes where they watched the bright white object. It moved rapidly in a southerly direction, over the Fair Grounds Drive-In (closed for the season) and the

Bavarian Village shopping center, toward a wooded area of South Park known as Sleepy Hollow Camp.

"It was glowing white and circular, and about four times the size of a star," Mrs. Siwik recalled. "It looked like a rounded object, a dish. We watched it move rapidly up and down and from side to side. It changed colors, going through the entire spectrum before changing to red."

"We observed it for about 20 minutes then called police," Guidotti said. "By the time police got

up his house before going over to Mrs. Siwik's. He had already taken his sister there and he was scared.

"I turned back toward the house as I was leaving and there, above and behind a house at the end of the block, was what looked to be almost a platter," he said. "Actually, it was like two dinner plates, one turned upside down on top of the other. It was dark in the middle, but white and brilliantly lit around the edges."

"At first I was shocked," he said. "I froze and screamed for Cindi. I kept an eye on the object as I

left movies in the dust," Guidotti said. "At first I was frightened. I snapped out. Now, I feel very privileged to have seen it. A UFO is exactly that; it's something I can't identify."

Guidotti and Mrs. Siwik both admit to a prior belief in UFOs, but neither is a "UFO freak," Guidotti said. How do his family and friends feel about his sightings?

"My folks have no reason to disbelieve me because, after all, I had an adult with me. And my friends, well, only about three or four know about it. But they say that the next time it happens, I should be sure and call them because they'd like to see it."

Representatives of Buhl Planetarium said they received reports of the sighting, but no one at the planetarium detected any unusual craft. Neither the Center for UFO Research in Greensburg, Westmoreland County, nor Allegheny County Airport reported UFO sightings Saturday.

Patrolman Thomas Rosche of South Park, who answered Guidotti's call Saturday night at 8:10, investigated the area and filed a report on the incident.

"They seemed sincere. The boy was very scared," Rosche said. "Their stories checked out, but I found nothing in the area."

"I wouldn't say I don't believe in UFOs, but it could have been a reflection or different things," Rosche said, noting it was the night of a full moon. "I've been at this job for a while and seen a lot of odd things. Who can say?"

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here, the object was quite small and we were having trouble following it."

About a half-hour later, Mrs. Siwik was returning from the grocery store when she had a close encounter of her own. She observed what she described as a falling star at the end of Abbey Lane.

"There were two dots of light very close to the ground and a beam of light going straight up into the sky," she said. "It was like nothing I ever saw."

Still later, Guidotti was locking

backed toward her house. Just as I got there, I turned around to look for Cindi. When I turned back, bang! It was gone. Disappeared."

Guidotti, a Civil Air Patrol member and a participant in the Air Force ROTC program at South Park High School, said he has always been fascinated by airplanes. His home is in the flight pattern for planes from the County Airport and he has had experience identifying planes. The aircraft he saw Saturday was completely unfamiliar.

"The things I saw Saturday night

SIGHTINGS

Reports abound of strange shapes flying overhead

Many-sided, lighted objects seen by credible witnesses

By John Schuessler
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS WORLD

My report, "Pentagonal UFOs, Part I," was published in the October 1981 issue of the Mufon UFO Journal, covering an accumulation of cases from across the country, but stimulated by the reports of two pentagonal shaped objects seen near the city of Houston, Texas. I have received additional material from other researchers since the original material was published. That material is summarized in this report.

Unusual shapes in UFOs are puzzling and continue to be reported. Some of the witnesses in the sightings cited below are people with flying experience; others work for the media and are well versed in investigative techniques.

The repeated reports of two lights on the objects force the investigator to consider the possibility that aircraft landing lights are responsible. However, in many of these cases airport and FAA personnel verified the absence of aircraft traffic in the area at the time. While the repeated reports of red and green lights resemble the running lights on aircraft, the witnesses are often directly below the low flying objects and have a clear view of their shape — which is definitely not that of any aircraft as we know it.

It would be easy to pass these sightings off as misidentified aircraft, but this would be giving an answer for the sake of having an answer to close out the file. I'd rather have a positive identification in each case; otherwise it is better to leave it open to speculation.

Newsman see UFO

In the October 1979 issue of the

New England UFO Newsletter, Joe Nyman described a pentagonal object observed by two newsmen in Bristol County, Massachusetts. The event occurred at 7:25 pm on March 23, 1979. The two witnesses were Gerald Lopes and Steve Sbracci.

They first observed the object as a light that would hover and then move ahead. When they finally parked their car and got out, the object moved directly overhead at approximately 1000 feet. They said it was shaped like home plate at a ball park, with a white light on the front, a red light on either side, and a series of smaller lights on the rear.

The object was the size of a standard car and solid — it blocked out the stars as it passed overhead. They said the bottom of the object was brownish-black. The witnesses contacted the FAA at Logan airport and the South Weymouth Air Base. Neither facility could give a clue as to the identity of the object. Nyman verified that advertising airplanes were not flying in the area at that time.

The October 1979 issue of the Tarheel UFO Study Group Newsletter described the sighting of a hexagonal object near Charlotte on March 5, 1979 at 11:45 pm. The object was seen by two women and one of the women's 15-year-old son.

The following is a quotation from the newsletter. "They noticed what at first appeared to be an airplane heading toward them in a southeasterly direction. At first two bright white lights were visible, but as it suddenly turned toward them and descended as it approached they could see several white lights. It passed from left to right over the car. Curious, they stopped the car. They looked behind them to see the UFO hovering over a substation a few hundred feet away. Lattice runs and tank-like structures

were visible along a metallic hexagonal center. They estimated the object to be longer than a 747 jet."

A 'perfect image' of a UFO

The Northfield, Minn. News reported the sighting of a hexagonal object in the August 20, 1981 issue of the newspaper. The report described the sighting at 3:30 am Monday, August 10, by Russel Matson. He first observed the object as two lights about 1000 feet away.

He stopped his car and got out as the object was 400 to 500 feet away and about 1000 feet in altitude. Then, he claimed the object turned and came directly overhead. He said "it was a perfect image. It was nothing I've never seen before."

He described the object as having a hexagon shape with a span of 60 to 90 feet and about 15 feet thick. He described the small sound as whooshing like gas escaping a propane tank. The object had two green lights on one side and two red lights on the other. It had white lights close together on the front and back. The speed of the object was 10 to 15 mph. Matson viewed the object for 40 to 50 seconds.

Some octagonal UFOs

Tom Benson (The Sixth Quark Journal) provided two octagonal UFO cases from the pages of the Flying Saucer Review. At 9:00 p.m. on May 31, 1975, Mrs. Fry and her husband were driving through London. They stopped the car and got out to watch an octagonal object with two silver lights on a cross bar across the area. It was completely silent. They said it was moving very slowly when it went out and vanished completely. (Flying Saucer Review, Vol. 22, No. 4, 1976).

At 6:10 pm on January 23, 1976, Shelley Barnes was returning home near the Rumsworth Lodge Reservoir in Bolton, England, when she became aware of a light over the reservoir. At first it was just a red light, then it streaked toward her and hovered just above roof-top level. The object was octagonal, with two large lights on the front. One was a steady amber and the other a flashing red. She said the object began to rotate on its axis and she felt her teeth begin to vibrate as if some ultrasonic sound was emanating from the object. (Flying Saucer Review, Vol 22, No. 1, 1976).

The January 21, 1981 issue of the Kent Evening Post, Maidstone, England, reported the sighting of an octagonal shaped object on January 2, 1981 at Petworth, England. The wit-

ness, Peter Langridge, is a television scriptwriter. He and his 15-year old son said "the thing was dark, but a deeper dark than the night and it had lights around it — they were yellow and created a haze rather than a beam, rather like disco lights." The object appeared to be reverberating. The word he used to describe the effect was "purring," but there was no audible sound.

Heather Chinigo and Judy Gudaitis experienced a close encounter near Killingly, CT on August 25, 1981, at 9:15 pm. They first noticed two bright lights. They said the lights were square and in the glimmer of the light they could see an object that was shaped like a lobsided stop sign. They said the object followed them when they turned and drove different directions (Norwich, CT Bulletin, August 27, 1981).

Theresa Schmidt and her three children saw an octagonal shaped object about 10:00 pm on August 18, 1981. They said it hovered about 200 feet over the driveway. It was the size of two cars. It appeared to be 20-25 feet in diameter, with red and green flashing lights. No sound was detected (Sandstone, MN Pine County Courier, September 3, 1981).

Squares and wedges

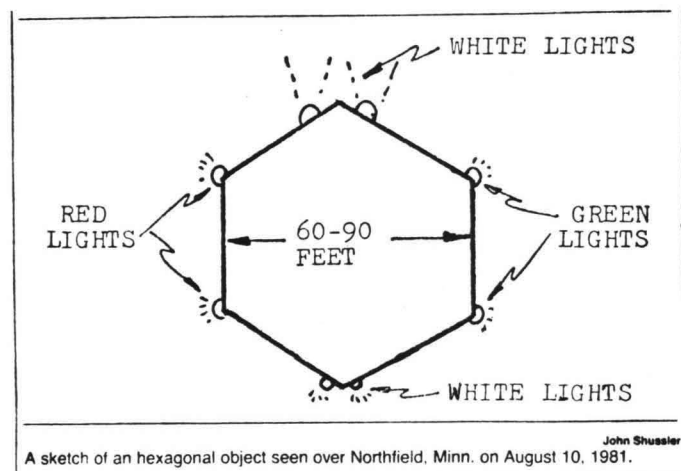
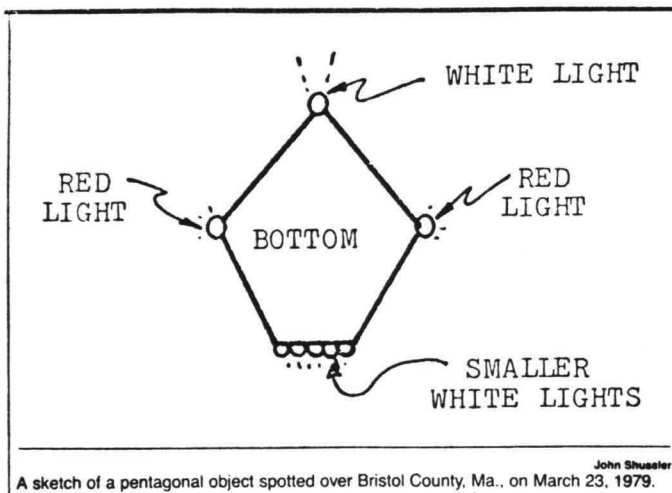
Square objects are being reported also. Ellida Dempeter of Bromley, England report a square object about 9:00 pm on May 21, 1981. She said: "I looked to my left and saw a great white, bright light. It seemed like a cluster of lights, but it came over as one big light. It was above the house and looked square." (Kent, England, Bromley Times, May 28, 1981).

A Westfield, IN, couple spotted what they called "a square-like object, whitish in appearance, with red and green light shining upward, forming a crescent-like shape." It was September 25, 1981, when the couple saw the object 300 feet above the ground just below the clouds. They said it hovered and then moved slowly, like drifting to the north, where it finally disappeared over a wooded area. (Westfield, IN Enterprise, Sept. 30, 1981).

Tracy Schey and Dennis Bailey observed a square-shaped UFO over Olympia, WA, on June 15, 1982. They were in their car when they saw some lights in front and above them. Bailey told his step-brother, "UFO at 10 o'clock." He said it was cruising along, going due east. The object had two large lights, one on top, the other on the bottom, but there were many more small flashing lights. The size was larger than a 747 jumbo jet. The huge square shaped thing flew at an altitude of 1,000 to 2,000 feet. Bailey said it reminded him of a "lighted oil derrick."

A "flying cheese wedge" was sighted over Mt. Washington, NH, about 9:00 pm on March 22, 1982. The details of the incident are sparse, but the witnesses are described as credible.

Additional reports should be sent to John F. Schuessler, P.O. Box 58485, Houston, Texas 77258-8485, USA.



BALDWIN TIMES, Bay Minette, AL - Feb. 21, 1983

Close encounter?

It's pretty much common knowledge around Baldwin County that a scene in the science fiction movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" was filmed around the old L&N Railroad depot in Bay Minette. But recent news of an unexplainable sight in Stapleton is enough to make one wonder if those who witnessed the unusual sight had a close encounter of their own.

What was that bright object in the sky? Was it an unidentified flying object?

Several persons have confirmed that they saw whatever it was they saw. And they all agreed that whatever it was had a bright, white light, appeared to have a mass of rotating blue lights, and made a low humming noise. Those who witnessed the sight, all within a one-mile area, may never know what it was.

Pensacola Naval Air Station verified that no Navy aircraft were flying on that Wednesday night, Feb. 9. The spokesperson added that the lights on its aircraft did not fit the descriptions, and that its aircraft would have been

much louder than the low humming noise the object reportedly had.

Then a spokesperson for Mobile Municipal Airport's control tower said she had no knowledge of any radar log entries regarding anything fitting that description. It's worth mentioning, though, that a low-flying object may not have been picked up by radar.

A spokesperson for the National Weather Bureau in Mobile has verified that the ceiling level — the bottom portion of the clouds — was between 2,000-3,000 feet in our vicinity the night of the sighting, which means that the object the viewers saw could have been no higher than half a mile off the ground, or it would have been practically out of eye-sight.

The NWB spokesman pointed out that the Stapleton area "is a good area for swamp gases," which means various types of gas in swampy areas are able to catch afire and float on air currents. Yet, burning swamp gases do not fit the description of whatever flew and briefly hovered over Stapleton that night.

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Neither could temperature inversions have created such images, the NWB spokesman said. Temperature inversions are those reflections we sometimes see when temperature changes and the moisture in the air create a mirror type of effect and reflect the images of nearby structures or objects. Since the NWB says conditions that night were not conducive to temperature inversions, what else could explain the bright flying object?

There's another mysterious occurrence in nature called St. Elmo's fire. Named for the patron saint of sailors, St. Elmo's fire is a flaming phenomenon that is occasionally seen in stormy weather. Just as you might "shock" yourself by rubbing the soles of your shoes on carpet, St. Elmo's fire is a form of static electricity that can be seen as a brief flashing light around prominent parts of an airplane or ship, or on land along the tops of trees and steeples. The colors of St. Elmo's fire is reddish when positive electrical

charges occur, and bluish when negative charges are given off.

No stormy weather was around when Stapleton residents noticed that unusual sight, and the flashing lights were more constant than brief sparks, so St. Elmo's fire is out of the question. It's also doubtful that the sight was that of an aircraft being tested, since such tests are done on the West Coast on a military base away from public view.

Could it have actually been a UFO? Those with expertise in the field of what is called UFOlogy might be able to tell us, but there is no proof, other than the descriptions from those who witnessed the occurrence.

Reports of UFO sightings and several hoaxes to boot were quite prevalent in the 1950s and 1960s. But the possibilities and concern about whether or not life forms from other planets - if they do exist - visiting Earth is nothing new. The book "Chariot of the Gods" is just one of many books that refer to unusual sightings and occurrences reported over a number of centuries.

If life does exist on other planets, and

we do occasionally have visits from them, what are they looking for? Why do they come here? I suppose they are after the same thing our nation's space program is after - information and more knowledge about the space around us.

We have landed on the moon and left a commemorative marker. Our space probes send out messages in hopes of having messages sent back. Our nation's space program already has a designated lab through which messages that might seem unintelligible to us can be received and, possibly, translated into our own language. In the not-too-distant past, the next town, state or nation seemed a far distance away. As time and technology move forward, our world is becoming smaller, making us wonder just what else is there beyond Earth's atmosphere.

It is easy to be leery of believing that life does exist in other forms on other planets, and that other beings may have already paid us a number of visits. I'm sure there are many people who share my grandmother's beliefs

about UFOs and outer space...she doesn't believe in them. And she will swear until her dying day that man never did land on the moon...that the whole scene we saw on television was filmed in a desert.

The blockbuster movie "ET" may have been just what we needed to make us wonder if life from some other planet may not necessarily be a threat to our safety. Just like ET - the extra terrestrial - there may be other forms of life with their own types of sophistication and civilization...forms of life that are worth learning about.

Will we ever know? And if so, how much longer before we do know?

Personally, I'd like to see a big spaceship land right smack in the middle of Courthouse Square so that those mysterious beings can take a close look at us and we can take a close look at them. What knowledge can we share that would help us both out? There are so many questions to be answered, and the suspense is killing me.

DAILY COURIER, Grants Pass, OR - Feb. 19, 1983

Enigma of Dr. Fry Remains Puzzlement

Remember Dr. Fry and the international UFO center in Merlin?

Ten years ago Daniel Fry and his Center for International Understanding were lively topics here in Easy Valley.

It was a hard to know how seriously to take him.

On one hand, he had a solid education and an extensive background in science. He was among the pioneers of American rocketry. He and a friend formed a company to design and test rockets in 1940 and he's remembered for achievements in instrumentation and rocket fuels.

That's what he was doing in New Mexico when a saucer-shaped object landed on the desert nearby and the extra-terrestrial within invited him for a ride.

His swift journey to New York and the acquaintance with the pilot is recorded in Fry's book, "White Sands Incident." You'll find it at the Josephine County Library.

That was a turning point in Fry's career. He wound up in Merlin as the founder and vanguard of Understanding Inc., an organization devoted to helping the social and spiritual development of the nation catch up with its scientific achievements.

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By Paul Macomber
Courier City Editor

It was known as a haven for UFO crackpots.

There were annual conferences of people who swapped stories about flying saucers and decried Air Force coverups. They listened to UFO lectures and bought UFO tapes.

Maybe it was because people were looking harder in Merlin, but it always seemed that there were a lot of UFO sightings north of Grants Pass.

Dr. Fry remained an enigmatic character through it all.

Hoping for some interesting insights, I called him in 1971 after a green light was sighted near Merlin. He told me it was probably a boron-laden meteorite that burned green upon entering the atmosphere.

Shucks.

Time passed and the center waned. Fry sold out in the mid-70s and headed for the sun belt. The center is a church.

Though folks still talk about the center and swap the stories, it was the end of an era.

That's what I thought until a couple of summers ago when we had some exotic electronic problems here at the Courier. Steve Phelps, a specialist dispatched by General Electric, came to solve our problems. He stopped at my desk with a provocative question:

"By the way, do you know where we can find Dr. Fry?"

It seems the GE research and development staff in Philadelphia wanted further information on a patent he'd obtained for a cryogenics pump, he explained.

Fry had furnished some related information on the pump for supercold fluids during a debriefing session after the encounter with

the extra-terrestrial.

"They didn't understand it at the time," Phelps said. "But after years of research in the field, one of our R&D boys looked at the papers and said, 'Hey! I think I know what this guy's talking about.'"

Is it possible that an extra-terrestrial tipped off Daniel Fry on a technological breakthrough a decade early?

Or was the misunderstood scientist that brilliant on his own, that far ahead of his time?

Fry, who has settled in Alamogordo, N.M., isn't much help.

"Since White Sands, I've put in quite a bit for Aerojet General," he said. "Mostly, I've been developing or building instruments for a specific task. I'm not exactly sure what they're after."

Meanwhile, Phelps was transferred to Milwaukee, Wis., and apparently lost his notes in the move. He can't recall who it was in Philadelphia that wanted to find Fry.

So the enigma endures.

Phelps remains puzzled, and he's not sure he'll ever sort it out.

"But," he concedes, "it's still a good story to tell around the campfire."

Questions fly over Putnam UFO

By Janet Higbie
News-Times Staff

What's triangular, big as a football field, has red, white and green lights, and swoops over the tree tops at night?

Nobody knows exactly what it is, but researchers are looking into several hundred reported sightings of an unidentified flying object in Putnam and Westchester counties over the past several weeks.

"As far as I'm concerned, we have a great mystery here," said Philip Imbrogno, a high school science teacher from Greenwich who is gathering information on the sightings for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

Imbrogno and a team of five researchers began studying the sightings a week and a half ago after reading newspaper accounts of the phenomenon.

The first of the most recent series of reports on the object began trickling in on March 17 - St. Patrick's Day - when the Kent Police Department received about a dozen calls about a low-flying object.

The calls poured in again the following week - March 24, 25 and 26 - when more than a hundred calls came into police stations in Carmel, Brewster, Putnam Valley, Yorktown, Mount Kisco and other towns.

Since he invited people who saw the object to call him last week, Im-

brogno said he himself has received more than 300 calls.

"Very seldom have I seen such a great mass of reports from a single area," he said. "It's highly unusual."

Most of the people have described a massive, V-shaped object lined with multi-colored lights that flies at tree-top level, Imbrogno said. The object is often reported as about 100 to 150 feet across and made of gray or other dark-colored metal.

Many of the callers have said the objects makes a humming noise and that it flies slowly and maneuvers easily, unlike a conventional airplane or helicopter.

Callers come from all walks of life, including doctors, lawyers, police officers, housewives and truck drivers, Imbrogno said. He added that he thinks most are reliable witnesses, though he said a handful were apparently young children or adults who were "not all there."

One of the people who saw the object, Linda Nicoletti of Tonnetta Lake Park in Brewster, said she was sitting in her living room on St. Patrick's Day at about 8:30 p.m. when she saw some red and white lights over the roof of a neighbor's house.

Mrs. Nicoletti, her husband, father-in-law and two of her three children ran outside and found what appeared to be a V-shaped aircraft flying silently at tree-top level.

Mrs. Nicoletti, who said she felt more curiosity than fright, said she

thinks the object may have been some kind of military or experimental aircraft.

"Who knows what they have now?" she said.

Another witness, 17-year-old Jeffrey Salmonese, a Mahopac High School senior, said he took photographs of the object when he and his father spotted it from the yard of their Putnam Valley home on March 24.

Salmonese, who estimated that the large V-shaped object was about 10 miles away over Mahopac, said it was flying toward him lit with red lights when he first saw it at about 8:45 p.m. After abruptly turning south, the object's lights switched to alternating green and white, he said.

One of Salmonese's photographs, published in Gannett-Westchester's Reporter Dispatch newspaper this week, shows an indistinct white light against a gray background.

Researcher Imbrogno said another man, a government official who asked that his name not be made public, said the large craft hovered overhead and projected a beam of light toward the ground.

Several callers who said they saw the object from their automobiles said it interfered with their radio reception as it passed overhead, Imbrogno said.

Police officials interviewed yesterday said they are skeptical of the reports.

Carmel Police Chief Charles Lewis, like several of the police officials, said he believes residents may be seeing a group of small airplanes flying in formation or a hoax designed to resemble a UFO.

Lewis said calls about UFOs are referred to Imbrogno, and that his main concern about the sightings is that the calls may tie up the department's emergency lines.

Trooper S.J. Riley of the Brewster state police barracks said that whenever possible, officers are sent to investigate UFO sightings, but so far have been unable to confirm any of the reports.

Captain Philip Prinz of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department said the department receives reports of UFO sightings, usually a run of several over a short period of time, three or four times a year.

"I don't put much credence in it," he said.

But Imbrogno said he doesn't believe the phenomenon described by the local residents could be airplanes. The research team has checked all nearby airports and can find no records of flights that would resemble the sightings.

He said that the team's report on the sightings will be compiled and sent to the research organization's Illinois headquarters, where it will be entered into a computer data base.

Fireball may have been old comet

BY MARVIN SCHWARTZ
Democrat Staff Writer

The "ball of fire" seen in the sky over Craighead County Sunday night was probably a "bolide," a fist-sized meteorite that is often accompanied by a sonic boom, according to an associate professor of physics at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

A bolide flashes with greater brightness than the usual shooting star, Larry Coleman explained.

"Bolides are ancient pieces of the solar system, old burned out comets about 4 billion years old," he said. "The only thing uncommon about them is to have one hit the ground."

The Craighead County sheriff's office and the Arkansas State Police received many calls from residents in the northeastern portion of the state Sunday night about a burning object which supposedly struck the ground off Highway 226 near the Craighead-Jackson county line.

Police thought the ball of fire was a small airplane that had crashed, but none was found and there was no evidence of any falling object in the area.

Sightings of the bright object were reported by people in Evening Shade, Cherokee Village, Hardy, as far north as Springfield, Mo., and as far

south as Little Rock.

"A typical meteor is about the size of a grain of sand and it burns up quickly with a short flash of light," Coleman said. "The bolide can be fist-sized and can break up and flash all the way across the sky."

The object sighted Sunday evening probably didn't hit the ground, a rare phenomenon which would require a larger than usual bolide, Coleman said.

Although witnesses reported seeing the light go behind trees and then heard a boom they believed to have been caused by impact, Coleman said a bolide's landing would not cause any noticeable reverberation.

OBSERVER, Charlotte, NC - March 18, 1983 CR: G. Fawcett

Is Government Hiding UFO Data?

I normally don't respond to stories on my experience with UFO phenomena, but a deluge of phone calls, on the heels of a story published in The Observer on Feb. 28 ("Man Who Reported UFO Alienated By Doubters"), has made me feel that such a response is warranted.

The Observer's story by Jim Dumbell was very insightful and presented my comments accurately. This a rarity in the field of journalism. Yet, the story touched a nerve of sorts.

By and large, the multitude of phone calls to me (the count, at this writing: 327), dealt with my statement that I was attempting to secure the release of UFO data from the CIA and National Security Agency.

The majority of callers wanted to know what I have done in this regard, and why I feel the U.S. government is hiding the truth on UFO's.

My phone ringing-up as much as it has indicates that this subject concerns the public more than I previously thought. So, I will attempt to answer the questions:

The reason that I have come to the opinion that the CIA and NSA are hiding data on UFO's is that in March of 1982, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the CIA and NSA did not have to release UFO data because such a release of data "would constitute a threat to the National Security."

But, in 1969 The Project Bluebook-U.S. Air Force/University of Colorado National Academy of Sciences Condon Committee Study on UFO's concluded:

1. No UFO investigated and categorized as unidentified was proven to be a threat to the national security.
2. No UFO investigated and categorized as unidentified was proven to be more technologically advanced than present day (1969) scientific principles.
3. No UFO investigated and categorized as unidentified was proven to be extraterrestrial in nature or origin.

Then, in 1982 the U.S. Supreme Court stated that to release UFO data would constitute a threat to the national security.

There is a clear contradiction here. Either the findings and conclusions of the U.S. Air force Project Bluebook are truthful, or they are a "Cosmic Water-gate." My assertion is that according to the U.S. Supreme Court there is something about UFO's that constitutes a threat to the U.S.A.

Does the data in the files and archives of the CIA and NSA, data on UFO sight-



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AP Photo

UFO SITE: William Herrmann in North Charleston field where he says he was taken aboard an alien aircraft.

ings, enhance the Bluebook conclusions and findings? Or does it call into question the validity of those findings?

This is the area to which I am currently directing my resources, but the catalyst that pushed me in this direction was the surfacing of a U.S. government memorandum that came to my attention during research of the book on my experience with UFOs.

A researcher in New York City, putting together a documentary for TV, had access to over 10,000 declassified UFO data documents released under the Freedom of Information Act. In this stack of documents, was a memo from the FBI files, a memo that had codes that were later broken down to read Office of Naval Research Labs (ONR)

which sent the memo to the Plasma Energy Development Labs.

This document gave the times, dates, place and details of my UFO sightings and mentioned me specifically by name, as well as my address, and even mentioned that I had photographed the UFO vehicle.

Why was this memo sent to the ONR and the Plasma Energy Labs? Why was it hidden in the files of the FBI? Why, over 14 years after the U.S. Air Force stopped "officially" investigating UFO's, did the Office of Naval Research discuss my UFO sighting?

Form your own answers; I'm out to get mine.

WILLIAM JAMES HERRMANN
North Charleston, S.C.



TIMES, Oxford, England - Jan. 14, 1983

Unidentified Flying Objects, with strings attached . . .

If you see a far-away look in the eyes of violinist Timothy Good as he leads the Oxford Pro Musica orchestra, it may not be simply the music that is transporting him to another world.

As a musician, he is down-to-earth enough to mix his classical playing with session work for advertising jingles, and to be a pop music fan. But it is close encounters of an extra-terrestrial kind that are taking him into another world far-removed from concert halls and recording studios.

"Yes, I've been to see the film E.T., and I enjoyed it," he says. "But I am more interested in fact. It is often stranger than fiction."

There is another reason, too, why this self-made and international expert on Unidentified Flying Objects should see E.T. as strictly for entertainment: the only prediction you can prize from him of extra-terrestrial activity likely to come in the future, is that our visitors from space are more likely to be humanoid than of the bug-eyed monster variety.

A child prodigy who has played all over the world and with the leading British orchestras, Mr Good has chosen to retreat more and more from the grandest music platforms in order to pursue his consuming passion for UFO research. In March he publishes a book — being printed in Oxford — called: *George Adamski, the Untold Story* (Ceti Publications, 247 High Street, Beckenham).

Leader

It tells of a man who claimed to have spoken to the pilot of a UFO that landed in the Californian desert. Mr Good has co-written the book with a Swiss colleague, Lou Zinsstag, and the foreword is by Lady Falkender, herself a UFO enthusiast.

But the loss to the great philharmonic and symphony orchestras of London has been a gain for Oxford music-lovers. For he has chosen to retain his links as leader of Oxford Pro Musica. More anonymously, he is also working hard as a session musician, and can be heard backing pop recordings or playing jingles for television ads (listen for the strings in the Braun, B.L. Birds Eye, McDonalds, Tia Maria, Heineken, Lloyds Bank or Terry's Chocolates ads).

He has also played violin for television productions like *The History Man*, *The Young Messiah*, and shows starring Chas and Dave and Marti Caine. And he has backed recording stars like Elkie Brooks, George Harrison, Elton John and Lulu.

He explains that there was never any doubt, as a child, about his choice of a musical career. How could there have been, in view of his family's own involvement?

Scholarship

His violinist father was sub-leader of the London Symphony and a founder member of the BBC Symphony. His uncle, cellist William Pleeth, taught Jacqueline du Pre. His cousin is Tony Preeth, another fine cellist; his aunt is pianist Margaret Good; and pianist Raymond Lewis is another cousin.

Timothy Good began playing the violin when he was just five years old. He gained a music and art scholarship from Dulwich College Preparatory School in 1956 to the King's School at Canterbury, and during his last year there played with the National Youth

Orchestra of Great Britain. In 1959 he was awarded a major violin scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music.

For a very brief period, while studying at the Arts Educational School, Mr Good even made a brief foray into acting — playing alongside Christopher Beeny (later to star in *Upstairs, Downstairs*) in a road safety film of some obscurity.

His full professional music career began in 1963, as the youngest player in the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, which the following year toured the United States and Canada. This meant that he played alongside his father.

Then began a 15-year spell with the London Symphony, and he also played and toured extensively on other occasions with leading orchestras including the Philharmonia, English Chamber, London Mozart Players, London Sinfonietta, London Virtuosi and light orchestras like that of Mantovani.

Sightings

His "career" in UFO research covers much the same period — although he was only 13 in 1955 when his appetite was whetted by a book called *The Flying Saucers Are Real*, by Major Donald Keyhoe.

His own research, however, began in the early 1960s, as the result of meeting a Captain Kuppel, who had been in charge of the United States Air Force "Blue Book" of UFO sightings. He was impressed not just by the sightings themselves but by the quality of the witnesses, "highly-qualified observers like pilots and air traffic controllers, people who should know what is in the sky."

This emphasis on the integrity and experience of witnesses as an aid to establishing the accuracy of UFO sightings is a continuing one. Most of Mr Good's research these days is spent not so much on investigating the evidence for the sighting itself, but on long-term interviewing of the observers (or "contactees" as his American colleagues have it).

And, as might be expected, Mr Good quotes some sightings of his own as part of his general armoury against the unbeliever (although he is far from acting in any way like a crank, admitting rather that a healthy scepticism is vital in considering UFO claims).

His first sighting was near Beckenham, Kent, on August 1, 1963 (a very good year for UFOs apparently), as well as being a particularly foul winter. His sighting was supported by many other witnesses in London and the Home Counties according to the newspapers next day.

"It was a huge object which some pilots estimated to be 400 feet at its base. It was a tetrahedron shape, and I watched it for an hour and twenty minutes."

Claims

"Some friends of mine took photographs through their telescope. But the explanation from the Ministry of Defence was that the object was a radioisotope balloon which they claimed to be at 90,000 feet and just 30 feet in diameter. It was supposed to have been released from Gottingen in West Germany."

"But it was much too large, I believe, for that. And when I heard later that the U.S. Air Force sent up a jet from RAF Burethwaters to in-

Portrait

Timothy Good
by Ian SMITH

vestigate, that made me even more sceptical of the claim. I still have an open mind. It could possibly have been a balloon."

More recently, Mr Good was among thousands of people who saw a UFO on December 15, 1980, again over London and the Home Counties.

"I was on my way to Kent when I saw it, and it was at about 85 degrees. It looked like a bright star or even the planet Venus, but in the wrong position. Someone has a 40-minute video film, and it is undoubtedly the same object that I saw."

"Heathrow and the Ministry of Defence received no reports from pilots, but the MoD said it was probably a meteorite. But meteorites move very quickly. This one made sweeping manoeuvres. And if it had been a meteorite travelling through the atmosphere one would have expected it to be spurring flames."

"I am convinced about this one, unless it was an experimental aircraft at around 40,000 feet."

Other personal sightings were recorded by Mr Good in 1965 (Ministry of Defence claimed it was the re-entry of the Soviets' Cosmos rocket) and in 1967 in America (the sighting was shared by a lady at Silent Spring, Maryland, whom he had been interviewing about earlier sightings).

Trip

It can, explains Mr Good, take literally years to investigate one case, as he works with meticulous industry, and "getting to know the witness over a long period is the best possible evidence."

His contacts in America have included some of his favourite "professional" observers, such as the former Sabre jet pilot who told how his squadron was sent on a mission specially to look for UFOs (the film was taken away and classified immediately upon landing), and the celebrated Daniel Fry, an aero-engineer whose story is that in 1949 in Mexico he was invited on board a landed UFO (by a disembodied voice) and was taken on a 3,000-mile trip to New York and back in half-an-hour. Mr Good first met him in 1973, and spent a week with him in 1976. "I assess this case as genuine," he says. "I am convinced."

Mind you, few of Mr Good's research trips are as fruitful as this one. He spent £100 on a trip to Cumbria last year (he won't drive a car, though he is learning to fly) only to find that his interviewee had a criminal record and was said by his family to be a pathological liar who had fooled both police and courts.

"Fifty per cent of all UFO photographs turn out to be of conventional objects taken in unfamiliar circumstances, and double exposures are common. I refer the important photographs to those with special analysis equipment." (Although Mr Good is himself a keen and skilful photographer, with several record sleeve illustrations to his credit). "But it is still possible even for an optical physi-



Photograph by Antony Moore

cist to make mistakes. You have to be entirely objective, though, to get at the truth."

Convinced

1982, unfortunately, was one of the quietest years for UFO sightings. "They have dwindled, not stopped. A lot of reports appear only in local media," says Mr Good.

"I suppose 70-75 per cent of all sightings can be explained away, and the majority are likely to be landing lights, weather balloons, stars or meteorites."

But he is convinced there will be another wave of sightings equivalent to those in the year 1973.

As he looks forward to extra-terrestrial visitors of the future, he takes pleasure in looking back over a musical past. He recalls the "receptive and critical" audiences of Moscow, a rare visit to Korea, the "wildly enthusiastic" audiences of Japan.

He remembers when the orchestra had to change the programme to include a slow, sad piece — they were playing in California on November 22, 1963, the date of President Kennedy's assassination.

He remembers the great occasions: playing the "Firebird" with Stravinsky himself conducting at The Festival Hall ("an electric atmosphere, although I found him charming and unobtrusive as a person"); playing in the grand open-air amphitheatre at Athens; playing a Beethoven symphony with Otto Klemperer ("His sheer presence and authority generated a great performance").

All the performances he best remembers were the result, he says, of the conductor showing "a combination of personality, presence and technique — almost a metaphysical factor."

Sessions

"I thoroughly enjoyed it all, and I seem to have been lucky enough to have done everything. But it becomes exhausting, and I would not want to go back to it, certainly not as a rank-and-file player of one of those or-

chestras. It can be frustrating and soul-destroying."

So he took on the leadership of the Oxford Pro Musica, and moved into session work, backing pop singers, television commercials, films and television shows. "Many classical musicians would say this was prostituting one's art, but I think it is doing so no more than is playing with a jazz band."

He takes a similar view of popular music: "I just like music of any sort, and I like pop. I would be happier playing good pop music than bad classical. His tastes run, perhaps predictably, to groups like Genesis and Pink Floyd."

But the barriers between the believers and non-believers in the world of UFOs might prove more difficult to remove. "Oh yes, I am afraid of ridicule," he admits. "But a sceptical attitude is healthy. You also need a sense of humour."

Evidence

There are enough authorities prepared to take the phenomenon seriously enough to have given Mr Good a second career as one of Britain's top experts on UFOs. He twice addressed the Oxford Union in 1981, has been invited to make submissions to the House of Lords All Parties UFO Study Group, and is a consultant to the BBC for documentaries and science fiction.

He is nervous of looking too far into the future, preferring to stick to hard evidence of observed phenomena. But when pressed he will explain his theory that the extra-terrestrials, if they exist, break down into groups with different objectives: those with a vested interest in the Earth race and its resources, those just "passing through," and those with a long-term interest based on genetic links between humanoids of different worlds.

But "E.T."? He's strictly for entertainment.

PIX-PEOPLE, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia - Feb. 14, 1983

Moving cylinder shock for picnicking sisters

A YELLOW CYLINDER, which defied gravity as it hovered above a creekbank, sent two young women fleeing in panic from a deserted bush clearing.

PEOPLE reader "Marion C" of Casino, NSW (full name and address supplied), described the uncanny incident in a letter to me this week.

"I'm a 23-year-old nursing student and quite level-headed," she wrote. "But my family and I have been seeing things that would blow your mind."

The Pinkney Report

INVESTIGATING THE INCREDIBLE

By JOHN PINKNEY

"Recently, we watched what resembled two ball-shaped ships expelling three smaller red craft over Casino. They all disappeared at immense speed toward Murrumbidgee. The next day papers reported that farmers had seen UFOs."

"But the most spooky event happened last Saturday, when my sisters, 20 and 21, drove up

to the mountains to find a scenic spot."

"They stopped the car on the edge of thick rainforest and walked down to a creek, which they explored. It was down there that my youngest sister turned — to discover the 'object' watching her."

"It was hovering on the other side of the creek — a cylinder-

shaped thing about 20 centimetres (eight inches) long and 10 centimetres thick, with ends curling like a banana."

"The thing was yellow-pink, metallic and noiseless. But what scared my sisters most was that it was simply hanging there, about a metre above the ground — occasionally bobbing up and down."

"They were so frightened they bolted straight back to the car. When they turned, to see if the cylinder was following, it vanished with a high-pitched whistling noise."

"My sisters refused to write to you because they were afraid of seeming crazy. But I'm anxious to know if any other readers have seen anything similar."

DORSET EVENING ECHO, Weymouth, England - Feb. 2, 1983

U.F.O. sighting?

REPORTS of mysterious lights in the sky over Salway Ash, near Bridport, have come from 16-year-old schoolboy Andrew Robinson. He was playing a space video game in his caravan home at Higher Kershay Farm, Salway Ash, when his brother Daren (18) pointed out a circle of five bright lights hovering overhead in the evening sky. Andrew, who thought the lights could have been a UFO, said the illumination could not have come from helicopters because there was a complete absence of noise. "They stayed for a few minutes, until, one by one, they went out very slowly," he added.

TIMES, London, England - March 19, 1983

What happened after E.T. left a boy's Moscow flat

From Richard Owen, Moscow

E.T. did not go home after all. He is alive and well in the Soviet Union, and has made friends with a 14-year old boy in Moscow. The boy's claims to have established contact with an extra-terrestrial being have attracted the attention not only of Soviet Press and television but also of scientists and the local police.

It all began when the boy heard a ring at the door of his family's two-room Moscow flat one day. Being alone, he peeped through the spy-hole, and saw "a being with a non-human face", as *Komsomolskaya Pravda* put it. The being was not alone, and when the boy opened the door a crowd of extra-terrestrial creatures pushed past him. After apparently friendly exchanges (presumably in Russian), they left.

After this incident, "strange happenings" began to take place in the flat, to the point where the rest of the family became suspicious. Poltergeists began moving the

furniture about, food began to fly out of the refrigerator, a jacket caught fire of its own accord.

The boy admitted to his parents that he had had a close encounter of the third kind, and the word spread. Curious neighbours crowded in, followed by the police television cameras and eventually medical and scientific personnel.

One of the doctors, not convinced that the boy was telling the truth, arranged for him to be examined by a panel of specialists.

The panel decided that the whole story had been invented by an adolescent imagination fed on a diet of science fiction books and films (although not E.T. itself, which has not been released here).

All of which, the doctor wrote in *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, showed that a lot of busy professional people could be fooled in to wasting valuable time.

EVENING COURIER, Halifax, England
Feb. 23, 1983

Five see UFO

FIVE people say they saw a UFO over Calderdale at about 8 pm yesterday.

Mr Jimmy Carter, aged 26, of Tennyson Street, Bradshaw, Halifax, said he and three friends saw a rectangular object in the sky above Bradshaw at 7.50 pm.

"It had a scarlet light and it was there for about five minutes," he said.

"It went behind a cloud and disappeared."

He said it was travelling towards Mytholmroyd.

Eleven-year-old Sam Holroyd, of Metrose Avenue, Lee Mount, Halifax, watched it for about eight minutes at 8 pm.

Sam, a pupil of Lee Mount Junior School, said the object hovered up and down in the sky.

"I'm fairly sure it was a UFO. I don't think I'm mistaken," he said.

Halifax Police Community Affairs Office Inspector Michael Danskin said he had received no reports of UFO sightings.

A spokesman in the operations office at Leeds/Bradford Airport said he had not heard of any UFO sightings yesterday.

"I've been in the business for 30 years and in my experience it is usually an aeroplane or helicopter," he said.

ERITH OBSERVER & KENTISH TIMES,
England - March 3, 1983

'Saucer-shape object' riddle

SLADE Green resident Mrs Rosemary Miller had a close encounter with a UFO on Monday night.

Mrs Miller, a 36-year-old housewife, of Lincoln Close, was at home when she heard a commotion next door. Her neighbour called to her to look into the sky.

"I just saw this thing coming towards us. I thought it might be a jet plane, but I saw green lights and gold lights and thought it couldn't be a plane," she said.

Mrs Miller and neighbours then ran out into their front garden to get a better look. She went on: "It was coming over from Erith marshes and it hovered as though it was observing. It was saucer-shape and had circular lights all the way round. It was bigger than a plane and made no noise. It was like it was sliding across the sky."

She said the whole object was a khaki-colour, was flying at the height of a low-flying plane and headed off towards London. "It was just wonderful - I've actually seen my very first spaceship," said Mrs Miller.

The incident happened between 8.45 pm and 9.30 pm, and Mrs Miller and her neighbours informed the police of their sighting. "I had an open mind about these things before - but I actually did see one. There must be beings from out there who are visiting us," Mrs Miller declared.

EVENING POST, Reading, England
March 16, 1983 CR: N. Oliver

UFO alert as mystery light passes over Berks

THE Thames Valley was on UFO red alert last night.

Air force bases throughout the region scanned the skies after a glowing white object was spotted west of Reading.

Battle radar at a US Air Force base tracked the mystery object in the night sky.

"We are picking up a primary target", said a USAF air traffic controller.

But the UFO disappeared from the sky above Reading at about 9.15pm.

"I thought I was going mad," said a Hungerford woman who reported the slowly-moving bright white light to the

Evening Paper earlier in the evening.

But NATO air traffic control staff at the US air strike base at Upper Heyford confirmed they had had reports of a sighting earlier in the day.

Berkshire villagers reported the object, which was moving slowly west.

Astronomers at the Royal Greenwich Observatory at Herstmonceux in Sussex confirmed there should be nothing in the western sky except for Venus.

USAF Upper Heyford air traffic controller Sergeant Byrd Cormier said: "A primary target means that the light is bouncing back off something out there."

"This is a primary target but we have not been able to identify it, and do not

have radio contact with it."

Other key airbases in the Thames Valley scanned the sky for the object.

RAF Brize Norton air traffic controller Corporal Candellin said they were unable to pick up the object.

Sightings

He said the Oxfordshire base knew of a barrage balloon that had slipped its moorings at Stratford and was heading south, but the timing of the balloon's progress did not tie in with the Reading sightings.

Squadron Leader Hayes at RAF Benson in South Oxfordshire said: "There is nothing on the radar. Our almanacs indicate that Venus would be in the

western sky tonight, but that may well not be what was spotted."

Mrs Patricia Horrigan, of Tarrant Hill, Hungerford, said: "I thought I was going mad."

"We were going to watch a science fiction programme on the television and I was going to hang the washing out. I saw a brilliant light in the sky. It was very, very bright and at about 9pm I saw it moving, growing yellow and dimmer."

USAF Upper Heyford said they received several telephone calls from people claiming to have seen the UFO, but despite the sighting on their battle radar were unable to say what the object was.

SOUTH WALES EVENING POST, Swansea, Wales - Jan. 21, 1983

Sky-watchers agree on mystery lights

By Robert Lloyd

WHATEVER THE nature of the UFOs which passed over Swansea and other parts of South Wales two days ago, sky-watchers are agreed on one thing.

The objects were roughly triangular with flashing lights in each corner and moved silently and slowly across the sky.

And one Swansea woman has come up with her own artistic impression of what the UFOs which puzzled and astonished hundreds of people on Wednesday night looked like.

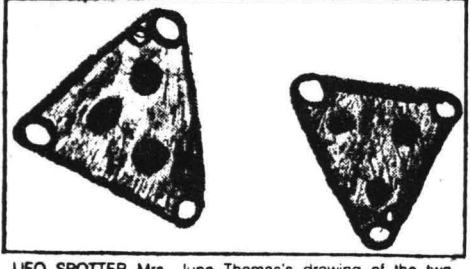
Mrs. June Thomas, of Pentrechwyth Road, Bonymaen, Swansea, had just finished work as a cleaner at the Viscose plant at South Dock when she saw the mystery objects.

Mrs. Thomas said today she discounted theories put forward by Swansea Coastguards that the lights she saw in the sky were meteorites burning up as they entered the earth's atmosphere.

"What I saw was two objects, very big objects, moving across the sky slowly and without any noise," she said.

"Call them flying saucers if

METEORS! NEVER SAY ALL THE UFO SPOTTERS



UFO SPOTTER Mrs. June Thomas's drawing of the two triangular objects. The angles of the triangle are where Mrs. Thomas saw flashing lights

you will, but they were definitely not planes or meteorites."

Another UFO spotter Mr. Petr Trotsman, of Brynecrdyn Road, Newton, Manble, said

he was astonished to hear the claim that the sighting was meteorites.

And Mr. Kenneth Needles, of Verdi Road, Port Talbot, said he was also sure the UFOs were objects of some kind.

Mr. Needles, who was in the RAF during the war, said: "To be honest, I have no idea what the UFOs were, but they can't have been aircraft."

An RAF spokesman at the Ministry of Defence in London said he had not yet received any official reports of the sightings.

He said: "When we do get official reports through we will investigate the matter. It takes time to check flight plans, but

my initial response would be to say the sighting was of aircraft flying in formation."

This theory, however, was dismissed by yet another UFO spotter, Mr. John Owen, of St. Catherine's Road, Baglan, who saw the lights in the sky above Porthcawl.

He said: "What I saw was about 600 feet from the ground, huge in size and did not have any engine noise, not like any civil or military aircraft I know. Besides, it was only moving at about 30 m.p.h., far too slow for an aircraft."

"I cannot really say what it was ... it was certainly phenomenal."

Wednesday night's sighting, which occurred at a time when air traffic controllers at RAF Brawdy and Cardiff-Wales Airport reported no unusual aircraft flying over the area, was accompanied by one unusual event.

Electricity supplies to several hundred people in the Kittle and Bishopston area were cut off for a short while, but an electricity board spokesman said the black out was due to a temporary fault, probably caused by a branch hitting an overhead power line.

PIX-PEOPLE, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia
Jan. 31, 1983

The Pinkney Report

INVESTIGATING THE INCREDIBLE

By JOHN PINKNEY

UFOs tell us they're here

ARE UFOs sending us telepathic messages?

I'm convinced - along with many other researchers - that psychic contacts may be occurring regularly.

My belief was reinforced when the ABC invited me to host a one-hour phone-in program on flying saucer sightings.

More than half the callers claimed they had received some kind of prior warning that they would see a UFO.

One woman said: "My sister and I were walking one evening in hilly countryside near our house. Suddenly, as we agreed when we later compared notes, our skins began to prickle strangely."

"Then something prompted us to look up - and we saw a

cluster of dome-shaped objects among the stars. We were both convinced we'd been told to look."

Another caller said: "I was driving along a deserted country road in Western Australia when I had to slam on the brakes."

"A large branch was lying across the road."

"When I got out to move the branch I saw a huge, oval craft, surrounded by mist and glittering with strange lights, sitting in a paddock."

"I got out of there as fast as I could."

"I've often wondered whether that branch was placed on the road deliberately ... whether, for some unknown reason, I'd been singled out to see the UFO."

There seems little doubt that flying saucers often advertise their presence by emitting a flash into the observer's mind. It certainly appears to have



This supposed UFO photo was taken by a PEOPLE reader. She says the object warned her of its arrival.

happened to Mrs Gail Glanville, who sent me a photo of a strange sky object which she had taken over Gosford, NSW.

My friends, photographers Mike Arthur and Andrew de la Rue, submitted the picture to 150 magnifications.

Reported Mike: "The blow-up proves there is no way this could be an insect on the lens or a flaw in the emulsion. In

magnification, all details remain clearly delineated." Mrs Glanville was driving with her husband in Gosford - and at the time, nothing could have been further from her mind than UFOs.

But suddenly, something powerfully prompted her to tell him to stop the car.

Acting on an urge she did not understand, she took two pictures of the landscape and sky. When the pictures were developed, one showed the object. The other, although taken under identical conditions, was blank.

Phenomena buffs have a ball

these accounts fit in with the obscure phenomenon called 'globular' or 'ball' lightning. Although there have been many hundreds of accounts of such a phenomenon down the years, its existence has not been incontrovertibly established and some scientists remain sceptical about it.

In any case, no reliable explanation for such 'ball lightning' has been developed and it is a source of considerable scientific curiosity. Dunsink Observatory would be interested in receiving any further genuine reports of such sightings — particularly when these can be authenticated by third-party witnesses.

One tentative theory is that the phenomena may have been related to recent climatic conditions, as previous reports of ball lightning have associated it with stormy weather and extremes of temperature, hot and cold.

crater of burn marks — a fact which leads astronomers to rule out that it was a meteorite.

At 7 p.m. on Saturday, the 29th, a man in Hardwicke Street saw a 'red dot' come down from the sky, getting bigger as it approached, until it vanished behind a building.

At 2.30 a.m. on Sunday, the 30th, a woman in Arane awake to see a 'bright flame' pass her window — so bright that it lit up the room. It went down behind trees nearby and the woman reported hearing a distinct 'pop' at the time it appeared to reach the ground. A neighbour also observed this. About ten minutes later, another 'bright ball' came down from the sky.

Three separate reports on Monday, the 31st, described a 'flash of bluish light and a slight trail' descending over the city. The scientists at Dunsink believe that some, at least, of

highlighted warnings that part of a Soviet satellite was about to fall to earth.

But it was several days after the satellite had been safely tracked to its destruction in the Indian Ocean that the observatory began logging calls about strange events over Dublin.

The strangest was probably that described by a man who was driving along the North Circular Road at 10.50 a.m. on the morning of last Thursday, January 27th.

He noticed a pinkish, glowing line descending very fast from the sky, and then actually saw it hit the pavement near O'Connell Schools. He described it — and his report is authenticated by others — as forming a glowing ball of light on the pavement, about the size of a washing machine. As he put it, it burned out in a couple of seconds and left no residue, no

By Dick Grogan

STRANGE manifestations in the Dublin skies in the past few days have prompted the more imaginative citizens to conclude that ET is trying to bean down his friends, and the more sober to conclude that we have encountered a space of that most unusual meteorological phenomenon known as ball lightning.

Since last Thursday, a rash of extraordinary sightings — several of them corroborated by independent witnesses — have been reported to Dunsink Observatory. All of them involved balls of light descending from the sky and in one or two cases, the astonished observers either saw or heard these 'objects' touch the ground.

Dunsink, at the request of the Government, has been on the alert for reports from the public about unusual sky sightings for over a week, because of the well-

TRANSLATION CREDIT: George Andrews

City and country of incident: Stoke, Quebec, Canada
Date of incident: January 29, 1983
Name of paper and date of clip: LA TRIBUNE, February 1, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada

UFO SEEN AT STOKE

Stoke - The UFO Research Center (C.R.O.V.N.I.) is looking into an observation made in the sky over Stoke during the week-end.

A Stoke resident had just extinguished the light in a room of his house, at 1:10 AM Saturday morning, when he noticed a strong light coming in through the window.

A luminous blue and red ball, surrounded by filaments of light, was about 150 feet above the ground, proceeding along the high tension line beside the block of buildings.

The mysterious object was about thirty feet in diameter, and was observed for about two minutes, after which it disappeared behind the mountains on the horizon.

CROVNI investigators have already found other witnesses of the incident and have eliminated the possibility of civilian or military aircraft being in the area at that time. A file has been opened, as this case is considered sufficiently interesting to investigate in full detail.

City and country of incident: Grand-Mere, Quebec, Canada
Date of incident: (Unknown)
Name of paper and date of clip: LE NOUVELLISTE, February 5, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Trois Rivières, Quebec, Canada

SHE DIDN'T BELIEVE IN FLYING SAUCERS... BUT THEN SHE SAW ONE! by Michel Cloutier

Grand-Mere, Quebec - After having been suddenly awakened twice in a row by strong hard knocks of unknown origin, Mrs. Simone Lavergne became the nocturnal witness of a fantastic sighting that lasted for two hours in the cloudless sky over her village, as she watched through the window over her kitchen sink.

An enormous and clearly visible flying saucer was silently suspended in mid-air at a very low altitude slightly north-east of the village. The egg-shaped space-ship had at its center an array of jewel-like green lights. These lights blinked on and off in turn incessantly, as if turning around an ellipse.

This stupefying phenomenon didn't upset in the least the calm character of the 56-year-old lady. She has two children, and lives on 12th Avenue. Yesterday evening, we visited her. Her son and daughter-in-law were also present.

She started off by saying that she had always refused to believe in flying saucers, and had never wanted to become involved with them.

Night terror when spaceship landed

I TAKE a great interest in the recent story of two youths seeing a UFO over Torbay. No doubt the scoffers and doubters will say the boys imagined it, or faked it to get a story, especially as this area has been subjected to "Aliens" and space-ship fever with the long showing at the cinema of the film E.T.

It is all too easy for the authorities to say that the sightings were nothing more than weather balloons, flares, or even the planet, Venus. However, it is my firm belief

that there is a deliberate Government policy to suppress any story of this kind, such as the mystery of the dead ponies on Dartmoor some time ago.

Until 1966, I also thought reports of sightings were imagination, bearing in mind that many sightings were hoaxes, as also were the supposed photographs of UFOs. A typical example was the famous George Adamski hoax in America.

However, my doubts were dispelled in a spectacular way in 1966. On a route between

Stratford and Reading I had a terrifying experience when I actually saw a space craft that had landed. I also saw two of the space men and believe that I have suffered ill health ever since that night.

I have seen at least four separate craft during the last 18 months between Paimton and Stoke Gabriel.

DERRY WEBSTER

Oaken, Flood Street, Stoke Gabriel, Totnes.

Couple spot UFO

A UFO sighting over the Tyne Valley has baffled a Greenside couple who spotted the mystery object pulsating low in the sky.

"I never believed in UFO's until this happened," said Mr. Larry Wilkie, a process worker at the Dunlop factory at Gateshead.

No one else has so far reported seeing the UFO which his wife first spotted at 5 p.m. yesterday from a window of their home in Woodside Lane, Low Greenside, near Ryton.

It was a very bright white light in the shape of a rectangle

hovering and pulsating below cloud level over the Tyne Valley in the western sky," he said.

Amazing

"I went into the garden to get a better look and seeing it against trees I could tell as it began to move from side to side. This went on for about one-and-a-half minutes when it suddenly divided into two perfectly round balls of white light and then just as suddenly vanished altogether in a flash of light. It was an amazing sight."

He added: "We often see air-

craft approaching Newcastle Airport along the Tyne Valley, but this was far too big to be mistaken for a plane. We reported it to the police but they could give no explanation for it."

Neither could anyone at Newcastle Airport or the Newcastle Met office. A spokesman at the Weather Centre said cloud level was quite low yesterday between 1,500 and 3,000 feet and their observer was on duty at the time, but did not report seeing anything in the sky, even though their office looks across the Tyne Valley.

TRANSLATIONS

It had happened on an evening when she was alone in the house, having gone to bed about 10:15. About two hours later Mrs. Lavergne was suddenly awakened by strong knocks. She sat up in her bed, but without feeling at all afraid, feeling rather astonished: "My God, what's going on?" She got out of bed and went to the kitchen, thinking that perhaps the strange noise could have come from the refrigerator. However, the refrigerator was functioning normally. She inspected her living room and her basement. Nothing unusual. Everything was silent around the house.

Five minutes after returning peacefully to bed, she was again startled by knockings similar to the previous ones. The sounds were very penetrating. This time they seemed to come from the kitchen table. Frightened and worried, she got up and again inspected the kitchen, but all seemed normal. As she went to the kitchen sink to get a glass of water, she leaned over and glanced out the window. The sky was clear, but in it a mysterious flying object sparkled. With a gasp of astonishment, but without any fear, she exclaimed: "My goodness! What's going on?" She saw a saucer shape brilliantly surrounded by many blinking green lights. At both ends the outlines of white globes sparkled continuously to the circulating rhythm of the green lights. The middle of the egg-shaped UFO also carried a white globe, but just beneath the network of lights.

So riveted to the spot with astonishment was Mrs. Lavergne that she forgot about time, leaning her arms against the window, eager to find out what would happen next. About one hour later, around 1:30, she began to scream: "Damn it, this doesn't make sense, I don't believe it! It doesn't make sense!"

At this precise moment, two very strong knocks resounded from the faucet on the heating oil reserve tank outside the building. Her back trembled. About half an hour later the enormous saucer shape began to spin very slowly, then took off in the direction of Sainte-Flore. At the end of a few minutes, the space-ship became less luminous, and was lost to sight among the other nocturnal lights.

Although completely unable to explain what happened to her in rational terms, Mrs. Simone Lavergne seems peacefully invaded by a sort of intoxication, as if under the effect of contact with some external force. In a declaration which was emotionally moving due to its great simplicity, she told us: "If they really are people from elsewhere who come to see us, I have a question to ask them. If their answer is positive, I shall have a personal revelation to make to you."

Her son Jean is a professional musician. Neither he nor his wife Bernadette could explain the incident. Giving free rein to their imaginations, since they believe in the existence of UFOs, they are of the opinion that we are visited regularly by extraterrestrial civilizations, which do not wish to cause world panic, and have therefore chosen to make their presence known gradually in this fashion. Serious local investigators think that the region of Saint-Tite is particularly propitious for such phenomena. No one reported any UFOs to the Grand-Mere police on the night of Mrs. Lavergne's sighting.

City and country of incident: Saint-Jerome, Quebec, Canada
Date of incident: November 25, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: LE JOURNAL DE QUEBEC, February 5, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Quebec, Quebec, Canada

MONTREAL WOMAN KIDNAPPED BY EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS by Yvon Pellerin

Those already in the know about UFO phenomena are familiar with the case of Betty Hill, the woman who noticed several hours of "missing time" after a UFO encounter. Through hypnosis, her memory was regressed back to an experience of having been abducted by extraterrestrials. She even drew a map of the sky showing a group of unknown stars from which the creatures said they came. It may be that in Quebec we have our own Betty Hill, a 35-year-old Quebec lady from the region of Montreal, to whom the same sort of thing happened.

The incident took place on November 25th, 1979, on route 158, near Saint-Jerome. The lady was returning home from work at 3:30 A.M. when she noticed a dark object of rectangular shape, whose outline was emitting a light of red color, and a second light of blue color.

According to notes taken during an interview two years later, during the first occasion the lady had ever discussed the incident with anyone else, she told CCU researchers that her car had been suddenly thrown into a ditch, for no apparent reason, damaging a road sign that was an official traffic signal. The lady said she got out of the car and walked around it. Seeing there was no serious damage, she immediately got back into the car and back onto the road, going straight home. She lives only a few hundred feet away from where the incident took place.

When she got home, she noticed with great astonishment that the time was 5:45 A.M.! However, all she could remember was having seen the mysterious object and having in some incomprehensible way lost control of her vehicle, which had slowed down to exit from the highway. After going into the ditch and getting back on the road, she drove straight home. This means that there is about an hour and a half that she is not able to remember, about an hour and a half of "missing time."

Did she lose consciousness during this period? Why didn't she think of glancing at the sky to see if the mysterious object was still there after the accident? Was it a UFO? Is there a link between the two phenomena, the accident and the observation? Both the lady and the researchers have considered these questions, without being able to find definite answers. One thing is certain: the accident did take place, as there is a police report concerning the damaged traffic sign.

The researchers state that in this case physical and psychological effects on the subject continue to occur. The lady, who wishes to remain anonymous, believes she had problems with her health after this experience, skin eruptions similar to those caused by exposure to radioactivity. She has no known history of exposure to radiation. She has persistently recurring strange dreams, in which she is lying on an operating table being observed by entities.

Two medically qualified hypnotists in Beaufort, the suburb of Quebec, have been contacted by researchers with the lady's consent. They are undertaking a series of hypnotic sessions to try and bring back the missing memory. Mr. Yvan Gagnon of the Beaufort Clinic of Hypnotism said, "We just met her for the first time. It will take several months of work before we will be able to say anything definite about what happened." He and his brother will try to regress her back to the mysterious event and restore her memory of what happened during the "missing time." It is only after this series of sessions has taken place that we will know whether or not this lady from Quebec was kidnapped by extraterrestrials.

"LIVING" PROOF OF UFO PRESENCE by Yvon Pallerein

"It is the first time that a case of possible extraterrestrial contact has been brought to our attention. We intend to subject it to extremely careful scrutiny." That's what Francois Bourbeau says, who is the founder of the Center for Compilation of UFO Data, and who has already been on the track of extraterrestrials for a number of years. Never before has he felt so close to being able to demonstrate living proof of their existence.

Although "UFO seekers" are subjected to mockery by skeptics, science does recognize the existence of a percentage of unexplaineds. This animator of radio programs who studies astronomy is doing serious research.

Meticulous Work

When CCU researchers approach a possible landing site, they are equipped with metal detectors, radioactivity indicators, and theodolites. Possible witnesses are interviewed separately by the different investigators. Other researchers go over the area involved with a fine-toothed comb, photographing anything out of the ordinary, establishing a detailed map of the area, noting a multitude of details, such as the texture of the earth and the type of vegetation, taking casts of any "imprints."

Upon returning to their homes, the researchers establish with precision the meteorological conditions. They phone their contacts at the different airports to find out what could have been in the sky above that area at the time of the incident. If a case seems worth investigating in detail, government experts will be called on, such as environmental or geological specialists, to look over the data and give their opinions. Researchers benefit from assistance at Laval University, where academically qualified specialists in subjects such as geodesy, climatology, and geomorphology are willing to cooperate with them.

The note-books become thicker and begin to accumulate in filing cabinets, constituting the first real UFO data base in Quebec.

One Case In Three

Francois Bourbeau remembers that in 1982, thirty-five cases were investigated in detail, and says that was only the tip of the iceberg. "It is believed that only about one person out of three reports a UFO incident to the authorities. The others are never heard from, preferring not to take the risk of being considered lunatics."

This is one of CCU's main problems. They are constantly being obliged to demonstrate that they are serious in their research, confronted with reluctant witnesses who hesitate to tell strangers about such strange yet personal experiences.

"When we're well-enough known so that as soon as a sighting occurs, witnesses automatically think of phoning us, we will have finished the first phase of the work," concludes Francois Bourbeau. "The next phase will be to prove by demonstration the origin and nature of the phenomena observed."

CREDIT: Irene Granchi

City and country of incident: Between Itajaí and Ilhota, State of Santa Catarina, Brazil
Date of incident: March 13, 1983
Name of paper and date of clip: O GLOBO, March 19, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Florianopolis (O GLOBO) - The Santa Catarina TV presented the footage of a film showing a UFO over its channel last night, taken by motion-picture director Nivaldo Luckow, and also the statements of two women who said they had been followed by a flying saucer.

Cinema-man Luckow said he was sure the object he filmed had not been a meteorite falling or a plane. Marizete and Risoleta Filipe, mother and daughter, stated that they had been followed by a flying saucer last Sunday night, driving between Itajaí and Ilhota, Santa Catarina. They declared that they had been followed along the route for 60 KM, starting from the by-pass that gives access to Itajaí up to close to the center of Ilhota.

City and country of incident: Potosi, Bolivia
Date of incident: March 4, 1983
Name of paper and date of clip: JORNAL DO BRASIL, March 13, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Potosi, (Bolivia). - Continuous "apparitions" of extraterrestrial beings are causing a collective psychosis among the country people living close to Potosi, which was one of the main cities in the days of Colonial America.

Juan Condori, a farm laborer, says that on Friday, March 4, at 7 p.m., on his way home, he heard the terrified screams of his wife and children. He then saw two 2 to 3 meter-tall beings, wearing close-fitting, brilliant suits, trying to throw down his front door.

The man asked his neighbors for help and all of them started throwing stones at the strangers. One of the giants was hit and the men were shocked when they heard a clashing sound of metal, said Condori. As they went on throwing stones, both the beings jumped up 20 meters high and were lost to sight in the darkness.

According to the laborer, the same giants had been observed by other neighbors, trying to force their way into their homes. They had also watched a bright yellow light that had appeared unexpectedly close by. In another village, the villagers declared that hardly a night passed during the past few weeks without these beings appearing, and they landed in a hat-shaped object, larger than a helicopter and emitting multi-colored lights.

CREDIT: Michael Hesemann

City and country of incident: Hamburg, West Germany
Date of incident: February 13, 1983
Name of paper and date of clip: BILD, March 15, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Hamburg, West Germany

100 GERMANS SAW BLUE UFO - WATCH STOOD STILL

"We have seen a UFO," 100 Germans claim. For example, the housewife Vivian Panagopoulos (54) from Hamburg. She took a sun-bath on her roof-garden on Sunday and said: "Suddenly there was a boom like an explosion and my watch stood still (11:31 a.m.). Then I saw an enormous blue sphere, speeding from the South over our house, disappearing in the clouds. It looked like an enormous jumbo jet with a dark blue tail." This woman should know; she was a stewardess for 20 years.

-- UFO: "It flashed and glittered like in a horror movie."

Electrician Hartmut Steeger (43), living in the 11th floor of a skyscraper in Hamburg, only two kilometers away from the stewardess: "A flashing blue glow was seen through our window. The gigantic sphere seemed to speed directly into our living room. My wife was terrified."

Retired Wolfgang Breuer (64) was working in his garden: "The UFO shot towards me like a rocket; in panic, I dropped the spade." At 20:00 o'clock it came back again! Over 100 customers in the Harburg city lane "Lämmertwiete" ran into the street and saw it.

-- Like a firework

Soldier Uwe Richter (22): "The sky was daylight-bright. It looked like a firework."

Businessman Dirk Wüstenberg: "It flashed and glittered, it was dead silent. My beer-glass dropped out of my hand."

Gastronomer Rudolf Schmid: "It looked like a crashing plane."

Hamburg airport's air traffic control: "We did not record the phenomenon. But it surely was no weather balloon."

City and country of incident: Bedburdyck (near Neuss), West Germany
Date of incident: November 19, 1982
Name of paper and date of clip: ERFT-KURIER, March 20, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Neuss/Grevenbroich, West Germany

GERDA DAMMANN (Bedburdyck): "IT WAS HERE!" - FOLLOWED BY A UFO

"What I have seen is true - I swear it by my son's life." When Gerda Dammann from Bedburdyck remembers her "greatest experience," her heart beats towards her neck. The housewife is sure: "I have seen an unknown flying object. A strange weird thing that could not possibly come from this world."

Friday, November 19, 1982, 17:00 o'clock. It is dim, a rainy early evening. Gerda Dammann and her husband drive home after going shopping. On their homeward drive, they become aware of a bright light over a field. Both take it for a light used by farmers working in the dark.

Arriving at home, Gerda Dammann says: "Impossible, it could not be a field illumination!" The couple want to know for certain, so they turn the car around and drive back. The bright light is still there. Bravely, Gerda Dammann gets out of the car, going in the light's direction, seeing "an object as large as our living room - 8 to 10 meters wide." Her description: "The object stood about 100 meters above us without making any noise. It glowed and pulsed as if hundreds of miracle-candles were lit at the same time." Its color she describes as metallic-silver. Its shape: "An oval front, becoming a triangle at the end. It seemed to rotate in some way."

Motionless, the Dammann couple observed the flying object for a quarter of an hour. "Suddenly a bright round spotlight-bright as floodlight-appeared at the right side of the object, pointed directly towards us. Then a second one appeared; altogether, three spotlights appeared in front of the UFO."

The couple began to feel frightened, turned around and ran back to their car. A low, humming noise - the UFO followed them "in a very slow way, like slow-motion speed."

Back in their garage-gateway at the Oststrabe 26, the couple quickly got out of their car and see the UFO hover exactly over their car for some seconds. Then it glides away. Both see something longish at the end of the object and notice that the underside of the UFO is black.

Some weeks later, Gerda Dammann had a half-hour interview on Rainer Holbes' radio program, "Incredible Stories," on Radio Luxemburg. UFO researcher Johannes von Buttlar confirmed: "Mrs. Dammann, what you have seen is absolutely credible. Many reports from all over the world have the same substance."

Citizens from Neuss, Düsseldorf and Grevenbroich who have seen the object at the same time, called Mrs. Dammann. But even members of the international research organization, "MUFON," and the Lüdenscheld "Society for the Research of Unknown Phenomena" investigated. They noticed on the field in question, near the high-tension lines, "a curved trace with extremely thin planting." It remains unexplained if there is any connection with the phenomenon. "But it's a matter of fact," Gerda Dammann said, "that in the winter only this trace was not covered with snow!" In the meantime, the Dammann couple saw this UFO—or a similar one—for a second time, at the same place. Gerda Dammann: "I am getting afraid. I cannot sleep quietly at night!"



"Bigfoot Really Lives!" All Agree

By GEORGE D. FAWCETT

The Legendary "Bigfoot" creatures reported on a global basis for the past 100 years appear to still be very much alive and well with a number of interesting encounters reported from such scattered locations as California, Washington, Connecticut, Michigan and West Virginia.

The most recent report occurred at Pacific Grove, Cal. on August 25 at 1:35 a.m. when three youths (whom police did not identify) reported they observed a 7-foot tall "gorilla-type" creature that crossed Buena Vista Street, which is 20 feet wide, in "three leaping steps." The creature had long white (body) hair reaching to its waist.

On August 23 at midnight two farmhands, David Buckley and John Fuller, encountered a six foot tall, Bigfoot that weighed an estimated 300 pounds, while checking on their cows at Ellington, Conn. The creature had immense muscles, long, dark-brown hair over its entire body, arms that hung down to its knees, ominous dark eyes and a "good set" of dangerous teeth. When the two frightened witnesses screamed, the creature turned, ran slowly around the corner of the feeding bins and left the area, leaving behind scuff marks and heavy imprints on the ground.

On June 9 at about 12 noon, Paul Freeman, a Mill Creek Watershed patrol rider at Walla Walla, Wash. confronted what he described as "an eight-foot creature with long reddish-brown hair." The Bigfoot left footprints 14 inches long and 7½ inches wide as proof of its visit.

On May 20 at Stockbridge, Michigan at 10:45 p.m. Richard Quinn was alerted to the presence of a stranger by the barking of the dogs in the neighborhood and a "growling sound" outside. Upon investigation, Quinn saw a "human-shaped" creature about eight feet tall standing upright by a tree stump in his back yard. The unknown creature gave off a "putrid" odor. The sheriff's department investigated and found 11-12 inch long footprints, "Like human prints with a curve on it and with three toes."

On May 9 the elusive Bigfoot showed up near a flood control channel at Buena Park, Cal. at 9:30 p.m. Butch Moore, 34, was the first eyewitness, but he was followed shortly thereafter by four more observers. The creature was over six feet tall, covered with hair and fowl-smelling. When one of the witnesses shot at the creature, the Bigfoot fled the area, leaving two large imprints on a nearby embankment. Some of the "imprints" belonged to a heavy, huge-thumbed, four digitated creature.

On April 21 at Montesano, Wash. at 2 p.m. three sets of gigantic footprints were found by Don Makoviney, a Shelton logger. Footprints indicated that the creatures left the river via the boat launch, then climbed over a nearby bank. One set of "footprints" measured 17 inches long by 7 inches wide and evidently were left by a heavy creature. The investigators had a 200-

pound deputy jump next to the footprints and he didn't make near the impression.

In a 1982 book entitled "The Bigfoot Casebook" written by Janet and Colin Bord, a chronological listing of over 1,000 Bigfoot cases from 1818-1980 is documented with photographs, maps, sketches, footprint casts in the United States and Canada. Readers of this report may want to order a copy from the Stackpole Books, Cameron and Kelker Streets, P.O. Box 1831, Harrisburg, Pa., 17105.

In 1982, a new scientific organization — The International Society of Cryptozoology — (scientific study of unknown animals) was started at Stanford, Cal. Over 100 scientists across the nation joined the society at the start.

On April 5, 1982 at Capon Bridge, West Va., a night-time sighting of a "monstrous creature" prowling outside of Jack Heintz's home atop Schaffener Mountain was experienced. Heintz reported seeing a giant-sized, apeman-like creature over seven feet tall, that smelled like carrion-eating buzzards and left huge footprints, before leaving the area. Heintz was visibly shaken by his Bigfoot encounter.

Jon Beckjord, "Project Bigfoot" Director for the Michigan-Canadian Bigfoot Information Center at Brockway Township, Michigan had the following to say after creature investigations during 1982. "These creatures seem to have extra or supernatural powers; they don't seem to die. If you fire a gun at one they get wounded, but they never die."

And for Tar Heels, take heart! Bigfoot creatures have been reported at least six times between 1972 and 1978 in North Carolina. Many such incidents always go unreported!

On December 21, 1978 at Toluca, Minnie Cook (88) was one of the first observers of "Knobby," an unknown creature outside her house. Many other eyewitnesses either found tracks, saw the creature or heard the screams of the creature in the area of Carpenter's Knob.

During the Spring of 1976 at Chatham, Brody Parker, a farmer, watched a 7-8 foot tall Bigfoot for 20 minutes. The Bigfoot had black fur and was sort of hunched over and was looking back at him.

Another 1976 report came from the Cape Fear River area in North Carolina where numerous witnesses spotted a 7 foot ape-like creature with black hair, 'a slumping gait' and a deathly scream. Three-toed, 18-inch footprints were found in the area.

In January, 1974 student Jimmy Summer, watched a six foot, gray-or-black haired creature cross the Pipers Gap Road at the Smith Bridge outside of Mount Airy at 11:30 p.m. He caught the creature in the headlights of his car.

At South Mountain a man, who had observed the Bigfoot creatures for three times in the past experienced his fourth encounter in 20 years. The Bigfoot repeater observed a seven foot creature that stood up by his campfire, but went away quickly when the witness fired his rifle at it. This was a 1974 incident.

On January 14, 1972 near

Drexel a deputy sheriff and another volunteer deputy reported seeing a six foot tall gray Bigfoot that crossed the road in front of their car and was lost from sight in a nearby wooded area.

Other Bigfoot reports came from both Russia and China during 1982, so that such creatures appeared to be alive and well on a global basis as well.

Grover Krantz, a Washington State University

anthropologist reported on his investigations of Bigfoot creatures in 1982.

"We have the 15-inch footprints of two individuals (plaster casts), each with its own identifying dermal ridges. It's those fine, delicate ridges — like those that make up a person's fingerprints — that makes it virtually impossible for the footprints to be fakes."

Dr. Krantz said his inves-

tigative studies show the casts to be authentic reproductions of the tracks left by a living Bigfoot. "They have to be real," he explained. "The pattern of the dermal ridges not only are anatomically correct for a higher primate — some of the ridges are deformed, as they would be by something that walked on bare feet," Dr. Krantz said. "Bigfoot really lives!" he concluded.

Jet booms rock Coast, create a stir

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Four planes breaking the sound barrier at the same time apparently caused a series of sonic booms that rocked the Gulf Coast shortly after noon Saturday.

The thunderous noises, each lasting only a few seconds, rattled buildings and caused minor damage, but no injuries. Many people, however, were shaken up by the booms that were heard and felt from Alabama to Bay St. Louis and as far north as Picayune.

Law enforcement agencies, the weather service, the news media and anyone who might have had information on the sounds were bombarded with inquiries.

Biloxi police received "thousands" of calls Saturday afternoon, the dispatcher said. In Gulfport, police needed five people continuously answering the phones to handle calls from the curious and the worried.

Witnesses reported up to seven blasts over a 30- to 45-minute period. Most witnesses said they heard three or four building-shaking noises.

The Rev. Louis J. Eisele, an earthquake expert at Spring Hill College in Mobile, registered booms at 12:11 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. on his nine seismograph machines.

"The earth wiggled for about 10 seconds," he said.

"It definitely was not something that came from underneath. It was pressure waves that came from something airborne over the Gulf," he said.

A Louisiana Air National Guard spokesman who asked not to be named said four F-4 Phantom fighter planes broke the sound barrier around noon near the Chandealeur Islands, about 25 miles south of Gulfport. The planes flew across Gulfport at 9:30 a.m., but not at supersonic speeds, the spokesman said.

Brig. Gen. Ansel M. Stroud Jr., adjutant general of the Louisiana National Guard, said he did not think National Guard planes caused the boom.

"I don't believe it would be one of ours," he said. "Yes, we do have planes that fly over the Gulf of Mexico and, at times, they break through the sound barrier. But I have no reports of any unusual activities involving the Louisiana Air National Guard."

"Our planes have restrictions about breaking the sound barrier

over built up areas," Stroud said. His chief of staff would talk him through today, he added.

The spokesman, contacted before Stroud, suggested the noise was caused by a weather disturbance or secret military aircraft flying at high altitudes.

According to Eisele, the sonic boom could have originated from as far as one hundred miles away.

Keesler Air Force Base's radar recorded four planes in the area at the time of the boom, according to Richard Faul, assistant director of the Harrison County Civil Defense. Faul said he was told the F-4s were flying in a 75 mile circle over the Gulf.

Faul said he believes these planes caused the earth rumbling sounds.

Eisele said the second sound, recorded after a 20 minute later, could not have been a delayed effect.

If it was caused by the planes, he said, they would have had to broken the 760 mph sound barrier a second time.

Eisele said other possible causes were meteors, explosions in the Gulf waters and, though highly unlikely, flying saucers.

Dr. Richard Leard, director of the Bureau of Marine Resources, said the last explosives set off in Mississippi waters were Thursday and Friday near the Louisiana border.

"I have never seen anything like I felt today that was a result of seismographic work," said Leard, a Biloxi resident.

The National Weather Service in Jackson said the booms were not caused by weather disturbances.

The National Space Technology Laboratories in Bay St. Louis, which sometimes rock the ground by testing rocket engines, did not cause the noise.

"We didn't have anything going on out here," said Lt. Walter Black, security supervisor for the facility.

Earthquake experts from Louisiana, Colorado, Georgia and Tennessee said no earthquakes were registered on their machines.

"Our record shows nothing, absolutely nothing, not even a large blast," said Sue Nava of the Earthquake Information Center in Memphis.

Dr. David Kleffer of Loyola University's physics department in New Orleans, said that Saturday was "a fairly noisy" day on the seismographs and "small stuff" such as a light tremor might have been lost in the data.

Eisele said a similar boom shook Mobile earlier in the week but he did not know what caused it.

Staff writers contributing to this story were Kat Bergeron, Dennis Cauchon, Jon Frank and Desmond Toups.

SUN/HERALD, Biloxi-Gulfport, MS - Feb. 27, 1983 CR: T. Adams

SUN, London, England - Feb. 17, 1983

Nessie is scaring the bookies

BOOKIES are getting the breeze-up over the Loch Ness monster. William Hill has cut the odds on Nessie being found from 50-1 to 25-1.

The cause is an article in the respected New Scientist magazine by experts conducting a detailed sonar search in the immense loch.

Claim

Experts say they have found "very peculiar" sonar traces very deep in the lake. High oxygen levels do permit life in depths below 220 metres, they say.

POST, Salisbury, NC - Jan. 24, 1983 CR: P. Guttilla

Animal mutilations puzzle owners and Humane Society

By DEBBIE MOOSE
Post Staff Writer

A series of mutilations of animals, which began last year and occurred again a week ago, might be the work of demented individuals or an organized cult — but in any case, the events are puzzling.

Two animals were mutilated within a one-mile area of Woodleaf in June and July and another was injured on Old Concord Road. A bull owned by Jim Graham, state agricultural commissioner, and a goat were mutilated around the end of November. On Jan. 12, the skinned carcass of a poodle was found on Crescent Road in eastern Rowan.

Bonnie Smith of the Rowan Humane Society doesn't know for sure that the incidents are related, but feels that somehow they are.

"They seem to occur at certain intervals, some a day or two before the full moon," she said last week. "It's hard to say if there's a bunch of wild people running around."

Mrs. Smith said the animals couldn't have been killed by other

wild animals because of the way they were found and injured. Of the animals in Woodleaf, a bull was found with its ear cut off and genitals mutilated and a calf was found with an ear and eye missing. The goat's throat was cut and Graham's bull was butchered in a field.

In all cases, the incisions were clean, as if made with a scalpel. Mrs. Smith said all except the calf were tame, hand-raised pets.

The mutilations, which caused the deaths of the animals, were reported to the Rowan County Sheriff's Department. Laws against animal cruelty cover such incidents.

Mrs. Smith said it's hard to tell how many other mutilations might have occurred, because people don't talk about it. She found out about some other cases by talking to veterinarians. A couple of years ago, she found six or eight white rabbits skinned, with carcasses and skins stacked in two piles, in woods behind her house. "Why would people take half a dozen large rabbits, kill them, skin them and dump them back there?" she said.

She thinks that the incidents are planned by the people perpetrating them — not impulsive acts.

"There's all kinds of people out there," she said. "Some do it for kicks and some are masochists and enjoy causing pain and suffering. Cruelty to animals is against the law. It's printed in black and white the same as laws against rape, larceny and burglary. If (those people) would go out and do this to an animal, who's to say they wouldn't do it to a child or a wino."

Don Barbee, Woodleaf postmaster, said someone cut an ear and an eye out of a bull he owned in June.

"No, it was definitely not killed for the meat," Barbee said. "It didn't make sense to me at all. It was a clean cut, like with a sharp knife."

He said the Rowan County Sheriff's Department investigated the incident, but there wasn't a lot to go on.

When confronted with such strange incidents, one's imagination could run wild. And while Barbee doesn't think the mutilations are the work of a cult, he does worry about who's doing them.

"I'd have to put it this way, that it's not a sane man doing this. It would have to be someone crazy," he said.

Mrs. Truett Smith of Old Concord Road, whose family owned the 1,100-pound bull mutilated at their home in June, said the animal was definitely not killed for the meat.

"They just ruined a lot of good meat," she said. "It was a beautiful animal. It was sort of a pet. It was real tame."

She said the incident was reported to the sheriff's department, but no arrests have been made.

"They thought it might be some cult, because of the organs that were removed," she said. "We looked far away from the house at first, but it was right at the back door, almost. We found two different cigarette butts, so there was at least two people involved."

Bob Baker, investigator with the Humane Society of the United States in Washington, said animal mutilations, especially mutilations connected with cults, are more common than people might think.

Baker said the biggest problems with cult mutilations occur in Miami or other cities with a high concentration of Cubans and Hispanics because of the Santeria religion practiced by some of them. The religion is a mixture of Catholicism and voodoo, which involves animal sacrifice.

"We have cases all over the country, but a lot are just demented people who go out and mutilate animals for whatever reason," he said.

He said that normally cults will purchase their own animals for sacrifice, not steal them. They want to avoid attention and publicity, and don't want to get caught stealing. He said cults usually use animals smaller than bulls.

He said mutilation incidents should be investigated by law enforcement, as either animal cruelty or destruction of private property.

And if mutilations are occurring in an area, he said, livestock owners should keep closer watch on their animals.

STAR, Auckland, New Zealand - Feb. 21, 1983 CR: R. Collins

Aucklander trails a monster

David Morgan has no doubts about some kind of monster in Loch Ness — he tracked it on a video screen for 30 minutes.

It circled the barge he was working from, about 30 metres below the surface, and the air was "electric with excitement."

Mr Morgan (27) has just returned home to Otahuhu after four years as a gunner in the Royal Artillery.

Last July the British Army sent him to Loch Ness to help organise a series of adventure training courses it was running for unemployed youth.

There he met up with the Scientific Exploration Society which had mounted a large "find the monster" expedition, led by Lieutenant Colonel John Blashford-Snell.

Members invited the young New Zealander to spend a week aboard the old Humber barge which was tapping the depths of the loch with sonar and occasionally dragging it with lines.

Above, the group kept the Goodyear airship, Europa, on station in hope of a direct sighting.

It was Mr Morgan's luck to be working the sonar's video screen when the big break came early one afternoon.

"We reckoned the length of the animal we picked up was at least nine metres."

"It was moving quite rapidly, following a circular track."

"We were sure it was some sort of living creature because the sonar had a colour code which showed the density of the object being tracked, and the density fitted."

"It appeared to contain areas of air — like lungs — within the body."

"The group called in the airship, but

the creature was too far beneath the surface to make a sighting.

"The loch is an eerie sort of a place," he said.

"Because of the peat, the water is very dark. Divers hate going down because it becomes pitch black only a little way beneath the surface."

"I still have doubts about it being some kind of historic monster which survived extinction," he said.

"I think it is more likely to be something like a family of eels which have undergone some kind of extraordinary mutant change."

"Whatever it is, it is huge, and it would be very frightening to meet at close quarters."

The expedition also tracked a clutch of what it called "mini monsters," small creatures on the bottom of the loch which fitted no form of recognisable fish or animal.

Mr Morgan, who is a qualified chf, joined the British Army out of a sense of adventure. He was on standby for the Falklands when Port Stanley was regained.

He is working for an Auckland night club but plans to return to Britain soon.



Monster-hunter David Morgan with a picture of the barge and the expedition's sonar unit.

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EXHIBITION LOSS

An observation programme at Loch Ness in the summer may be curtailed because a five-day fund-raising exhibition about the Loch Ness monster attracted only 500 people at Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear, and lost about £700.

Author's 'Heresy' Shocks Scientists, Says Early Man Lived in Water

NEW YORK (UPI) — Author Elaine Morgan thinks there's something fishy about man's past.

Backing anthropological tradition, the British writer argues that many differences between man and ape are due to what she calls an "aquatic interlude" in man's evolution — a period when early *homo sapiens* spent most of their time in the water.

She admits that most anthropologists consider the theory "a heresy" against the widely held belief that man descended from primates who left the trees to become plains dwellers and hunters. But, she says, "It's a heresy coming up fast."

"I'm totally confident in the theory and within 20 years it will be ac-

cepted," Morgan said during a trip to the United States to promote her latest book, "The Aquatic Ape."

"What gives me confidence is 10 years of waiting in vain for anyone to say why it can't be true and give me the reasons why," she says.

Darwinism Intact

No anthropologist questions the basic premise of Charles Darwin that man and apes are descended from a common ancestor. Where they differ from Morgan, who is not a scientist, is in her interpretation of how and why man developed hairlessness, bipedalism, speech, tears and a layer of fat under the skin.

The essence of the aquatic theory,

says Morgan, "is that the differences between the apes and ourselves were almost all the consequence of a period of aquatic adaptation."

Among the features commonly regarded as unique to man, "a surprising number are not really unique at all . . . they are quite common — in some cases practically universal — among those species of mammals which have left the land and returned to an aquatic existence," Morgan writes in her book.

Whales, dolphins and porpoises, for example, are all mammals whose ancestors left land for the sea. The difference with man, she says, is that he went to the sea and later returned to land.

Morgan argues the aquatic interlude took place during the 5 million- to 6 million-year gap when there is no fossil record of man's evolution — and when crucial evolutionary changes took place.

During that time, she says, vast areas in northern Africa were flooded and cut off from the rest of the continent. She theorizes that apes marooned on resulting islands and sea marshes were forced to take to the sea.

When the water receded, man's ancestors returned to land — but not before undergoing qualitative evolutionary changes that mark the difference between manlike ape and ape-like man, she says.

Morgan admits most scientists consider her view highly unorthodox. But she says a number of anthropologists have told her, "I wish you good luck, but I'm not going to say so publicly."

Her first book setting forth the aquatic theory was the feminist "The Descent of Woman." Her new book, she says, "will be much harder for scientists to ignore because it puts the theory more in their own hands."

ARKANSAS GAZETTE,
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Officials offer no reason for boom in Lake County

Officials from aviation, weather and law enforcement agencies yesterday offered little explanation about the source of a loud boom that Lake County area residents said shook their homes late Saturday.

Police departments and The PD received calls at about 11:15 p.m. from people who reported hearing what sounded like an explosion. It was the second mysterious boom heard in northeast Ohio in three months.

Federal Aviation Administration officials in Oberlin and at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport said they could not explain Saturday's noise and ruled out the possibility that it was a sonic boom.

"No such event occurred last night," said Arthur Smith, FAA military liaison specialist in Oberlin.

"There were no (supersonic) planes in the area at that time," said Kenneth Washington, FAA area manager at the airport. "Any plane flying that low, I would have known about it."

A sonic boom is produced by shock waves created by an airplane flying faster than the speed of sound (more than 700 miles an hour). It sounds like a thunder clap.

Date Padcock of the National Weather Service at Hopkins said no atmospheric conditions Saturday could have caused the boom.

Police and fire officials in the Lake County area said callers from as far east as Fairport Harbor told them the noise sounded like an explosion, but no fires or blasts were reported.

Last December, residents in parts of Cuyahoga, Medina and Lorain counties reported hearing a loud boom. The source of that incident was not determined.

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Does Lake Champlain's legendary serpentine monster "Champ" exist?

A group of upstate New York assemblymen admit they don't have the foggiest notion, but they're fighting to get a resolution passed to protect it — just in case.

"I don't think the debate will be as heady as the nuclear freeze resolution, but I think it will be interesting," said Assembly co-sponsor Anthony Casale, R-Riverline.

Casale and two other Republican assemblymen with districts that touch Lake Champlain's shore want the state Assembly to pass a resolution "encouraging serious scientific inquiry into the existence of unusual animals in the lake."

While legislative resolutions carry no official force, Casale says he wants it passed to "draw attention to the issue" and express a "sense of the Legislature."

Other sponsors include Assemblymen Andrew Ryan of Plattsburgh and Glenn Harris of Fulton County.

The Vermont Legislature and the New York state Senate have already passed similar resolutions, Casale noted.

"Documented reports, historical accounts and photographic evidence" exist that substantiate claims of Champ's existence, the resolution claims.

The Lake Champlain Phenomena Investigation, a local group set up to watch for Champ, claims it has collected reports of about 170 sightings of the creature or creatures over the past two centuries. Nine sightings were reported last year.

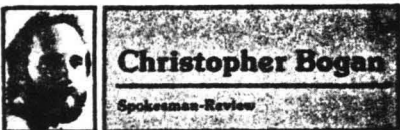
Port Henry, Treadwell Bay, Schoharie Point and Rouses Point are locations where some of the most recent sightings occurred, according to the group.

People who claim to have seen Champ have described it as being a "blackish gray" object ranging in size between 15 feet to 50 feet with a long "snake like" neck and small head.

"No act of violence by these animals has ever been recorded against any individual or group of people," the resolution says.

Casale said he expects the resolution will be easily approved by the Assembly sometime this year.

"If nothing else," he said, "it might attract a lot of tourists."



Christopher Bogan
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wall a miniature human skeleton dangles from a hangman's noose and on the window sill a tiny Santa Claus lies affixed to a cross.

"I'm not a member of my culture," he reflects. "I'm in it, but I'm observing it. That's because I wasn't satisfactorily indoctrinated."

The story of Krantz's search for Sasquatch is just a chapter in his life-long interest in human evolution. He teaches a class in evolution and has written a textbook and many papers on the subject.

His doctoral dissertation, boldly titled "The Origin of Man," was an evolutionist's argument that early man rose above the primates because he learned to hunt: By stalking animals, Krantz contends, early man developed his concentration and his brain.

If Bigfoot does exist, he would trample evolutionary beliefs long held by many anthropologists. Specifically, the Sasquatch would prove that walking on two feet ("upright bipedalism" in the scientist's argot) does not necessarily lead to the use of tools and higher intelligence.

When Krantz was a boy, long before he ever thought about Bigfoot or bipedalism, the idea of evolution marched upright before him — and it changed his life.

"My interest in evolution was partly a rebellion against religion," Krantz reflects. "I was raised to become a Mormon but became a devout atheist by the age of 13."

At 13, young Krantz discovered the theory of evolution and found it provided better explanations than those he received in church. Like a vacuum cleaner turned on high, he sucked up all the books he could find on the subject.

Bigfoot first walked into Krantz's thoughts in the late 1950s when he was a graduate student at the University of California at Berkeley. He heard reports of Sasquatch sightings in the Northwest. He was interested but disbelieving.

"Initially," Krantz recalls, "I would have bet 10 to 1 that they weren't real."

Then in the summer of 1969, he read a newspaper account of a Sasquatch sighting in southwestern Washington. Krantz, who was by then teaching at WSU, had no classes and so he hopped in his car and drove to the site and interviewed a sheriff's deputy who claimed to have seen the creature.

Over the months, Krantz talked with others who claimed Sasquatch encounters. But it wasn't until he saw the "cripple foot" tracks that he became a believer.

Studying casts of cripple foot's tracks, Krantz discovered the bone structure revealed in the footprints matched precisely with his anatomical calculations for the foot of a primate as large as Sasquatch is reported to be.

In Krantz's view, no prankster would have been smart enough to fake the anatomy, which is different than man's.

The Walla Walla tracks further steel Krantz in his beliefs. He contends the toe prints left in those tracks are too exact for anyone to fake. And some fingerprint experts agree.

"There is no question in my mind that it is authentic," said Bennie Kling, an instructor at the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy and a veteran fingerprint examiner. He examined the Walla Walla cast for five weeks.

Doug Monsoor, a fingerprint expert with the Lakewood Police Department in Colorado, also examined the cast and found no signs of forgery.

"If fraudulent," Monsoor said, "I have no idea how that fraud might have been perpetrated. I would find it extremely difficult to envision a hoaxing of that type of material."

If FBI fingerprint specialists authenticate the Walla Walla cast, Krantz hopes financial support might be obtained to back a Sasquatch expedition.

With \$100,000, Krantz says, you could hire five expert wilderness guides to stalk the Northwest's piney woods and mountain passes thought to be Sasquatch habitat.

The hunters' orders would be simple: Bring in Bigfoot — dead or alive.

"I'm firmly convinced there is a monster, very definitely," she said.

MacDonald and Miss Davis were visiting the loch last week when they saw what appeared to be a humped back surface in the water about 300 feet from shore and then glide silently under the surface, Miss MacDonald said.

HER FATHER SAID the visible portion of the hump was about 3 feet long and extended a foot above the surface before it disappeared, Miss MacDonald said.

A team of 150 scientists, academicians and technicians who spent more than 1,500 hours patrolling the loch with specially adapted sonar equipment reported in February more than 40 contacts with something "big, moving in the waters too deep for normal fish and with consistent characteristics" to reports of Nessie.

WSU professor tracks a legend

CR: L. Whitehurst

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PULLMAN, Wash. — Enter Room 112 in the Anthropology Laboratories of Washington State University and your eyes fix instantly on the bleached skeleton of a lion. It is poised atop a lab cabinet, carrying a human skull in its fanged jaws.

Closer study softens this ghoulish scene. Colorful paper wads pop like bug-eyes from the skull's hollow eye sockets. An unlit cigarette dangles Bogart-style from the skull's mouth.

Nearby this bizarre skeletal exhibit is something stranger still: Specimen shelves filled with the plaster casts of enormous footprints.

They look like prints of human feet, except they measure up to 18 inches long and seven inches across at the toes. A person belonging to these feet would stand seven or eight feet tall and weigh between 500 and 800 pounds. He would wear a size 28 shoe.

There's weirdness in every corner of this lab. Welcome to the world of Grover S. Krantz, a physical anthropologist specializing in human evolution at WSU. Krantz is a loner in his field. For the last 14 years he has been seeking a reclusive primate twice the size of a male gorilla that he believes dwells undetected in the rugged mountains of the Northwest.

In century-old legends, Northwest Indians call this creature "Sasquatch." Others know it as "Bigfoot."

"Anything weird, I'm interested in," confesses Krantz. "Most other subjects, though, are absurd. The Sasquatch is different."

Among the many bones and skulls scattered throughout his lab, Krantz has 20 plaster casts of reported Sasquatch tracks.

On one shelf is the Patterson cast, made in 1967 from prints found in Bluff Creek, Calif. Lying beside it is the famous "cripple foot" cast made in 1969 from tracks in Bossburg, Wash.

And there is the Walla Walla cast — possibly more important than all the others. It was made by Forest Service personnel from tracks discovered last June in the Umatilla National Forest in Southeastern Washington. Krantz believes this cast presents the strongest evidence yet that the mythical Bigfoot exists.

Unlike other Sasquatch casts, this one is so detailed it contains "dermal ridges," the distinctive skin patterns that compose finger and toe prints.

Krantz hopes the Walla Walla cast — if authenticated — will convince disbelieving scientists that "not all Sasquatch come out of whiskey bottles."

In early February, the 51-year-old anthropologist will take the Walla Walla cast to Washington, D.C., where he hopes FBI fingerprint experts will corroborate the findings of state crime lab analysts in Colorado and Wyoming who say the tracks appear to be real. Then he plans to present the new evidence to members of the Smithsonian Institution.

You can be sure there will be no champagne receptions for Grover Krantz when he reaches the Smithsonian's hallowed halls. Sasquatch theories are not popular among most scientists and Krantz has frequently been a target for ridicule.

The professional slurs may sting but they have not driven Krantz from Bigfoot's trail. He compares himself to Galileo and Darwin, who were also persecuted for their ideas.

Krantz is a non-conformist, marching to the beat of a drummer many of his colleagues care not to follow. Once — just to test a theory about why hairless foreheads evolved in early man — Krantz grew his graying hair and beard for six months and donned a rubberized Neanderthal brow ridge so he could experience what it was to be like to be a caveman in need of a haircut.

His colleagues, who knew nothing of his experiment but saw his hair grow shoulder-length, thought him mad — until they read his paper on the subject in a scientific journal.

He is eccentric and creative, sometimes difficult and sometimes egotistical, unconcerned what others think and willing to entertain unpopular ideas.

He met his fourth wife through a correspondence concerning Bigfoot and for simplicity's sake he married her on his birthday. "Give me a skull and I'll try to remember the date of it," he says. "But anniversaries, I don't want to bother with them."

Visit Krantz's office in WSU's Avery Hall. The signs of his irreverence are everywhere: On the

Nessie sighting claimed by Rolla teacher

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A Rolla schoolteacher living in Inverness, Scotland, as part of an exchange program may be the first person from Missouri — and one of few from the United States — to catch a glimpse of what she suspects is the legendary Loch Ness monster.

Laurie Davis, who teaches second grade at the Colonel Wyman Elementary School in Rolla, was accompanied by her Scottish host, Herb MacDonald, the production manager of the Inverness Courier newspaper, on an outing to Loch Ness last week. The two got a quick look at what they think was Nessie, as the monster is called.

MACDONALD DESCRIBED the reported sighting, the first of 1983, by telephone Friday to his daughter, exchange teacher Glynnie MacDonald, who is working at the Rolla school in Miss Davis' place.

Miss MacDonald said her father has lived near the loch for 60 years and never saw such a thing before.

Society's information is out of this world

By FRAN MOLINARO
Press Staff Writer

IF ALIEN CREATURES should ever land in Monmouth County, Bob Warth would probably be among the first visitors to the site.

Warth, president of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained based in Little Silver, is convinced earth is visited by life forms from other galaxies. He said members of the organization would like to observe the aliens and, perhaps, collect information on their advanced technology.

"Evidence has been accumulating for a long period of time that there have been visitations from somewhere else — either from our solar system or from a nearby galaxy. In the earth's evolution, when we are closer to Mars there seems to be an increase of UFO sightings. This does not mean there are creatures on Mars. It may mean when the planets are in line they might travel from one planet to another because it doesn't make sense to them to lose time.

"They may check up on Mars, then come to earth. A lot of us make the mistake that they come to visit us. But they may be interested in coming to make certain that we don't destroy life and cause an imbalance in the planetary system. Secondly, they might come to earth to harvest something from us."

Warth, a chemist with an aerospace firm, said the single responsibility of the worldwide organization which he said has "several thousand members" is to investigate phenomena which has eluded explanation.

"WE COLLECT information on hundreds of subjects," he said. "And our information is available to individuals and government agencies who need it. We have given information on UFOs to the government."

"The government takes UFO sightings very seriously. They have to. In order to have a network system to protect us, they have to be able to distinguish a terrestrial man-made object from objects coming out of space on a benevolent mission."

Warth believes planetary visitors are often responsible for mysteries connected with the Bermuda Triangle.

"We have been collecting information on the mysteries surrounding that area and found that people have been disappearing for centuries," he said. "I know weather is very important, but planes have disappeared on a very clear night. One was a short distance from landing and disappeared without a trace. The depth of water is only 16 feet and there was no oil slick, no indication a plane had ever been there. It just disappeared. I have a theory. I have reports that would indicate that UFOs or alien craft have abducted them for reasons unknown to us."

Warth, who said some of their information was used in Charles Berlitz's book, "The Bermuda Triangle," recalled an incident which occurred in Fort Lauderdale during a broadcast of a program on the Triangle.

"TELEPHONE LINES went dead during the program and a voice came over the lines saying 'I am from the Council, I have taken the people. They will be returned.' There is a reason for this. There are some

people on this earth that know the reason."

The Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained was founded in 1965 by Ivan T. Sanderson, a naturalist, author of 24 books including "The Abominable Snowman," owner of unusual pets, and frequent guest on the Gary Moore Show.

"He noticed there were aberrations that nobody had paid attention to or recorded properly," said Warth. "So he decided to form an organization that would record and investigate the aberrations."

Some situations they explore include mysterious disappearances, legendary creatures and poltergeist phenomena.

"More than 100,000 people disappear every year," said Warth. "Some of those disappearances are very unusual. For example, there was a recluse who was terrified somebody would get in and steal his money. He bolted the door from the inside. But he mysteriously disappeared and the door was bolted. The money was found intact."

SIGHTINGS OF BIG FOOT or the Jersey Devil always call members to action.

"There are Big Foot sightings in all the states," said Warth. "In the late 1960s we had several reports of a creature seen by the lower extension of Earle Ammunition Base."

"There was a sighting in Sussex County," he said. "Four men were inside a barn and opened fire. They hit him at close range. The creature broke into the back of the barn and walked away and there was no trace of blood, but there were footprints."

During his night-long vigil, Warth said, he did not encounter the legendary creature that is reputed to be 6 to 10 feet tall and weigh a ton.

"But we could hear it running through the woods and it let out a scream that sounded like a human female in horror. A number of people who are familiar with Big Foot sightings said that type of sound has been identified with the sighting of the creature."

Members of the organization also collect information on unusual objects which fall from the skies.

"We have information on many unusual things falling from the sky," he said. "A fellow I work with flew a B-24 in the Second World War. Once, as he was going over Europe, he said, fish were falling and hitting the wings. People explain this by saying there was such a strong wind that it scooped the fish from a nearby pond. But there was only one type of fish that fell. If it were fish from a pond, there would have been more types."

WARTH SAID he also knows of cases where blood and English pennies fell "by the thousands."

"And not too long ago, a chunk of ice fell in Lacey Township," he said. "The rationalization was that it must have been from an airplane. If that's the case, how does this explain reports of this happening way before airplanes were known?"

Warth said he was hoping to become involved in an investigation which occurred in Hazlet Township in 1978. Houses were being stoned, and police were trying to locate the culprits.

"I think it was poltergeist phenomenon," said Warth. "Under certain conditions, when a young person is going

through adolescence and there is a lack of emotional relief, for some reason, there seems to be a phenomena where objects, such as stones, form over the house and fall. It is like getting back at someone. It's as if the young person was able to control the movement of objects without physically touching them."

Warth was never able to prove his theory because members of the family blocked his involvement.

"But usually we have found that people are very willing to cooperate. We don't go in without permission and we don't go in until the police or military have finished their investigation."

Another area of exploration is spontaneous human combustion.

"THERE ARE 300 cases in history of Spontaneous Human Combustion," he said. "It is something that is very unusual. The clothing doesn't burn, but the body parts which normally take several thousand degrees to burn disappear. There is no explained reason for them to burn."

He described pictures of victims as being very disturbing.

"They are really gruesome," he said. "We've seen pictures in police files. It's an unexplained situation. And we'd like to find out how and why it occurs. One of our members, Larry Arnold, is expecting to publish a book on this subject. Most officials aren't familiar with it, except in a larger city where these cases are more frequent; although coverage of it has increased over the past five years."

Members from the organization also visit homes which are said to be haunted.

"Once credibility is established and permission is given, we go in and investigate," said Warth. "There are certain clues as to what will take place if there is a ghost in the house. Often a change in temperature, tapping noises and various smells often related to a person who has passed on are indications of the presence of a ghost."

Warth said a ghost rarely take on a physical appearance, but he said he did once see the outline of one.

"Ghosts aren't harmful. They just want contact with the world. A ghost is that part of a person that has not accepted the fact that it is dead."

WARTH SAID he communicates with ghosts through a Ouija board.

"We use a Ouija Board to contact a person in the spiritual world. But a Ouija board is not a toy. You have to know how to use one. It can be incredibly dangerous if not properly used. The problem of possession is possible when a person doesn't have the strength to repel the force. You can call up evil forces without a question of a doubt. A person who isn't experienced shouldn't use a Ouija board."

Individuals interested in joining the organization should contact Warth. Annual membership is \$12 and includes the quarterly journal "Pursuit." Some well-known personalities who have joined or contacted the organization for information include Dr. J. Allen Hynek the director of "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," and Jackie Gleason.

"Jackie Gleason was interested in our journal. He contacted us several year ago. But he was more interested in the psychic world."

The night of the yeti

□ Hanny Siegenthaler, a native of Switzerland, came to Ann Arbor 16 years ago from Ithaca, N.Y. A housewife, she worked formerly as a public health nurse. □

By HANNY SIEGENTHALER

There is one thing in my mind which still puzzles me today, 27 years after it happened.

At that time, my husband was an agricultural officer with the United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organization in Nepal. His assignment was to study the potential of the dairy industry, to teach the natives how to increase the supply of milk, and how to make and market cheese and butter. This required extended field trips into remote mountain areas.

On one of these trips I accompanied him with our twenty-month-old son Peter. It was a sunny spring morning when we started out from Katmandu with two sherpas and some twenty porters who carried our personal and working equipment. Peter was snugly sitting in a basket carried by a porter. After six days trekking on primitive and often hazardous trails through rugged country we reached our destination the Langtang Valley near the Tibetan border.

MY HUSBAND'S PROJECT from now on was to follow the herdsmen with their herds of chowries (a cross between a yak and cow) from grazing grounds to grazing grounds and teach the herdsmen better milk-processing methods.

After four months and several stages of our journey we reached the upper end of the valley, at an altitude of some 16,000 feet. We pitched our tent on rocky ground, surrounded by a magnificent mountain world, the Langtang Himal.

When the sun rose over those sharp-pointed snow-clad peaks we marvelled at their beauty and we forgot about the hardships of our nomadic life. The monsoon had been long and heavy in this region of the world; the nights often were bitterly cold; the food was scant and at one time had dwindled to a handful of rice. Fortunately milk was always available. Here at this altitude was little vegetation left and hardly any animal life could be



NEWS ILLUSTRATION—ROSEANN HEBELER

I was jolted out of my sleep by a strange high-pitched noise interjected by sharp hissing sounds. Our small tent shook in a trembling motion.

observed. The last human settlement, a Buddhist monastery, we had left a day's journey behind. We had practically no communication to the "outer world."

It was at this stage of our field trip that I had a most frightening experience.

My husband had gone down to the lower valley to discuss his work with the headman of the region. At some time during the night, I was jolted out of my sleep by a strange high-pitched noise interjected by sharp hissing sounds. Our small but weather-proof tent shook in a trembling motion. It was so weird. I feared this menacing creature outside, whatever it was, would tear down our shelter at any moment.

WITH ONE HAND IN a tight grip around the tent pole and not daring to use the flashlight, I sat

motionless in the complete darkness for some time — it seemed endless — until I realized that all was calm again. My little boy was soundly sleeping beside me. My fears however did not leave me until finally faint daylight filtered through a small vent. Cautiously I opened the zipper of the tent a little to peek out and make sure that it was safe to step outside. The sun was just rising and the mountains were as awesome as ever. It all seemed so peaceful.

I did not find a trace of anything unusual, but this was no surprise, as the ground was dry and rocky.

I had never paid much heed to the rumors which circulated among the mountain people of Nepal, that there was a mysterious creature which they called the yeti, roaming about in the Himalayas. Large foot prints of an unknown

nature had been found in the snow at several locations and it was said that at one time this creature had been spotted from a distance.

AFTER MY STRANGE experience I began to take more interest in these stories. As the years went by, newspaper articles about newly discovered foot prints appeared in other parts of the world and curiosity arose among the scientific-minded people everywhere. Even expeditions were sent to Nepal in search of the yeti, but they were not successful. The fact that the existence of such a creature had not been proved, left the field open for many different theories. It was however widely believed that the foot prints belonged to a huge Himalayan bear.

Sherpa Phutarky, our guide and interpreter on the field trip, a veteran of three Himalayan expeditions, and a man with a great deal of common sense and fine human qualities (which more than compensated for the lack of formal education) had his own theory. He thought that the yeti was a giant ape. Of all the hypotheses, this seems to me the most plausible one.

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AUTHOR SAYS IT EXISTS

Atlantis' supporters grow

By Robert Di Veroli
Tribune Religion Writer

To most scholars the legendary "lost continent of Atlantis" may be only fiction, but that's not enough to convince people like Dr. Maxine Asher.

Ever since Plato wrote about the kingdom in the Atlantic Ocean just beyond the "pillars of Hercules" — Gibraltar and Tangier — in about 500 B.C., there have been those who took him literally.

In modern times, people such as the late seer-clairvoyant Edgar Cayce promoted the idea that Atlantis was real, claiming to have talked with Atlanteans, a race that had TV and lasers long before modern man ever heard of such things.

Asher, author of "The At-

lantis Conspiracy," says Atlantis not only exists, but that denials are a conspiracy by the churches to keep the public ignorant of "ancient wisdom" that would make the churches superfluous.

"There's a lot of secret doctrine, ancient wisdom and special knowledge the ancients had that is not being disseminated to the general public, knowledge about how to use the right side of the brain, how to tune in to higher spiritual awareness, the God-force," Asher said.

"The church as an institution would no longer be viable. We wouldn't need it."

The Atlantis story, which appears in Plato's dialogues, the "Critias" and

"Timaeus," recounts how the armies of Atlantis overran Europe and Africa in about 9,600 B.C. before being defeated by the Athenians and their allies. Because of the wickedness of its inhabitants, Atlantis was later battered by earthquakes and tidal waves and submerged beneath the sea.

Plato scholars such as A.E. Taylor regarded the tale as a fiction. Taylor believed the story was an "invention" designed to show that the superior numbers, wealth and engineering skills of the invaders from Atlantis were no match for the spirit of a free people.

Nevertheless, Asher, who founded the Ancient Mediterranean Research Association of Palm Springs and

spoke recently at the Religious Science Church Center in San Diego, says there is "hard core scientific evidence" that Atlantis existed and was submerged in "a worldwide flood with waters rising 200 feet" around 9,600 B.C.

She says that in 1973 she was part of a team that found evidence of such a continent about 90 feet down on the Continental shelf off the coast of Spain.

The divers found no bones, skeletons or buildings, but found "remnants of walls and large wheels" as well as "a 2½-mile-long roadway made up of megalithic stone blocks about 20 feet long and 12 feet wide," she said.

Asher said she has taken part in two other searches for Atlantis since 1973 and

that she hopes to go again this year with Dr. J. Manson Valentine, co-author of a book on the Bermuda Triangle.

She says the churches do not want the world to know about the "ancient wisdom," a special knowledge possessed by the Atlanteans and other ancients on subjects like how to "use color, light, sound, symbols and shapes to heal themselves, to become more creative, to communicate better with the God-force."

"We think they had special abilities that we now are just coming to understand as holistic, an integration of mind, body and spirit that is inherited from the ancient world."

"There's been a lot of information about early peoples that's been suppressed,

not only of Atlantis, but some of the material in the Dead Sea scrolls, knowledge we in the decade of the '80s could use to enhance our spirituality."

Asher said she was originally Jewish, but later turned to Christian Science and other religions.

"I feel ecumenical in my viewpoint," she said.