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An even closer encounter

We've seen them on our TV screens on Saturday afternoon, viewed them with wide eyes at the movies, read about them with amazement. Some of us may have seen them in the night...and wish we hadn't.

Strange lights, strange shapes in dark skies have been reported over the years around the Great Lakes, but nothing as unusual as what a Michigan City man and his two sons say they saw in mid-January during a walk in their neighborhood.

The incident finally broke into print last Sunday in the Chicago Tribune in a story that smacked of the old tongue-in-cheek routine associated with such tales.

In reality, it had been discussed for some weeks by authorities who investigate reports of strange stellar sightings.

The matter finally ended up on the desk of J. Allen Hynek, professor emeritus at Northwestern University and head of the Center For UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

Hynek is acknowledged the world over as "the" expert in the UFO field.

He concedes that the Michigan City story is most unusual, but he says he believes what his investigator has been told — that a man and his two sons had what they think was a close encounter with alien beings.

Hynek, who raised much interest in a First Bank seminar on UFOs about two years ago in Michigan City, also is well known in the field of astronomy.

He's an interesting man to visit with and made it clear in a telephone conversation Monday that the center is taking the Michigan City report seriously.



Lange's world

By Henry Lange

He was quoted in the *Tribune* article as saying the report may have been the result of an overactive imagination after a trip to the movies.

"I don't believe I said that," Hynek said, adding that the persons involved in the sighting were extremely serious about what they saw, "to the point of being very disturbed about it."

Hynek said the incident occurred about 1½ months ago in an area just south of the city limits when a father and his two sons reported they saw what they described as three alien-type beings looking a lot like E.T., the popular little creature in the Steven Spielberg film.

"It was an eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation," Hynek said. "We were told there was no verbal communication, but contact through recognition...gestures," he added.

Hynek said his investigator was told the three beings rose upwards and disappeared after the confrontation.

He said the center representative determined that the father and sons were quite distraught after the sighting.

The father called the White House instead of notifying local po-

lice, and the information was sent on to Hynek.

The professor said the father, described as in his 40s, was most emphatic in asking that his name not be revealed.

It has been learned that the father is employed locally in a business position and was fearful his credibility would be affected by publicity about the incident. Also, any physical evidence that may have been at the scene of the sighting was obliterated by snowfall that night.

Hynek said his investigator was particularly impressed with one of the son's description of the incident and he described the boy as "very articulate."

Hynek said the close encounter, a term coined by the professor to describe such meetings, is the first of its kind reported in Northwest Indiana.

The January confrontation report seems a bit bizarre to say the least, and a bit of razzing could be expected.

I found that out myself about 14 years ago when some strange lights blinked at the lakefront.

Scouts honor, the lights were there and several police officers would have to agree — about the razzing and the strange illuminations.

Red, green and yellow, the lights darted about north of Michigan City over Lake Michigan in a manner never completely explained.

Cloud effect on lights flashing from aircraft over O'Hare Field in Chicago was one offering that a lot of us who stood at the U.S. Coast Guard Station that night still don't buy.

The blobs of color just moved too rapidly in unusual patterns, almost

organized. They were viewed all along the lakeshore with sightings chronicled by the Coast Guard teleprinter at lifeboat stations to the northeast around the lake.

Then there was the incident just last year on Feb. 27, in which three police officers driving along Michigan Boulevard swear they saw a cigar-shaped vehicle in the air, glowing and moving off at a high speed — even displaying port holes. Again, no real explanation, but they're sticking with their story.

Are there mysterious glowing cigar- or saucer-shaped vehicles traversing the ether above us and strange creatures with large eyes and long, stretchable necks visiting local neighborhoods?

Most people posed with the questions on a Wednesday afternoon would probably just smile or provide an outright "no," but Dr. Hynek would disagree, and he has good reason.

Hynek says reports of UFOs and other strange sightings have not diminished over the years, and the center at Evanston now has 50,000 cases logged from 140 countries.

He says he invites reports of sightings and can be reached at his office at Box 1402, Evanston, Ill., 60204. Any correspondence should be addressed to him personally and he assures absolute confidentiality as in the latest local case.

If the Michigan City man and his kids really saw some E.T. types on the South Side in January and waved a greeting, that's rather gratifying, especially in an era marked by those friendly words... "You don't do that in my neighborhood!"

CLAY CO. COURIER, Corning, AR - March 17, 1983

UFO's Are Back, According to Reports

Police in four counties received several reports last week of lighted objects in the Southeast Missouri skies and speculation has since ranged all the way from unidentified flying objects to heavenly comets. One man reported he believed he saw a burning airplane and reported the sighting to police. No evidence of any rash of an aircraft resulted.

David Waldemer, a Ripley county flyer with over 2,000 hours in the air, had a different type of experience while driving his wife to Neelyville last week. Waldemer said that with all his years in aviation he never experienced such a sighting or witnessed an aircraft of such lighting and apparent, comparable size.

According to the Waldemers' experience, he and his wife were enroute to Neelyville about 9:30 on Thursday night, March 10. About a mile North of Naylor they observed a bright light near the southeast horizon

in the direction of Neelyville. He said it appeared at first like an airport tower light which had stopped rotating. "But, I knew there was no such tower in that direction," Waldemer said, "so I kept my eyes on it as much as possible."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Waldemer continued to watch the light as they drove South through Naylor, then continued East on Highway 142. The single light drifted South of 142 and became a cluster of red, green and orange lights which were estimated to be at least a dozen in elongated design. Waldemer said the system of lights then seemed to turn toward the Waldemer's car and it became a single bright light such as an aircraft landing light or railroad engine light. The light and the Waldemer's automobile seemed to be moving toward one another.

Waldemer estimated the distance between the light

and his car had closed to about a half mile when the light system seemed to turn North. The elongated system of lights had appeared again. The lights moved North cross the highway before the Waldemer's car, then turned again to move West. Waldemer explained the lights moved West, parallel with Highway 142 and apparently about a quarter mile North of the roadway.

Waldemer's personal description of the lights explained, "I would judge it was at an altitude of between 300 to 400 feet as it passed our car going in the opposite direction. Judging how the lights appeared and disappeared as it turned, I have the impression the lights were not even with the outer hull of the thing, but sunk into it somehow, I could not make out any object, as such, in the night sky, but judging from the lights that were visible I would say it was about 25 feet between the lights

from top to bottom and at least 150 feet between the lights from front to back.

"I've heard about unidentified flying objects for years and I've been around the aircraft industry for years, but I have never seen anything fly as that system of lights seemed to fly or an aircraft lighted the way that thing was.

"If it would have been an airplane or helicopter, I believe I would have recognized it. As it is, I don't know what it was. I can definitely say I have seen an UFO," was Waldemer's concluding remark.

Mrs. Waldemer said she agrees with her husband's basic description of the experience.

Ozark Graphic, Doniphan, March 18, 1983

(Editor's Note—On at least two occasions, residents of the Success area have told about seeing unidentified lighted, flying objects at night).

TIMES, Maiden, NC - April 6, 1983 TV 'UFO' Show Set

"The UFO Experience," an unexplained phenomenon will be a two hour feature TV show over WPCQ-TV Channel 36 on Saturday night, April 23 starting at 9 p.m.

The special, jointly produced by Group W owned KPIX-TV, San Francisco and WPCQ-TV, Charlotte will feature UFO eyewitnesses and experts from around the world, who provide historical and scientific perspectives to a phenomenon that has captured the attention of millions over the past four decades.

"The UFO Experience" presents the stories and investigations of Dr. J. Allen Hynek, astro-physicist and Air Force Consultant, NASA Mountain Lights and the scientists John F. Schuessler and Dr. Richard F. Haines, author Phillip Klass, U.S. Navy physicist Dr. Bruce Maccabee, attorney Peter Gerstein and other investigators.

In one segment of the NBC Television Network affiliated show, North Carolina's leading UFO investigator

and researcher, George Fawcett of Lincolnton, a member of The Maiden Times newspaper staff, probes deeper into the UFO phenomenon by exhibiting his investigations of more than 38 years. Another North Carolinian making progress on UFO studies is Henry Morton, of Wadesboro, who succeeded George Fawcett as Director of the N. C. Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. Morton is instrumental in developing a consise system of computerizing UFO reports with accurate tracking results.

Part of the two-hour TV show will examine the "Ancient Astronaut" theory, the North Carolina Brown Mountain Lights and the Siler City Devil's Tramping Ground and will shed some insight into the unexplained Unidentified Flying Object syndrome.

"The UFO Experience" is hosted by Peter Coyote, who played the science investigator in the popular motion picture "E. T. The Extra Terrestrial."

More diamond-shaped UFOs seen

Two reports from Texas of similar shaped craft

By John F. Schuessler
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS WORLD

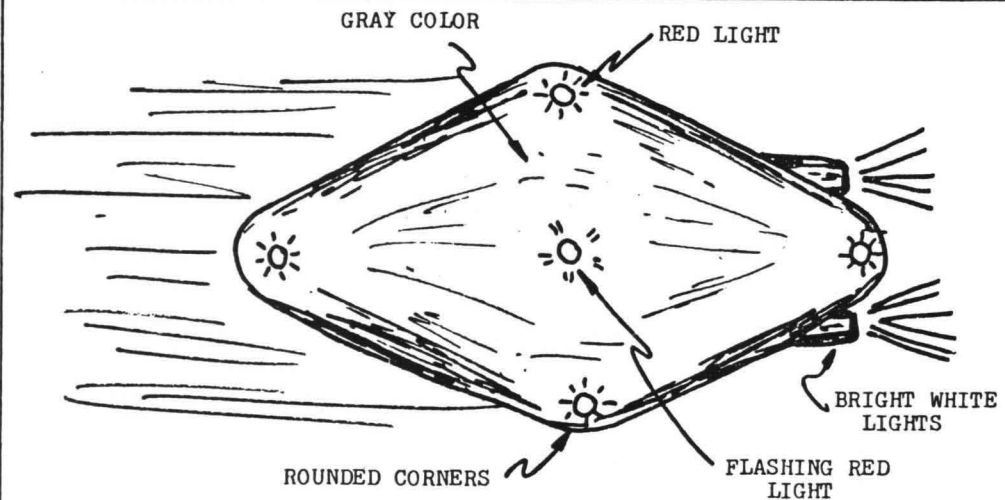
Flying discs, spheres, and cigars have been reported nearly continuously for the past 35 years. However, during the past decade an ever increasing number of triangular and diamond shaped objects have been seen in the skies, adding a new dimension to the UFO mystery.

During the 1980 Christmas holiday season, three people encountered a large, glowing, diamond-shaped object, hovering over a dark east Texas road. The injuries they suffered are now familiar to UFO investigators around the globe. Nevertheless, the object remains unidentified.

A similar object was sighted near Cleveland, Texas, on May 22, 1982. Jon McDonald, a deputy sheriff for Liberty County, was on routine patrol just a few miles from the location of the earlier incident when he observed two bright lights just over the top of the tall pine trees.

Officer McDonald explained how stolen cars were being driven from Houston and abandoned in that dark wooded area. At 10:57 that night he was alone in his patrol car when his UFO encounter began.

The surroundings were familiar. He was at the pipeline crossing on Gladstall Road, a favorite dumping spot for stolen cars. Because the pipeline is the only open area in the dense woods he checked to see that the area was closed to traffic by a heavy wire fence. To his left he could see the red blinking lights atop some towers; but



A sketch of a UFO seen May 22, 1982 by deputy sheriff Jon McDonald. He described its color as "a dirty, dirty gray" similar to dirty galvanized steel.

just beyond the towers appeared two very bright white lights.

Unpopulated area

The east Texas Piney Woods is still relatively unspoiled; covered with

dirty galvanized steel — "a dirty, dirty gray." And it was large. "I'd say you could fit ten cars into the square it would form if it was placed on the ground."

The night was warm and humid

"It was in a diamond shape" . . . He went on to describe the color like a dirty galvanized steel . . . And it was large. "I'd say you could fit ten cars into the square it would form if it was placed on the ground."

trees and dense undergrowth. The human population is sparse and the nights dark. An officer on patrol must know the location of homes, businesses, and other man-made items. When an unusual light is spotted the officer is immediately alert. Therefore, when Deputy McDonald saw the two lights just over the trees he immediately flashed his spotlight in their direction. He figured the lights were on a low flying airplane. Nevertheless, he got out of the car for a look around; but the lights sunk out of sight below the treetops.

Soon the lights reappeared. He said "They would just come up and go down. I mean, stairstep itself down and stairstep itself back up. I shined my spotlight on it and the lights went out."

The officer was on one side of the pipeline and the object was on the other — about 500 yards away. At that point he could see red lights in a diamond formation, with one blinking red light in the center. Its flight path was from the northeast to the southwest, directly over the officer's head. He said it was about 1000 feet in the air and closing rapidly.

Color like gray steel

When the object went overhead he shined his spotlight on it. "I could plainly see it," he said. "It was in a diamond shape, y'know, all four corners were rounded; but it was in a diamond shape." He went on to describe the color as grayish; like a

and the sky was partly cloudy; but the forest was very still. In fact, he didn't hear the normal sounds of the crickets and small animals. The

object, too, was silent as it glided overhead.

Officer McDonald switched off his spotlight and stood in the darkness as the huge diamond shaped object moved on to the southwest. In a few seconds he heard a whine and the object just took off. That was all. When asked to describe the sound, he said "it sounded like a, not a turbine, but it would have to be something nuclear powered."

Fortunately, the officer had an interesting experience without ill effects. When he reported the experience to the dispatcher via the police radio, he was told to submit an official Offense Report. Officer McDonald gave his permission for this report to be made public; suggesting it might be helpful to others in future sighting situations.

PATENT TRADER, Mt. Kisco, NY - April 1, 1983

UFOs could be pilots at play

UP ABOVE — Aviation officials strongly suspect that UFO is really four or five single-engine planes flown in precise formation by top-notch pilots seeking stargazers' awe and media attention. But they still have no official explanation for the unidentified flying object seen on several consecutive Thursdays and occasionally Saturday nights.

"We're not talking about a couple of high school kids out joy-riding," said Malcolm Sheahan, flight service official for the Federal Aviation Administration, who works out of Dutchess County Airport. "They're no dummies. From the reports, these guys are good. They know exactly what they're doing."

So good, he said, they create the illusion of what has been reported: one huge craft with multi-colored lights that stops on a dime with no sound heard. "They're not UFOs. We're not being invaded. If we were, I certainly wouldn't be hanging around here."

UFO could be ultralight flier

By Bill Seymour
News-Times staff

DANBURY — City officials say the UFO reported Friday night may have been ultralight aircraft, but they won't convince a local ultralight flier.

"They (other fliers) wouldn't be that stupid. It's always a possibility, but I doubt it," said Salvatore DeFrancesco, leader of a local club for light-weight aircraft, adding that ultralight flying at night violates federal law.

But Danbury Police and Paul Estefan, city Aviation Commission chairman, said they most likely were ultralight aircraft, although neither has conclusive evidence to support either claim.

Estefan added that he is investigating the nature of the objects, re-

ported to be the size of a football field and changing color.

Federal Aviation Administration regulations prohibit night flying of ultralights and violators could be fined a maximum of a \$3,000, said DeFrancesco, who added he plans to get police reports on the incident.

He said he doesn't think his club's pilots would violate FAA regulations by flying at night. Referring to reports of the objects having huge colored spot lights, DeFrancesco said he doubted the small planes had enough room for them.

"I'd like to put a stop to this (night flying), if we can. We can't afford bad public relations," he said.

Another possibility, which two UFO watchers consider seriously, is that the sightings are part of a group of similar occurrences in nearby Putnam and Westchester counties.

Philip Imbrogno, a UFO re-

searcher studying the lights which also were sighted in Danbury and Sandy Hook, replied he could not be sure yet of any connection.

Both Imbrogno and his assistant, Police Lt. George Lesnick of the Fairfield Police Department, are studying both sightings for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

A "reliable source," whom Imbrogno described as a Danbury astronomer, reported the objects seen Friday were a formation of Cessna 150 airplanes, he said.

Residents from several Fairfield County towns, including Danbury, Bethel, Easton, Trumbull and Bridgeport, reported seeing a large UFO object with white and red lights to police Friday night, Lesnick said.

Several residents from Danbury, Bethel and Brookfield reported their sightings to local police departments and The News-Times between 9:45

and 11:30 p.m. The airport's control tower had shutdown at 4 p.m., and Estefan said airport security officer reported no takeoffs of ultralights from the field.

Police Lt. Arthur Sullo said that when the object appeared overhead in Danbury, a police officer on duty observed through binoculars "what appeared to be several small planes." He added that the officer thought the planes to be ultralight aircraft.

Estefan also reported seeing the objects, which he said had the sound of a lawnmower-like engines, the kind of engines most frequently propelling ultralight craft.

After obtaining any identities, which he plans to get by checking various airports' flight schedules and talking with ultralight owners, Estefan wants to report them to FAA officials.

UFO flipped...and flashed...but it was only a stunt

By Helene Maichle
Journal staff

WAPPINGERS FALLS — It flipped, it flashed, it cruised. Then it disappeared from the night sky.

At that, several residents of the Wappingers Falls area ran to their phones to tell someone — namely the police — about the large UFO that seemed to be taking a long, hard look at Dutchess County.

But after a bit of checking, one state trooper found out that the one, big unidentified flying object was actually several smaller identified flying objects.

"I got so many phone calls I put my investigative skills to work," said trooper Frank Dunning. He found that that a team of stunt pilots from the Stormville Airport take to the skies every Thursday night to perform their maneuvers.

Wappingers Falls police said callers claimed they saw what looked like one

large object with eight non-blinking lights flying slowly over the All Angels Hill Road area at about 9 p.m.

Dan Melfe of Fenmore Drive saw the object while he was jogging. He said he watched it for a few minutes then brought his father out to look at it.

They even tried to follow the aircraft by car, but lost sight of it. Melfe said they passed several people standing next to the road craning their necks skyward. He said the eight lights were in a

V formation and all of them would turn red, then white at irregular intervals. The object, which appeared to be about two inches long from the ground, also did flips, he said.

The Dutchess County Airport could not confirm exactly what the lights were, but one tower employee said the lights were probably planes flying in formation.

"If it was a group of planes, it was a very tight formation," Melfe said. "It was doing some pretty amazing flips in one spot."

NEWS WORLD, New York, NY - March 12, 1983

Moore reveals new evidence of crashed UFO

High-level coverup seen in behavior of top brass

By Lucille de St. Andre
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS WORLD

It sounds like *The Great Whodunit*, an Agatha Christie murder mystery replete with crashed aircraft, hidden dead bodies and three decades of cover-up in high places. But it's not a fiction thriller — only a saga of UFOs, with the bad guys featured as the U.S. Government and the good guys dead little extraterrestrials and their relentless investigators, UFO author William L. (Bill) Moore and his team. And a brief supporting appearance by a mysterious man in a strange uniform with superior powers.

"It's the only saucer crash story wherein so many people tell the same thing," Moore said during a telephone interview via satellite from Arizona. "We collected about 100 names and are talking to more than 80 people. Some 28 had first-hand involvement and about 15 have in the meantime died."

Moore has summarized his nearly five-year painstaking investigation into the Roswell Incident coverup in an update report to his book, *The Roswell Incident*, co-authored with Charles Berlitz. His associates in the investigation are physicist Stanton R. Friedman, with whom he co-authored

ranch manager W. W. "Mac" Brazel and his daughter, Bessie, and son, Vernon. He had no telephone and only reported it to the sheriff's office in Roswell several days later. Intelligence officer Major Jesse A. Marcel and counterintelligence officer "Cav" Cavitt of the Army Air Force at Roswell field then went to the ranch to pick up the debris.

Upon their return, Lt. Walter Haut, base public information officer, released the official statement to the press that raised havoc and was then flatly denied, saying that a "flying disc" had been recovered. He did this apparently on order from base commander Col. William Blanchard.

Meanwhile, Marcel was ordered to load the debris on a B-29 and fly it directly to Wright Field (now Wright-Patterson AFB) in Ohio for examination, with an intermediate stop at Eighth Air Force Base Headquarters in Ft. Worth, Texas. At Ft. Worth, General Roger M. Ramey took charge of the debris, ordering Marcel and others who had been on the plane not to talk to reporters, and issued a statement in direct denial to the Roswell press release, saying it was the wreckage of a weather balloon.

Meanwhile, the wreckage was under way to Wright Field under armed guard, Marcel on its way back

Moore says he is convinced a coverup has occurred, that witnesses were silenced, ridiculed, and people deliberately misinformed to cloud the issue and that meaningful government research into the nature and origins of UFOs continues in secrecy to this day.

a previous book, researcher Nic Maganus, and Berlitz.

Moore is presently preparing a television special for a Los Angeles station dealing with whether anything can be learned about federal involvement with UFOs, how much information the government has on them, and who has it.

The story begins on the evening of July 2, 1947 when a bright, disc-shaped object flew low over Roswell, New Mexico, in a northwesterly direction.

About 75 miles from the city it seemed to explode, scattering debris over a remote ranch area but remaining aloft long enough to travel another 150 miles due west before crashing to earth west of Socorro, New Mexico, at a place known as the Plains of San Augustin.

The debris was found July 3 by

to Roswell, and rancher Brazel picked up and held incommunicado for nearly a week while the ranch site was picked clean of every shred of debris and other evidence.

The San Augustin site appears to have been handled as a separate matter. Wreckage apparently strewn with dead alien bodies was discovered by civil engineer G.L. "Barney" Barnett on the morning of July 3. While looking over the wreckage of what was described as a badly damaged and broken circular craft of about 30 feet in diameter, he was joined by a group of students from the University of Pennsylvania who were doing an archeological dig in nearby Indian ruins.

A jeep roared up with a sergeant and a private who told the civilians to walk off about 50 to 100 feet and wait for instructions. Some officers came, one of which interviewed the civil-



The cover of William Moore's update on the Roswell Incident investigation. Copies of the booklet are available for \$5. from Wm. L. Moore Publications and Research, P.O. Box 1845, Prescott, Az. 86302.

ians, took their names and swore them to secrecy "as their patriotic duty" along with vague references to national security and what happens to people who talk too much.

The area was cordoned off and the craft examined by hastily summoned scientists from nearby military scientific installations. Then it was carted off by the military for further examination in a more secure area.

A news leak from Albuquerque via press wire about these events was plugged by interrupting the transmission and the radio station warned not

In his updated report entitled "New Evidence in the Search for a Crashed UFO" Moore tells of a recent and highly reliable confidential source who said the alien bodies were flown to Albuquerque and not to Roswell or Muroc (Edwards) after the retrieval. This source also said that the main portion of the saucer wreckage was shipped to the highly secure atomic bomb storage area at Sandia, New Mexico and not to Muroc as previously supposed. This statement takes on significant importance as two generals directly connected with the Sandia area flew to Washington for a staff conference of top military brass on July 9.

They were Gen. Leslie Groves, Commander of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project at Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Gen. Robert Montague, Commander of the Army Guided Missiles School at Ft. Bliss, Texas, about 40 miles from White Sands, New Mexico.

This is not as farfetched as it seems as only recently Moore and Friedman found old records of events between 1949 and 1952 in boxes marked Research and Development at the Atomic Energy Commission in

Washington. During the interview, Moore said these records help to find out where people were at the time of the Roswell Incident and who dealt with what among the major authorities.

"The Atomic Energy people had a large part of their research in New Mexico beginning 1946 through 1949 under their direct control," Moore said. "They had a direct connection through all military channels and seemed the people to have had the control to hide the evidence."

Also in his report, Moore quotes extensively from an interview May 3, 1982 with his star witness, Frank Joyce, then an announcer at station KGFL in Roswell and now at KOB radio in Albuquerque for 30 years since then.

Joyce said Press Information Officer Walter Haut gave him a news release July 8 about a so-called flying saucer the Air Force had recovered and that it was loaded on a plane to be flown to another location. "That location was Wright Air Force Base, which was a center for Air Force experimental projects at that time," Joyce said.

After he read the release Joyce phoned Haut and said "You can't say this. The military won't let you. But he says, 'Ah, it's O.K., go ahead and run it.'"

Joyce then decided it was a big, once-in-a-lifetime story, and sent it out to the wire services via Western Union word for word. He put the release in his desk at the station. None of the wires he later saw, however, had the complete text and it had gotten "a bit confused," he said.

The release came over the AP and (continued on page 4)

New York Times wire services and was published in numerous newspapers here and abroad. When the media descended on Roswell they were stopped by a complete news blackout, ordered from the Pentagon, and enforced on the base. Then came Gen. Ramey's story of a weather balloon.

Joyce said then "they" whoever they were, came and took the release from his desk. When he asked Western Union about the wire copy he was told there was no such transmission. He found out later that "they" also came to Western Union and took the entire file.

Shortly after the wire was sent Joyce got a call from what he presumed was Washington from a Col. Johnson. "The guy was livid. Did I put out that release? I finally got it through to him that I was a civilian. I didn't make a bit of difference. I didn't want to involve my friend Haut but I finally told him it was an official Air Force release. . . . Then the guy really hit the top. When I told him from where it originated the phone went dead.

"The next call some 25 minutes later was from Haut who said, 'Frank, you were right. I shouldn't have put out that story. I won't be around for us to have a beer this afternoon. I'm being shipped out immediately. You won't see me again.' And I never did. I began thinking that this was a big military secret like the Manhattan (atomic) bomb project of only a few years before," Joyce said.

Meanwhile, rancher Brazel was hiding out at station owner Walter Whitmore's place. He telephoned Joyce and told him about the crash. Joyce and Whitmore decided to drive to the ranch. Joyce wanted to get a story.

"In the car," Joyce said, "was a man with a long face, high forehead and sharp chin. I'd never seen him before. He seemed vigorous enough to be 30 but maybe he was 60, I could not tell. He wore something like a uniform of off-gold color. It wasn't a military uniform and it had no insignia. We drove fast. No one spoke. After a while Whitmore said something to the man and he said a disdainful 'yeahh' which I took for yes.

"At the ranch the man said to me, 'You go into that room (an unpainted wooden outbuilding near the road) and stay there.' Like a zombie, I went in and stood there. I don't know how long but I remember the empty room with some tools on the wall. After a long time Mr. Whitmore came and said, 'Come, it's time to go.' The other guy wasn't there anymore and Mr. Whitmore didn't want to tell me where he went.

"Where did he go? Who took him? And why was I so willing to stand in a room when I'd come out to the ranch to get a story? This guy had influence over me I could not control.

"On his deathbed I asked Mr. Whitmore," Joyce said, "What do you really think it was? And he said, 'I think it was something the military wanted to cover up.' That's all he would say."

After that rancher Brazel, who was terrified, came to see Joyce at the station. "He told me a completely different story than the one he'd told me earlier on the phone," Joyce said. "The guy was one of those old western dirt in the pores of the skin type guys you used to see on the ranch and I saw in town a lot as a kid. I said he'd told me two different stories. Finally he said, 'Look son, keep this to yourself. They told me to come here and tell you this story or it would go awfully hard with me.'

"I thought they are really going to a lot of trouble to stop this. If they thought there was some danger from outer space, why not tell the people?" Joyce asked.

Later, Moore's investigation discovered, rancher Brazel, who in his neighbors' words "never had more than a couple of nickels to clink together and drove an old pickup truck," suddenly blossomed into a handsome enough cash flow to make large investments into a meat packing business. Was he paid off to keep silent?

Strange doings in high places

Another indication of strange happenings comes from the behavior at the time of high officials from top military brass and scientists on up to President Harry Truman. Although July 4 was a holiday weekend and most could reasonably be expected to be out of town, all were accounted for and present, Bill Moore discovered, in a flurry of high level staff meetings in Washington and flights from and to New Mexico.

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A night for Unseen Flying Objects

By E.B. Walzer
Staff Writer

There is never an extra-terrestrial around when you need one.

At least that was the case Thursday night, when many people in northern Westchester and Putnam turned their eyes skyward in unsuccessful attempts to catch sight of the strange lights that have visited the area three times in the past two weeks, including appearances on two successive Thursdays.

Police departments, which were flooded with reports of a large, slow-moving, V-shaped set of lights on the nights of March 17, 24, and 26, reported no such sightings Thursday night.

Two field investigators from the Center for UFO Studies, a research group based in Evanston, Ill., were also frustrated in their attempts to see if the lights would reappear. Philip Imbrogno and Fred Dennis, who sported binoculars and set up a camera at a site off Interstate 684, headed home for Greenwich, Conn., late Thursday when it seemed that the lights

were not going to appear.

But according to Dennis, who has investigated UFO reports since the 1960s, the investigators really had not counted on the lights making a third straight Thursday appearance.

"I'd be utterly astounded if we see something," Dennis said as he and Imbrogno drove north on I-684 at 7:30 p.m. "If you're looking for it, it never shows. The odds are astronomical."

After reaching a near-empty commuter lot off Exit 5, Dennis parked the car and stepped out into the cold night air. The sky — unlike the other nights the lights had been seen — was overcast, and no stars could be seen.

As the investigators checked their equipment and flicked on a CB radio, they were joined by Leon Davidson, a White Plains resident who has studied UFOs for 30 years and believes the objects are secret government craft. Nearby, newspaper photographer Vince Antolini set up two tripods upon which he mounted heavy, long-lensed cameras. A police-band radio in Antolini's car crackled in the background.

With the exception of several airplanes, nothing was visible in the sky for more than an hour. As the minutes ticked past the magic deadline of 8:45 p.m. — the time the lights had appeared on two previous Thursdays — it began to seem as if there would be no close encounters this night.

A waste of time? Not really, the experts said, because the sightings of the past weeks were unlike other cases they have investigated. For one thing, the lights moved much more slowly than most UFOs, and they lingered in one area — primarily Yorktown, but also Brewster and surrounding areas — for a longer time than is common.

"Here you have this low-flying thing skimming over housetops," Dennis said. "The apparent brazenness of the appearances this time is unusual."

Most importantly, the investigators said, the lights were seen by hundreds of people.

"I've never seen an outbreak like this," said Imbrogno, who has been an investigator since 1974.

"It's very unusual that they were seen by so many people," Davidson said. "It's almost like they're saying they want to be seen."

Dennis said that because of the number of people who reported seeing the lights "we've gotten some very good witnesses. The quality of the witnesses is very unusual, it's a real upgrading in this instance."

The experts discounted a common theory — one accepted by some police departments — that the lights were from a flight of planes flying in formation at slow speed.

Imbrogno said he has spoken to 17 people who saw the lights and that some people said they were within 50 feet of the UFO, which reportedly hovered and moved in a way unlike any airplane.

One man, Imbrogno said, told him that he drove directly underneath the object as it hovered 100 feet above I-684. Other people have reported similarly close sightings and some have said the lights were going so slowly that they caught up to them in cars. Some people, Imbrogno said, said they could distinguish a disc-like shape to the phenomenon, with a V of lights assembled on the bottom.

As the investigators prepared to go home Thursday, they said they would continue to interview people who had seen the lights, although Imbrogno said he wanted to concentrate on people who had seen the lights at close range.

"We have enough documentation to establish that something was there," he said. "Now we want to isolate people who got within 50 feet of it."

Although the lights did not appear Thursday, they said they would not be surprised if there were future appearances.

"This kind of story never ends," said Dennis. "And I don't think we've seen the last of them in this general area."

"It boggles the mind," Dennis said of the sightings. "But it's fascinating because it's real, and it's so mysterious."

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Does Government Think UFOs Real?

William James Hermann's March 18 letter, "Is Government Hiding UFO Data?" was timely.

Recently, I received over 200 formerly secret UFO documents from the FBI, CIA and the U.S. Air Force. The documents were sent to me as custodian for the Mutual UFO Network Inc. (MUN) of North Carolina from the Fund for UFO Research Inc. in Mount Rainier, Md. They were secured through Freedom of Information lawsuits initiated by scientists in Washington, D.C. in 1978; the documents covered the years 1947-1977.



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These documents raise some questions: Why should something that government agencies have said does not exist, be considered a threat to national



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security? And why are these same agencies and others still investigating and monitoring UFO reports in 1983? Mr. Hermann is but one of over 300 persons who claim to have been abducted aboard UFOs and given physical examinations by UFO entities; these people are currently under investigation by specialists using lie detectors, truth serum, PSE and hypnotic regression. The Observer and the Orlando Sentinel-Star are the two best newspapers for UFO coverage, both pro and con, that I've seen in over 38 years of UFO investigation. Staff writer Jim Dumbell of The Observer is one of your more objective UFO reporters, too.

UFO investigators have known for over 30 years that UFOs are surrounded by plasmas, as well as tremendous electric and magnetic fields and that they

give off a great deal of thermal heat, so that the fact that Hermann's report ended up in the Office of Naval Research (ONR) and the Plasma Energy Labs is only one of many proper destinations for his experience. ONR is but one of many governmental agencies involved in UFO research and investigations. The chain of command goes to the National Security Agency, State Department and on to the White House.

Well over 15 million Americans have reported seeing UFOs, including former President Jimmy Carter and astronauts Gordon Cooper, Jim McDivitt and Deke Slayton, with 57% of the public accepting UFOs as real, according to the most recent UFO polls (Gallup Poll, 1978).

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deliberately misinformed to cloud the issue and that meaningful government research into the nature and origins of UFOs continues in secrecy to this day. He thinks the only positive future for our planet lies in the formation of a planetary society with common goals and objectives as opposed to the present nationalistic emphasis on divergence and confrontation.

But how will the secret of the UFOs come out, we asked him. "Through a leak, like the Watergate. Someone inside willing to talk."

Her sightings out of this world

Woman claims she was abducted by aliens

By JAN RAK
Sentinel Staff

At age six she encountered a golden-haired man from outer space "... not dissimilar from me," recalled Diane Tessman. "The only thing different about him was a light in his eyes — a feeling of advancement."

Tessman said she was taken to a space ship for a brief period, one of three times as a child she was abducted from her family's farm in Iowa.

Tessman is now 36 years old and does not look like the stereotype of a wild-eyed person claiming to have friends in outer space. She lives in a modest home in Mira Mesa, is a mother, and has been a school teacher for 11 years.

Under hypnosis administered by Dr. Leo Sprinkle of the University of Wyoming, Tessman has been able to recall as early as age three, contacts with aliens.

Over the years she estimates that she has seen five UFOs (unidentified flying objects) — including one over Penasquitos Canyon in northern Mira Mesa. Five other objects she has sighted she is not sure about, and the remaining she's ruled out as being IFOs (identified flying objects).

Tessman has also served as an investigator through MUFON

(Mutual UFO Network), an organization comprised of nuclear physicists, NASA employees and other scientists attempting to document or explain sightings. About 90 to 95 percent of the cases they investigate turn out to be IFOs, such as balloons, airplanes, lights, etc, Tessman said.

While some people might consider Tessman and others like her a crackpot, "At this point I don't care anymore," she said.

Tessman recently authored "The Transformation," a story about how UFOs transformed her life and how they will transform civilization. The book is expected to be released in a few months, and is published by Tim Beckley, himself an author of several books on UFOs, and the editor of the magazine, "UFO Review."

It was in 1979 that the Florida teacher (now on a one-year leave of absence) was visiting a friend in San Diego. They were on Black Mountain Road when they saw a star over the canyon.

"I soon realized it was flying," Tessman recalled. Then she watched it move toward a larger star or light, hoping the two objects wouldn't collide. Then the smaller star merged into the bigger light and it took off, a lighted, flying triangle.

"I was familiar with Miramar

(the nearby Navy jet air station) and it didn't fit," said Tessman. "I could come up with no earthly explanation for that."

Whether you believe the story or not, millions of Americans have seen UFOs, according to Beckley, who once went by the nickname "Mr. UFO."

"California is probably the hotbed of sightings and encounters," he said. One theory is that the land contains a special material which re-energizes space craft.

Beckley, who had his first sighting of a UFO when he was a youngster in New Jersey, says he is convinced that outer space creatures are more developed than humans and they want to share their knowledge with us. Only until earthlings acknowledge them and show them we would not use knowledge to destroy ourselves will they help, he says.

Neither he nor Tessman fears the alien creatures, however, and Beckley characterizes them as benevolent.

The space creatures are particularly concerned with our abuse of nuclear energy, Beckley says; he is not active in the anti-nuclear movement, though.

Beckley, a walking encyclopedia replete with stories about

UFO sightings and encounters around the world, is also the author of "Riddle of Hangar 18," a book about a special site at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base where allegedly dead aliens killed in space ship crashes have been stored. He has also written about UFOs and other stories for the National Enquirer and similar magazines.

He is critical of the scientific community and government for not spending more money on research of UFOs. The existence of life more intelligent than ours would change the power structure in the world, Beckley says.

Tessman is quick to agree that the implications are enormous. To acknowledge a greater intelligence would be "humbling" for mankind and a tremendous chance for advancement, she said.

Tessman, who also does "past life" readings, believes it is "highly likely" that the world will end in her lifetime. Like Beckley, she believes a certain number of people will be evacuated from this planet by space creatures.

"Not that we think 'Oh, we're the chosen ones,'" she is quick to say.

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Skeptics Fail To Put to Rest UFO 'Legend'

By BRAD BAILEY
Dallas Morning News

AURORA, Texas — A man named S.E. Hayden once sold the world a yarn that won't go away.

It was a newspaper report. It was filed 86 years ago as a factual account, and it was accepted as such. Still is, by many.

It's about a prototypical E.T., a pre-Air Age space ace who had a humiliating close encounter of the worst kind.

Despite the tragic elements, it's a funny little tale.

ACCORDING TO Hayden's account, in 1897, at, of all places, Aurora, Texas, a cigar-shaped spaceship smacked into, of all things, a Wise County windmill.

But there's a touch of pathos in the twists of fate that led to far-fetched tale: The real-life stories of writer Hayden and the tale of the spaceman emanate from the same shrinking universe — Aurora, Texas, 1897.

Hayden, chronicling the ill-starred trekker for Dallas and Fort Worth newspapers on April 18, 1897, wrote:

"The airship which had been seen previously was sighted over Aurora early on the morning of the fatal crash (April 17) traveling at a much lower altitude and only about 10 to 12 mph.

"In the north part of town, it collided with Judge J. S. Proctor's windmill and went to pieces with a tremendous explosion. Parts scattered over acres of ground. The windmill, a watering trough and the judge's flower garden were destroyed."

Hayden reported that the men who ventured onto the scene saw the pilot, "a little man" who appeared to be the lone occupant. Hayden went into great detail in his account of the adventures of the otherwise undocumented alien;

"T.J. WEEMS, U.S. Signal Service officer at this place and an authority on astronomy, gave it as his opinion that the pilot was a native from the planet Mars. Papers were found on his person — evidently a record of his travels — and are written in some unknown hieroglyphics and cannot be deciphered. The ship was too badly wrecked to form conclusions as to its construction or motive power.

"The town is full of people today who are viewing the wreck and gathering specimens of strange metal from the debris. The pilot's funeral will take place tomorrow."

Wise County historian Etta Pegues said she believes that the story began not on Mars but in the mind of Hayden.

Aurora, once a thriving town in Wise County, for a while was Hayden's heaven.

The wealth revolved around cotton, and Hayden was well-placed; he made his living as a cotton buyer.

In the 1890s, bad things started happening, and here the stories of Hayden, Aurora and the Man from Outer Space link up.

ONE PROBLEM was that King Cotton had feet of clay: Overplanting depleted the land and erosion carried away the topsoil. Then the boll weevil invaded Wise County in great, decimating armies.

Times were getting hard — even before the sought-after railroad went bankrupt and a fire destroyed the west end of town.

All these events played havoc with the town's economy and with Hayden's livelihood.

But Aurora Cemetery still bears witness to the greatest tragedy to plague Hayden and the town.

Hundreds of graves there were filled by an 1890s epidemic of what they called "spotted fever." It may have in fact been meningitis. The residents didn't know the cause; many of them blamed the water supply.

The burial wagons came to Hayden's home three times, to carry away the bodies of his wife and two of his sons.

Another of Hayden's sons was blinded by the disease; yet another was crippled.

Boll weevil, fire, disease, railroad failure — one by one, Aurora residents were giving in, loading their belongings and heading out.

MRS. PEGUES said it simplest: "The citizens puffed out their coal oil lamps and departed." At the turn of the century, only one

grocery store remained.

As one modern writer put it, "not even a Martian would be caught dead in Aurora in 1897."

And then Hayden wrote the story that he may have thought would put Aurora back on the map — about a spaceman, and a windmill and T.J. Weems, "U.S. Signal Service officer, an authority on astronomy" and his opinions of the "little man's" Martian origins, and how everyone was flocking to Aurora to gather strange metals from the wreck.

There are many factual holes in the story. Mrs. Pegues has been unable to find any survivor of that era who ever saw Judge Proctor's property adorned with a windmill.

And T.J. Weems really did exist — but he was only the village blacksmith.

In 1966 someone stumbled across an ancient clipping of Hayden's account and sent it to a Dallas newspaper columnist known to take an occasional tilt at a windmill, and the tale of the stogie-shaped object was flying once more.

EXCITEMENT ran high when bits of "strange metal" were found in Aurora, until an expert examined them and pronounced them to be of an alloy frequently used in the 1920s for stove lids.

Interest peaked again in the middle 1970s, fanned by diligent media coverage of quotable UFO groups, which descended with more "investigations."

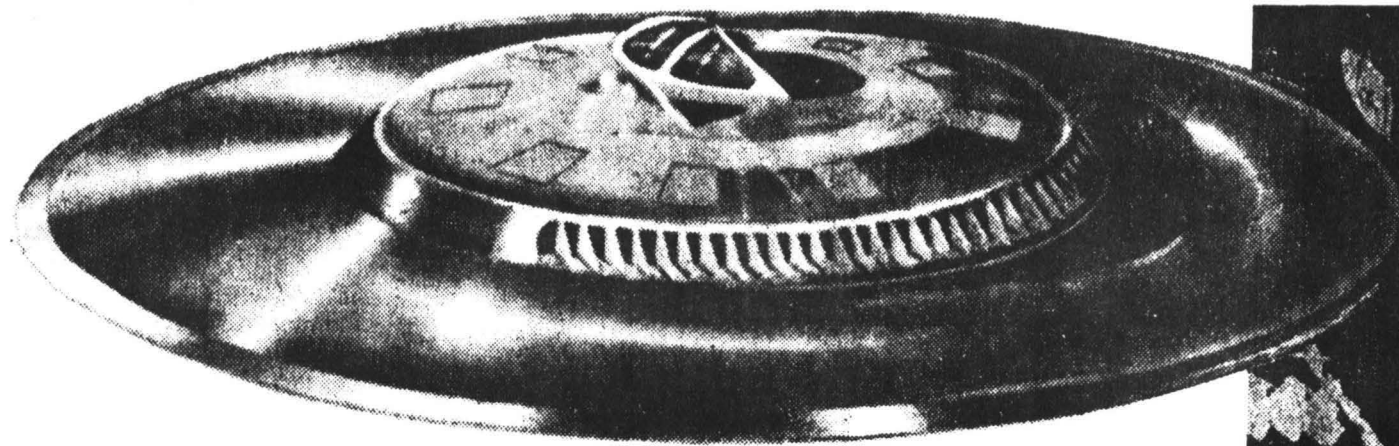
By day, curiosity-seekers rolled into town, and smart entrepreneurs sold them pieces of rusted tin cans and other aged alloys, telling them they were Pieces of the True Spaceship.

Reporters harried the older residents, some of them in rest homes, for "memoirs" concerning the spaceship.

By night, vandals stole or defaced tombstones until cemetery association members began nightlong vigils to ward off trespassers and to prevent exhumation, fearing more a recurrence of the "spotted fever" than men from Mars.

Then the UFO groups lost interest. Newsmen found other, hotter stories to cover. Things at Aurora Cemetery quieted down again.

THOUGH rumor and tradition keeps the spaceman tale alive in Aurora, nobody these days seems to be able to pinpoint the site of the grave with any precision, so possibility of exhumation is remote.



E.T., come on down (again)

Dr. J. Allen Hynek says the little fellow has been on earth, but sightings aren't properly researched

By John Picton Toronto Star

The farmer was ploughing his field as usual when he suddenly froze, gripping the steering wheel in terror.

There, through the dust, little figures were beckoning him. And he knew they were aliens from outer space.

"I've never told anyone that story before," Dr. J. Allen Hynek, astronomer and professor emeritus at Northwestern University, explained to The Sunday Star. "It's one of the cases that badly needs analyzing."

Hynek runs the Centre for UFO Studies from the bedroom of his two-storey home in Evanston, Ill., where he has files on 70,000 mysterious sightings and reported close encounters with creatures from other worlds.

There are many reports that he's never talked about, he says. And he shared this one with Sunday Star readers.

The incident involving the

farmer happened 10 years ago in the U.S. midwest ("I won't mention which state"). When the aliens beckoned, the farmer climbed down from his tractor and followed them, as though in a trance.

They took him to a barn, where "there appeared to have been a fight because there was blood all over the place."

The aliens were able to communicate with the farmer, although Hynek won't say how. Neither will he say what they wanted.

But he did describe them: "Four to 4½ feet tall and somewhat similar to E.T.'s appearance — and you must remember that this was a long time before the movie."

He says two other adults and two children in the farmer's family also saw the little creatures, later drawing their space craft as being "a traditional flying saucer. They were so frightened that they carried guns for weeks afterwards."

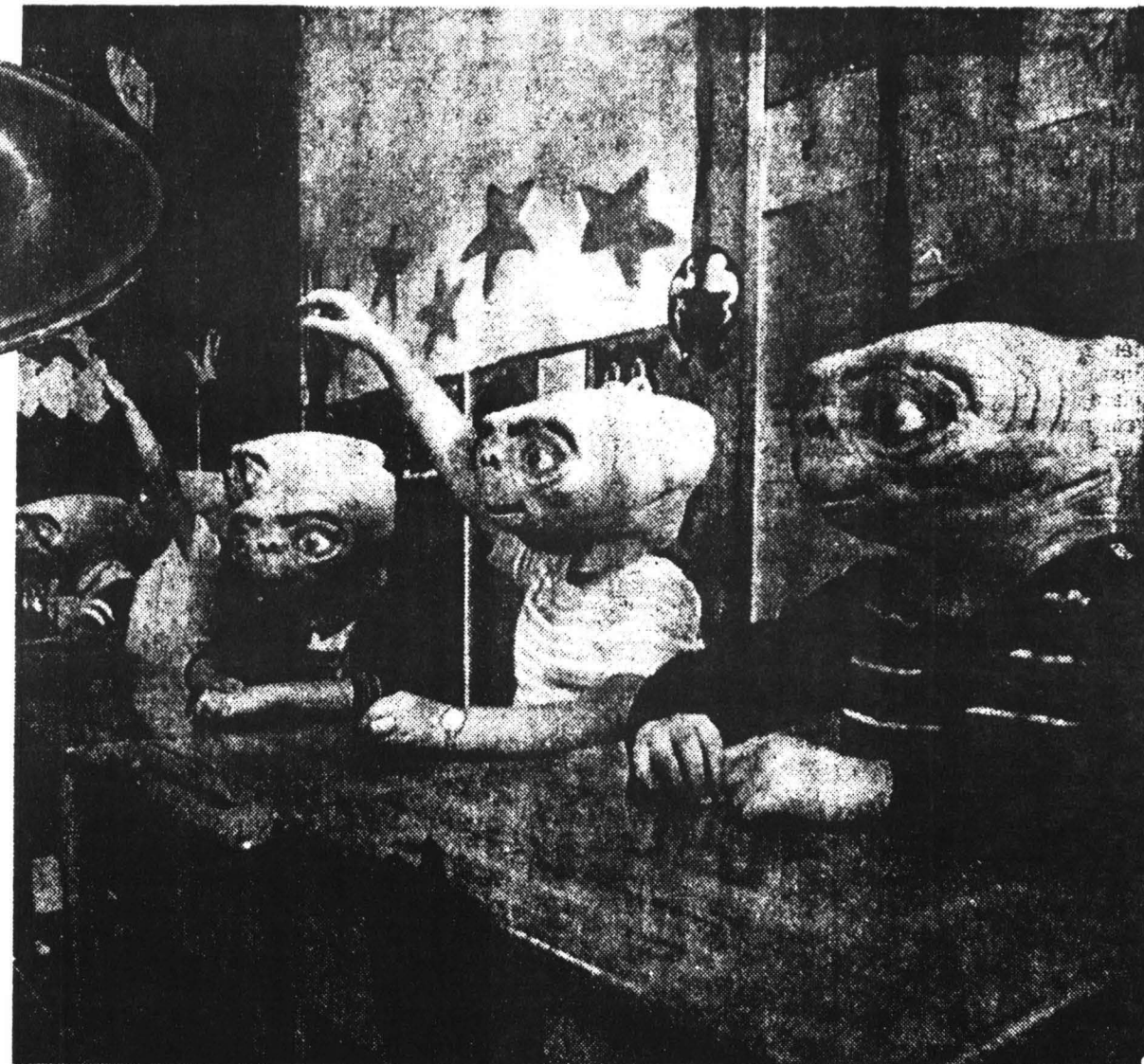
No analysis was made of the blood samples or of any other aspect of the case. "Who is going to take the time and pay the cost of doing that?" he asked.

Which brings Dr. Hynek, 72, to his favorite topic: Funding for a major research project on UFOs.

"No cases (sightings or encounters) have been thoroughly and properly investigated," says the man who at one time was known as the leading UFO guru in the United States.

"It could cost up to \$30,000 per case to do that. But just look at the money the FBI spent on Patti Hearst (the newspaper heiress who was kidnapped in California some years ago). "They must have spent \$10 million on that case. We need an agency like the FBI to look into UFOs."

Hynek has been involved with extra-terrestrial phenomena since the late 1940s, when he was asked by the U.S. Air Force to look into an increasing number of UFO sightings. He worked on top-secret missile guidance systems



Honest! Creatures that look like the movie character E.T. have visited earth, astronomer says.

during World War II and later headed the U.S. optical satellite tracking program.

"I thought it was all post-war nerves," Hynek told The Sunday Star. "I'd go through the air force reports and I enjoyed knocking down the stories — this one was clearly an aircraft, that one an atmospheric reflection."

"I'd always operated on the idea that it can't be, therefore, it isn't. But one day, I thought, how

can I justify calling all these people lunatics?

"The greatest problem is that people think UFO is synonymous with little green men from outer space. In fact, only 5 per cent of the reports in our files are close encounters of the third kind."

Hynek says his centre has on file 441 incidents in which UFOs are claimed to have affected automobiles, incidents in which

the engines have stopped or the lights have gone off.

"I've seen cases of eyes being burned, supposedly by space craft," Hynek says. "I've seen cases of nausea, of diarrhea, of hair falling out. We need to have medical consultants to check on all this, but that costs money."

Currently, his centre has about 2,000 members around the world who contribute to its budget of about \$40,000 annually.

Mystery grows over UFO sighting in Hurley

By R.J. KELLY
Freeman staff

KINGSTON — It seems clear that something strange happened in the night sky last week.

First reported by children in the Hurley area, their straightforward account of strange, silent lights last Thursday have now released a surge of support from adult

observers who came out of the closet after reading the children's story in Sunday's *Freeman*.

Reports of similar sightings have now been received from a wide range of respected local residents, including Kingston Alderman William Paulus, a civil engineer, employees of IBM, city employees and various other men, women and children.

A possible answer to the puzzle surfaced today — with Federal Aviation Administration reporting that a precision team of night-flying, single-engine prop airplanes was believed to have been in the area that night.

Both an FAA controller and a spokeswoman at the Dutchess County Airport said they believed the sightings were probably

the precision flyers operating out of Stormville Airport about 40 miles south of Kingston.

Stormville Airport officials could not be reached for further details today.

Yet the reports of most observers who have contacted the *Freeman* do not seem to conclusively fit that explanation.

And Robert Gribble, a staff member of Phenomena Research, a Seattle, Washington-based, private UFO research organization, said Monday his group has received "close to a dozen" similar reports from the Hudson Valley region over the past two weeks.

"We're getting spotty reports throughout that area," Gribble said. But since the reports have only been of lights and not a specific shape, he said it was not yet sufficient to send a field investigator. He said the group, in existence since 1959, is currently checking to see if any night-flying advertising aircraft had been in the region.

The reports received by the *Freeman* are generally consistent, though differing slightly.

Nearly all stress that whatever was in the sky that night seemed very large, made sharp turns and moved slow — before leaving sight quickly after being observed for 5 to 15 minutes.

Except for one report, observers reported hearing either no sound at all, or a low humming sound. And most were convinced what they saw was not a plane.

Like several of those reporting the lights, Jeanne Johnston, 64, and her husband John, 67, were just returning from Holy Thursday church services when they spotted something about 8:45 p.m. Mrs. Johnston said what they saw "was really weird when you stop to think about it."

Near their Lincoln Park Place home in the town of Ulster, she said a large, object with many lights "went over across the street ... right over my neighbors' houses ... you could see that it wasn't an airplane.

"My husband John also saw it. He said to me 'that's not an airplane' ... it made no noise," she said. "It was very scary, it only made a ashh noise ... when it made the turn to go, you could see an outline between the lights ... it was a round thing, it was weird."

Alderman Paulus said he was driving on Route 9W near the Hudson Valley Mall when he saw "the biggest thing I ever saw in the air."

"I thought it was the Goodyear Blimp, it was very low (with) no noise. Paulus estimated the object with many lights was about 1,000 feet off the ground and moving west to east before turning south.

Nancy Liese of Port Ewen was in the same area about the same time. In a letter, Mrs. Liese's account is the only one differing from others in that she reports hearing "the whirr of propellers.

She believes it was a group of helicopters,

Kingston police Sgt. Patrick Colbert says reports of the lights swamped police headquarters — but he saw only a series of lights "that seemed to conform with FAA (aircraft) regulations." Colbert said police were told about the possible night-flying stunt team when they called Dutchess County Airport.

About 9 p.m. Joseph Naccarato, 62, of 10 Hook St., Hurley, said he saw "a whole mess of differently colored lights — white, red, green ... at least three in a straight line.

Naccarato said, "It looked close, about the same height as a small plane ... I saw this thing coming slow, then it started to turn north, towards Saugerties, then it was gone. It went so very fast, but was gone." "I didn't say anything, my impression was it was a military training mission until I read that thing in the paper, he said."

Ray Schelling, an IBM quality assurance inspector was leaving the Zena firehouse with fellow volunteer firefighter and IBM employee Bob Klein just before nine when he saw what he thought was "a plane coming in to crash (in) just a very slow, gradual motion, just skimming over the trees" from southeast to northwest.

It made "no noise whatsoever," he said, but several people in cars stopped to watch for about 10 minutes as the silent object "changed direction three times." "I believe in UFO's, I really do," Schelling said.

Klein, 51, also of Zena, was more skeptical. "I can't say I believe in UFOs," he said. "I don't believe and I don't disbelieve ... but it did have an awful lot of lights" Klein said of what he called "a monstrous (sized) thing."

Marilyn Osterhoudt, 43 and her husband Harry 45, a civil engineer for state highway department said they thought a plane was going to crash into their house in the Elmen-dorf Heights section of Hurley.

It wasn't the first time for UFO's close encounter

By STEVE FRAIOLI and ERIC GROSS

STILL IN THE SKY — Whatever it was, that mysterious object in the night sky was seen at the same time on two separate Thursdays.

No one has yet to come up with a logical explanation for last Thursday's sighting of a unidentified flying object by about 100 residents, and police officers, in Northern Westchester. Officials from area airports, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Air National Guard have provided no answers.

The March 24 sighting occurred shortly before 9 p.m., followed by reports of a V-shaped object with green and white lights zig-zagging, stopping completely, and eventually disappearing to the north — with no sound heard the whole time.

"It was very very similar," said a Somers woman, to what she and her husband claimed to have seen a week earlier — just before 9 p.m. — while driving along Route 22 just north of Brewster. Judging by what they read in Patent Trader about last Thursday's sighting, "It's a very similar description" to what the couple saw, said her husband.

Both asked not to be identified, saying they feared prank phone calls as a result. "I got a terribly eerie feeling about the whole thing," and their two teenage children "thought we were crazy" when they came home that night, he said.

Though last week's UFO was described as V-shaped, he said it was "a boomerang shape with a cluster of lights underneath. A massive object. I would say the size of a 747. Definitely very big."

At least one airport official has speculated the UFO was several airplanes flying in formation, giving the impression of one object. No way, the Somers man said — he saw the thing silhouetted against the moon and it was definitely one solid mass.

The couple said the craft made absolutely no sound as it flew 700 feet off the ground about 1,500 feet in front of their car. "It travelled no faster than we were going (55 mph and southbound) and then it came to a complete stop, was hovering," with its lights going from green to red and white as it headed north and directly over high-voltage power lines, he said.

The boomerang-shaped object traveled unlike a airplane's wingspan — it was as if an airplane traveled with its wingtips in front and rear positions, he said. "If it was a helicopter, you'd hear the noise."

They, and other motorists, pulled off the road to watch in awe, he said, comforted that he and his wife apparently were not hallucinating.

Several people contacted over the weekend said they also saw the green and white and red lighted object. Betty Iacovone of Mahopac said the object passed over her home at Kirk Lake. "It made an angle. One plane suddenly dragged back. A second one also dropped off. I saw an exhaust flare pop out of the rear of the last plane, but I didn't hear anything. That was the mystery of it," she said.

Sgt. Vincent Puma of the Carmel Police Department said over the weekend that several of his patrol cars followed the object. "One of the guys was giving me a blow-by-blow over the radio, and it sounded very eerie," he said.

Authorities at Stewart Airport in Newburgh, Westchester County Airport at Rye Lake, Stormville Airport in East Fishkill, and the Mahopac Airport in Mahopac, all reported being inundated with phone calls about a V-shaped object in the sky late Thursday.

A spokesman at Stewart Airport in Orange County said that the object might have been stunt planes or "formation planes." He added that the aircraft were "outside of our traffic pattern, so I really can't add much more."

A spokesman at Stormville Airport had a similar explanation for the strange occurrence. "They might have been small planes that fly from Westchester to our facility." But, Steven Ferguson, the operations coordinator at Westchester County Airport, who was on duty last Thursday night when the sightings were reported, didn't agree. "I figured that it was some sort of an airplane with an electric sign underneath. The type of plane that flies over a stadium with a message."

Police officer Donald Little of the Kent police told another tale. "I saw them. They fly very slowly. I don't know if people are doing this intentionally to mess with the people, because if they are, it sure is working. One gal walked into our police station, shaking and trembling. She said, 'You're not going to believe this. I haven't had a drink in six days. But a UFO followed me all the way from Westchester, and its now hovering over your office right now.'"

Little said he went outside, and sure enough, there it was. "We waved goodbye to it, gave the frightened motorist a cup of coffee, and sent her on her way."

Whatever it is, folks in these parts will certainly be looking skyward for it just before 9 p.m. this coming Thursday.

CR: C. Wilhelm

UFOs: myth or reality?

By Mike Agin
Post Staff Reporter

ROSS — Checking out reports of unidentified flying objects requires separating fact from fiction, says Charles Wilhelm, a UFO investigator. "Unfortunately, a lot of researchers are firm believers we are being visited by extra-terrestrial beings, and only gather evidence to support the visits and their own particular beliefs," he said. "We want to let the evidence dictate what we've come up with. We're trying to take the mystery out of it."

Wilhelm, 40, of Fairfield, is one of 12 investigators in the Ohio UFO Investigator's League, incorporated in 1973. The group uses what it calls forensic science techniques to investigate UFOs. Their latest investigation involves a "landing" of an unknown craft near Ross. About 8:30 p.m. April 10, two persons driving their cars along Hamilton-New London Road spotted a "large, bright, oval object," Wilhelm said.

IT APPEARED to land in an area between U.S. 27 and Layhigh Road. The property owner, who asked the investigators not to disclose his name nor the exact location, also saw a white light on a hillside behind his home, Wilhelm said. "All of a sudden the thing rose up real slow and then took off like a jet," the man told Wilhelm. Wilhelm, who was contacted by the landowner, was joined by Ron Schaefer of Loveland and Bill Johns of Springfield to investigate.

One investigator immediately went to the site of the incident and measured for radiation. None was found. The site was covered with a tarpaulin to protect it from the rain. THE OTHER investigators interviewed the two eyewitnesses and landowner separately. The two

drivers said their car lights flickered and the engine nearly stalled, Wilhelm said. The landowner told Wilhelm his television set's vertical hold began to roll and the house lights flickered.

The next day, the site was photographed so it could be studied before it is disturbed, said Wilhelm. The site itself is divided into a grid. Each square of the grid is photographed individually, with soil samples taken for laboratory analysis.

Researchers wear protective gloves, never bare hands, to lift any object. Samples are packed in plastic bags, ready for the laboratory.

THE EVIDENCE in the Ross case showed a circular craft weighing 39,000 pounds landed, Wilhelm said. "Something was seen and landed. All we're saying is that it's an unknown craft. We're not saying it's a flying saucer," Wilhelm said.

A 50-foot circular indentation like to find it."

Wilhelm feels "something definitely mysterious is flying in our airwaves. I've no concrete evidence to support we're being visited by people from other worlds."

"If there is something there, I'd like to find it."

Wilhelm says he continues to investigate UFO sightings "because of the mystery." He isn't paid for his efforts.

Wilhelm SAID he has uncovered three hoaxes and encountered two landings of unknown craft. He said he has seen the circular pattern once before—in 1973 at Goshen.

"I'd say this is no hoax," he said. Wilhelm says he continues to investigate UFO sightings "because of the mystery." He isn't paid for his efforts.

The next meeting of the Group will be held May 14 at 8 p.m. at the L and K Restaurant. Persons wishing more information or to report an UFO sighting can write to the Study Group at P. O. Box 2, Sebring, or call Rastetter in Sebring.

UFO research is topic at group's monthly meeting

Paul J. L. Rozich gave an illustrated talk on his UFO research when the Tri-County UFO Study Group held its monthly public meeting Saturday evening at the L and K Restaurant.

Rozich, who serves as co-chairman of the Study Group, also had many items on display from the research organization of UFORA of which he is director.

Rozich's son, six-year-old Trent, had a display of drawings he did on UFOs and Bigfoot, and gave a presentation on the meaning of the drawings.

James Rastetter, chairman of the Study Group, called on Joseph Turner of Canton to give an eyewitness account of a UFO sighting. He, along with his 14-year-old son, spotted the object near his home a few miles from the Akron-Canton Airport on March 30.

He described the object as boomerang shape, traveling east to west approximately 800 to 1,000 feet in the air. He estimated it to be 88 to 108 feet across and moving much slower than an airplane at around 60 miles an hour with no sound. It had a dirty-gravy metallic finish with a bluish-white opaque milky light in the center and several small red lights on the edges of wing

tips and in the rear of the craft.

Robert Garfield of Canton, investigator of the case, was told that the airport had nothing to report. Turner also stated that at one time the object projected a beam of light down on some pine trees.

One person present had some information to add to the report of a crashed UFO with bodies recovered. He said a friend told of the crash and saw part of one of the aliens.

Other reports given were those of a close encounter near Diamond. He said the UFO was low over his car, the radio went off and the auto stopped. He found his battery melted and his radio and other electric items burned.

He entered a hospital later and was treated for radiation poison. The battery and other parts were picked up by officials of a college to run tests on them, but when he went to check on the findings he was told the college knew nothing of the case. This encounter happened in 1956, the witness said.

Another similar case was told of another encounter at about the same time. He reported to the member that he and a friend were on their way to go hunting near Brewster when they drove upon a large silver craft set-

ting on tri-pod legs with a stairs coming down from an open door in the craft. There were two men standing there dressed in one-piece suits.

Thinking it was a new type of plane being tested, they walked towards the object. One of the suited men raised his hand and the witness heard, "No. Danger. Come no further." But he didn't see the suited man open his mouth. The two suited men went into the craft, the door closed and the object raised and flew off. Returning to their car, the witnesses found it would not start and that the battery was melted.

The two reports happened back in the 1950s, but the Group would like to hear from any one that might have something to add. Rastetter said that sometimes witnesses don't know who to report to or hold back until they read of someone else who saw what they did. Then much valuable time and research is lost and proof is hard to find.

The next meeting of the Group will be held May 14 at 8 p.m. at the L and K Restaurant. Persons wishing more information or to report an UFO sighting can write to the Study Group at P. O. Box 2, Sebring, or call Rastetter in Sebring.

Woman Talks With ETs

By PAUL FATTIG
Of the Courier Staff

The United States military complex has purposely waged a campaign to debunk reports of UFO sightings, says lecturer Aleuti Francesca.

"This is why when you say 'UFO' to average citizens, they think it's a fun thing . . . they think of little green men and this kind of drivel," she says.

But Miss Francesca of rural Gold Hill firmly believes the planet has and is being visited by intelligent extraterrestrial life. Moreover, there is ample evidence to support her claim, she says, despite government denials such visitations are occurring.

She will discuss that evidence during a lecture at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the art building at the Josephine County Fairgrounds. A 90-minute video film by nationally-known physicist Stanton Friedman will also be shown on a wide screen.

General admission is \$5. Senior citizens over 60 and students will be charged \$3 each. A six-hour intensive UFO seminar will be held Saturday for those interested in a more in-depth study.

"The main thrust is to bring people up to date with some of the latest things in the UFO field," she said, adding that documentary evidence — including contact with unidentified flying objects — will be shown during the film.

Extraterrestrial contact has been made throughout the world, from South America to Switzerland, she says, citing photos, first-person accounts and a memo from the late J. Edgar Hoover, former head of the FBI.

"The military has covered it up," she claims. "They're playing the silence game now, pretending nothing of this ever happened."

She is director of the Solar Light Retreat, a local non-profit organization researching flying saucers and related phenomena. Funds raised by her lectures support the retreat, she said.

Miss Francesca was born in London, England, where she studied as a concert singer. However, she became interested in UFO study at the age of 16.

According to her resume, she was able to develop telepathic contact with highly evolved space beings

while attempting to establish light beam communications with ETs.

"I feel people have a right to know about UFOs," she says. "In some countries, including the U.S., they are not getting the truth."

However, in other nations, such as New Zealand, Norway and Sweden, the belief is more readily accepted, she says.

"I think there is no more single fact on the world scene than the coming of extraterrestrials on this planet," she said. "It's greater than the nuclear menace."

The extraterrestrials — called ETs — hail from distant solar systems or other dimensions where they have reached a level beyond earth's troubled existence, she says.

"They've outmoded war and disease that we have down on this insane planet," she said. "We're either talking about how the Russians are going to get us or how we are going to get them."

In her communications with ETs, she has been told that talk of winning a nuclear confrontation by either of the superpowers is insanity.

And she believes she is one of the few people on earth who can communicate with extraterrestrials.

"The extraterrestrials have a type of advanced technology called a telethought beam which they can beam down on your brain wave frequency," she explained, adding that the beam is just beyond the audible range.

"I have never heard a disembodied voice," she said, later adding, "on some occasions, sightings are observed just before or after the telethought transmission."

Yet Miss Francesca acknowledges she has never seen an extraterrestrial.

"I've seen the craft," she said. "But I can't categorically say I have seen the beings . . . I have definitely seen the craft over my home in the foothills above Sams Valley."

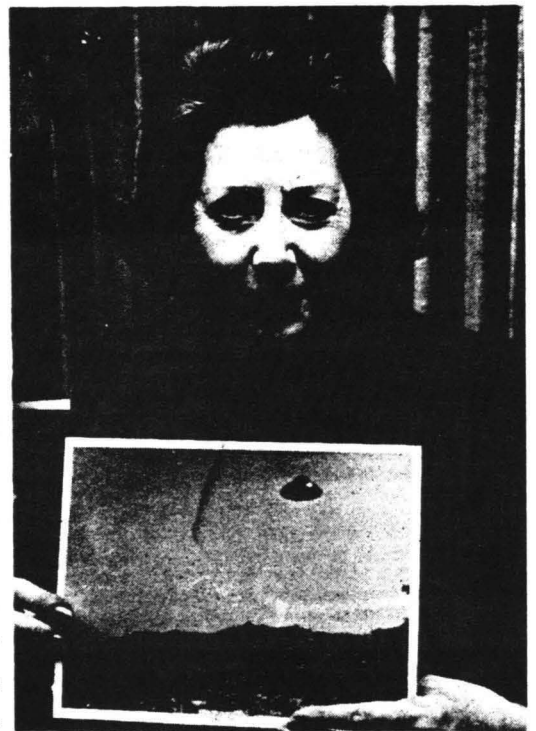
She described the craft, which she calls "starcraft," looking like large stars streaking soundlessly across the night sky. "It was like a snapping light," she added.

Extraterrestrials will make their presence known to the entire world before the year 2,000, she predicts.

"It would be much sooner if we are going to get into a nuclear war," she said, adding that the ETs would intervene in the event of a nuclear holocaust.

"They are extremely concerned that we are about to destroy our planet," she stressed.

People need not fear most extraterrestrials, she says. "Basically, they don't have anything to fear."



ALEUTI FRANCESCA, holding a photograph of a UFO taken in Merlin in 1964, believes she has had telepathic contact with highly evolved space beings who are concerned about the future of life on earth. She will lecture at the Josephine County Fairgrounds on Friday.

Courier photo by Paul Fattig

He Takes UFOs Quite Seriously

By CHUCK WOODBURY

A typical visitor from space is about 4 feet tall, does not speak, has little or no hair and has a big head to support a large brain, claims Marvin Taylor.

Taylor, a real-estate broker, has studied UFOs—Unidentified Flying Objects—since he was 12 years old. Taylor now operates a museum de-

voted to UFOs and extraterrestrials.

The museum is housed in three rooms above Taylor's real-estate office in Sonora, a small town in northern California's gold-rush country.

It contains 26 display boards, tape recordings by UFO witnesses, 3-D papier-mache replicas of aliens, floor-to-ceiling space paintings, a small theater where visitors watch an hour-long documentary film, and a library with books, magazines and newspaper clippings related to UFOs.

MORE than 6,000 persons have visited it since it first opened in July. Taylor's guest book tells of visitor reactions. "A real eye-opener," wrote one guest. "I was a skeptic—perhaps I will become a believer," said another. Still another guest, reacting to information of earthling kidnappings, wrote: "Wouldn't mind having a nice abduction experience."

But, to Taylor, the museum is serious business and he emphasizes he is no fanatic or



—Photos by Chuck Woodbury

Marvin Taylor in Front of His UFO Museum



Outer-Space Resident?

kook. He is the assistant state director of MUFON—the Mutual UFO Network—a non-profit organization that investigates UFO sightings. He is also a special investigator for Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an astronomy professor at Northwestern University and a leading authority on UFOs.

Taylor says people today are more aware of UFOs and are more willing to accept their existence than they were a decade ago. "I can't even get an argument out of anybody today that they (UFOs) don't ex-

ist," he says. "Everybody agrees that they exist but it's really a question of what they are."

Taylor is concerned that the United States government does not consider UFOs a threat to our national security.

"I'm not so sure that they're all good guys," he says. "I think if you're dealing with that many ships from different points of origin that you might have a wide spectrum of intellect. But I suppose our government can't do a lot about it anyway."

Aliens, Taylor believes, have come to earth because they have a vast knowledge of high technology. "They have been able to traverse through space, incredible distances, probably in short periods of time," he says.

But what about earthlings? Are we, with our space shuttles and rapidly expanding technologies, far behind our futuristic visitors from the beyond? Probably so, says Taylor. "I think they are hundreds of thousands of years ahead of us."

UFOs: U.S. reports tell of five sightings in 1980 over Kirtland; city man claims alien contact

By SUSIE GRAN
Tribune Assistant City Editor

Just-released government reports document five sightings of unidentified flying objects during August 1980 over Kirtland Air Force Base.

The mysterious encounters, as described in Air Force reports and revealed through the Freedom of Information Act, were:

- On Aug. 8, "three security policemen... on duty inside the Manzano Weapons Storage Area sighted an unidentified light in the air that traveled north to south over the Coyote Canyon area of the Department of Defense Restricted Test Range on KAFB," the government reported.

The light traveled at high speed and stopped suddenly in the sky over Coyote Canyon and eventually landed in the canyon, according to the security policemen, who then witnessed it "take off and leave proceeding straight up at a high speed and disappear."

- The next day, Aug. 9, a security guard at Sandia Laboratories on the base observed a bright light near the ground behind a building in Coyote Canyon. As he drove nearer, he saw a round, disk-shaped object and tried to radio for help. But his radio would not work.

The guard, who did not want his name divulged for fear of harassment, then walked up to the object armed with a shotgun. Suddenly, it took off, going straight up at high speed.

The guard, a former Army helicopter mechanic, stated that the UFO was not a helicopter.

- The following day, Aug. 10, a New Mexico state policeman saw a flying object land in the Manzano Mountains between Belen and Albuquerque. When he reported the sighting to the Kirtland command post, he was told by the public relations office that the Air Force did not investigate sightings unless they occurred on an air base.

- Three days later, Aug. 13, radar equipment at Kirtland and the Albuquerque Airport experienced a total five-hour blackout from an "unknown cause."

An Air Force report concluded that "the presence of hostile intelligence jamming cannot be ruled out," but went on to say "no evidence would suggest this."

- Nine days later, on Aug. 22, three other security guards observed the same aerial phenomenon described by the first three guards two weeks earlier.

"Again the object landed in Coyote Canyon. They did not see the object take off," the report said.

- The final Kirtland document is dated Oct. 28, 1980. In it, Air Force scientific advisor Jerry Miller concluded that a film taken by Four Hills resident Paul Bennewitz "clearly shows... some type of unidentified aerial objects" at Kirtland.

Miller is a former investigator for Project Bluebook, the Air Force's massive investigations of UFOs that ended in 1969.

Bennewitz, president of a local electronics firm, lives adjacent to the northern boundary of Manzano Base.

He said it was on Feb. 2, 1980, that he saw four "saucer or hat-shaped objects lined up behind the outside fence" of the Manzano area.

"A black spot and big blue halo appeared, establishing their force field. There was a flash under each one as they jumped off the ground in sync 300-400 feet, turned right and were gone to the south," he recalled.

He filmed the spectacle from about 2,500 yards away.

Bennewitz, according to the official Air Force report written months later, produced still photographs and 2,600 feet of 8mm motion picture film "depicting unidentified aerial objects flying over and around Manzano Weapons Storage Area and Coyote Canyon Test Area."

But investigator Miller reported only that "no conclusions could be made whether these objects pose a threat to Manzano-Coyote Canyon areas."

On Nov. 19, Bennewitz was told that the Air Force would not investigate the objects and "was not in a position to evaluate the information and photographs he has collected."

However, the sightings reportedly caught the interest of former New Mexico Sen. Harrison Schmied, who inquired why the Air Force refused to investigate, the report said.

Within the past year or so, Bennewitz, who is convinced the UFOs are alien ships, has called Kirtland to again request an investigation, said George Pearce, Kirtland public affairs officer.

"He said he was in contact with alien beings through his computer and wanted us to investigate," Pearce said.

"I told him we don't investigate those things since Project Bluebook ended in 1969 after 22 years of investigation. Of course, he wasn't pleased with the answer."

Col. John Aday, chief of public affairs at Kirtland, Project Bluebook concluded that UFOs are no threat to national defense.

He said he has "no idea" what the 1980 sightings could have been. "I could conjecture all day about what might have been going on out there, but I won't."

He said when the Air Force was investigating UFOs, it was often determined that they were weather balloons or the like.

"I'm not saying that what Bennewitz saw or what the security police saw was anything like that, but because of the record of our investigations, it seems

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Bennewitz earlier this week in Albuquerque briefed a group of UFO enthusiasts on his personal three-year investigation into alien activities in New Mexico. He said he plans to put his observations into a book.

Among his conclusions are that there is an alien base inside an isolated mesa near Dulce, and that the aliens intend to enslave the earth.

He said his study includes a statement taken from a New Mexico woman who was taken hostage near Cimarron by the aliens after she saw them mutilate a calf.

Bennewitz said he has seen the aliens on a video screen, and he described them as green and about 4 feet tall and "strong little bastards."

He told those gathered for the UFO briefing session that cattle mutilations are the aliens' source of supplies needed to build humanoids through gene splicing. They take the organs and blood from the animals while they are still alive in order to maintain a tremendous supply of DNA — the carrier of the genetic code — for this purpose, he said.

The Kirtland sightings in 1980 were described in reports sent to the Mutual UFO Network, a Texas-based UFO information study group, by the Department of the Air Force in December 1982.

"This is an unusually large number (of sightings) right there on the base," said MUFON international director Walter Andrus.

MUFON had to file numerous Freedom of Information Act requests to get the reports, Andrus said in a telephone interview from his headquarters in Seguin, Texas.

Of the group's 1,000-plus members, about a dozen live in New Mexico, six in Albuquerque. Most are involved in science or related fields. Some are Sandia Lab employees, Andrus said.

While the Kirtland sightings in 1980 were known to MUFON, because "we keep our antennas on," the official reports were held confidential until MUFON received the Department of the Air Force documents, Andrus said.

MUFON's effort to gather documents has been a tough, uphill battle with countless arms of government and military agencies.

"We call it our cosmic Watergate," Andrus said.

OBSERVER-NEWS-ENTERPRISE, Newton, NC - May 4, 1983 CR: G. Fawcett

UFO sighting Monday leads to investigation

A strange sight in the sky over Newton was reported by a local family Monday night, when they were returning from a softball game. It is being investigated as an unidentified flying object (UFO).

It was 8:45 p.m. when Diane Morris, a telecommunicator at the Catawba County Communications Center answered the phone to an excited caller's voice. The caller, Joe Ikerd, told of seeing a strange object in the sky that dropped down behind the trees off Jarrett Farm Road, near Highway 19 west of Newton.

Ikerd and his wife, Carolyn, were returning from a softball game with their five-year-old son, Trent, when Mrs. Ikerd first spotted the mystery object.

She said the object was egg-shaped and glowing a brilliant bluish-white color as it 'flashed twice' and dropped below the tree level

at the bottom of the hill about a quarter of a mile away.

Her husband, who was driving the car, did not see the object, nor did his son and she said they were openly skeptical of her sighting, when suddenly she saw it again in the same area.

At that instant, Trent spotted the object, and the senior Ikerd stopped the car, opened the door and jumped out to view it too.

Trent said the object was big, orange and a UFO, and badly frightened him.

"I saw something, it was as big as a full moon at harvest time and appeared to be reddish-orange in color and round in shape," the father said. He added that he noticed the neighborhood dogs were barking "up a storm."

The UFO dropped, lifted up and then dropped behind the treeline for the last time. The Ikerds watched the ob-

ject for perhaps a total duration of 45 seconds.

Ikerd went to his uncle's house, while his wife and son continued to observe the sky and he contacted the Communication Center, which in turn alerted George D. Fawcett, a local UFO field investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (MUFON).

Fawcett went to the scene to investigate the incident and was met by the Ikers and others on the Jarrett Farm Road. They proceeded through the woods and the bottomland with flashlights and binoculars at 9:25 p.m., searched the area, but did not find the UFO or evidence of it.

The witnesses recalled that shortly after their experience an airplane flew low over the same area of the encounter and flashed its landing lights on, which also seemed strange at the time, Fawcett related.

Mrs. Ikerd, who refused to

join the nighttime investigation, said, "What I had seen was enough and I didn't want to see anything more!" She said she was shaken by the experience.

Fawcett next checked with the Federal Aviation Administration radar installation located on the nearby Sigmon Dairy Road southwest of Newton.

Don Swing, who was on duty there, said nothing was on radar screen, but he noted that anything on the Jarrett Farm Road, down in the bottomland in the Herman Fish Lake area, would be beneath the radar coverage and could not be picked up. Swing was busy monitoring the ARSR radar in the Charlotte area at the time, he said.

The investigation ended at 10:30 p.m. Fawcett said.

"The witnesses were credible ones and the animal reactions are well known during UFO encounters

elsewhere," he said. He was unable to find out who flew the airplane in the same area or why it had turned its landing lights on as was reported.

Since the UFO was so big and so brilliant, Fawcett said he figures others may have seen the same thing and he wants to hear if they did. He asked witnesses to contact him in Lincolnton by calling 704-735-5725 at nights or write to him at 602 Battleground Road, Lincolnton, N. C. 28092. Witnesses' names will be kept confidential if so requested.

Recent UFO observations have been reported from Vale, Lincolnton and Charlotte, as well as other parts of the United States and overseas, he concluded.



SOUTH WALES ECHO, Cardiff, Wales - Jan. 24, 1983

That triangle is no 'plane—expert

THE MYSTERIOUS flying triangle that has been haunting South Wales skies this week, could not be an aircraft known to British aviation, according to a former RAF aircraft engineer.

Mr Joe Toland, aged 40, an engineer with the RAF for 15 years, was coaching Llantwit Major under 12's soccer team when he saw the object.

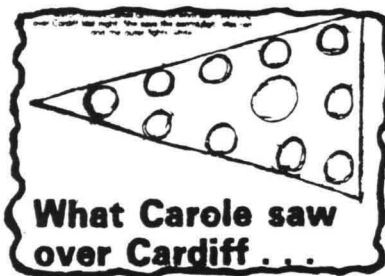
"We stopped playing to watch it," he said. "I couldn't fathom out why the lights were so far apart. It was close perhaps 600-1,000 feet up."

"It must have been 300 feet across, so it could not be an aircraft. The thing I really don't understand is that it made no noise."

Mr Toland, of Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major, has applied all his experience in aviation to solve the mystery.

Mr Toland who is now an insurance agent, at first thought that what he was seeing was an aeroplane being refuelled mid flight. But he admitted this operation was never done over built-up areas, and two aircraft would create a lot of noise.

"The lights were not



What Carole saw over Cardiff...

usual aircraft lights, though it was in the flight path from Rhosneigr Airport," he said.

UFO expert Mr Bill Rich, aged 36, of Llandough Castle Flats, Llandough, is convinced the triangle is a visitor from space.

"I have spent an awful lot of time looking at stars

ever since I spotted a very strange UFO in Australia," he said.

"It most definitely is not a meteor as some people have claimed—I saw plenty of meteoric activity in Australia, and this was nothing like it."

"I am in the process of writing a book on sightings in Wales—I've been

making notes for about a year now. I wouldn't say I'm a UFO freak, my interest is mainly scientific."

Mr Rich, who is an artist, watched the object fly past his house last Wednesday night.

"What they are doing, who knows?" he said. "We have got to take this seriously."

"One imagines they are taking samples from a fertile earth while it is still fertile."

"There have been a lot of close encounters of the third nature in Wales. I believe they will soon make themselves known to us."

RECORDER, Port Pirie, S.A., Australia - Feb. 28, 1983

UFO baffles family

WHAT began as a pleasant drive in the cool of the evening turned into a baffling experience for Mr Jim Lydeamore and his family on Thursday night.

The Lydeamores of Frederick road were out for a drive and were travelling south along Three Chain road at about five past nine when they saw a bright orange and blue 'flame' in the sky.

"We weren't quite at the overpass when we first saw it," Mr Lydeamore explained.

"I'd estimate it was up in the sky at about 45 degrees from the road and it was travelling very fast."

"It only lasted for about 25 seconds but was very bright and all of us saw it."

"It was a blue flame with an orange and red colored section in the centre; a bit like a large bunsen burner flame on its side," Mr Lydeamore said.

Formerly a member of the Air Force, Mr Lydeamore was confident the 'flame' wasn't a falling star or satellite.

"I often look at the sky at night and know what meteorites, satellites and falling stars look like," Mr Lydeamore said.

"This was quite different."

Mrs Judith Lydeamore said their children were fascinated by the sighting and began drawing it as soon as they got home.

"They both wanted to draw it while it was fresh in their minds and took the drawings to school on Friday to show their teachers," Mrs Lydeamore said.

Both Mr and Mrs Lydeamore were unable to estimate the altitude of the 'flame' but said it appeared to be travelling from west to east across their line of vision.

"It appeared out of no-

where and then disappeared again," Mr Lydeamore said.

Port Pirie police received two separate reports of unusual sightings on Thursday night and Whyalla police also had numerous reports of strange flare-like lights in the sky.

A spokesman for Whyalla police said checks had been made to ensure they were not flares from distressed boats.

Two Adelaide radio stations reported on Friday morning that sightings had been reported in various areas across the State including Port Augusta, Kadina and Port Pirie.

When contacted, the section of the RAAF which deals with unusual sightings was unable to explain the sighting but took details and will add it to their records.

One possible explanation for the sighting was that ammunition being tested at the Army Proof Range at Port Wakefield caused the 'flame' sightings.

An army spokesman confirmed that the range had been operational on Thursday night between nine and 10 o'clock.

"Personnel were firing 40 millimetre illuminating rounds from grenade launchers during that time," the spokesman said.

"These rounds were going 200 metres in the air when a magnesium flare would ignite and the round would then float to earth in between 35 and 40 seconds."

The spokesman said it was possible reflections of these lights off clouds could be responsible for the sightings in the Port Pirie district.

However, he could not definitely attribute the sightings to the operations at Port Wakefield on Thursday night.

SOUTH WALES EVENING POST, Swansea, Wales - Jan. 26, 1983

Was there close UFO encounter?

By Robert Lloyd

HAVE hundreds of sky-watching people in Swansea and other parts of South Wales had a close encounter of the second kind?

It's a question which could remain unanswered. But, on the other hand, there could be a perfectly reasonable explanation for last week's reported sightings of two triangular objects with flashing lights, moving slowly and silently across the sky.

Whatever the explanation for the unidentified flying objects, UFO's, the excitement they generated in the area last week illustrates how concerned people are with the phenomenon.

Imagination

Man has always been fascinated by the idea there is life on other planets and the possibility that extra-terrestrials "buzz" the earth is one that stirs the imagination.

Films like the block-busting ET reflect our fascination with the subject and, with the enormously popular Close Encounters of the Third Kind, UFO terminology has passed into everyday use.

Evidence which suggests an extra-terrestrial object has visited a place is called a close encounter of the first kind, a sighting of an alien object is a close encounter of the second kind and a meeting with something from another world an encounter of the third kind.

South Wales has been a particularly notable spot for



Strange lights in the sky... is there a rational explanation?

UFO reports. Sightings of lights and objects are reported with some regularity.

Books with titles like the Dyfed Triangle and the Dyfed Enigma have been written about strange phenomena in that county alone and sightings vary a great deal.

"It was a great big silver object, about the size of a house," a Swansea woman said of her sighting in the city in October.

"I thought the house the object was behind was on fire because the object was so bright. It seemed very hot and it must have left scorch marks on the ground," another city housewife said last spring.

"There were flashing lights in a circular shape that seemed to be going down to the ground. Then it went straight up at a speed no aircraft could attain," said a Carway UFO spotter in 1980.

The latest UFO incident was reported by literally hundreds of people in and around Swansea.

They were baffled by lights which suggested the forms of the two objects were triangular. They were dismissive of theories that they could have been meteorites burning up on entry into the earth's atmosphere, or a number of aircraft flying in formation.

Meteorites

How could the sighting have been meteorites when the lights were flashing steadily in sequence and how could it have been aircraft when the lights were moving noiselessly and at a very slow speed, the observers argued.

The UFO reports are fascinating one member of the British UFO Research Association, BUFORA, a voluntary body which investigates UFO sightings and co-ordinates the findings.

South West regional co-ordinator Mr. Ian Mrzyglod, from Bristol, carries out part-time investigation work for BUFORA and regularly checks UFO reports in South Wales.

Polish-born Mr. Mrzyglod said: "In most cases we get there is usually an explanation for what people have seen."

"Sometimes it's aircraft, gliders or parachutists. On clear nights people can mistake stars and planets for moving objects."

"Meteorological conditions can play some strange tricks and produce natural phenomena which people do not recognise."

"Usually, in 90 per cent of cases we can find a simple answer for the occurrence. In the remaining 10 per cent though you have to draw your own conclusions."

Mr. Mrzyglod did not expand any further, which prompts the rhetorical question: Are we alone in our universe?

Is this the truth about those lights?

Lights
in sky:
more
reports

U.F.O. spotters jammed the
Mail switchboard after our



MR TERENCE KELLY (above) pictured in 1979 after having witnessed two "fireballs." Science is still reluctant to believe in ball lightning and this is undoubtedly what Mr Kelly witnessed. He was painting a house in Brierton Lane, Hartlepool, when he saw something shoot past his arm and hit the pavement, disintegrating in a shower of sparks. He told his disbelieving foreman but five minutes later his colleague had the same experience as a fireball narrowly missed him and disappeared into a bush. Mr Kelly described the object as being slightly larger than a fist, orange in colour, and flaming with sparks coming from it. A close encounter indeed with earth lights.

IF Paul Devereux's interpretation of flying saucers is correct we can change unidentified flying objects to **IDENTIFIED** flying objects.

We can forget about E.T. and his cosmic extra-terrestrial buddies, bug-eyed monsters, little green men, and other nebulous alleged beings of the nebulae.

We can also throw out the psychological and visionary theories.

Suddenly the romance of flying saucers is raped. The folklore of beings from outer space is demythologized. We must face the reality we are alone. No inter-planetary super civilization is going to intercede to solve all our earthly problems. For those flying saucers are just earth lights.

So argues Paul Devereux in a persuasive Turnstone Press book entitled "Earth Lights" which since its recent publication has caused a stir throughout the ranks of ufologists.

Cherished beliefs have been challenged and the book is arguably the most important ever written on the subject.

Devereux argues that the "objective component of the total U.F.O. event is a form of natural phenomenon currently not identified as such by natural science."

Arguing this theory of U.F.O.'s being an earth phenomenon, he propounds the notion that "discharges" caused by instability in the earth's crust release the material at the core of the U.F.O. mystery.



In other words seismic activity and electromagnetic events create U.F.O.'s which appear from the ground or within the atmosphere close to the surface.

"We know where U.F.O.'s come from — it has been witnessed," states Devereux.

Many witnesses' testimonies are given in the book to consolidate the arguments for a physical, earth lights explanation. Much of the remainder of this article will examine Hartlepool and North-East cases in the light of this revolutionary theory.

However, firstly I will synthesize elements of the wider argument proposed by Devereux. He breaks down the various theories to explain U.F.O.'s; treats geological and meteorological material in a studious yet refreshingly attractive way; argues that ancient man built his monuments with reference to geological fault lines and would seem to have been aware of the lights phenomenon and perhaps had an element of control over it; proposes a novel explanation for "U.F.O. entities"; challenges the psychological school of thought by claiming the U.F.O. itself changes — not the observer's perception.

Alleged U.F.O. abductions are left for others to analyse. However, the remainder of the problem is well tied up as a new paradigm.

From Devereux's model, ufologists and anyone even vaguely interested in flying saucers have a new aspect from which to consider case histories and new sightings. So let's try it out.

● April 25, 1969. Police searched the area between Hart and West View during the evening after a man reported seeing something crash in a field. Was it an elusive earth light earthing itself?

● January 23, 1974. This day there was a mystery explosion in North Wales which rocked a 60-mile radius area. No meteorite was found and Devereux argued it to be a seismic event. Lights were seen before the tremors and that day Michael Barnes saw four lights in the sky when returning from Thornhill School, Sunderland. Later that day he and his mother saw another weird light in the sky over Barnes School. It hovered, changed colour, then disappeared.



● February 10, 1976. There are fault lines running west-east up the North-East coast and schoolmaster Mr Les Best and a party of pupils on the sandbanks by Hartlepool Golf course spotted a bright light in the sky. He was adamant it was not a satellite or shooting star. It distinctly hovered before they lost sight of the light.

● July 9, 1977. Interference to electric circuitry of vehicles is common in ufo lore and Devereux argues that the earth lights can produce an electromagnetic effect which will explain this aspect. Farmworker Mark Henshall was travelling home to Barnard Castle when his motor-cycle lost power. As he stopped a car conked out alongside. They were both able to restart their engines when a strange purple light which they observed for a minute disappeared.



● Around July, 1977. A case where we seem to have a rare sighting of a "discharge" actually emerging from the ground is told by Michael Dickinson, of Seaton Carew. He and a friend had stopped by Greatham Quarry. "I was fiddling with my bike when I saw a silver dome in the grass," Michael told me. "It was just on the quarry side. It was about four feet high and two feet wide. It looked metallic to start off and then went blurred. It was only visible for a few seconds. Then it



HELEN FERGUSON (above) has been seen plenty of times in the Sun and Star, but her stargazing one night led to her spotting an earth light. In 1974 she was living in The Oval, Hartlepool, and saw a red, ball-shaped object in the sky which hovered over trees and seemed to be turning slightly before suddenly disappearing.

Close encounter alters sceptical couple's minds

Like most people a Tring couple were sceptical

jumped about 30yds. high and would have landed in the quarry. It shot off at a terrific speed and the grass waved about where it had been but was smooth all the way around.

Since then there have been many straightforward lights-in-the-sky reports, most recently a spate of reports in Hartlepool during last December.

The theory that these lights are a harmless geological and meteorological phenomenon is

plausible and probably correct. It may take all the mystery out of flying saucer spotting but at least it is reassuring that an inter-planetary invasion no longer seems to be on the cards or that one's children may be harbouring an ugly alien in the broom cupboard.

Sleep easy tonight.

— By Paul Screeton

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

The Pinkney Report

INVESTIGATING THE INCREDIBLE

By JOHN PINKNEY

UFO links in bizarre cattle deaths

SOME FARMERS suspect a link between apparent UFO landings in their paddocks and the mysterious deaths of sheep and cattle. The latest property owner to write to me about the mystery is Albert Greenhill of Australind, WA.

"This area has a long history of strange lights in the sky," he says. "And the enigma runs deeper than that."

"Recently, while checking the stock on a hobbyfarm here, I found three dead sheep. I was surprised to see that their bodies had not been attacked by foxes after death."

"Nearby I found a small, near-circular burn in the grass. Although the rest of the field is grassy, nothing will grow in the burned area."

● This is a classic description of a so-called saucer ring.



A farmer inspects a scorched 'UFO ring' in Tully, Queensland. Picture by PEOPLE reader Clare Noble.

ADVOCATE, Burnie, Tasmania - March 21, 1983

TASMANIA'S U.F.O. Investigation Centre followed up 36 reports of unidentified flying objects last year. It was able to identify all but 16 sightings. Twelve of these are listed in the centre's latest report as unidentified. Insufficient information was received concerning the other four. The remainder are classified thus: Astronomical 20, aircraft 10, satellites four, meteorological two, balloons one, other explanations three.

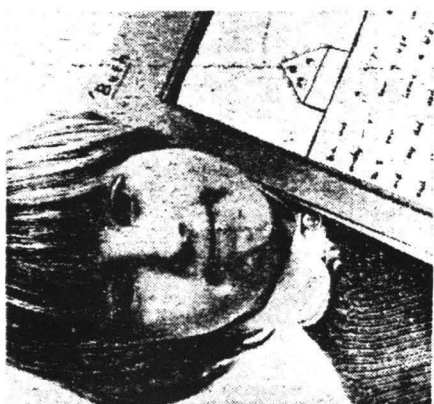
THE CENTRE reported a lull in sightings last year consistent with world-wide trends. A run of six unidentified cases at George Town increased the year's U.F.O. total to 12, four more than for 1981. Ten of the mystery sightings were made in May-June. One U.F.O. case was reported at Hampshire in July. The centre's busiest year has been 1976, with 191 reports of sightings, 42 of which remain unidentified. Reports of sightings can be made to Don Macsween, 117 Howick St, Launceston, or to the centre, P.O. Box 99, North Hobart 7002 (That is our information. Is there a Coastal contact?)

The Eglwys Wen file on UFOs

SOUTH WALES ECHO, Cardiff, Wales - Feb. 11, 1983



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● Beth Mort



● Jonathan Hutchinson

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SPACE SHIPS and monsters aren't just kids stuff to one group of Cardiff schoolchildren. With a little bit of imagination, they have transformed the UFO they saw in the night sky to a colourful class project.

Eglwys Wen Primary School in Whitchurch, Cardiff, took great interest in the mysterious flying object that haunted the South Wales coastline last month.

"So many children (some of whom are pictured here) had seen the UFO with their parents, that I did a little census round the school," said teacher, Mrs Helen Williams, whose class of six and seven-year-olds were most active in the project.

"We found that 22 children and 29 parents had spotted the UFO, and so we decided to make a frieze with a picture of what they saw and compile a folder with drawings and descriptions by the children."

The frieze, which took the children three days to complete, also contains a picture of the Cosmos spacecraft, which was in the news

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EVENING POST, Reading, England - March 17, 1983

UFO 'like a bowler hat'

By KEVIN CONNOLLY

THERE have been more reported sightings of the UFO which sparked off a red alert in the Thames Valley on Tuesday night. Sophisticated radar at the massive Upper Heyford US Air Force base in Oxfordshire pinpointed the mystery light in the sky over Berkshire from about 5pm to 9.30pm on Tuesday.

Now anxious callers to local airbases and to the Evening Post have reported that the UFO shaped like a bowler hat was seen again later that night, and also spotted exactly one week earlier.

A Yattendon garage proprietor told today how the sky was suddenly flooded with light as he drove home late on Tuesday night.

"I was on the outskirts of Yattendon, when the light suddenly appeared in the sky," said Mr Patrick Holder, who lives at the Yattendon Garage.

Balloon

"It was shaped like a bowler hat, with a definite flat base at the bottom, and it was a brilliant light like a magnesium flare. As soon as I saw it I got out of the car, but it disappeared."

"I've never seen anything that I couldn't explain before, and I'm not given to

seeing things. "I've read the report that it could be a barrage balloon, but that's not what I saw."

That sighting was at nearly midnight on Tuesday and the Royal Greenwich Observatory at Herstmonceux, Sussex, has confirmed that there should have been nothing unusual in the eastern sky that night.

"This has got me stumped," said a spokesman. "It certainly wasn't a satellite, and from the descriptions we've had it wasn't Venus, which is visible from earth now."

Excited

A whole series of reports of the mystery light throughout Berkshire showed the light travelling slowly and silently across the sky, quite low to the ground.

But a nine-year-old Pangbourne girl has revealed that she saw the brilliant, glowing ball exactly a week before.

"We dismissed it when she first said that she'd seen it," said the girl's mother, who asked us not to name her daughter.

"But when we picked up the Evening Post and read the description to her, she said 'That's it!'"

Family who were 'adopted' by aliens!



THE alien ship arrives in the movie "E.T."

DAILY EXPRESS, Paisley, Scotland

Feb. 26, 1983

HASTINGS OBSERVER, Sussex, England

March 5, 1983

Keep watching the skies

UFO - WATCHERS are needed to keep vigil over the Combe Haven valley.

The Physic Awareness Research Group is to concentrate its studies on the marshes at the back of Harley Shute Road and is looking for people interested in unidentified flying objects to help out.

Members are researching the connection between prehistoric burial sites, and the possible release of energy on ley lines.

Group member Kevin Carlyon explained: "Over the past three years there has been electronic surveillance of sites to check whether

there is any energy given off, and it has been noticed that at certain sites there seem to be a lot of UFO sightings connected with the energy surges.

"With this in mind we are planning UFO watches in this area and if anything is seen check it out with electronic equipment."

He said they had chosen that site because there have already been reports of sightings in that area.

As well as hearing from anyone interested in helping with the watches Mr Carlyon would like to hear of any recent UFO sightings. He can be contacted at 28 Beauchamp Road.

A BRITISH family claim they were taken over by space aliens long before ET was heard of.

The Sunderland family — mum, dad and four children — claim regular visits from extra terrestrials to their semi-detached on the North Wales Border in an astounding book called "Alien Contact — a True Story" (Coronet, £1.75).

It is easy to dismiss this book as the workings of over imaginative minds — were it not for the incredible amount of detail pouring out of a very ordinary family.

frightened to tell her parents in case they thought she was fibbing.

But that was only the beginning.

The aliens began to close in on the whole family and soon parents as well as children were seeing them.

TRIPS

They felt their house was invaded — not in a hostile way but in an inquiring manner.

Gaynor, now 15, has detailed all her experiences to writers Jenny Randles and Paul Whetnall.

It's at the point where the children claim that the aliens regularly whisk them off for space trips that I begin to suspend belief.

However, so many strange sightings have been made in recent years by so many seemingly sane and sincere people, that who am I to mock?

CAPSULE They say the takeover began one day in 1976 when their nine-year-old daughter Gaynor spotted a strange, silver capsule in a remote field she was cycling past.

Gaynor hid in the bushes as a male figure emerged from the capsule and began scouting out the land.

She recalls: "He didn't look human. His joints were peculiar, with pointed elbows and a knee that was three quarters of the way up the leg."

"He was dressed in a silvery suit without sign of seams or zippers."

Gaynor felt a strange dizzy sensation in her head as the being turned and spotted her.

But he did not harm her and the child fled.

An eerie Korea War incident

Pilot recalls encounter in clouds over Japan

By William D. Leet
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS WORLD

As so many UFOs are reported to be, this one was really "foxy." To say in the vernacular that it was "playing possum" in no exaggeration. The time was July 18, 1952, in the heat of the war in Korea, that I had the privilege to witness the marvel and tremble at its awesome performance. To this day I am consoled that other men saw it too, not only because shock, like misery needs, company, but because of the acute interest in the event by the government — all of 30 years ago.

Tokyo, Japan gets hot in July and Tachikawa Air Base, 17 miles to the west where I was stationed, was even hotter as the busiest airport in the world. I recall reporting to the 21st Troop Carrier Squadron Operations the morning of July 18 in my cotton khaki uniform and sweating, not knowing that I soon would be in a cold sweat. My primary duty was in the Legal Office and I did not fly often, only once every week or two. I had not been checked out as aircraft commander on our C-54 skymaster —



William Leets

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a veteran cargo and passenger airplane of WWII and the Berlin Airlift — and flew this day as co-pilot with Lt. Arblaster on a routine mission with several stops in Japan and Korea, carrying troops, mail and freight.

I do not remember Lt. Arblaster's first name, but recall that he was a nice looking, blond young fellow, conscientious and eager to accomplish the mission without a hitch. I don't remember the name of the flight engineer either, but they both saw what I saw — and I'm sure their names are in the same folder as mine in a file in Washington. There was another witness to the apparition who had a camera, but more of him later.

We took off from Tachikawa to the south, heading toward Oshima, a tiny island in Tokyo Bay that had a radio beacon and was the aerial entrance and exit for greater Tokyo. Arblaster was intent on maintaining a 180 degree course, and rate of climb of 500 feet per minute. I was monitoring

the flight instruments, and with the engineer the engine instruments, but revelling to be aloft again I was stealing glimpses of Mount Fuji and lower mountains to the west. The clouds were in distinctive strata or layers, and my glance caught something that made me do a "double-take."

Trough in the clouds

In a perfectly smooth layer of cloud I saw a trough. Had Michaelangelo sculpted the trough in marble it could not have been more symmetrical and clearly defined. It was rectangular but the lower corners were gently rounded, and in the center was a cloud shaped like a perfect sphere! But clouds are never shaped like balls, I knew, and stratus clouds never have geometric troughs carved in them.

Nevertheless, I was looking at the trough, and the perfect circle the same shade of grey as the clouds. I should point this out to Arblaster and the engineer, I knew, but did I really know what I was seeing? I was a victim of the UFO-witness dilemma. Of course I knew what I was seeing, but what I was looking at was impossible. And nobody wants to make a fool of himself. I decided to study the absurdity for one more complete minute before calling it to the other men's attention.

I silently suspended my co-pilot duties and fixed my stare on the out-of-this-world weirdo. Neither the grey globe nor its delineated trough wavered. During the 60-second confirmation, my memory leaped back to November 24, 1944, when my B-17 crew and I were accosted by a Foo-Fighter on a Lone Wolf mission over Austria. [See Feb.19 Issue].

AF Regulation 200-2

Now, seven years later, although I

had learned nothing more about UFOs than a vague impression from reading Air Force Regulation 200-2 which ordered us to report them, I resolved to glean every detail about this unnatural sphere I was observing.

After assuring myself that what I was watching was not impossible — that the object was every bit as real and sure as majestic Mount Fuji, and knowing that it was neither man-made nor earthly natural — I pointed it out to the flight engineer, who was seated next to me. He studied the object and scooped-out cloud intensely for couple of minutes, looked at me saying, "What in the hell is that?", and got back on his job. Arblaster was busy as a bird dog piloting the big Troop Carrier aircraft, but he glanced at the wonder for a few seconds, straining to look across the engineer and me and out my window on the right side of the cockpit while holding the Sky-master on a precise course and climb.

At this time, a lieutenant came into the cockpit and at my indication watched the object and took several pictures of it with a small camera he was carrying, he wore navigator's wings and I, not well versed in Troop Carrier operations, assumed that he was a member of the crew. I asked him for, and he agreed to let me have, prints of his photos but I later learned that he was not on the crew. He was one of the "R & R's" — men stationed in Korea who periodically got a few days respite in Japan for rest and recuperation — and was a passenger on the flight. I did not know his name or airbase and never saw him again, and of course did not receive prints of the pictures he took, but the image of the apparition is inerascibly filmed in my memory.

A glance at my watch told me that we had been viewing the UFO for seven minutes, during which time it had hung motionlessly in the center of its demarcated trough. I was astounded to see it change its shape! From a circular form it instantly flipped into one that was elliptical, just as a magician would transform a basketball into a football! And in the same few seconds of time it takes to tell you this the UFO flew toward the west and beyond our range of sight! How foxy can you get?

Arblaster didn't see the conversion of the UFO and its near-instantaneous flight into disappearance, but I'm reasonably certain the navigator and engineer saw it with me.

We continued our mission, making several stops at bases in Japan and Korea both ways, and landed at Tachikawa about midnight. The next morning, after resting and recovering from the tiring mission and uneasy experience, I went to Group Intelligence to report the UFO sighting. The reception I got was one of righteous indignation. "Why didn't you report the UFO to Ground Control Intercept?" the captain demanded to know. "GCI scrambles F-94 fighters to intercept UFOs the moment they're sighted. Why aren't you informed on AFR 200-2?" I told him that I knew the provisions of the regulation, and that it required flight crews to report UFO sightings after landing.

There was an amendment to 200-2, he said, ordering that GCI be called immediately if UFOs were sighted. I

told him I had not seen that amendment, but the Intelligence officer said

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that made no difference — I was bound by it anyway. It had not been distributed but all personnel were required to know its provisions.

I told him that if he wanted to initiate any punitive action founded on such idiocy, to come and see me at the Legal Office. No more was said about that, but Arblaster and the engineer were called in at once. We were put at separate desks and told to write descriptions and draw a diagram of what we had seen. "A board of generals in Washington is waiting to see this," the Intelligence officer told us.

I was the first to finish and, the captain having stepped out of the room, looked over their shoulders to see as well as I could what Arblaster and the engineer had done. The diagrams they had drawn were remarkably similar to mine. I was surprised to see that Arblaster's drawing and mine, showing the sphere in the trough, were so alike since he had such a limited view of it. I didn't attempt to read their descriptions of the scene and related action, but noticed that both wrote about half a page.

A brief reunion

I didn't fly on another mission with the flight engineer and I don't remember seeing him again. It was war, there were 7,000 Americans on the base at Tachikawa; or he could have been shuffled off to another base or Korea, or rotated to the States.

Two or three nights after the memorable flight, I was having a beer at the Officers Club when Arblaster appeared next to me at the bar. He was not exactly pleased with me. Men in war are as lavish with rumors as they are with their money on payday, and a rumor must have gotten home to him that was not too complimentary of his sanity. I knew how he felt — since our UFO confrontation some of the smiles in my direction bore an element of leers and smirks, as though I had slipped my trolley.

"Why did you want to stir up this hornet's nest?" Arblaster demanded in a question that sounded like an accusation. The expression on his face was that of a serious man who is undergoing taunts and harassment. I know today that the young lieutenant was enduring the second dilemma of the UFO witness: whether he should hold true to the reality of his perception, or hoist the white flag in his ordeal of derision.

"We were required to report the sighting," I reminded him, "and you saw the same thing the engineer and I saw. Are you saying now that you didn't see it?"

Lt. Arblaster had been looking down at the bar, but now he was directing his eyes straight at mine and I sensed that he would not retract the true statement and diagram he had made. Still, I was sorry for him in his lonely quandary. If our sighting had occurred today, I could have told him that the latest Gallup Poll discloses that 17 million Americans report seeing UFOs, and I'd have supplied much more explanatory data. Despite official efforts over 35 years to conceal the truth, these facts would have subdued his conflict. In 1952, unfortunately, my knowledge of UFOs was limited to the little gained from the WWII Foo-Fighter exhibition, so I was not of much help.

A benighted policy had done harm to a fine young flying officer, and probably to others. More damage than that was committed. The UFO may have been foxy by trying to look like a cloud, but there was nothing foxy in the beclouded heads that were suppressing UFO intelligence, and obstructing our nation's comprehension of the phenomenon.

UFO is 'big ball of fire' over village

A MYSTERIOUS light which has been hovering over the Northamptonshire village of Hanslope has fascinated resident Mrs. Margery Baxter.

Miss Baxter, from Hartwell Road, first saw the UFO which she described as: "bright, shaped like a balloon and glowing on and off" two years ago.

Since then the "big ball of fire" has been spotted in the night sky several times, always around 9 pm at night by both Miss Baxter, members of her family, and a colleague of hers from Simpson Barracks.

After seeing the light two years ago when out walking her dog, Miss Baxter has been intrigued by the soundless, glowing object, although on the first occasion she admitted: "It frightened me. I tucked the dog under my arm and ran".

The most recent sighting of the light was last month when Miss Baxter and a colleague both saw it from different parts of the village.

Miss Baxter saw it hovering over her garden and rushed out to look more closely at it, but "by the time I had opened the back door and rushed out it had disappeared".

Although she admitted she has "no idea" what the light is, Miss Baxter is keeping an open mind about it being a flying saucer.

☆ FROM those wonderful galaxies that gave you "Star Wars", "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "E.T.", we now bring you **THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL EXPERIENCES OF ELIZABETH KLARER** — An Out-Of-This-World Love Story.

On your screens soon — no persons 4-21.

And now that you earth-bound sceptics have just died laughing, read on and eat your spaced-out hearts out about the fantastic 28-year-long romance between Liz and Akon.

Once upon a time a little three-year-old saffron-haired girl looked up into the sky on her parent's farm near Mooiriver in Natal... and saw a flying saucer.

Nanny didn't quite know how to explain the pumpkin-sized shape whizzing across the horizon, but for heaven's sakes, it was 1913, and who'd ever heard of flying saucers?

Four years later a similar vision vroomed across the veld.

This time Elizabeth — for that was the little girl's name — was with her sister Barbara, and she knew, with the certainty that only a seven-year-old can have, that people were living out there and that her life was somehow going to be inextricably bound up with them.

... now are you sitting comfortably? Good. Let's continue with our story.

Handsome

Little Liz, educated at St Anne's, grew up to become an accomplished musician (she studied in Florence), a world-renowned meteorologist (Cambridge-trained), internationally-recognised expert on UFOs and, during the Second World War, held a responsible position in Air Force Intelligence.

One fine day in 1954 our Liz saw a flash in the Natal sky and an enormous circular ship appeared and hovered. (Just like in the comic books.)

The whole of the big hull was spinning, while the dome in the centre was stationary.

A man of extreme handsomeness was gazing at her through the port-hole.

Hang about — it gets better 'n' better.

"Oh he was very handsome, indeed," remembers Elizabeth, patting her auburn bun.

"Tall, with an angular face and hair that was greying at the temples."

And meanwhile, back on Flying Saucer Hill . . .

MY SEXY LOVE AFFAIR WITH A SPACEMAN, BY THE LADY FROM ENCHANTED COTTAGE

Little green men? FORRRRRRget it!

But the vibes were not quite on beam and the spaceship departed as suddenly as it had come.

Well, of course, the neighbours snickered, but 18 months later Liz was able to teach them a lesson, seeing as they couldn't stand a joke.

The spaceship landed in the exact same spot and the extra-terrestrial Paul Newman clone stepped outside.

"I knew no fear," smiles Ms Klarer, who, at over 70, is still classically beautiful in the gin-and-Jag mould of one of colonial Natal's better families.

"He had the most compelling, hypnotic eyes... and I ran straight into his arms."

(I'll swear her breast was heaving ever so slightly under her trendy gypsy blouse.)

Now we beg you to be patient if at this point our story starts to sound a little like cosmic Carland corn.

"He said to me: 'This time you're not afraid, are you?'"

None of that "Take me to your leader" nonsense, take note.

Well, what's a girl to do when she falls head-over-

heels with a heart-stoppingly handsome hunk from high'n'over who literally invites her to "Come Fly With Me?"

Liz let Akon — for that is his name — lead her into the spaceship without further ado (she had nothing special planned anyway) and she spent one earthtime day visiting the mothership ("Very much like the one in 'Close Encounters', except that the film people made theirs look like a gin palace") and the planet Meton, in the star system of Alpha Centauri, where Akon is an astro-physicist.

"Our civilisation existed on Earth eons ago when we moved out from the mother planet Venus."

"We were advised by our scientists to do so at that time in the history of the Sun's system, as the Sun is breathing out its breath of life in the cosmic cycle of solar expansion," Akon explained to our ravishing redhead.

Elixir

Now let's be perfectly clear about one thing: Liz-babe is no lettuce-head and she rumbled right away Akon's chatter about "the electron density in the Earth's ionosphere", the "tenuous corona which extends from the visible disk" and "magnetic fields of metagalaxies".

Now, 28 years on, Elizabeth Klarer, sitting in a comfy chair in her little antique-filled house called, appropriately enough, "Enchanted Cottage", in Towerby, Johannesburg, tells the story as though it happened yesterday.

Her serene face, scarcely touched by the passage of time, glows with an inner joy as she speaks.

She describes in the minutest detail the beautiful Ary-an-like race which has discovered the elixir of youth and lives in a space-age 400 million-year-old Utopia in a state of total harmony.

Etched in photographic clarity in her memory, too, are their buildings, lifestyle and philosophy.

"They eat only natural foods... but they do like their wine, dear, oh they like their wine," she smiles dreamily.

But the best was yet to come...

Two years later on April 7, 1956, Akon and Elizabeth became lovers.

She describes the union in her book "Beyond the Light Barrier".

"I surrendered in ecstasy to the magic of his love-making, our bodies merging in magnetic union as the divine

essence of our spirits became one..."

"I found the true meaning of love in mating with a man from another planet," she says, holding out her hand to show me the silver ring that Akon gave her.

"Akon held my face up to him... whispering, 'I love you, my beloved... distance is no barrier to thought or images, and I shall return.'"

Now the true romance turns true shocker.

Ms Klarer, then married to the late Major Aubrey Fielding, ex-British Intelligence, broadcaster and artist, claims to have given birth to a son conceived of her space-fan.

Bristled

Ayling is now 21 and lives with his father on Meton.

(Major Fielding, it has to be reported, when asked what he thought of his wife's extra-terrestrial extra-marital affair bristled gently and busied himself with his paintbrushes and canvasses.)

"My wife's been in love with a spaceman for 20 years," he grumbled.

"That's all right with me — as long as he stays in space where he belongs!"

Each year on April 7 Elizabeth returns to Flying Saucer Hill in Natal for the anniversary of their union — and each year he has been there.

This fantastic story has set Hollywood moguls negotiating for the film rights.

What was that about truth being stranger than fiction?

Before I leave, Ms Klarer makes a call to the bookshop.

"I want you to send a copy of the book to Jani," she instructs in her tiny quavering voice.

"And there's to be no charge — Akon wouldn't like it."

Then she plays me a



"He had the most hypnotic eyes... I ran into his arms" — Elizabeth Klarer

snatch of Scariatti on her celeste.

"Does... er... does Akon know that you play?" I stuttered.

"Of course, my dear. He knows everything. He'll read your article."

"He's been to this cottage, but he doesn't like Johannesburg. Too much pollution. He

fixed my MG for me the other day..."

Elizabeth still has much work to do on planet Earth, including finishing a book on the military and political aspects of UFO research.

But when her mission is completed Akon will fetch her...

... and then they'll live

happily ever after... on Meton, natch.

Meantime, frantic negotiations are underway for Jani Allan to be on Flying Saucer Hill on April 7.

Watch this space for a world-exclusive column that could be beamed to you from Meton!

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Australia - March 11, 1983

UFO SIGHTINGS

W. BARTON, Cunningham Terrace, Daglish: I refer to the UFO sighting on February 25, about 7pm, by many people.

I have spoken to three witnesses who each described seeing a long object with three white lights spaced apart in its centre. The witness who saw it first also saw an orange glow at the tail.

I was later told that an explanation had been given via radio that the object was a

meteor or temperature inversion.

I hope the people responsible for these explanations have positive proof that it was exactly what they said it was, and not a rash statement to describe something they had not seen themselves.

Irresponsible answers to something that someone else saw have thwarted attempts by scientists around the world to discover what these aerial phenomena are.

Stranger in the sky

DID anyone see anything strange in the skies above the town last week?

Looking up at the midnight sky, Giles Boeree, who lives in Ducketts Mead, Roydon, saw an irregular sausage shape moving quickly across the horizon.

HARLOW STAR, Essex, England March 17, 1983

He said, "There were lots of lights which were flashing on and off at the same time."

"It went from one horizon to another. It must have been going at an enormous speed."

Giles said he informed the Ministry of Defence, which has a special department to deal with UFO sightings. It was "interested but not surprised."

EVENING POST, Reading, England - March 23, 1983

Stephen's set for close encounters

THE recent spate of UFO sightings in Berkshire is to be investigated by an amateur ufologist.

Stephen Chetwynd, an investigator for the British UFO Research Association, believes the reports could be particularly interesting because they

were backed up by the radar at USAF Upper Heyford.

"It's encouraging that the sightings were fairly localised," said Mr Chetwynd, who lives in Albany Road, Old Windsor.

HARLOW STAR, Essex, England - April 14, 1983

More strangers in the sky

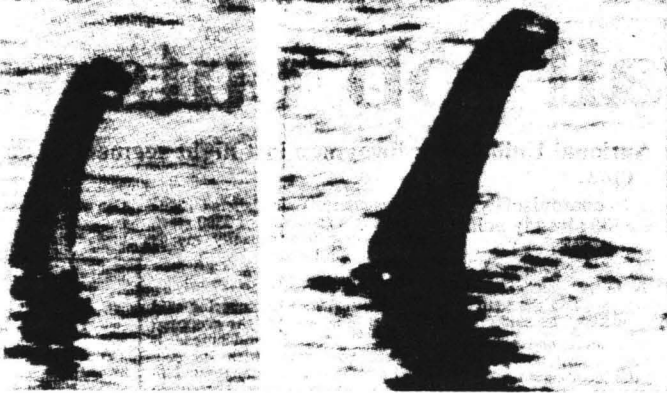
IS HARLOW a landmark for alien spacecraft?

Following reports of unidentified flying objects over the town last month, another was seen in the evening sky over Hook Field last week.

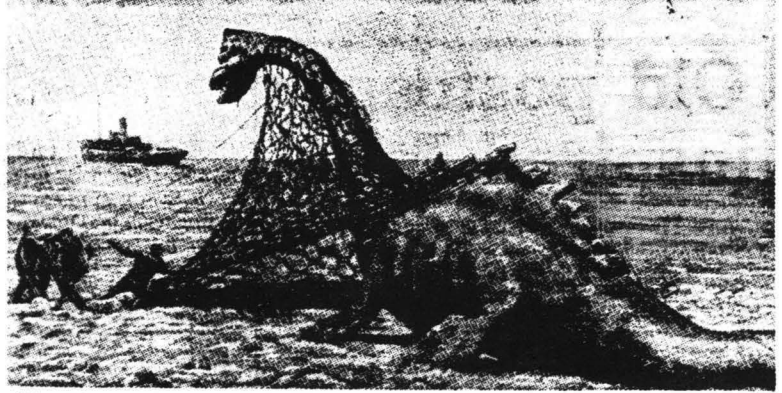
Twelve-year-olds Sharon Poulter and Samantha Mott, who both live in Hook Field, spotted the strange craft as they returned home from the local chip shop.

"It was cigar shaped with a lot of bright lights, and you could see a silver outline," Samantha told the STAR.

The UFO hovered for a short time and then quickly disappeared from view, she added.



Two pictures, taken in 1977, of what might be the Loch Ness Monster. Scientists believe they are now close to discovering the truth about the creature's existence.



We might one day see a real photograph like this one, which was faked by a German magazine for their April 1 edition.

Will scientists solve the mystery of "Nessie"?

NOT for the first time it has been claimed that the deep, dark waters of Loch Ness are about to deliver their age-old secret.

A team of scientists said this week that they will soon be able to prove whether or not the legendary Loch Ness Monster exists.

The scientists, part of the Loch Ness and Morar Project, have spent 1500 hours scanning the depths of the loch with advanced sonic equipment.

They claim to have made over 40 "contacts" with "something big" which has "all the characteristics of an animal."

Some sonar contacts have been recorded outlining two quite separate shapes moving side by side, suggesting that "Nessie" might indeed have a mate.

The project field leader, Mr Adrian Shine, said, "It is like a fish, but more so. There is something going on out there, there's no doubt about it."

"And if there are large animals out there this is exactly how they would look on sonar."

Like the "yeti," "bigfoot," U.F.O.s, and more recently, the Bermuda Triangle, the legend of the Loch Ness monster is a continuing unsolved mystery that has captured man's imagination.

"something" emerge from the bracken on the hillside on her left.

Apparently, something resembling "a tree trunk lying on its side" lurched across the road about 200 yards in front of the open-top car.

It was described as having four feet or flippers, a long

arching neck and a tiny head and mouth.

Mr Spicer, not surprisingly, hit the brakes as the creature slithered away into the water.

Scorn and open ridicule were heaped on the Spicers when they reported the sighting, despite the fact that George Spicer was prepared to swear an oath to what he had witnessed.

Nevertheless, that same year—1933—there were a number of other sightings, including one by that pillar of the community, an A.A. man—in the days when they still saluted.

The local inhabitants of the shores of Loch Ness had a theory for this rash of sightings.

During that summer a great deal of rockblasting was carried out on the north shore of the loch to build a new road from Fort William to Inverness.

The locals maintained that the noise of the drilling, the vibrations from the explosions, and the boulders which tumbled down into the waters aroused their "Nessie" from her resting place hundreds of feet below the surface of the loch.

But the 1930s was by no

means the first period in which strange sightings had occurred in Loch Ness.

As far back as A.D. 565 St Columba, the Abbot of Iona, came across a beast in the loch which, legend has it, fled at the command of the holy man.

There is an account in Elizabethan writings, and a clear reference in Cromwellian times plus several written accounts from Victorian times of a creature in Loch Ness and one also in Loch Morar.

Over the years "Nessie" has been hunted by land, on the water, under the water and from the air.

American, Japanese, German and French teams have set out to record the monster on film.

Countless sightings, some more credible than others, have fuelled the legend of the loch.

Famous photographs and pieces of hastily-shot film have only whetted the appetite of generations of "Nessie" hunters.

A group of experts from Flamingo Park Zoo, Yorkshire, came up with the idea of enticing the monster to reveal herself by use of a love potion.

Chief veterinary officer at the zoo, Mr Dave Taylor, and his staff, in 1971 spent a year and a "great deal of money" perfecting the potion.

"It has proved very successful with whales, dolphins and sealions," Mr Taylor said at the time.

The Flamingo Park potion did not impress "Nessie," it appears.

The legend has always been a favourite for clairvoyants, and many have made predictions about the well-being and otherwise of the monster that have done nothing to enhance their own reputations.

One "seer," Kim Tracy, of Kent, confidently predicted that the Loch Ness Monster would reveal herself towards the latter half of 1979, perhaps in the autumn.

It seems that if Nessie did

make an appearance, there was no one there to see it.

Of course, the Loch Ness Monster is big tourist business in Scotland.

Souvenirs

It has been said that the tourist season and the "monster sighting season" are one and the same, and there is the healthy souvenir business to be considered.

But underneath the magic, the myth and even the humour of the Loch Ness Monster, there is something slightly worrying about the prospect that all might soon be revealed.

If the Loch Ness and Morar Project scientists manage to get "something" on film—which is their next objective—surely the race will be on to catch "Nessie" and put her on display.

The creature, if it exists, is protected by the law, but will that be enough to allow it to continue to live in secluded bliss deep beneath the waters of the loch?

Many would argue that the real beauty of "Nessie" is not what might turn out to be just an overgrown slimy lizard, but the years of stories that have made "Nessie" a legend.

The scientists working on the project today may well find themselves torn between the desire to see the creature with their own eyes, and the feeling that it should rightly be left alone.

For once the legend of "Nessie" is exploded, one way or the other, Loch Ness will have lost more than a little of its traditional enchantment.

Apparently, bookmakers William Hill have dramatically cut their odds on the monster being found from 50-1 to 25-1.

But even those odds are pretty high, and bookmakers are not in the business of throwing their money away.

Even with the weight of modern technology pointing towards a conclusion to the mystery of Loch Ness, it would still take a brave man to bet his shirt on "Nessie" being found just yet.

Expedition

Coincidentally, this is the 50th anniversary of a number of graphically described sightings that prompted Sir Edward Mountain to launch the first serious expedition in search of the "monster."

"Nessie fever" gripped the nation in the summer of 1933 after a hair-raising incident involving a London couple, Mr and Mrs George Spicer.

At 4 p.m. on an afternoon in July 1933, the Spicers were motoring from John o' Groats after a tour of the Scottish Highlands.

Their brown and black Austin convertible was rattling along the south bank of Loch Ness, when midway between Dores and Foyers Mrs Spicer saw

Blasting

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Bizarre

Men have given up promising careers to hunt the monster.

In 1969, after filming a fast-moving animal-like object in Loch Ness, Mr Timothy Dinsdale, then aged 45, left his job as an aeronautical engineer to concentrate on "Nessie" full-time.

His 1966 film was examined by the Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre for the R.A.F., in London, who reported that the object was "not a surface vessel. It was not a submarine and it must, therefore, have been an animal."

Methods of trying to lure "Nessie" to the surface have varied from the highly sophisticated to the bizarre.

IDAHOIAN, Moscow, ID - March 21, 1983

Professor opening center to follow Bigfoot reports

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (UPI) — A North Idaho College professor says he has joined the search for "Bigfoot," the legendary ape-man who some people claim to have seen in the forests of the Panhandle.

Richard R. Snyder said he is opening a "Bigfoot Analysis Center" to provide a "systematic" approach to the investigation of alleged sightings.

He said several sightings have been reported in northern Idaho in recent years, mainly in the St. Joe Mountains near Avery.

"I have a sneaking suspicion that there is really something there — not really an ape and not really a man," he said.

Snyder, who teaches anthropology at the community college, said he will scan old newspapers to find reports of "Bigfoot" sightings and pinpoint the locations on a map. He said no tax money will be spent on the project.

Last summer, someone reported seeing such a beast near Hauser Lake northwest of Coeur d'Alene, he said.

Most scientists regard "Bigfoot," a creature sometimes called "Sasquatch" and believed related to the legendary "Abominable Snowman of the Himalayas," in the same light as the unicorn and the Loch Ness Monster.

Ann Kaupp, spokesman for the Smithsonian Institution anthropology department in Washington, said scientists will remain skeptical "until someone either captures one and studies it or discovers skeletal evidence."

CR: L. Whitehurst

DAILY ADVERTISER, Lafayette, LA - March 10, 1983 CR: T. Adams

OUTSIDE ST. MARTINVILLE

Unknown Animal Kills Colt

By DIANE RUSSELL
Advertiser Area Writer

ST. MARTINVILLE — Our Lady of the Lake Road residents outside of St. Martinville will gather tonight at the home of Leo Nelson to find out what caused the bizarre killing of a 10-month-old colt.

"We're gonna try and get everybody out here tonight, the sheriff included, to discuss the new evidence we found last night," said Leo Nelson, owner of the slain horse.

The white colt was discovered mutilated in the pasture early Monday, according to Nelson who said the horse was killed by

"some kind of animal" around dusk Sunday.

Sheriff's deputies found tracks leading into the woods from the pasture and made plaster casts. State Wildlife and Fisheries agent Dave Morrison believes the tracks to be from a huge dog but is having the tracks studied.

But, Nelson isn't ready to close the case. He and some neighbors have been keeping vigilant watch since Monday for what might be a "mountain lion," said Nelson who is in agreement with a USL professor who is "99 per cent sure it is a mountain lion."

"We have two witnesses who say they saw a mountain lion two weeks ago but were

afraid to say anything," Nelson said. "One lady who doesn't live far from here said she thought she saw something in a tree near her home that looked like a huge cat."

"Now that this has happened they are coming out with what they saw and it's scary, since tracks were found six inches from my little girl's window."

Nelson has brought in a tracker from Arizona who studied the area where the colt was found and said it was definitely a "cat of some kind" that made the kill. Nelson said the tracker pointed out the place from where the animal leapt onto

the back of the colt and the method used to slit its throat.

Sheriff Charles Fuseller of St. Martin Parish is questioning rumors that it was a panther or mountain lion.

"A panther or puma eats fresh meat and stalks deer herds. Where would he have been all this time if it were a cat?" the Sheriff asked.

"There is plenty of small game that he could survive on back in the woods around Spanish Lake," Nelson said.

"Whatever it was," he continued, "it was strong enough to jump on the colt's back, knock it down, and tear it up with razor sharp teeth and claws."

TRENDS AND IDEAS

Did history's master builders know more than we thought?

By Guido Weber
Special to The Star

The baffling mysteries of inexplicable monuments and temples of the ancient world, like the monoliths of Stonehenge, the Pyramids, the ruins of pre-Columbian South America and the stone structures of Easter Island, may soon be explained in the light of new scientific evidence presented by a French scholar.

"We have ample evidence that most of the impressive structures erected by the ancient civilizations of the world, were not built of hewn stone, but moulded or assembled with prefabricated units of artificial rock, cast on the spot, very much in the way we use concrete nowadays," says Joseph Davidovits of the Geopolymer Institute of Saint Quentin, France. "Perhaps the builders of antiquity were more advanced than we are in biotechnology."

The controversial French scholar, in Canada for a series of Canadian lectures sponsored by the University of Toronto, York University and the University of Montreal, believes blocks forming the Great Pyramid of Cheops in Egypt and those used in the massive structures of the High Andes, weighing up to several tons each, were simply cast into wooden moulds right on the construction site, using a mixture of loose gravel made of limestone or some other rock, water and plant extracted chemicals like oxalic acid.

Artificial stones

He claims he has successfully reproduced various mixing compounds used in antiquity in his laboratory at the Geopolymer Institute of Saint Quentin, making solid artificial stones the same way the Egyptians did.

"I've got several of them in my backyard and even learned geologists couldn't say whether they were natural or artificial rocks at first glance," he said.

A chemist by trade, Davidovits has already patented some of the hard rock-making processes he has rediscovered and he is presently discussing the commercial value of his discovery and its potential industrial applications with U.S. top chemical industries.

"The stratification of fossils in



New look at ancient monuments: French scientist Dr. Joseph Davidovits, right, believes blocks forming the pyramids of Egypt and other monuments of antiquity erected by the ancient civilizations of the world were not built by hewn stone but with artificial rock, cast on the spot in procedures centuries ahead of their own time periods.



Technology

the samples examined," says Davidovits, "fits well into the pattern observed in the analysis of our laboratory-made stones . . . the blocks used to build the Great Pyramids are obviously artificially made and not natural like previously believed. They were not cut from a quarry, dressed and then transported. They were cast like cement right on the spot."

X-ray analysis of the original materials showed, he said, that the rock constituents of a single pyramid block were mixed in the same way concrete is mixed and could be traced to at least 20 different quarries in the area.

According to Davidovits only 1500 workers were needed for the construction of the Great Pyramid of Cheops, each worker carrying hundreds of buckets of limestone chunks, loose gravel and silt.

This way one man could easily fill one mould in a day or so, says the French expert. Each mould in turn would yield a huge solidified rock block within 24 hours, allowing the Egyptian Master Builders to proceed speedily and precisely with their grandiose construction plans.

When one thinks of the walls of the pre-Inca fortresses of South America or the impressive gigantic ruins of Tihuanaco on the shores of lake Titicaca, Peru, Davidovits' theory comes in mighty handy in casting some rational light on one of the most intricate riddles of South American Archeology.

Orthodox archeologists agree that the stones used in the construction of pre-Incas forts, in most cases could not be quarried in adjacent areas, simply because there were no quarries for that specific rock in the vicinities.

But according to them, huge andesite and granite blocks, weighing at times up to 200 tons each, were supposedly carried from incredible distances, across mountains, over rivers and mountain creeks, sometimes from quarries hundreds of miles away from the construction site, like in the case of the Peruvian fortress of Ollantayparubo, by people that did not even know what a wheel looked like . . . At least that's what the archeologists have been saying up to now.

The huge Peruvian stones are so closely fitted together that the thinnest knifeblade cannot be inserted between them.

Some blocks are more or less rectangular and some have as many as 32 angled planes and each fits perfectly with the next interconnecting stone on all sides, including inner surfaces.

How were these enormous blocks cut? How were they so precisely fitted together? How were they transported to the tops of the mountains where we find them today?

Even with our present sophisticated technology, building these cyclopic structures with quarried blocks would be nearly impossible.

Intriguing and controversial as it may appear, Davidovits' theory seems to fit the technical intricacies of those ancient rocks.

Plant extracts

"The South Americans used a technique very similar to that employed by the Egyptians," he says, "although the plant extracts used to eat into and dissolve the Andean gravel mixture come from different plants, the process is the same, those rocks were artificially made, they were cast on the spot."

"As far as we know, no precision stone shaping implements or machines capable of making multiple fittings such as the ones of the great stones of Peru, were known to the ancients, but we know of old legends talking about a secret ingredient that could make stones malleable," says Davidovits.

"Well, we know what that secret formula was, we have reproduced it in our laboratory, it can be easily made with natural plant extracts found in the natural environment. Thanks to modern technology, we know the secrets of the ancient Master Builders," he said.

UNION BULLETIN, Walla Walla, WA - Feb. 27, 1983



Outdoors in the Blues

Vance Orchard

BIGFOOT BACK? — Better yet, maybe he never left the Blue Mountains after the last sighting of tracks was reported last summer.

Or, maybe he hibernates and the warm weather has brought him out of his winter hideaway.

Whatever the case, tracks of the primate allegedly have been found in the upper reaches of the South Fork of the Walla Walla River.

The finders were Paul Freeman and his son, Duane, who were into the river's headwaters last weekend. Freeman, of course, is the former Mill Creek Watershed patrol rider who claimed to have seen a Bigfoot in June last year, then a month later found many Bigfoot tracks a few miles east of the initial sighting.

Freeman and his son took horses to the end of the road up the river, then rode to deep snow levels. He says the tracks seemed to be about a week old, but it was impossible to follow them far. They did take plaster casts and brought those out. Freeman says the dermal ridges noted by Grover Krantz, WSU anthropologist, seem to show up in these latest tracks.

Freeman, who still lives in Camas, Wash., is also still deadly serious about bagging the Bigfoot and plans to spend a lot of time in the Blue Mountains this year.

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, AR - May 1, 1983

British unit to hunt mystery beast

The Associated Press

EXETER, England — Police have called in the Royal Marines to help trap and kill a mystery beast that has devoured up to 80 lambs in six weeks on the lonely moors of western England.

Farmers on armed night patrols, huntsmen and police using a helicopter have failed to catch the creature, believed to be a wild dog, wildcat or puma.

The beast roaming Exmoor in the west England county of

Devon crushes its victim's skull before eating, a police spokesman said Friday.

The spokesman said commandos from the Royal Marine training center at Lympstone, 6 miles southwest of here, will use sophisticated night-vision and infra-red equipment to hunt the creature.

"Operation Beastie," as the hunt has been dubbed, begins Monday night, the spokesman said.

Bothell man is hoofing it after Bigfoot

By Sharon Parshall
Journal-American Staff Writer

Cliff Crook hasn't lived long enough in Bothell for his neighbors to know that he's spent most of his life tracking Bigfoot.

Or long enough for them to know that he's one of the brains behind Bigfoot Central, a clearinghouse for reporting sightings of the elusive man-like beast. Crook's partner is Canadian Bigfoot expert Rene Dahinden of Richmond, B.C., Canada.

"We're the ones you call," said Crook, 42, who moved into his brown split-level home four months ago.

"If someone calls about a sighting in Ohio, I won't hurry to Ohio. But I can call some guy there and have him do it for me."

Crook says his Bigfoot-hunting network includes about 100 people, all top-notch experts who've devoted years of their lives trying to capture Bigfoot, or at least get him on film.

Right now, Crook's cohorts are on the trail of sightings reported near Elma in southwest Washington, and in another location Crook won't reveal.

"I've been asked to keep it confidential," he said in a small bedroom of his home which doubles as a mini-museum of Bigfoot footprint castings, pictures and newspaper clippings. "I can only tell you it's in the southwest part of the state," he said.

Over the years, Crook has worked as a logger, a longshoreman and at other odd jobs to support his avocation. But what he's doing now — cleaning up people's yards — gives him the freedom to head for the hills at a moment's notice. Crook's wife, Carol, drives a bus for Northshore schools.

Crook's fascination with the legendary creature began 27 years ago when he saw something like Bigfoot in the woods near Kirkland Lake, now called Totem Lake.

"I knew it wasn't a real human man, but it wasn't a gorilla either," he said. "I was terrified. God, I was scared. All it did was appear, duck down and walk across the swamp. I know it wasn't a bear."

Alone and barefoot, Crook ran through the woods back to his home and woke his parents.

"I got in trouble for waking my folks, especially with a story like that," he said. "They chastised me for lying. That got to me because I never ever lied to them before."

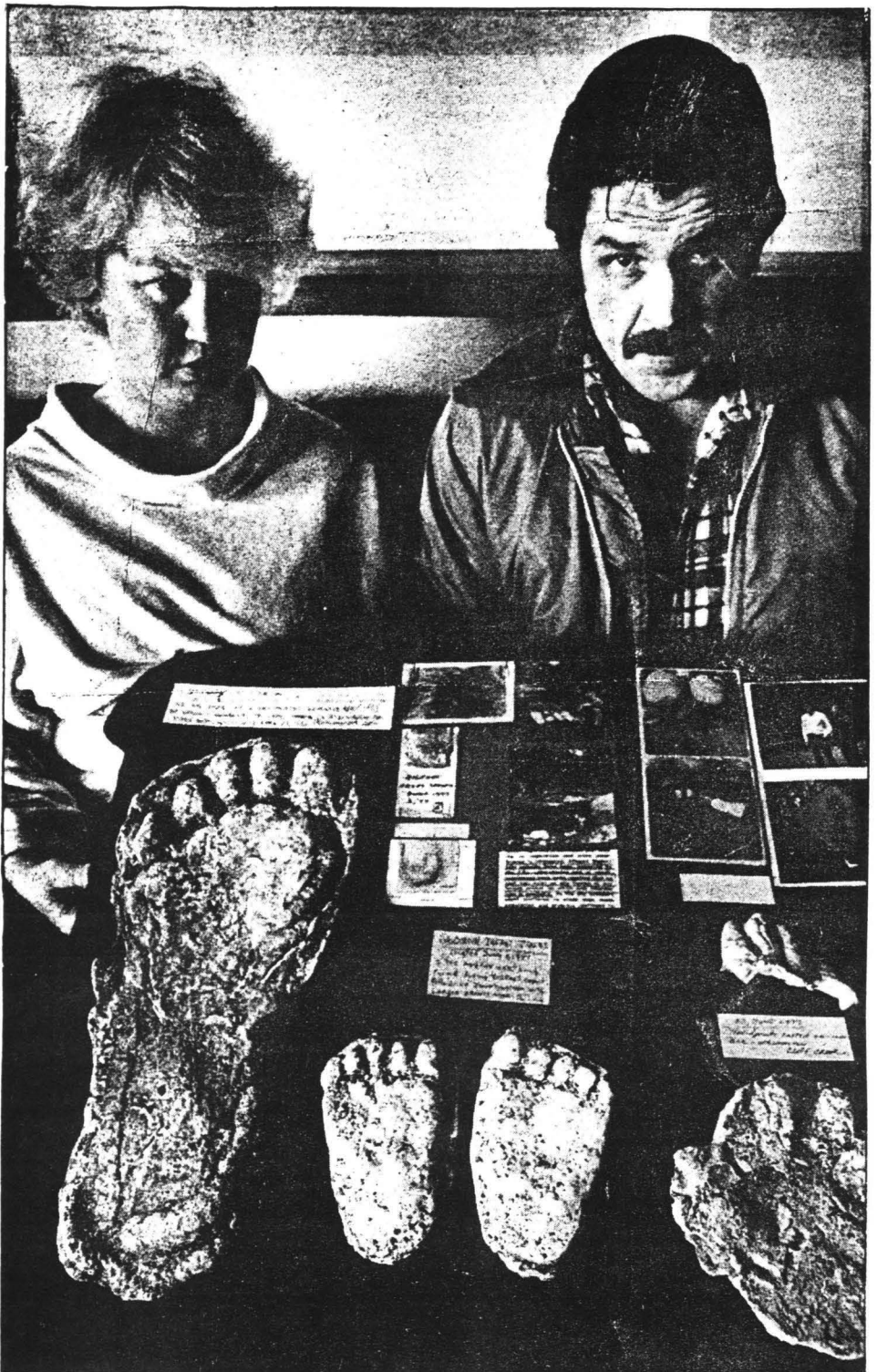
Crook credits his parents' mistrust for the beginning of his life quest — to prove Bigfoot exists.

"I thought I'd find it so I could show everybody," he said.

So far, Crook's search has netted him four drawers full of information, another sighting in Wyoming and a chance to be part of a clique of die-hard Bigfoot hunters.

"We've stuck with it," he said. "A lot of people go into the woods and think they're going to bring one back alive or dead to show people. They try every year. But it never works. And you never hear from them again. They disappear."

To report a Bigfoot sighting, call Crook at 483-2094.



Staff photo by Sally Tonkin

Carol and Cliff Crook display plaster castings of what they say are Bigfoot big feet.

Lake monster gets nod of Assembly

ALBANY — Respectability has come to Champ, the rubbery-necked legendary Lake Champlain monster who has devoted his life to luring tourists and perplexing scientists.

After maintaining the stature of a good campfire yarn for the last 300 or so years, Champ has been officially recognized by the state Assembly.

The normally sober-sided legislative body put down the routine business of prison expansions and budget requests this week to approve a resolution urging serious investigation of the aquatic what's-it.

The measure, sponsored by Assemblymen Andrew Ryan, R-Plattsburgh, Anthony Casale, R-Herkimer, and Glenn Harris, R-Gloversville, actually calls for a scientific inquiry into the existence of any unusual animals in Lake Champlain. But, the assemblymen say, it is primarily directed at flushing out the possible existence of the mysterious serpent.

A staff member in Harris' office said the resolution does not allocate any money for a study.

The existence of Champ — allegedly a kissing cousin to the more famous Loch Ness monster — goes back a few centuries to the discovery of the lake by Samuel Champlain. Since that time, Champ, or his descendants, have been spotted cruising the lake periodically, although sightings have increased in recent years.

The Assembly action is considered a victory for organizations in the region, particularly the Lake Champlain Phenomena Investigation. The groups have been trying for years to obtain legislative action to encourage serious study of the lake's denizens, and to protect any possible unusual inhabitants from being injured or killed.

JOURNAL, Albuquerque, NM - May 8, 1983 CR: F. Hudson

Cameramen Stall Royal Marines In Search for 'Beast of Exmoor'

LONDON (UPI) — The Royal Marines withdrew on Saturday from the search for the killer "Beast of Exmoor," for fear they might shoot bounty-hunting photographers instead.

The "Beast of Exmoor" is believed to be a panther that has been terrorizing the northern moors of Devon for the past six weeks, killing 80 sheep.

Marine commandos, participating with local

police in "Operation Beastie," stalked the animal for three nights with sniper rifles, but it gave them the slip.

A Ministry of Defense spokesman said the marines were withdrawn from the search, after the *Daily Express* offered a reward of \$1,600 for capturing the "Beast" on film, lest they kill one of the photographers expected to be tracking the animal.

Only one person has seen the killer, according to the *Saturday Express*. Student Susan Fernandez, 16, spotted it while being driven to work at a farm near Samacott in north Devon.

"I saw a very big black animal in a field. At first I thought it was a cat, but it was too big for that," she said. "It was black and had a long tail. There was white on each foot."

Geologic Stress Could Be Clue To 'Marfa Lights' Phenomenon

[Editor's note: Paul E. King was born and raised in Fort Stockton. Although he now lives in Fort Worth and teaches at Texas Christian University, his heart remains in far West Texas. "For some time now," King says, "I have found myself becoming increasingly absorbed by the history and the legends of the area west of the Pecos."]]

during the second world war. The two most popular and logical explanations are:

- (1) the reflection of car headlights from the nearby Chinati mountains; and
- (2) silver, mica or some other shiny substance reflecting moonlight or starlight.

In the case of the first explanation, the lights were detected as early as 1883. Obviously, electrical lights were not in use until many years later than that.

The second explanation also appears to have some flaws. First, any mineral deposit capable of reflection must be a surface deposit. However, attempts to mark the location of the lights from the air have been made. In the daylight the areas thought to have been the source of the lights have revealed no unusual deposits or topography. Second, the lights move. Since moonlight and starlight are relatively stationary, the lights should also be stationary. I believe it was Jake Sibley who recounted his attempts, several

years ago, to "catch" the lights by a combined air/ground effort. It proved to be impossible to stay up with the lights, especially in an area where cliffs and arroyos are abundant.

A more recent group of theories have included the following: gasses from the ground, uranium, phosphorus, swamp gas, and static electricity. None of these have been proven, of course. In fact, very little evidence exists to support any of them.

I would like to suggest a possibility somewhat related to this most recent train of thought. Recently, scientists have discovered some interesting things about rock. While conducting

research designed to investigate earthquakes, it was noted that rock under severe stress emits radio frequency (RF) energy. In one lab experiment, at the very moment a section of rock was broken, tiny flickers of light were photographed. These were not "sparks." They were tiny balls of

advantages. First, there is some

plasma energy, created and fed by the radio energy emitted from the fracture.

Researchers concluded that much greater quantities of RF energy would be present at areas where geologic faults might exist. The Big Bend is an area of tremendous geologic upheaval. It is quite possible that the Marfa lights are globules, or balls of plasma energy, fed by RF energy. This RF energy is produced by tremendous pressure and strain on layers of rock in the Big Bend area.

If this theory is correct, then the "lights" are occurring continuously—but they may only be seen at night.

In fact, the desolate road to Marfa is probably one of the few places left in the nation where there is such a complete absence of artificial light that these relatively dim "natural" lights would not be "washed out," and unnoticeable.

This theory has several

(though not much) evidence to support it. Second, it could explain the tendency of the lights to move in random patterns. Third, it can be tested.

I am not sure it should be tested, though. As long as the lights remain an unknown, we have our own "Loche Ness Monster." In fact, the lights are even better than Nessy since you can see them yourself almost any Summer night by driving out to the old air base on the road to Marfa.

When you are standing in the darkness on the side of the road, watching the eerie flickering lights bobbing up and down, static electricity and plasma energy are the farthest things from your mind. It becomes much easier to believe that they really are ghosts of dead Apache warriors.

In a world where the growth of knowledge is exploding and there is little left to explore—it's nice to know that much of West Texas is still a frontier—and that the Marfa lights are still out there.

INVERNESS, Scotland (UPI) — Nessie, the elusive sea monster said to inhabit the cold, dark waters of Loch Ness, may have made her first public appearance of 1983 Friday.

Herb MacDonald, production manager for the *Inverness Courier* newspaper, said he, his two sisters and two friends were driving on the road by the loch in northern Scotland when he spotted something unlike anything he'd ever seen before.

"There was definitely something underneath the loch that had pushed up and this bump appeared and then disappeared again," he said.

"I saw a line of little waves about 2 inches high and 20 or 30 feet long," he said in a telephone interview. "Then this bump appeared about a foot high and three feet long in this wave."

MacDonald, 60, said he stopped his car and the group ran back to the loch but the wave had already disappeared.

"It was a question of seconds before the thing disappeared," he said. "The sun was shining but then 10 minutes later a snow storm began. We were all convinced we saw something phenomenal."

For more than 20 years, scientists have been trying to figure out whether there actually are any underwater, monster-like creatures inhabiting the lake.

In February 1982, scientists with the Loch Ness Project said they had made a total of 40 sonar "contacts" that were consistent with the presence of large animals in the loch but said they had no proof the blip on the sonar screen was the fabled creature.

Where Are the Monsters When We Need Them?

By BILL STOKES
Chicago Tribune

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Where have all the monsters gone? Here we are officially into spring and not one of them has shown up. Come to think of it, it has been a long time since a really meaningful monster has provided us with any entertainment.

There was, of course, the Murphysboro, Ill., monster of 1973 that was reportedly 8 feet tall, weighed half a ton, smelled awful, and ate trees. This monster was hunted by the entire Murphysboro police force and a German shepherd described by its owner as "the meanest thing in southern Illinois." During the search, the dog reportedly was thrown into a barn suspected of being a hiding place for the monster. The dog came out whining, but nothing was ever found of the monster.

7-foot Creature

Then there was the Carol Stream, Ill., monster described as only 7 feet tall but with red eyes the size of golfballs and a gray pointed head. This monster made life exciting in the Chicago suburb briefly back in 1974.

In 1975 there was a bear-like monster with a monkey face reported near Lockridge, Ill. And in 1980, some 50 heavily armed residents searched around Harvard, Ill., for a "growling, snarling, clawing beast" that scratched barn doors and frightened a lady who was milking cows.

In the Vincennes, Ind., area a white, furry beast was reportedly seen in 1980 running near the White River bottoms and later tearing the aluminum siding off a house.

Earlier, around Louisiana, Mo., there was a monster that became known as Momo and was described by a self-proclaimed authority as a giant bi-ped with a large pumpkin-shaped head, glowing orange eyes, and apelike hair. Parts of Momo's costume were discovered later by a policeman, and the Harvard monster was found to exist only in a teen-ager's imagination.

There was also the "enormous bi-ped" that grew, in local stories, to a height of 12 feet and a weight of 1,000 pounds and "smelled moldy" as it allegedly terrorized the countryside around Sister Lakes, Mich. It turned out to be a vacationing Chicago cop with a terrible hangover who stumbled over a pair of lovers in the Michigan woods.

'White-haired Beast'

But the other monsters are obviously still out there somewhere, waiting, like the "sulphur-smelling, tall, white-haired beast" reported around Peoria, Ill., a decade ago. Armed citizens hunted this one, too, and one monster-hunter accidentally shot himself in the leg with his pistol.

I wish the monsters would show up. I miss the excitement of chasing after them. There was a period in my journalistic life when I seemed to be forever after some mysterious creature or another, particularly in the early spring, when rural communities tend to counter boredom with imagination.

Once, a farmer took me out into the woods and showed me the frozen corpse of his dog and said the animal had been killed by a strange-looking creature that ran across the road in front of his tractor, snarling and trailing a long tail.

Experience has proven the best monster-hunting technique is to go to rural taverns late at night, buy

drinks for everyone, and listen to the monster-talk. It is usually enough to make a listener's hair stand up, even if the rest of him can't. I have fond memories of a lady who once fixed me with a beer-glazed scowl and said, "Me and Ted have run into the ditch the last two nights when that long-tailed thing jumped in front of us."

Rural communities always produce better monsters than metropolitan areas. There are simply no good places for monsters to hide in the city. Frank O'Donnell, assistant chief engineer for Chicago sewers, said the sewers could not support any life form other than cockroaches.

"About all I've seen down there is a garter snake or a frog," O'Donnell said.

He added that if somebody were to flush a baby alligator down the toilet, it likely would be killed on the screens at a district treatment plant. So there is obviously little chance of that kind of sewer monster showing up.

Too bad.

Roland Eisenbeis, of the Cook County, Ill., forest preserve system said persons sometimes report seeing strange creatures in the preserves, but the sightings usually turn out to be something explainable.

"Lions turn out to be Newfoundland dogs," he said.

Other than a bear that got loose back in the late 1940s and was shot, Eisenbeis said he did not know of any unusual animal being in the preserves.

"There are coyotes," he said, "and a few wild dogs, but not as many as there were a few years ago."

West Coast Is Tops

No matter how many monsters the Midwest produces, it will never get into the same league with the West Coast with its Bigfoot or Sasquatch. Bigfoot has been involved in so much news and so many hoaxes that it has become rather like a vagrant uncle who refuses to bathe and wear shoes.

Bigfoot's footprints are forever being found in the Washington and Oregon mud, and recently an 86-year-old man said he had been carving huge wooden feet for practical-joker friends for years.

Even though it has never been proven that Bigfoot exists, the Washington legislature has discussed passing a law that would protect him from harm.

That's the kind of thinking that might bring the Midwest monsters out of the swamps or the closets. Given some respectability, maybe one or two of them would start screaming in the night and add a little zest to early spring.

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2-foot hail

PEKING (AP) — A ball of ice more than two feet in diameter fell from the sky and shook nearby utility poles in the east China city of Wuxi, the official Xinhua news agency reported today.

Xinhua said Zhu Hongji of the Wuxi Weather Bureau said hail was common in the region this season, "but a lone big piece of ice falling is a rare thing in meteorological history."