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Athens youths report seeing strange light move, hover in sky

ATHENS (AP) — One person said it made his heart stop. Another said his friends laughed at his account of seeing it. A third said he is afraid his family will think he is crazy if he tells them.

All three were talking about seeing a bright orange-and-white light moving in the sky in recent nights.

There was no official explanation of the light.

The information officer at Browns Ferry nuclear power plant, located about two miles south of the Turner Crossroads area where the sightings occurred, said if the light moved as reported, it did not come from the plant.

"If the light is seen directly over the plant itself, there is a possibility it could be a reflection from our security lights on the clouds," Bob Boyer said. "But that would happen only directly over the plant and only on a cloudy night."

"Our lights don't move"

"Otherwise, I don't know how to explain it. Our lights don't move."

Ty Strickland, 14, said he saw a moving light and added: "I'll be honest with you, it made my heart stop."

He said he and his girlfriend Kim Green were "on our way home from Athens on Saturday night and I saw a bright light off to the right. I thought at first it was the northern star but then it got brighter and brighter."

"I told Kim to slow down and then it was right above us. It had several lights on it and as best as I could tell was shaped like a diamond."

"It moved off to the south and we followed it," Strickland said. "When we got over near the power plant we saw it land, or at least looked like it landed. Then we drove up on a road, and I don't know what it was, but there were several very bright, white lights glowing in the road..."

"We were so scared, we didn't stay around to ask questions. I put the car in reverse and backed up for at least a half mile."

Brad Zibrel and Steve Allen said they saw an orange-and-white ball of light Sunday night while working

in a field just north of the power plant.

Father saw it too

Zibrel's father, Bobby Zibrel, said he went out Monday night to watch for it and "what I saw was a very bright light moving in patterns that were not possible in an airplane. It stayed in the air for a very short time, but I did see something."

Brad Zibrel said his friends laughed when he told them about it. But one of them, Tracy Carpenter, said he went for a look himself Monday night and "we saw a bright light come up above the tree line (about 200 yards away) and light up the whole area."

"We jumped in the car and drove down there and got out where we thought we saw it and looked for it," he said. "Then someone said 'there's a car coming down the road' and I went back to my car to move it out of the road and there was no car there. It was that light and it was in the road."

He said they got in the car and tried to follow it but, when they got to the spot it had been, it was gone.

Carpenter said the object he saw was 10 feet wide with an orange light in the middle and two white lights on each side.

"I haven't even told my family," he said. "They'll probably think I'm nuts, too."

Crowd gathered at barn

A crowd of some 100 to 150 people gathered at Zibrel's barn and airstrip Tuesday night, but saw no light show in the sky. But some, before most of the crowd gathered, said they thought they saw a light glow in a field for about 90 seconds before it disappeared.

A Federal Aviation Administration supervisor at the Huntsville airport traffic control tower, Charles Scott, said nothing abnormal was reported on Saturday or Sunday night flights.

Carl Jones, a public affairs official at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, said, "We don't have anything that flies out of here except some T-38s and a few executive planes."

"They will say 'Yes, I did see something. I don't know what it was. It was something I've never seen before,'" he said.

Bellwood police chief Gregory Ciacio said the recent UFO report by Catherine Burk of Bellwood wasn't his first. When he receives a UFO sighting, he files a report and calls the "UFO Hotline."

The hotline, (312) 491-6666, answered by the Center for UFO Studies, takes the caller's name, address and phone number on an answering machine.

Sometimes the object can be explained, Ratliff said, citing missile launches in California as an example. Ciacio said that in Blair County UFOs could be Air Force and Navy jets that fly low to practice getting under radar, but the maneuvers are always from 11 a.m. to noon.

Group tracks ghosts, UFOs

By KATHI VAN ZANDT
News Tribune staff writer

LITTLE SILVER — Now that All Hallows Eve is approaching, the rustling leaves and moaning winds help stir up our fears of things that go bump in the night.

As president of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained (SITU), area resident Bob Warth makes it his business to explain these fears.

Warth, who by profession is a chemist for Bendix Corp., spends the rest of his time tracking down ghosts, UFOs, and other psychic phenomena.

Warth's involvement in SITU resulted from his fascination with "personal odd experiences" including UFO sightings and an out of the body experience.

"It all started when I was about 5-years-old," Warth remembers. "I had been given ether for a tonsilectomy and all of a sudden I found myself floating up from the table to the ceiling. I was looking down and seeing myself and all the doctors around me."

He was later told the experience was only a result of the ether, although he didn't believe it.

Years later, Warth spent some time living in Germany where he spotted his first UFO. It was 1956.

"I began listening to the science radio stations there. UFO sightings were talked about frequently since Europeans believe in them much more strongly than Americans do," he says. "I became fascinated with the notion that certain things existed that we couldn't attribute to anyone and that I was a witness to one such event."

Then in the early 1970s, Warth says he was among 100 witnesses at a UFO sighting off Main Street in Port Monmouth.

He worked on reports of the inci-

dent independently and with the U.S. Air Force, Information Bureau, and the National Geographic Society. (Eight years later, SITU, impressed with his work, named him president after investigative zoologist and society founder Ivan Sanderson passed away.)

According to Warth, the question is not if the UFO crafts exist, but why they have traveled here. He feels they have been visiting earth for thousands of years.

In addition to UFO sightings, Warth claims there are thousands of ghosts all over New Jersey, most of them dwelling in older homes.

The Spy House in Port Monmouth, Warth says, "is full of them, but most aren't malevolent."

One such investigation is now being undertaken by SITU at an undisclosed location in Monmouth County.

The society believes the ghost is that of a young girl who had died of a lung disease in the 1800s and could not "get out of the mortal plane." (SITU determined this through the aid of a psychic and the careful researching of the history of the house.)

Warth says that the spirit became infatuated with the husband of the family now living there. The ghost tossed the wife's clothes around the bedroom and disorganized small knick-knacks in the house, Warth says.

Warth explains that ghosts such as the one in question often stay in a residence because they died abruptly, or at a young age, and did not understand or cannot comprehend their own deaths.

SITU is always interested in conducting investigations of the unexplained, Warth says. Inquiries can be sent to SITU, PO Box 265, Little Silver, N.J. 07739.

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Limestone Deputy 'Chased' By Strange Bright Light

Times Limestone County Bureau

ATHENS — Limestone County Deputy Jimmy Harrison said he was pursued by a strange bright light as he drove his patrol car towards Athens before dawn Wednesday.

"I would speed up a little and it would seem to speed up a little," he said. "I don't know if it was chasing me but it was following behind."

He said that as he approached the city limits the lights "veered off."

Harrison said he told police in Athens, Ardmore and Huntsville about the lights and was told that other law enforcement officers had also seen them.

Limestone Sheriff Mike Blakely said three orange and translucent garbage bags, filled with helium and with flashlights attached, were found Monday night in a field. That discovery came after several nights of reported UFO sightings near the Browns Ferry Nuclear Power Plant.

A TVA spokesman said plant officials were investigating whether the large, 45-gallon industrial-type garbage bags came from the plant.

Where to report a sighting

Anyone spotting an unidentified flying object should first call the local police — not the U.S. Air Force.

Maj. Phil Ratliff of the Pentagon's public affairs office said the government won't investigate UFO complaints; instead, it refers calls to private organizations.

"We quit (investigating) when we closed 'Project Blue Book' in 1969," he said.

Ratliff said he does feel people who call have seen something.

UFOs, not witches sighted here on Halloween

By DAVID NATHAN
Democrat Staff Writer

ROCHESTER — Legend tells us that on Halloween night strange things are supposed to happen — sightings of goblins and ghouls, and ghosts and witches.

But UFOs? And seen by grown-ups, not by impressionable young trick-or-treaters?

Several area residents, including

a police officer and a Rochester city councilman, reported seeing an unidentified flying object flying just above the tree tops Monday between 8 and 9 p.m.

Neither the Federal Aviation Administration in Concord nor Pease Air Force Base reported low-flying crafts in the area at the time of the sightings. Small fighter-bombers, FB-111s, were flying routine practice missions in the area, a Pease

official said.

Police Officer Steven Hamel said he saw an oval-shaped craft flying just above the Route 16 Drive-In about 8:30 p.m. while he was parked at the VIP gas station further north on Route 16. He said he drove to the drive-in, where the craft hovered over a grove of pine trees before shooting behind the drive-in's screen. It dipped, he said, then flew off and disappeared. He said the ob-

ject had two pair of lights on either side and was the size of a large helicopter.

Hamel said a Rochester city councilman had called in a sighting to police dispatch, but dispatchers had not provided him with the name. Democrat efforts to track the unidentified councilman down this morning were fruitless.

Another Rochester resident, whose name is withheld by request,

said she saw the craft while she was heading toward town on Route 16 between 7:45 and 8. She reportedly followed the low-flying craft, which her son said looked like an octagon, up North Main Street. At that point, the white lights changed to red, except for one light that turned from white to yellow.

She got out of the car with her son near Washington Street, where they heard a humming sound, apparent-

ly coming from the craft. It then took off back toward town.

Just before 8 p.m. Marilyn Dupuis was headed toward the Lilac Mall when, she said, she saw a low-flying round-shaped object. "I couldn't believe how low it was," the Yvonne Street resident said. She said the brightly-lit craft was going very slowly and seemed to be hovering near the mall.

Ms. Dupuis said a friend of hers, who lives on Four Rod Road, said her daughter was scared when she heard a loud noise and saw bright lights from her bedroom window.

Another Rochester resident said he saw a large diamond-shaped craft with four lights while he was traveling north on Route 16B. He said that the light pattern did not seem to be that of a fixed-wing aircraft.

Several sightings were also reported Sunday night. Hamel said Rochester police received three reports of possible UFOs in the vicinity of the Palisades Park Mobile Home in Gonic.

A Gonic resident was alarmed when a low-flying, brightly-lit craft seemed to hover over his rooftop Sunday night, Mrs. Dupuis said.

No sightings were reported at Rochester's Sky Haven Airport.

The Strafford County Dispatch Center said that a Dover resident had reported seeing a possible UFO.

'People think you're a crackpot when you see these things, but...'

Was It a Plane, a UFO, Or Just Plain Imagination?

By CAROL LIGHT

Union Leader Correspondent

DOVER — It may just have been "ghosts and goblins running around," in the words of one police officer, or it may have a perfectly reasonable explanation, but a number of people in the Dover-Rochester area say they saw something in the skies Monday night that was unlike any aircraft they'd ever seen before.

Dover police said there were a number of reports of an unidentified flying object that came in around 8 p.m., and in Rochester, three people, including a police patrolman, reported similar sightings.

To top it all off, Public Service officials reported a power outage yesterday morning in approximately the same area as most of the sightings, which lends an eerie credence to theories that UFOs use power lines as sources of energy.

But Dr. William Weber, a UNH physics professor, said that what he identified as a C-5A cargo plane made 20 tests approaches to Pease Air Force Base Monday between 8-10 p.m.

Weber's home is on Great Bay near the landing strip.

Members of a UNH astronomy class also identified the aircraft as a C-5A, but Sgt. Deborah Healey of PAFB Public Information office said no C-5A's left out of PAFB Monday night.

However, she confirmed that a C-130, a cargo plane almost as large as a C-5A, did depart PAFB about the time most of the sightings occurred.

But the description of a C-5A by Healey as "the largest plane the Air Force has," and "big enough to carry three tanks and really noisy" doesn't match with descriptions of the mysterious craft given by witnesses in the Durham-Rochester area.

The sightings Monday night occurred simultaneously with a broadcast of the television movie, "The Night That Panicked America." That movie details a 1939 broadcast by CBS radio of an Orson Welles production of H.G. Wells' "War of the Worlds." Orson Welles' frighteningly real production, which depicted a Martian takeover in a small New Jersey town called Grover's Mills, was mistaken by an estimated one million people as the real thing

and set off a panic nationwide.

Police officials in both cities seemed skeptical of the credibility of the sightings, and Rochester Deputy Chief Bradley Loomis laughingly dismissed the phenomena as "a lot of ghosts and goblins on Halloween night."

But Sharon Dube of Dover knows what she and her husband saw as they were returning to their home about 9 p.m. Monday, and, in her words, "I couldn't believe it... I've never seen anything like it before in my life."

"People think you're a crackpot when you see these things, but once we saw it, we knew what it was," she said in a voice that was still a little shaky. "I've never seen an aircraft that moves like this thing did, and it never made a sound except for a faint whirring noise. I don't want to mention outer space, but deep inside that's what I feel it was."

Mrs. Dube said she and her husband originally mistook the craft for a radio tower, but when "it seemed to be rising up and moving," they dismissed that idea. She said it had huge white lights with a red light in

the middle," and at one point in the journey it hovered over Ed Byrnes Chevrolet, then disappeared over the treetops in a southeasterly direction toward the Spaulding Turnpike.

She described it as having a metallic look and a triangular shape, and said it did not fly like conventional aircraft, but appeared to hover and change direction rapidly.

"We just kept looking out our windows after it was gone, hoping we'd see something again...we wouldn't have passed up the opportunity to see it for the world," Mrs. Dube said.

UNH Physics Engineer Jim Kish, formerly of the Air Force, said the descriptions of the sightings did not sound like a C-5A.

"If Pease is testing some type of secret aircraft, they aren't going to tell you about it," he said.

A 21-year-old Rochester woman and her teen-aged brother saw "something weird" on their way home Monday night. The young woman's mother asked that her children remain anonymous, but described what her children said

they saw.

At the same time (8 p.m.) and in roughly the same area as the other reported sightings (not far from the vicinity of the Lilac Mall), the young people saw a craft moving slowly, hovering and emitting a humming sound. At one point, the woman said, all the white lights on the craft turned red, except for one bright yellow light.

According to Rochester Police, Marilyn Dupree of Bond St. also reported a sighting just before 9 p.m. She described the object as oval-shaped with a number of lights, and said she spotted it hovering over the Lilac Mall.

A Rochester patrolman concurred with Mrs. Dupree's description of an oval-shaped craft hovering in about the same area. When he shone a spotlight on it, it reportedly moved away.

Jean Thurston of Rochester, an employee in the University of New Hampshire Space Science Program, said she also saw an unidentified craft last Saturday and again Monday night.

"If it was a plane, it wasn't shaped like one...and there was no loud engine roaring, just a

high-pitched whistle," she said.

She said it seemed to be squared off on both ends, with white and red lights, and she claims she could see what seemed to be windows and silhouettes of people standing in the windows.

"It was at least twice as big as a single-engine plane, but smaller than any kind of jet I've seen," she said.

Richard Dame, a flight instructor at Skyhaven Airport in Rochester, said he was flying between 7:45-10 p.m., and "this is a new one on me."

"I flew last night, and I didn't see a thing," he said.

Carolyn d'Entremont of Public Service Company confirmed that there was a power outage in the Rte.16-B and Blackwater Road area of Rochester and Dover early yesterday morning, affecting 200 customers. The outage occurred in approximately the same area or close to the area where several of the sightings occurred.

She said that the cause appeared to be a routine fault on the line that causes a short-circuit at the power station, and that service was restored to the area within an hour.

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Pease says no aircraft in air night of UFO sightings

ROCHESTER — An official at Pease Air Force Base in Newington reported no low-flying aircraft in the Rochester area Sunday night, when at least four residents reported sighting unidentified flying objects.

Contrary to published reports, low-flying aircraft apparently were not to blame for the sightings in the Route 16-Salmon Falls Road area between 6 and 8 Sunday night.

The UFO sightings come three weeks after many Seacoast residents reported seeing UFOs Halloween night.



Patrick O'Hagan points to the place where he and brother, Michael, and friend, Aaron Couch, sighted their UFO, inset photo.

Karl Cates

Brothers and friend see Klamath UFO

By Karl Cates
Of The Triuplicate

Once upon a foggy, gray day ... Well, the picture may not look very convincing, but, hey, UFO pictures aren't known for their believability.

And besides, the guys that say they saw an unidentified flying object over Klamath Oct. 15 are fairly reputable sorts.

The O'Hagen brothers, Michael and Patrick, cross their hearts and hope to die that they did indeed see a glowing, oval blob in the sky on that eery, foggy Saturday afternoon. Michael is 12, Patrick is 8.

So far, though, their testimony has been hard to corroborate. Nobody else saw the flying phenomenon, or, if they did, they're not talking. Radio and TV reception around Klamath wasn't interrupted at the time the boys saw their blob.

There have been no reports of little E.T.-types tipping over garbage cans in the night. Not yet, anyway.

But the O'Hagens stand by their story.

Michael says he wasn't scared when the UFO materialized out of the fog.

"But my brother was kind of surprised," he recalls. "We're still very excited."

At 3 p.m. sharp, Michael, Patrick and their friend Aaron Couch, 11, were walking along the bank of the Klamath River, just a few hundred yards from their home on U.S. Highway 101.

Aaron was conveniently armed with a Polaroid camera.

Suddenly, out of the fog came the Unidentified Flying Object, "moving slowly," say the boys, not making a sound. Aaron had just enough time to make one exposure as the UFO "came down slowly" before leaving for parts unknown.

"It was there maybe thirty seconds," says Patrick. "Then it moved off toward the Pacific Ocean."

Out there over the Pacific is presumably where it is now, since no one has seen it since.

The boys were hesitant to tell anybody about the sighting because "people don't usually believe stories like this," says Michael.

Not even Patrick's teacher could be convinced. "When I told her," says the 8-year-old, "she said, 'Oh, come ON, Patrick.'"

But the O'Hagens only shun their detractors. They hope and expect to see another UFO someday.

As for ridicule from nonbelievers, well, they just take solace in the fact that their account has been published in the Triuplicate.

"When they see it in the paper," says Michael, "they'll have to believe it."

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UFOs challenge scientists

by Hugh Carran

VERNON — After examining all the evidence on Unidentified Flying Objects, Manchester attorney Robert Bletchman has come to "one inescapable inference — these are machines and not our machines."

When Bletchman says "our" he means belonging to the earth.

Bletchman, the state director of the international Mutual UFO Network, spoke Tuesday night at the Center Road School to a small but highly interested Suburban Women's Club of Vernon. Bletchman, who tours across the nation to give and attend lectures on UFO's, claims the federal government is responsible for a great conspiracy against the public by hiding evidence which would definitively confirm the existence of UFO's.

He also berated most scientists as "uneducated fools" who deny the existence of UFO's and their alien pilots because they can't understand how vehicles can travel across star systems at "whoop de doo" speeds and make unbanked right angle turns.

However, Bletchman, a lawyer who must draw inferences from the evidence at hand says he knows better. In the case of UFO's, the facts gathered from millions of sightings overwhelmingly point to their existence.

Closeup witnesses to UFO's commonly feel a wash of air when the UFO takes off and "genuine fear and awe," said Bletchman. "Those who sight UFO's are not people hell-bent to see UFO's ... these are real people suddenly beset by an experience they don't

understand."

Politicians, farmers, priests, artists, "people of utter sobriety and credibility" have witnessed UFO's, said Bletchman. He added, astronaut C. Gordon Cooper and President Jimmy Carter say they have seen UFO's.

One poll reveals approximately 57 percent of the U.S. believes in UFO's, said Bletchman. The poll shows these people are generally more educated than the non-believers, he added. Therefore, nobody should be ashamed to say they've seen a UFO. He then asked if anyone from the audience ever saw a UFO.

Barbara Kirichok, a women's club member, believes she saw a UFO eight months ago on the Mass. Turnpike. Kirichok and her husband, an aeronautical engineer, both saw a yellow-orange, cone-shaped object travel across the horizon at a speed faster than anything they've ever seen. The object traveled in a straight line, was the size of a dime at arm's length and didn't leave a trail of smoke or flame, she said.

Another member of the audience asked Bletchman to speculate on the purpose of UFO visits to earth. Bletchman responded with a number of possibilities.

Bletchman said it appeared the aliens were scientifically inclined; "they like to pick up stuff off the ground, take samples. Maybe, they like to observe the interaction of people and cultures." With the world's enormous nuclear arsenal and deteriorating ozone layer, these aliens might consider the earth a once over history lesson near its end, he said.

The reasons for the visits may be as varied

as the visitors. Physical descriptions of the aliens include a hairy dwarf type, a small bodied, huge bulb-headed type, and a very human-like, muscular and bald being. One eyewitness sketch depicts a creature with a big head, eyes set far apart and large pointed ears.

Showing slides of photographed UFO's, Bletchman rattled off the numerous mind-boggling reports of encounters with UFO's. He explained there are three types of possible encounters with UFO's: Encounters of the first kind involve the sighting of a UFO. Encounters of the second kind are those in which UFO's leave evidence of interaction with the environment such as the impressions of landing space craft.

Then there is the most overwhelming UFO experience, encounters of the third kind — when humans see and in some instances are abducted by aliens.

Perhaps the most famous abduction case is that of Barney and Betty Hill, a couple who spotted an enormous glowing disc near Indian Point, New Hampshire on the night of Sept. 19, 1961. Two years later, under therapeutic hypnosis, the Smiths recalled being taken aboard a ship by short, grey-skinned, slant-eyed aliens. The aliens, according to the Hills, examined their passengers and showed Betty Hill a map of their solar system. The map Betty Hill reconstructed under hypnosis directly corresponded to a Reticuli star system (37 light years from earth) which scientists discovered nearly 10 years later in 1971.

The U.S. government too has had encounters of the first, second and third kind, said Bletchman. However, whatever the government has discovered has been kept secret from the public. Bletchman criticized the secrecy as "extremely undemocratic."

One frustrating example of the government's silence involves a memo to J. Edgar

Hoover dated March 22, 1950. Bletchman says the memo, obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, reports the recovery of three alien spacecraft and nine aliens in the desert of New Mexico. Since that time nothing more has been revealed to the public.

One theory for the government's secrecy is that silence is needed to guard the UFO technology from the Soviets, said Bletchman. However, government scientists no doubt haven't been able to figure the mechanics of the space craft; "the technology is so advanced scientists don't dare take apart the craft because they couldn't put it back together again," said Bletchman.

Most scientists outside of the government deny the existence of UFO's because they can't understand them, said Bletchman.

J. Allen Hynek, an astrophysicist at Northwestern University, is one scientist who strongly believes in UFO's and because of this he is treated as a "heretic" by some of his fellow scientists. Bletchman recommended any book written by Hynek and told the audience to look forward to Larry Fawcett's upcoming book, "Clear Intent" which will be released in the spring and deals with the government's cover-up operations on UFO's.

Bletchman compared Hynek to Galileo, who also was treated as a heretic in his time. Galileo's contention that spots existed on the sun was considered blasphemy since the sun "was a symbolic embodiment of God and could not have any blemishes," said Bletchman.

"Science needs a heretic," said Bletchman.

After Bletchman's presentation, some of the audience could not resist taking a long look up into the clear night, like Galileo once did.

Maybe somebody looked down.

Lower Hudson UFO Keeps Police Busy

NEWBURGH (AP) — More than stars shone in the Hudson Valley sky Sunday night as police agencies throughout Rockland, Orange and Ulster Counties received reports that a mysterious object was flying overhead.

The "object," according to unconfirmed reports out of Stewart International Airport, was actually a close formation of three planes. The planes were believed to have originated from Stormville Airport in Dutchess County.

An unidentified official at Stewart said the group of planes often flies on clear nights, prompting "UFO," or unidentified flying object, reports.

"They run to different areas with their little show. It gets to be a pain in the neck after a while," he said.

CR: R. Girard

A trooper stationed at the Fishkill State Police barracks said he believed the planes were actually ultralight aircraft, but that, too, could not be confirmed.

"Beats me," said a state trooper stationed in Stormville. "We haven't had any complaints."

Other reports described the object as a blimp or a plane bringing cadets from the U.S. Military Academy home from the Army-Navy game in Pasadena, Calif. Sgt. Claus Clausen of the Rockland Sheriff's Department, who said he saw the object and mentioned both possible explanations, said it appeared to be a "V" formation.

Others who saw the object told police that it appeared to be round or triangular and made no sound. The lights were reported to be white. Reports of the object were first received in Rockland County at about 8:30 p.m. and about 15 or 20 minutes later in Newburgh. State Police at Newburgh reported receiving 30 calls.

"People are calling and saying, 'Look, I'm not drinking, but there's something hovering over my house,'" said a trooper at the Newburgh State Police barracks. He said several patrol cars were also stopped by anxious people.

New Paltz police reported several sightings. But the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department reported only one, from the opposite shore of the Hudson River, as well as a call from the Rockland Sheriff's Department.

Conferees hear claims of government cover-up Documents allegedly show UFO threat

By Glenda Peterson

A policeman from Coventry, Conn., says he possesses government documents that prove "beyond a reasonable doubt" that unconventional aerial objects, commonly known as unidentified flying objects or UFOs, possessing a highly sophisticated technology beyond present-day development, have posed a threat to our national security and may pose a threat to human survival.

Larry Fawcett, assistant director of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, charged Saturday that not only has the U.S. government documented evidence of UFO activity at military installations, but there is a "continual cover-up of the UFO experience by the government."

Fawcett spoke at a conference on "Exploring Unexplained Phenomena" at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education in Lincoln. The three-day meeting has attracted 80 to 100 persons from all across the United States.

More than 4,000 pages of government

documents, which contain military reports on UFO activity, have been released since 1977 through requests made under the Freedom of Information Act. Some of the information has been released voluntarily, some through court action, Fawcett said.

Expert testimony

"In these previously classified documents we now find the expert testimony of scientists, military personnel, intelligence personnel, law enforcement officers and other reliable and responsible people on the subject of UFOs," Fawcett said.

The U.S. government discourages individuals from filing requests for UFO documents by levying extraordinarily high search and reproduction fees against the requests, he said. A CAUS request for information on UFO radar trackings brought a response from the North American Air Defense Command that indicated the retrieval of these records would take 18,383 hours and would cost CAUS \$294,157, Fawcett said.

He presented what he said was documentation of UFO sightings over several military bases in the United States and Canada, Iran, Algeria, Peru, England and Kuwait.

All at once

A UFO encountered by American-made jets over Iran on Sept. 19, 1976, was described in a Defense Intelligence Agency message as showing on radar as comparable "to that of a 707 tanker. The object was intensely brilliant, its flashing strobe lights arranged in a rectangular pattern and alternating blue, green, red and orange in color. The sequence of the lights was so fast that all the colors could be seen at once."

During the encounter, one F-4 jet upon approaching the UFO "lost all instrumentation and communications." The Defense Intelligence Agency called the Iranian UFO report "an outstanding UFO report," according to the document.

From the start, UFOs were a top-se-

cret matter, Fawcett said. An FBI memo dated Jan. 31, 1949, and sent to Director J. Edgar Hoover said "Unidentified Aircraft" or "Unidentified Aerial Phenomena," otherwise known as "Flying Discs," "Flying Saucers" and "Balls of Fire," are considered "top secret by Intelligence Officers of both the Army and the Air Forces."

An Air Force document sent to Brig. Gen. Joseph F. Carroll, USAF director of special investigations, on May 25, 1950, states that what gave the Air Force real cause for concern was "the continued occurrence of unexplained phenomena of this nature in the vicinity of sensitive installations."

Continuing coverage

A CIA document dated Aug. 1, 1952, called for continuing intelligence coverage of UFOs. That coverage, however, was to be kept secret from the public. It stated: "It is strongly urged, however, that no indication of CIA interest or concern reach the press or public, in view of their probable alarmist tendencies to accept such interest as confirmatory of the soundness of unpublished facts in the hands of the U.S. Government."

In December 1952, a CIA memo from the assistant director of scientific intelligence for the CIA to the CIA director's office said: "Sightings of unexplained objects at great altitudes and traveling at high speeds in the vicinity of major U.S. defense installations are of such nature that they are not attributable to natural phenomena or known types of aerial vehicles." According to Fawcett, attached was a National Security Council memo and directive "establishing this matter as a priority project throughout the intelligence and the defense research and development community."

The U.S. Air Force and CIA continue to deny any interest in UFOs, Fawcett said.

Alien beings

UFO incidents occurred at the Manzano weapons storage area (according to Fawcett, supposedly the largest atomic bomb storage site in the world) on Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico and at the joint British-American-NATO-Royal Air Force Bentwaters headquarters at Woodbridge, England, during 1980, Fawcett said.

In the Bentwaters incident, in which alien beings (resembling those from the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind") were sighted, the Air Force is deeply involved in a cover-up of the story, Fawcett charged.

The ABC television network will broadcast a sequence on Fawcett's charges during its "Nightline" program Monday night after the local news, network personnel said Saturday in Lincoln.

NEWS-JOURNAL, Kent, WA - Jan. 6, 1984 CR: D. Goudie

Valley UFO sightings spark interest

By CATHY STONE Staff Reporter

A probe into sightings of unidentified flying objects in the Maple Valley area has yielded interesting, but inconclusive results, according to a researcher of aerial phenomena.

Dale Goudie, director of Puget Sound Aerial Phenomena Research, said the organization began optical research of the area from a twin-engine aircraft in early 1983. Numerous sightings have been reported in the vicinity in the past few years. The researchers concentrated on areas over electrical substations, he said.

Using a 35mm camera with ultraviolet filters, the researchers recorded scenes from the air, then later analyzed the film. Following one expedition, the researchers discovered the image of an object coming off of a transformer at the Covington substation, Goudie said.

Moments later, as they traveled east along the line, they detected an image that "looked like smoke, but took on a definite form." Using photo enhancement techniques, the re-

searchers discerned what "looked like a domed object speeding over the countryside. We're not saying that's what it is, because we don't know. It could be a natural phenomenon, but it doesn't seem like a natural phenomenon would have taken on such perfect form," Goudie said.

PSAPR also has been investigating a reported sighting in Tacoma in which a videotape of the object was recorded. Goudie said a freelance producer was dining with friends at a restaurant overlooking the Port of Tacoma on Aug. 13, 1982 when they spotted the object about 10:45 a.m.

The producer ran out to his car for his equipment and recorded the image from the parking lot, Goudie said.

Goudie said the researchers first attempted to link the image to some natural phenomena, but after 14 months of study, have been unable to prove the object was not real.

"What it might have been was an electrical disturbance," he said, "but for it to be an electrical disturbance, it would have had to travel in a linear path and also the shape of the object would not be consistent."

The object did not, however, follow a linear path, he said, and the domed shape of the object was consistent throughout the film.

Researchers further studied the videotape using a new technique called Video Negative Photo Analysis (VNPA), as well as photo enhancement techniques, he said.

"What (VNPA) shows us seems to be two lines coming down from the dome, which would make the object a lot smaller than we thought. It would take the shape of a bell-shaped object," he said.

Goudie said there also appears to be six portholes going across the face of the dome and two protrusions coming from the dome's top, one in the shape of a question mark and the second, its mirror image.

"Basically we have come to the conclusion that the object is real, but it's still unidentified," Goudie said.

PSAPR is sending information on both sightings to other organizations involved in UFO research, Goudie said, including the Center for UFO Studies in Illinois, Mutual UFO Network in Texas, and the North American UFO Federation in California.

Astronomer offers reason for 'UFO'

By DONNA PARKER Union correspondent

WESTHAMPTON — Although a Westhampton couple claiming to have seen an unidentified flying object this weekend still is not sure whether it was an "alien" object, a University of Massachusetts astronomer thinks he has an explanation for the event.

Timothy J. Babyok and Rosemarie A. Greaves called police early Saturday morning to report a hovering saucer-shaped object.

"I thought it was a UFO but I'm not sure. It might have been something from heaven, but it was definitely alien," said 31-year-old Babyok, who said he spotted the object close to 6 a.m. Saturday and again Sunday morning.

But astronomer Greg Harke, who watched the object through a telescope at the same time, said it was the "conjunc-

tion" or crossing of the two planets Venus and Saturn.

"There's no doubt that they saw something. It was a very close and unusual passage of the two planets," Harke said.

Using binoculars, Babyok said the object appeared to be a perfect saucer shape with portholes circling the perimeter. Later, he said, the object stopped in mid-air, and started blinking blue and red lights.

However, towers at both Westover Air Force Base and Barnes Municipal Airport were closed at that early hour and reported no planes in the area.

"We didn't have anything in the air but the blinking lights are typical wing designation running lights," said Westover representative Jo Pothoff Tuesday.

And Fred Merrick, assistant manager of the tower at Bradley International Airport, said that no UFO sightings were recorded on radar or reported to the airport.

"It's been quite a few years since we've had a UFO report. And the weekend logbook indicates there were none reported here this weekend," Merrick said.

But Babyok, who videotaped a bright unmoving object in the sky Sunday morning, claims that the object came directly toward his house the preceding day and was so bright it lit up his bedroom.

Harke said that examination of the planet conjunction through out-of-focus binoculars could have given the planets a saucer shape and that the atmosphere that morning may also had a visual effect on the sighting.

"The sky was what astronomers call 'transparent.' That means it has a shimmering or unsteady appearance that could have given the appearance of portholes or changing colors," Harke said.

However, the astronomer was unable to give a scientific explanation for the object

lighting up the couple's room.

"It's an unusual sight. I'm sure they wondered what it could be and from there it became an interesting exaggeration of their own explanation," he speculated.

Harke said that conjunctions of this magnitude occur several times during a century and that we won't see another one this close until 1991.

Because Venus is relatively near to the Earth, Harke said that this conjunction would have been much brighter than the conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter that occurred near the time of the birth of Christ.

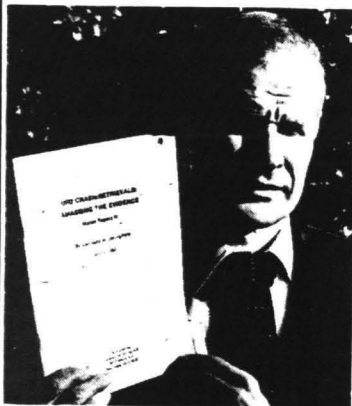
Some people believe that that conjunction may have later become known as the Star of Bethlehem.

"If this conjunction had occurred at that time, when astrology was of such importance, it would definitely have been considered an omen of some kind," Harke said.

City man fights for E. T. bodies

By LAUREL SUOMISTO
Gazette Staff Writer

Three circular objects, each containing three tiny men, crashed in New Mexico in 1950, according to an Air Force mem-



Staff photo by Wayne Partlow

LARRY BRYANT

orandum to J. Edgar Hoover.

Thirty years later, according to another Air Force memorandum, Air Force employees at a base in England said they saw a glowing triangular object with a pulsing red light on top and a bank of blue lights below maneuvering through the trees, illuminating the surrounding forest with a white light.

The government has not made details of either of these events public, and its silence has propelled an Alexandria man into a quest for documents giving details of these and other UFO sightings.

Larry Bryant, a writer who works for the federal government, says the government is involved in a "cosmic Watergate," and he wants to crack the case.

He claims "maybe dozens" of UFO crashes involving extraterrestrial beings are being hushed up by the government.

The government's "paternalism" is one reason for the cover-up, Bryant says. Also, he adds, "the realization that we are not alone is frightening to some people."

During the past 10 years, Bryant has deluged the CIA, FBI, State Department, Army and Air Force with Freedom of Information requests for documents relating to UFOs.

He says "thousands" of documents have already been obtained, but he hopes to force the government to release classified documents that have so far been withheld.

"It's just a matter of time before we are going to get some reliable information," Bryant says.

If the technology of unidentified flying objects is superior to ours, as Bryant claims, why do so many UFOs crash?

"It's all speculation at this point," says Bryant. "I don't know if we've had any crashes since the '60s."

But UFOs are still landing, he says.

Bryant is director of the Washington branch of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, a group claiming about 100 members worldwide. The group recently held a convention in Lincoln, Neb.

Bryant says no one in the group has ever seen a UFO.

Military personnel are forbidden to discuss UFO sightings, Bryant says, but he hopes that some, "stricken by conscience," will contact his group.

Bryant's crusade is keeping him busy this fall.

On Nov. 17, Bryant asked the State Department to send him all cables, letters, memos, reports, photographs, videotapes, audio recordings, radiation readings of the UFO landing site, radar-tracking recordings and intelligence analyses relating to a 1980 UFO sighting by the Air Force in Britain.

Bryant says he learned of the sighting from an Air Force memo obtained in a previous FOI document request.

The memo Bryant says he obtained from the government says that about 3 a.m. on Dec. 27, 1980, three Air Force security men saw a glowing, triangular metal object about 7 to 10 feet across and 7 feet high.

A pulsing red light was on top and a bank of blue lights underneath, and the UFO "illuminated the entire forest with a white light," the memo says.

When the men approached, the UFO "maneuvered through the trees and disappeared."

The next day, the memo says, impressions in the ground were found where the objects had been seen.

In another case, Bryant said he will take the FBI to court for allegedly refusing to divulge information about a 1950 crash landing spoken of in a memo purportedly written on March 22, 1950, to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover by an Air Force employee.

That memo says an Air Force investigator said he been informed three circular objects, approximately 50 feet in diameter, had been "recovered" in New Mexico.

The unnamed informant said each UFO was occupied by three bodies of human shape about 3 feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth. Each body, said the informant, was bandaged in a manner similar to the

Many claim having sighted Rochester UFO

POSTER'S DEMOCRAT, Dover, NH - Nov. 3, 1983 CR: B. Greenwood

By DAVID NATHAN
Democrat Staff Writer

ROCHESTER — Reports continue to pour in from area residents who claim they saw a UFO Monday night, prompting a state UFO investigator to term the incident "not your everyday sighting."

Peter Geremia, acting state director for the nationwide Mutual UFO Network, noted "it's rare to get so many people" reporting they've seen an unidentified flying object in the sky. Usually just a few

people in a car or a home see a UFO, Geremia said.

Geremia said the shape, color and movements described in the reports he has seen and heard are typical of sightings reported in New Hampshire in the 10 years he has been tracking UFOs.

The late fall and early spring have historically been the period that most UFO sightings are reported, Geremia said, offering no explanation for the phenomena. Officials of the Federal Aviation Administration in Concord, the Bos-

ton control center in Nashua and Pease Air Force Base, continue to report that nothing unusual appeared on their radar screens Monday night.

A PAFB official said that large flying routine missions Monday evening, in addition to the smaller FB-111s already reported.

The Democrat has received several calls from local people claiming that imaginary witches and gob-

lins were not the only things flying around Monday night.

A police officer was among those claiming to see the UFO, and a Rochester city councilman was also said to have reported a sighting to police.

Ward 5 Councilman Charles Grassie, who said he is not the councilman who reported a sighting, said he positively identified the object as a large transport plane and speculated that Pease would not make public the fact that the large trans-

ports were in the area because they may have contained nuclear weaponry headed to Europe.

C-5 Galaxies, the largest transport planes in the American force, recently landed in England with sensitive nuclear equipment.

A Pease official admitted that two C-130s, the second largest American transport, landed at Pease, but not at the time of the sightings. The C-130s landed early Tuesday morning from an unspecified base and took off from the base at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Grassie said he formerly worked near a base in Nashua and knew military plane body types.

Harry Knox of South Lebanon, Maine, said that he saw something coming from the northeast heading toward Pease. He said the object was flying less than 300 feet up and was making a loud engine-type noise.

A 12-year-old Dover resident, Erik Tangway, said he saw an oval-shaped object with four lights very close to the ground.

Although members of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy have different views on where the aliens come from, Bryant says he thinks they are "possibly former inhabitants of the Earth who left about 20,000 to 30,000 years ago, who were able to perfect space travel and set up colonies, and once in a while they check on their progeny here on Earth."

Bryant, who was born in Newport News near Langley Air Force Base, says he became interested in UFOs at an early age. He writes a column for the Mutual UFO Network's journal.

blackout suits used by speed flyers and test pilots.

Last July, Bryant filed a suit in U.S. District Court in D.C. to recover the bodies of extraterrestrial beings he claimed were being held by the Air Force. The case was dismissed in September.

Lt. George Jamison, an Air Force spokesman, said that after Bryant filed for the writ of habeas corpus on July 27, "We checked all of our units and determined that we were not holding the bodies of any aliens."

Bryant hopes Congress will eventually create an Academy for Extraterrestrial Studies to promote "cultural exchange between aliens and people here on Earth."

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON
SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: March 22, 1950

Following information was furnished to SA [redacted] by [redacted]

An investigator for the Air Forces stated that three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico. They were described as being circular in shape with raised centers, approximately 50 feet in diameter. Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of a very fine texture. Each body was bandaged in a manner similar to the blackout suits used by speed flyers and test pilots.

According to Mr. [redacted] informant, the saucers were found in New Mexico due to the fact that the Government had a very high-powered radar set-up in that area and it is believed the radar interfered with the controlling mechanism of the saucers.

No further evaluation was attempted by SA [redacted] concerning the above.

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Searchers return empty after mysterious streak of light

ELK — An airplane crossed the sky, followed by a streak of light, and caused area residents to investigate before returning home empty handed here Saturday.

No, this is not the plot for the next Steven Spielberg movie or an episode from "The Twilight Zone." It is the pattern of events which struck the Elk community Friday evening and remained unresolved by Monday.

Between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Friday, many area residents claimed to see what appeared to be a plane crash. This set off a land and air search for the wreckage by volunteers and Spokane County sheriff's deputies, who found nothing. They guessed the sighting must have been a meteorite.

"I was walking up from my grandfather's field when I saw a plane go

across the sky, then a blue light went in the same direction," 11-year-old Justin Joy related.

When his brother, Travis, who was in their back yard, saw the same, their father called the sheriff.

Ann Hall, who had just arrived home from work, said she felt her house shake, then heard a loud noise. She thought it was an airplane crash. Her husband, Steve, said a large number of aircraft fly over their house regularly.

Using snowmobiles, four-wheel drive trucks and a helicopter, searchers covered a 30-mile area over the weekend. No signs of downed aircraft were found.

The Federal Aviation Center in Spokane said it knew of no plane down in the area. There were, however, reports of a meteor shower in the Elk vicinity, a spokesman said,

'Unexplained' UFO sightings increase

By Marsha Heim

Staff Writer

GREENSBURG — On Oct. 15, a Bellwood woman said her car was turned up onto two wheels while traveling north on Route 220 when a huge, unknown flying object passed overhead.

Ten years ago to that date, a Columbia County man's car was turned around in the middle of the road when an unidentified flying object (UFO) passed over his car.

Both reports are listed among those that are considered "unexplainable." But they're not alone in that special category. They are among a growing number of sightings of strange phenomena in Pennsylvania.

A small group of professionals formed the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained (PASU). On their own time, they investigate UFOs, bigfoot sightings, and a more recent phenomena, out-of-place animals (African lions and black panthers in Pennsylvania).

As evidence, PASU Director Stan L. Gordon of Greensburg produces detailed studies, photographs and artists' drawings of the unexplainable dating back as far as 1945.

Reported sightings have dwindled nationwide since 1973, but Gordon claims Pennsylvania is on the upswing. "In 1973, there was the largest wave. There were thousands nationwide, but Pennsylvania led the country with over 700," Gordon said.

He added, "This year has been the largest wave of reports since 1973. It started late June and went through early October." Most sightings occur around midnight or between 3 and 6 a.m., he said. But UFOs have been spotted in the day.

Gordon has no doubts that most people who see UFOs aren't "kooks." He said: "The people are mostly very honest and down-to-earth people. They are so afraid of being ridiculed and laughed at they don't tell anyone."

That's one reason a lot of reports never reach PASU. Another is because the group consists of only 60 members statewide, and they're all volunteers.

"There's many people out there. We can only spend so much time on it. Since we're all volunteer, there's a lot of little things that we don't know," he said.

But he's not trying to recruit members. "We want to keep it on a special scale. We're scientists, doctors, psychologists and engineers. We go into it open-mindedly. We spend as much time trying to disprove many cases as we do studying them," he said.

Two of the anonymous members are located in Altoona.

Gordon said that most of the calls received do have an explanation. Over the last few months, many callers misidentified Venus and Jupiter as UFOs. Some were startled by a nighttime advertising plane with circular flashing lights.

But a sighting on July 25 in Latrobe set off a "rash of reports" in Pennsylvania, Gordon explained.

At 5:20 a.m., a Latrobe man was shaving. Bright lights caused him to look out the window. Hovering over the trees was an approximate 300 foot long object with two rows of square windows and what appeared to be sliding doors. He watched it until it hovered away over the Latrobe sewerage plant.

At 7:45 a.m. the same day, an object was spotted about 10 miles away by a woman in Jeannette. She was startled by a "high-pitched sound" that shook the windows of her house.

Looking out of her window, about 450 feet away, was an object resembling a silver metallic "double-decker layer cake wobbling up and down like a yo-yo." It also had square windows and a sliding door.

The Jeannette woman said it felt like her "skin was crawling off her body."

The same day, the association received a rash of phone calls about a loud sound in the area.

On Aug. 30, a Derry businessman

was driving from Latrobe to Derry when an object with a high-pitched sound hung motionless about 40 feet over the road. He tried three times to drive away, but the object followed him. He finally had to pass under it. "He felt like whoever was in the object was trying to get a look at him," Gordon said.

On Sept. 4 in Johnstown, a humming sound and dogs barking attracted attention to an elongated, large, grey-metallic object hovering over a power plant.

On Sept. 12 in Butler County, another object hovered over a man's head as he was putting his motorcycle away.

In Indiana on Sept. 25, a security guard identified a 400-foot-by-30-foot vertical "hotdog" in the sky. The next day, only a few miles away, "bigfoot" was spotted.

And Gordon, pointing to four file cabinets crammed full of investigations, said the list goes on and on. "People have been hovered over and chased. Some say they were taken on board, examined and released."

Despite all the reports, the Bellwood woman's report stands out. "It's very rare to have a massive effect on the car." Even more "intriguing" is that the last time a car was moved in Pennsylvania was exactly 10 years ago to the date, Gordon said.

After speaking with her, Gordon said, "I believe she had an encounter." But it was several days before he learned of the event. He said if he had learned sooner, he would have been able to do some testing on her car.

Now he's waiting for a physician's report. "If it was a UFO, some of the (physical) effects are similar. That may shed some light on what actually occurred," he said.

Another, more provable, aspect of the PASU's study is bigfoot — the hairy, gorilla-manlike creature seen worldwide. Even though the sightings aren't made public, Gordon said they haven't stopped. The most recent report came in October from Indiana County.

"There's more evidence to support bigfoot than UFOs," he said, showing plaster casts made bigfoot's alleged footprints. But he added, "Unless someone delivers a body, no one will believe it."

It's not unusual for a bigfoot to be seen near the same spot as a recent UFO reporting, Gordon said. "Is it a coincidence ... or is it possible that these things are somehow linked," he asked.

A newer phenomena is out-of-place animals — lions, monkeys and black panthers — being seen in the state. "This year there have been experienced hunters and game personnel with signed statements saying they saw these," he said.

Gordon added that Forest Zoo in Gallitzin has reported callers inquiring if there's been an escape.

While some researches point to aliens from other planets as the cause for UFOs, Gordon prefers to believe in "an other reality" or possibly another dimension on earth as an explanation for most of the strange phenomena.

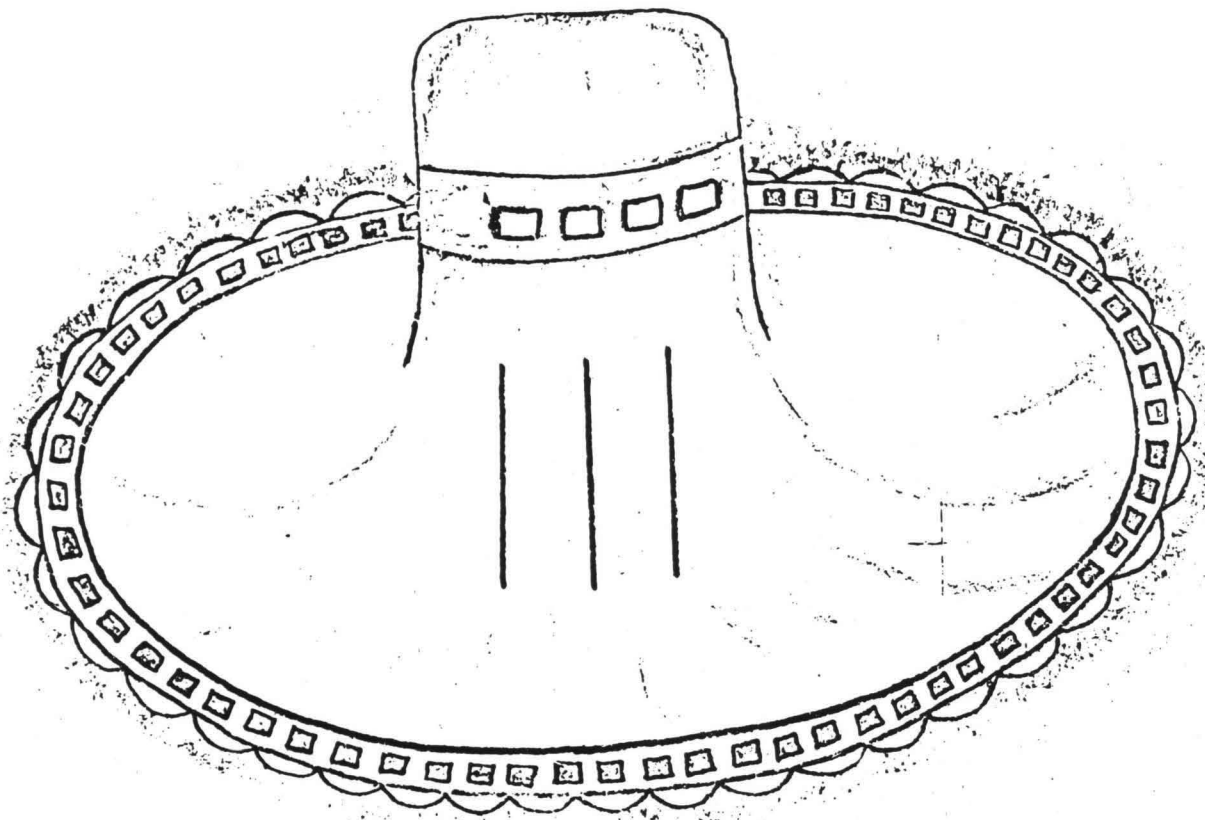
"My theory is there is more than one origin. There's too many sightings, and there's too many differences," he said.

"I am convinced that there is a phenomena occurring out there that can't be explained by scientific knowledge. I am convinced more than ever that we're dealing with a physical being that is also non-physical," he said.

He added, "When the conditions are right, these objects take physical form." The right conditions include a change in magnetic field and the geographical location. "They're attracted to definite fields of energy," he said.

Gordon urges anyone who sees any strange or unexplainable incident to report it to his research facility by calling the UFO hotline at 412-838-7768 or by writing 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg, Pa., 15601. He added that even old reports may help explain or confirm past events.

All callers will be kept confidential.

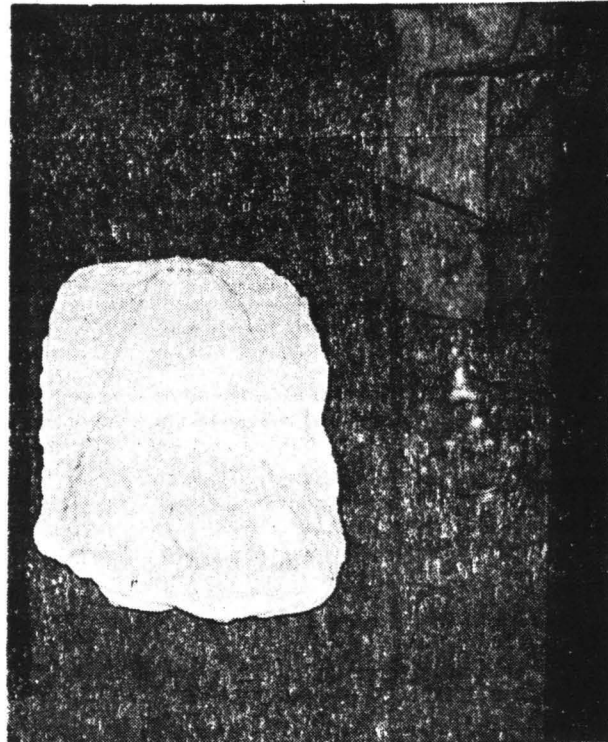


This artist's drawing depicts what a woman in Jeannette saw from her window at a distance of about 450 feet.

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STAN GORDON of Greensburg is shown using equipment in his basement to monitor worldwide communications in order to trace UFO sightings.



GORDON places his foot next to a plaster cast of a footprint taken from an area where Bigfoot was sighted.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE,
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■ Vicki Landrum, 60, of Dayton, Tex., her grandson, Colby, 10, and Betty Cash, 54, of Helena, Ala., filed in Houston a \$20 million suit against the federal government alleging that they developed radiation sickness and other serious injuries as the result of a brief encounter with an unidentified flying object on a rural Texas highway in September.

TIMES, Beverly, MA - Nov. 21, 1983 CR: MUFON & B. Greenwood

UFO group attempts to enlighten public

By ANDREA ATKINS
Times staff

BEVERLY — On Dec. 28, 1980, Art Wallace, an American Air Force security officer, was ordered into the woods near a British air force base where he observed animals running frenzied from the forest's interior.

As he and several colleagues searched the area, they saw light rays coming through the woods, heard helicopter sounds and observed what he described as a "transparent aspirin with a mist in the middle."

That Woodbridge, England, incident was the focus of conversation yesterday at the 2 Cherry Road home of Marge Christensen. Mrs. Christensen, a teacher at Beverly High School, has been involved in UFO investigations since she heard a lecture on UFOs about 10 years ago.

The meeting at her home was a regular session of the regional Mutual UFO Network Inc. About a dozen people attended, some from as far away as New York.

Larry Fawcett, one of the directors of the Mutual UFO Network, told the group that, according to the reports, "over the pine trees came a red ball which then burst into multi-colors. Where the aspirin was, there was a machine — triangular in shape, with lights on it."

After more than one hour's discussion of that day's events, Fawcett introduced Art Wallace (an assumed name) — the man who witnessed the incident.

Wallace said he has gotten accustomed to skepticism about his incredible story while at the same time he has undergone "unending harassment" from the military. "I know I wasn't crazy. I know it happened. I know it's hard for people to accept," said the 22-year-old New York state native who said he also saw three-foot tall beings that same night.

Fawcett and Mrs. Christensen are part of the Mutual UFO Network, an international scientific organization, which researches UFO sightings and tries to bring the information to the public.

They said yesterday that Wallace's sitting is significant because two days after it occurred, British researchers, none of whom knew the American Wallace, were told the same story about what went on in the woods near Woodbridge.

Dot Street, one of the British researchers, was at yesterday's meeting.

Ms. Street said she has been to the British Defense Ministry, the Forestry Ministry and other national departments with little success in learning the details of that December night.

She did learn, however, that the British Broadcasting Co. was told by the Forestry Department that something did happen in those woods, but "we've been told by the military not to say what."

And a letter obtained from U.S. Air Force Col. Charles I. Halt, confirms the incident.

"Early in the morning of 27 Dec. 1980, two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge," Halt wrote in a Jan. 1981 memo to the RAF.

"The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest. The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three meters across the base and approximately two meters high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank(s) of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs," Halt wrote.

The next day, the colonel reported, depressions were found in the forest floor.

The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) wants to release more of the information it feels the government is withholding on this and other sightings. According to Ray Fowler of Wenham, the author of five books on the subject, and a member of MUFON, the government has no defenses against alien invaders and also fears the information gleaned from these sightings could be used against this country militarily.

"The United States might want to use this information to apply to its own weapons systems. They don't look at this from a scientific standpoint, but as a military issue," he said.

Wallace said he was ordered by his superiors to "keep quiet" about the incident and discovered a telephone call to his mother had been tapped and disconnected when he began to tell her the story.

He was until recently denied re-enlistment in the military. The incident, he said, has changed his life, made him wary of phone calls and talking with the media. He said his family worries about his safety.

But he is even angrier with people who attempt to dismiss what he claims he saw.

"There were people in England who said it was a lighthouse. It makes me sick. The human race is so derogatory to themselves when they say things like that. I never believed in this before, but when I saw it, I wanted to tell everyone about it," he said.

GAZETTE, El Dorado, CA - Dec. 28, 1983 CR: L. Bryant

"Cosmic Watergate"

Editor:

How do you coax from the closet a "Deep Throat" in what's become known as the Cosmic Watergate?

We've been grappling with that question ever since this past July — when, as director of the Washington, D.C. office of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, I filed our unprecedented "Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus Extraterrestrial" in Federal District Court. By that petition, later dismissed because of a "Catch-22" based on our lack of legal standing and on the Court's lack of jurisdiction, we sought to have the bodies of alleged UFO occupants brought from secret U.S. Government custody into the Court's authority for appropriate disposition.

With that legal foot-in-the-door, we're now pursuing a new strategy: to use the U.S. Freedom of Information Act to go after the records that pertain to the bodies — e.g., autopsy reports, photographs of the UFO crash-landing sites, etc. We could go back into court any day now with a suit to compel the government's production of those records; but this time we're striving for as strong a footing as possible in our rematch with Goliath. For this we need to have at least one affidavit from a witness to, or participant in, a UFO crash-retrieval operation. With affidavit in hand, we then can proceed with a "discovery motion" from the Court to compel the government to answer a list of interrogatories about this and several other "smoking gun" cases compiled by privately funded UFO researchers.

One such case allegedly involves a former USAF intelligence officer who, under escort by another officer, informally toured an underground storage facility in Arizona some years ago. What he saw there haunts his memory to this day — so much so that he sought counsel

from Berthold E. Schwarz, a psychiatrist noted for his own research into the psychological aspects of the UFO experience.

Since Schwarz mentions the case in his recently published two-volume book "UFO Dynamics," I decided to test the officer's potential as a "Deep Throat" willing to put his story on public record. The test consisted of a draft affidavit based on his anonymous account in Schwarz's book. When I asked Schwarz to forward the draft to the officer for execution and return to me, I got little comfort from Schwarz.

It seems that somehow the "Feds" had discovered the officer's having confided in Schwarz (and in others?) — a disclosure compelling them to move in with threats and other unsavory actions. The key witness thus intimidated, we're left with only a slim hope in the case: the conscience of his officer friend who had led him on that disturbing tour of the facility housing UFO artifacts and some of their deceased crew members. If that friend resides in or near El Dorado County, and if he's now conscience-stricken over what has happened to Schwarz's informant, we're offering a mode of redemption.

If you're that friend, or know who is, we ask that you contact us (anonymously, or through a third party if you must) so that we can advise you on how you can help free-up the literal skeletons in the government's closet.

As you ponder your decision, keep this in mind: just as it was immoral and illegal for government officials to perpetuate the original Watergate, so too is it against the American principles of freedom and justice to perpetuate the Cosmic Watergate.

Larry W. Bryant
Alexandria, Virginia

UFO sightings common in '83

Low level sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) led the list of strange phenomena reported by residents of Pennsylvania during 1983. Other strange occurrences reported included Bigfoot, black panther and mountain lion sightings, unexplained sounds and physical disturbances, unearthing of strange artifacts, fireball sightings, and even a poltergeist.

This information was provided by the Pennsylvania Association For the Study of the Unexplained (PASU), which is based in Greensburg. PASU is an all volunteer, non-profit research unit, comprised of individuals from scientific, technical and medical fields, who donate their time and equipment to investigate such occurrences. The position of PASU is

to look into these reports with an open-minded attitude and, if possible, attempt to find a logical explanation for what is reported.

Those cases which remain in an unexplained category are exchanged with other reliable research organizations and investigators worldwide. PASU, which serves as a statewide clearinghouse for such incidents, works closely with the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) of Seguin, Texas, which is the largest international UFO research organization. All UFO reports from Pennsylvania received by MUFON or the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., are passed on to PASU for follow-up investigation.

PASU was organized by Stan Gordon, a radio communications specialist, who has been in-

vestigating phenomena for over 24 years. The past year was very active with various types of reports, with the majority of incidents reported as UFO sightings. Many of the UFO sightings were found to have a logical explanation, yet others still remain baffling. Interestingly, many of the UFO sightings were not just of lights in the sky, but were observations of very large structured objects observed at close range. Another aspect of PASU's research are the mystery animal sightings which fall into two categories.

Category 1 covers unknown or as of yet unclassified creatures such as Bigfoot, the hairy anthropoid creature that has been recorded in the history of Pennsylvania since at least the 1800s, yet has been frequently seen in more recent years.

Bigfoot made appearances again in 1983.

Category 2 covers what are known as "Out of Place animals", which defines actual animal's such as black panthers and mountain lions which are reportedly seen in geographical locations that is not their normal habitat. Black panther and mountain lion sightings continue to be reported yearly in Pennsylvania. The Mountain lion has been officially extinct in the east since the late 1800s. The black panther reports are more unusual since these animals are not common to this part of the world. PASU attempts to send trained field investigators to the scene of occurrences which require followup. The researchers obtain any physical evidence for laboratory testing as well as obtaining first hand information on the occurrence.

During 1983 PASU conducted dozens of on-scene investigations. PASU encourages those who may have had a strange occurrence to contact them by writing to PASU, 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg 15601, or call the UFO hotline number at 412-838-7768. All names are kept anonymous, and callers will not be ridiculed.

Some highlights of 1983 include:

Jan. 2 (Greensburg). Two men observe two huge, hairy, Bigfoot creatures in a field for over 20 minutes during daylight hours.

March 19 (Armstrong County). Over 20 people witness a Bigfoot creature walking out of the woods and approaching as close as 30 feet from some of the observers. Police arrived at the scene at short time later and found the witnesses very frightened.

March 30 (Pittsburgh). A mechanic working on a car was frightened by a black panther that leaped over a fence, and landed six feet away from the witness. Several other people saw the animal before it disappeared back into the woods. This incident led to a massive search by Pittsburgh police with dogs who were unable to locate the creature. There were no similar animals missing from the Pittsburgh Zoo.

June through October (throughout western Pennsylvania and other sections). A massive wave of UFO sightings was reported during these months. Many reports were explained as misidentifications of planets and stars, yet many other cases are more baffling.

Aug. 30 (Derry). A giant, round metallic gray object drops out of the sky and hovers 40 feet over a car. The driver of the car accelerates away from the object, but it moves ahead of the car, and twice hovers low over the road forcing the car to pass underneath the object.

Oct. 15 (Blair County). A woman traveling on Route 220 reports that a large silver object making a loud sound passes over the right side of her car, causing one side of the car to be lifted off the ground for several seconds. There was no damage to the vehicle, yet the driver, since the incident, has lost hearing in one ear, suffered a spinal injury, and has had constant headaches.

Oct. 19 (Westmoreland County). Near Pandora, a bright light passes over a car, at the same time the car headlight changes color, and there is interference with the car engine and radio. Within a few seconds several round lights seem to fall from the sky just ahead of the car, and hit the road, just disappearing upon impact.

'Explosive' British Case Discussed UFO Researchers Meet in Lincoln

By John Barrette
WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — Researchers who investigate unidentified flying objects hope the federal Freedom of Information Act is the key that unlocks the door to government knowledge about various UFO cases, particularly one in England.

Larry Fawcett of Coventry, Conn., and Larry Bryant of Alexandria, Va., both with Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS), said the federal law will help uncover the facts in what Fawcett termed an "explosive" 1980 case in Britain involving U.S. Air Force personnel.

Three-Day Conference

Fawcett, Bryant and a host of UFO enthusiasts were in Lincoln for a three-day conference at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education.

The event is called "Exploring Unexplained Phenomena II," and the second annual gathering focuses on whether the government is covering up UFO information. A conference pamphlet poses the question of whether the

government is involved in a "cosmic Watergate," a massive coverup of information concerning contact with unidentified objects.

The December 1980 case at RAF Woodbridge in England that concerns Fawcett and Bryant involved the landing of some type of craft, according to Fawcett, and perhaps contact between U.S. Air Force personnel and beings from the craft.

Fawcett said a document from the deputy base commander, Lt. Col. Charles I. Halt, was obtained through the Freedom of Information Act and "basically backs up the information that we have from an American airman that was stationed there — an informant that came forward to us."

'Startling'

Fawcett, who unveiled other data on the case during Saturday afternoon's UFO conference session, said the deputy base commander's document was startling even though it didn't confirm any contact with aliens.

"After receiving the document we realized the event was very explosive and it was a startling document," Fawcett

said in an interview. He said the case is explosive because some say there was a craft landing, beings were in contact with military personnel and repairs for the craft were made by the military personnel.

"The document verifies the fact that something did land there," he said. "The military document talked, of course, not about small aliens or beings, if you will. Of course, the military would never come up front and say there were little green men walking around."

Bryant supplied what he identified as a copy of the Air Force document signed by Halt, which said military personnel reported seeing "a strange glowing object." It was described as metallic in appearance, triangular in shape and about three meters across the base by two meters high.

The document also said that when military personnel approached, the craft maneuvered through forest trees and disappeared. It said a later check revealed three depressions more than an inch deep and seven inches in diameter on the ground where the object had been seen.

Documents Sought

Fawcett said CAUS continues to search for other documents in an attempt to verify the organization's findings from interviews both in America and England.

"We're in the appeals process right now to obtain photographs," he said.

Bryant said he intends to mount another Freedom of Information action aimed at obtaining messages and memoranda on the incident from the U.S. military attaché in England to the State Department in Washington.

Fawcett followed J. Allen Hynek on the Saturday program at the conference. Hynek, with a UFO research center in Evanston, Ill., is an astronomer and lifelong UFO researcher who spent years with the government's Project Bluebook.

Hynek outlined other UFO cases during a slide presentation, saying that many good cases develop in sparsely populated areas along lonely stretches of road at night.

"I'm sure that at the halftime of the game this afternoon you'll not see a UFO," Hynek said, referring to the Nebraska-Kansas football game in Lincoln.

Hynek has criticized Project Bluebook as public relations rather than the scientific project he believes it should have been.

WORLD-HERALD, Omaha, NE - Nov. 13, 1983 CR: L. Bryant
GAZETTE, Texarkana, AR - Dec. 1, 1983 CR: N. Lindblad



Robert Kerr
BYWAYS

Byways lost a very dear friend this week. Bill Leet, 67, who was featured here in October of 1981, suffered a massive stroke and died Saturday afternoon.

Bill was a fascinating fellow. He flew dozens of missions over Germany in World War II, as one of the B-17 bomber pilots who crippled the Nazi war machine by destroying its oil refineries and railroad yards.

He also flew in the Korean War, then returned to his law practice in Lexington, Kentucky. Some of his wartime experiences inspired him to begin serious research into UFOs. He became quite an expert, and even hosted a television show on the subject for three years.

He also worked in the aeronautics industry in Fort Worth, and he and his wife Helen moved to Texarkana five years ago.

Although retired, he wrote frequently, often staying up late at night to work. He had published a book on World War II pilots, a pictorial history of Texarkana, and was working on a book on UFOs. He was also the Arkansas state director of the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network, an international organization that compiles reports of UFO sightings.

Bill and I visited often after my column about him. He was very firm in his beliefs, but a more kindly, gentle soul you will seldom find.

Many people still suspect the soundness of anyone who maintain as much interest in UFOs as Bill did, but he was truly a serious student of the subject. "You should never mix fact and fiction concerning UFOs," he would say.

After knowing Bill, I never will.



All the homely joy of a spaceship reunion and oat cookies, too



SPARKLING AS EVER... THE JANI ALLAN COLUMN

★ ON MARCH 13 LifeStyle carried an interview with Elizabeth Klarer, the charming and erudite lady who claims intimate knowledge of Akon, an astrophysicist from the planet of Meton.

Each year, Ms Klarer makes a pilgrimage to Flying Saucer Hill in the Drakensberg, on the anniversary of their first tryst on April 7, 1956.

Each year Akon has appeared to "keep his side of the bargain", as she puts it. JUST JANI'S article about this amazing tale had scores of readers calling and writing to find out whether Akon had kept the date.

Now read on for the next episode in the greatest love story OUT of earth...

"Oh my dear," giggled the ineffable Lizbeth, "the whole of Natal has been in a flying saucer flap."

Perched on the edge of a sofa sagging hospitably in her tiny cottage, a pile of newscuttings on her lap, Mrs Klarer told me of the events

... THE DAY THAT AKON, FROM THE PLANET METON, KEPT HIS DATE WITH LIZ

of the past weeks.

"They were so wonderful," she quavered excitedly, patting her glorious Titian-coloured bun.

"Everybody has been so wonderful to me. I still haven't come back to earth, if you'll excuse the pun."

Glancing through the wad of cuttings it is apparent that the former Natalian was greeted with a hallelujah chorus when she returned to the last bastion of the British, The Victoria Club, in Pietermaritzburg.

"Oh it was so exciting," she piped. "As we were having lunch a lenticular-shaped cloud appeared in the clear sky, right over the club. And I knew it was Akon."

"But before that several farmers had reported seeing a flying saucer land in the fields - it's all in those newspaper cuttings - and there had also been sightings of what Mr Tom Geary of the Planetarium called meteorites."

"Well, of course there may have been meteorites too, but I knew it was Akon's ship."

Mrs Klarer's Close Encounters of the Third Kind have put her in a difficult position.

"I have been threatened with abduction by the Soviet Union. Letters have been written to me from Siberia, telexes have been sent from Moscow - I am pressured by everyone."



ELIZABETH KLARER Still not back on earth

Pressure or no, her strangely beautiful face glows like a dew-drenched violet. It has an uncanny youthfulness - a legacy, she maintains of her association with the immortal Akon.

In September Ms Klarer will address the annual international congress of UFO experts in West Berlin and in November she will speak to a UFO committee at the House of Lords in London.

She is constantly in contact with NASA and sci-

tists from all over the world have flown to South Africa to speak with her.

She is currently working on a book called "The Gravity File", her first book, "Beyond the Light Barrier", in which she details her relationship with Akon and life on Meton is a NON-FICTION bestseller.

But back to the burning question about the state of the date.

Elizabeth unfolds the story with the loving care of a young girl unwrapping her trousseau.

"On the night of April 6 - the night before the full moon - I could sense his proximity so very strongly."

"So I sat outside a house in Nottingham Road and just waited. I knew he was near. I don't know what time it was but everyone had gone to bed and all the lights had gone out."

"Then I became aware of a movement in the air. Not a noise, as such, though I could feel it in my ears."

"And the next thing, on the far lawn, I saw a radiant glow and I knew his ship had landed."

"I just leapt up and ran through the shrubs and over the flower beds towards it."

"By the time I reached her the power had been switched off and the door had noiselessly slid open and there was Akon and my 23-year-old son Ayling (her child by Akon) standing there..."

"I ran straight into Akon's arms and he picked me up and carried me into the spaceship."

"Ayling is also an astrophysicist now and he's the most extraordinary young man. He's very tall with a marvellous physique. There's nothing weedy about him..."

Until 4.30 in the morning Elizabeth spent an enchanted night, reunited with her Metonite "family".

Telepathic

"We ate oat-cakes and drank the juice of a fruit similar to a guava. We had so much to discuss."

"But we don't really need to talk because we have instantaneous telepathic communication," she explained.

"That's space communication. There is no need for many words when there is such love..."

"Finally I knew that he had to go, but not before he spoke to me quite sternly and told me that I had to finish my work on earth before he could fetch me and take me to live with him forever on Meton..."

"This time it was very difficult to accept leaving him... but I have to be strong."

She smoothed her tartan skirt nervously, her beautiful eyes filling with tears as she struggled to contain her emotions.

"But I've been talking too much. Let me get the coffee."

As she bustled out of the room she called over her shoulder: "Akon knows about you, my dear. I told him that you wanted to meet him and he said he'd think about it. And I know with him that means 'yes'."

"So perhaps next year?"

CAPE ARGUS, Cape Town, South Africa - Aug. 11, 1983 CR: C. Hind

Lights near Muizenberg 'not from this world'

Staff Reporter MYSTERIOUS low-flying lights have once again been seen in the Cape Town night sky.

Three people telephoned The Argus and reported seeing unusual configurations of lights between 7 and 7.30 pm on Tuesday.

Mrs J Lasker of Heathfield said she and her husband were driving past Philippi on their

way to Mitchell's Plain about 7.15 pm when she saw a bright white light come down fast from the sky and disappear behind some trees.

"I told my husband to turn round when we first saw it, because this was not something from this world. I had a stiff neck from looking at it."

About a minute later it shot up again, this time with two red lights, and

disappeared very quickly into the sky. She said the lights were bigger than those on an aircraft and gave her a terrible fright.

Mrs M Knott of Marina da Gama said she and her husband were driving in Muizenberg at 7.20 pm when they saw a cluster of about 10 flickering bright whitish lights in the sky to the east.

They parked at Sunrise

Beach and watched the lights, which remained stationary until 7.45, when they disappeared. Other people were also watching the spectacle, she said.

She said she was sure the lights were not a meteorite as they did not appear to move. The flickering effect was like lights on a Christmas tree.

Mr S Giles of Plum-

stead said he and his girlfriend also saw a cluster of flickering white lights that were very close together and lasted for about 30 seconds before vanishing about 7.10 pm. He was sure they were not aircraft lights.

● Spokesmen for Ysterplaat air force base and Court Helicopters said they had no flights over the areas mentioned on Tuesday evening.

ADVERTISER, Bournemouth, Dorset, England - Sept. 29, 1983

Couple tell of UFO encounter



"I felt the UFO was watching me", said store manager Nathan Sinclair who spotted the mystery light from his car.

UFOs are back in the local skies again - and one couple's weird encounter near Throop lasted over 20 minutes.

Health food store manager Nathan Sinclair, 38, of Coronation Avenue, Moordown, was driving with 37-year-old Sue Smith from Somerset between Throop and Holdenhurst around 9.30 pm on Wednesday the 21st when she spotted the mystery object through the car window.

It was so unusual that the couple stopped, got out and pointed it out to an old man passing by who was as baffled as they were.

Explained Sue: "I was looking at the moon when to its left I saw something with flashing lights. I thought it was a plane. But unlike a plane it was stationary, and the lights, which had tinges of orange and green, seemed to be either revolving or flashing round a circular or cylindrical rim. Nathan saw it too. For nine or 10 minutes the couple

stood watching the object - and the elderly passer-by also agreed it wasn't a plane or helicopter."

Suddenly the UFO streaked across the sky "faster than any plane", said the couple.

Said Sue: "It had been way to the left of the moon and it moved very fast to a position to the right."

Said Nathan: "It covered the distance in a few seconds - much faster than it takes a plane. Then it stopped - it didn't slow down, it just stopped dead and hovered again for another 10 minutes. I saw it as a crystal white light also with lights rather like a rainbow."

Sue added: "It eventually disappeared but that might have been because it became obscured with clouds. I've never seen anything like it before in my life - I knew it was something very different. I'm pretty certain we're not the only being in the universe."

Nathan, who runs Healthy Habits in Wimborne Road, Winton, added:

"I've never been particularly interested in UFOs but I had the feeling that this object was looking at me even though it was probably far enough away to be over Hengistbury Head. I felt it was watching something or taking pictures."

The couple's experience follows another UFO report from former RAF special branch officer Ernest Tucker of Sandbanks Road, Poole, who from his home early Monday morning spotted a spherical light moving towards Hengistbury Head.

Because he was certain it wasn't anything ordinary he called police who also investigated a report from a woman at Branksome Chine about the same time who saw "a thing with lights on with a tail-like appearance".

Local astronomer Colin Pither has surmised the sightings may have been the Planet Venus - a suggestion all the witnesses dismiss.



Sue Smith, who saw the UFO on her way to Holdenhurst to walk the dog.



Is there anybody out there?



LORD HILL-NORTON
 "Perhaps they think I'm a nutter. I don't care."

"YOU must talk to the admiral," I was urged, more than once, during my inquiries among members of the House of Lords UFO Study Group.

"Peter," enthused one of the peers, "really knows what it's about and he won't put you wrong. A sailor for 50 years and a more earthy man you couldn't find anywhere. A more square, down-to-earth individual does not exist on this planet."

"No one could call him an idiot or a lunatic. And yet he believes in UFOs."

Admiral of the Fleet Peter John Hill-Norton, created a baron in 1979, was Chief of Defence Staff between 1971-73 and First Sea Lord. His last job, before retiring in 1977, was chairman of the military committee of NATO. He is undoubtedly the group's biggest catch.

My interview with him was performed brisk and brief. It was Sunday noon, and he had just emerged from his local church at South Nutfield, Surrey, and was striding, with hearty appetite, towards his lunch.

This, rather than the subject matter, about which I accosted him, set the quarter-deck double of a pace at which the conversation was conducted.

"Listen," said Lord Hill-Norton, "I am not an expert in these matters, but I have indeed been interested in the things, in a non-professional way, a good many years, and by that I mean 25 years."

"I've read a fair amount of books about them and when I was

UFOs are keeping a watchful eye on us, says the admiral

By ANDREW GRIMES

made a lord about five years ago, and I learned that this outfit, the UFO group, was going, I joined it at once.

"Some of my friends and former colleagues don't understand why, for reasons I am quite unable to understand. Perhaps they think I am a nutter of some kind. I don't care what they think."

"My position is this: Not only in this country, but in France and South America and the United States, and God knows where else, there have been a large number of sightings, a high proportion of which have been by responsible, steady sort of guys, like airline pilots and ships' captains, and not hysterical wives and small school-boys who are just trying to get their names in the papers. By this I mean tens of thousands of sane people."

"From between 5 per cent and 10 per cent of these sightings have been satisfactorily explained, so I always say that so far as I am concerned the U in UFO stand for 'unexplained' not unidentified."

"Now, we in this small group at the House of Lords hear many decent speakers from time to time. They are not nutters and I have found them all extremely interesting. They all have slight differences of approach and attitude."

"But there is one slight difficulty about them all — they haven't explained exactly what these flying objects are. That is because, like me and you, they can't."

"Some are convinced that they are extraterrestrial, and I am bound to agree that most of these things come from somewhere other than this earth."

"A lot of people are worried about the defence implications of

their being of terrestrial origin, but it wouldn't be possible for either of the super powers to have devised machines that do what these things do. Absolutely impossible, I do assure you of that."

"Everything is leaked anyway, and something would have been found about them by our side or theirs."

I asked Lord Hill-Norton if, as a defence man, he was at all worried about the possibility of extraterrestrial vehicles keeping us under constant surveillance. What if the space travellers turned out to be hostile?

"It seems to me," he replied, instantly, "that they are more likely than not benign, because if they were not they would have fixed us up a long time ago. If they were hostile and malign they would have done something other than burning holes in the grass when they touched down."

"One hears talk of kidnappings and so on. But not one human being so far as I can see has been damaged by them. If they were malign they would have let us know about it without any doubt whatever. One can only assume they are keeping a watchful eye on us. Probably they don't like what they see."

The talk turned, rapidly, at the admiral's instigation, to Whitehall's apparent refusal to part with information on the sightings. Was there really, I asked, a big government cover up?

"Yes there is," replied Lord Hill-Norton. "But who is responsible for this concealment, that's what I'd like to know? It is certainly not at the Department of Defence, I was supposed to be in

charge of the department and no one kept anything from me. There was no secret to which I was not privy, none."

"And I never, during all my years there, came across any documentation, any discussions, any report, not one written or verbal word, about reports of UFOs. It is inconceivable that any such reports could have been kept from me."

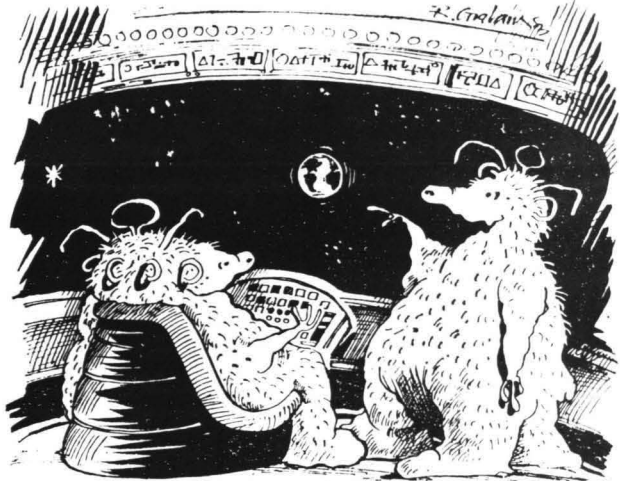
"And yet the experience of our group has been most frustrating. From time to time we put down a question. We are always answered by a junior minister. We never get a bit of sense out of any of them. Never."

"It is not the fault of the ministers concerned. But it is no good saying that all these reports, so many thousands of them, are stories and lies. So who is sitting on them? And why?"

"And what happens to the reports, some from policemen themselves. They reach the right departments surely. And then the reports disappear."

"Who then, is keeping all the information and sitting on it? I suppose it could be the Home Office, but no. That is such a diverse mess I can't believe they are capable of keeping a secret even if they wanted to..."

And with this, snorting querulously, and bidding me a brisk good day, the admiral marched off to his slightly delayed Sunday luncheon.



LET'S ZOOM DOWN AND SCARE THE PANTS OFF THAT LITTLE BLUE PLANET DOWN THERE!

NORTHLAND POST, Cochrane, Ontario, Canada - Oct. 19, 1983

11 see UFO on Detour Lake Road

by PAM SUTHERAN

At least 11 men saw what they believe to be an Unidentified Flying Object about four miles south of Cochrane on the Detour Lake Road at about 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 11.

Ten of the men, employees of M.J. Labelle Co. Ltd. of Cochrane, were on their way to work when they saw the object which has been described as about 150-feet long, egg-shaped and having a blunt and a round end with two large spot lights at each end.

Cochrane Ontario Provincial Police detachment Cpl. William Tinney said that the object was reported to the detachment Wednesday and is being taken seriously.

In a telephone interview Friday afternoon, Tinney said that the men reported that the object made no noise as it

hovered over the roadway.

He said that he doesn't know what it was the men saw and added it is being treated as a UFO sighting.

A few years ago, he said, there were "a whole bunch" of people saying they saw a spaceship and it turned out to be a Russian satellite that fell to earth.

He continued to say that those who reported the sighting were "a good bunch of reliable men" who were on their way to work and that there is no question they saw something. What it was, I don't know, he said, adding that there is likely a logical explanation. I don't know if we will ever know, he said.

Cpl. Tinney is probably correct in assuming that the mystery will never be solved.

Dr. Allen McNamara, head of planetary science of the National Research Council of Canada (NRC) said that the

sighting, the only one that day, was reported but he added the NRC doesn't have the staff to investigate UFO sightings.

He said it is very difficult to tell what the object was and he added that one thing of interest is that a lot of UFO reports are triggered by the planet Venus. He said that in October, and at dawn, Venus is at its brightest and is in the southeast portion of the sky. It is interesting that it was in such a place on Tuesday, he said, adding it is very difficult to pin down sightings because of the variations of individual's observations.

Albert Berkin of Cochrane, the driver of the first truck-load of men to spot the object, said the object was hard to explain.

We were near Jack Pine Lake when we saw what looked like a star, he said Friday evening. It had a straight line of light through it, he said, adding that it was about 500 feet off the road and really big — monstrous.

He said he stopped the truck, and turned off the lights. When the object went below the tree line, Berkin said he climbed onto the truck to look but it disappeared.

Berkin said the object looked like a big well-lit spaceship.

He said it was a few seconds before it disappeared and that he was so surprised to see it.

He added that when the object went below the tree line he expected to hear a crash, but there was no noise at all.

"It happened so fast — like something you dream — but it was real," Berkin said, adding, "I never saw anything like it before."

The driver of the other truck, Chuck Crundwell, also of Cochrane, said the object looked to be 150-feet long and was low to the road. He said they lost sight of it as they rounded a corner but then saw it in the sky again and that it looked like a star only it "was passing everything else."

It was strange, Crundwell said, adding he had not seen anything like it before.

He said it moved "so fast" and that it was a matter of seconds that it was visible.

Bob Johnson, an Ontario Provincial Police officer from Matheson, was on his way to Hearst when he saw the object.

At first, he said, he thought it was a bunch of stars together. It was over the trees and looked like it was headed to Timmins, Johnson said.

It was close to the ground and looked like it was travelling about 35 miles an hour. Johnson said that as he slowed down, he realized the object was moving.

It was big, he said, adding that he couldn't say how big it actually was.

"It's hard to explain what it was but I know I saw something," he says. He never thought about it again until he was in Cochrane later in the week and he heard officers there talking about it.

There's a gigantic secret cover-up

By ANDREW GRIMES



LORD KIMBERLEY
"Up against a brick wall."

'They say they have destroyed the papers — but that's rubbish'

JOHN WODEHOUSE, the fourth Earl of Kimberley, used to be the Liberals' spokesman on aviation and aerospace. Since he joined the Tories he has not been offered a comparable brief. Some might think this a pity.

"Look," said Lord Kimberley, rhetorically and just a trifle tetchily, at his home, which is Hailstone House, Swindon, in the county of Wiltshire. "Look. Suppose you are sitting with a chap in a room. You are reading the paper. He is looking out of the window.

"Suddenly, he says, 'Look, Johnny. I've just seen a UFO.' You look out of the window and you see nothing. What do you do? You don't call him a liar. You don't assume he has just come out of a funny house and needs watching. No, you have to believe him and keep an open mind."

The point the 58-year-old Earl is making is that the human race is not

composed entirely of idiots who run around making things up to report to the police. He insists, with some passion, that when reports of strange flying things come in, not just in ones and twos but in tens and thousands, in every part of the globe, some of them, at the very least, merit unscolding inquiry.

Indeed, he is absolutely convinced that the various ministries take these sightings most seriously and tell their civil service chaps to keep files on them.

The civil servants thereupon keep the files under heavy lock and key.

"Don't get me wrong," he said. "I regard our civil service in some ways as absolutely superb and excellent. But some of them really are the most maddening people you can come across. And they are undoubtedly involved in a gigantic cover up."

"They must, simply must, keep the papers, but you try asking for

them. They say they have all disappeared. Or they say they have destroyed them for lack of space. They tell you there is no way you can keep everything in a filing cabinet."

"But look, you can now put something as thick as the Bible on a trip of micro film the size of a postage stamp, so what they are saying is rubbish."

Recently, Lord Kimberley asked a policeman what would happen if, perhaps off duty, he inadvertently saw a flying saucer land in Hyde Park. The officer said he would instantly go to the police station to inform his sergeant.

And what would his sergeant do?

Tell him to fill in a form. And what would happen to the form? Probably, it would be sent to the Home Office or somewhere.

And what then? The policeman would probably get a call from a ministry chap, asking him to write down more particulars on another form. And when he turned that document over he would discover that, by the way, he had just signed the Official Secrets Act.

"So you can see," exclaimed the earl, "what we members of the Lords' group are up against. You can't prove anything because every time you come up against a brick wall."

"Hill-Norton, for instance. He's our admiral. I said to him one day, 'Peter, listen. You worked for the MoD long enough. You must know something.'"

"And he said: 'Johnny, I've come up against a brick wall, too.'"

"The truth is that these man-

darins all link hands and form this wall and they are absolutely uncrackable. You ask them to give way and they never will. Never."

Lord Kimberley admits, almost wistfully, that he has never seen a UFO or anything remotely like one. But he knows many sensible chaps who have seen flying vehicles for which no terrestrial explanation seems possible.

"These scientists who say light travel is nonsense," he declared, "should have egg poured all over their faces. Who are we on this pin prick in the galaxy to say what you can and can't do? It doesn't make sense."

"Einstein said you can't travel faster than the speed of light. But who knows? If someone had told you 500 years ago that you would be able to travel from London to New York in four hours you would have said rubbish. That limited, short-sighted claptrap doesn't make sense."



Man saw UFO 'come in from the sea'

A HOPE COVE man claims he spotted an unidentified flying object while walking his dog at dawn on Monday.

Mr Roger Leeming, who is retired and lives at Weymouth Park, claims he saw a brilliant white light moving slowly across the sky.

"I was in my garden walking my dog at about 6.45 am just as it was getting light. I saw this spectacular white light. It was travelling in from the sea towards Galmpton and was absolutely silent. It was quite incredible."

He said since he moved to the South Hams from

Cheltenham in June he had seen several similar lights but they had all been on the flight route to Exeter airport and were noisy.

Mr Leeming said he would like to hear from anyone who also saw the object.

Mr Eric Morris, a UFO expert from Plymouth, said: "We are very interested in this sighting because it is the latest of about four or five in the Bigbury area during the past few months."

He has appealed to anyone else who has made a sighting to contact him on Plymouth 369862.

CUMBERLAND NEWS, Carlisle, England - Oct. 14, 1983

Boggle that might have been a UFO . . .

SIGHTINGS of so called Unidentified Flying Objects occur from time to time in this area, very often with a simple explanation to follow.

I for one keep an open mind on the subject, for there are too many sightings in various parts of the country which have not had a satisfactory explanation to discount the visitors from other worlds theory.

A man who takes a keen interest in such matters is reader Mr Donald McNeill, of Longlands Head, Newton Arlosh who has come up with the theory that probably the earliest publication of a UFO sighting in Cumbria was in the last century.

For reading through

the little booklet "Cumberland Talk", by John Richardson, of St. John's in the Vale, near Keswick, published in 1871, Mr McNeill was struck by the similarity in the description of the Dalehead Park Boggle at Thirlmere and modern UFO sightings.

The author had questioned an old dalesman about the boggle.

The old man had seen it more than once. He described the appearance of a great shower of sparks and flame, which had disappeared without trace when he went to investigate.

Heap

Another time he was gathering up sheep with his dog, when the sheep stopped in the middle of the road, refusing to move. He saw across the road what looked like "a girl time and mowd heap".

Mr McNeill says that in the magazine "The Unexplained" which deals with UFO's among other subjects, similar piles of material were found across a road in California at the same time as a UFO experience.

There they were described as similar in appearance to huge brains.

Could the boggle have been a UFO?



"I saw this American chap, Carl Sagan, on TV. He came on with a blackboard and demonstrated that there are something like 10 million solar systems, each probably with its own system of planets, in our galaxy alone. Are you telling me that there is no other living intelligence out there? Balderdash."

"There are some funny things in our own world, I can tell you. I have a faith healer. Don't ask me what he does, but he can radiate intense heat from his fingertips, and he has cured me of a migraine headache."

"Don't know how he does it, but I can tell you this: I felt such intense heat in my head from the heat of his fingers that I thought I was going to faint. After that, I can believe anything is possible."

Seen in the sky

The publication of my letter regarding UFO sightings (Tribune, October 26) resulted in my receiving two letters, from readers living only 14 miles apart. One produced evidence of something seen in the sky, the other of something equally interesting seen very close to a house.

would be most grateful for any further corroborative material and particularly from anyone living somewhere between Rugby and Bedford. October has been anything but an uninteresting month! The 8th and 21st in particular!

THE REV H D L THOMAS

The Rectory
Swan Lane,
Long Harborough
Oxford

Chilean 'UFO sighting'

CALAMA, Chile, Dec 3 — A 22-year-old Chilean woman claims to have been carried off in her car by a flying saucer near this northeastern Chilean city, the Ultimas Noticias daily newspaper said here today.

The paper, not usually noted for sensationalism, said the girl, Marisol Espinoza, claimed the unidentified flying object later deposited her and her car on the edge of a ravine.

She was driving along a mountain road at night when her car was sucked up into the air by a powerful force emanating from a circular object surrounded by violet lights floating overhead, she claimed.

She said she later had to walk home as the car's engine would not start after the incident. Her father confirmed that Miss Espinoza had

returned on foot, "in a terrible state, with her shoes ruined."

When leaving a local police station after reporting the incident, Miss Espinoza and her father claimed to have seen the UFO a second time.

Reports of sightings of UFOs are common in most of Latin America, and are often taken quite seriously by the authorities and the Press.

In 1979, the Chilean armed forces opened an official inquiry after the pilots of an air force jet claimed to have chased a UFO for several minutes.

WEST LANCASHIRE EVENING GAZETTE,
Blackpool, England Nov. 14, 1983

THE Defence Ministry must be working overtime logging surprise appearances by our alien friends.

Three Blackpool nurses are the latest in a long line of locals to spot a UFO. While working nights on Wednesday, they were alerted by two steady glowing lights which hovered for about seven minutes before disappearing from above Blackpool Victoria Hospital.

"It was certainly very eerie" said Sister Kay Bennett, one of the trio, before filling in an official ministry form registering the sighting.

GAZETTE, Kingsbridge, England
Nov. 18, 1983

STANDARD, Warrnambool, Victoria, Australia
Dec. 5, 1983 CR: P. Norman

UFOs

FOLLOWING our series on UFOs, we invited your comments and experiences. Here is a selection of points from your letters.

Green glow over the Reds

THE REPORT that scientists are endeavouring to track down unidentified flying objects from extra terrestrial haunts at Jodrell Bank is a welcome sign that the powers that be are at last taking UFOs seriously.

Several years ago on a warm September night in the vicinity of Old Trafford football ground, I had an unusual sighting of an apparent UFO circling near the centre of the ground's floodlights.

It was shimmering with a phosphorescent green glow, and shaped like a huge spinning bowl. A strange humming tone emanated from within its peculiar shape, and as it hovered the tone turned into an ear shattering whistle that gave one a head buzzing sensation. Suddenly, the quivering object began to rapidly revolve, and as it did so, it gradually rose till it was almost lost from sight, and then veered off into the unknown.

An awesome experience and one that I will never forget. I found out later, that homes in the area had suffered from an electricity black out. As far as I know, no one has ever been able to work out the reason why. Let alone

explain such a mysterious object flying over Old Trafford.

John Docherty, Old Trafford.

Other life

Astronomers, astro physicists, and others in the last two decades have opened up new frontiers of knowledge about the universe.

In our galaxy alone there are millions of suns of the same type as our own.

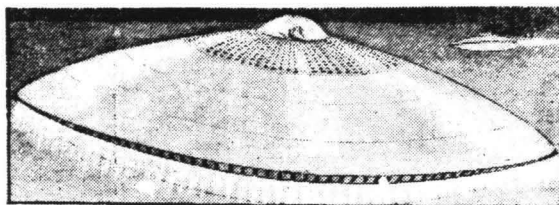
I therefore suggest that life in various stages of evolution, technically and socially, exists elsewhere in the universe.

D J Lees, Heathbank Road, Blackley.

Seeing...

I hesitate to believe that UFO's exist. Even should there be life on other planets I doubt if they would reach earth. Like our own astronauts, occupants of UFO's couldn't land unless they were equipped with suits and breathing apparatus.

If these so-called flying saucers could flit about the sky from one planet to another how come we haven't built anything like them? Why do we have



The lady vanishes

WHILE on holiday in Benidorm last year in July I noticed people looking up at the sky.

It was about 9.30 pm. I stopped, looked upwards, and saw an object at about 40,000ft. It was round and bright with what looked like an orange-coloured light off-centre underneath.

It was about quarter the size of the moon. I watched it for about 30 minutes by which time it had begun to go dark. Then, the object began to go higher, reducing to a "star," and vanishing.

Hundreds of people along the coast must have seen it. There was a report in the Costa Blanca paper from a Mr Ron Langham who also watched it with his binoculars.

A few weeks later, in a British Sunday paper, there was a story about a lady, an amateur astronomer, who had gone secretly to Benidorm without telling her husband and who disappeared.

They found her passport and handbag on some spare ground. The week she disappeared was the same week that the UFO was seen. I wonder...

JHW, Prestwich.

What was that?

I USED to exercise my dog on a field off Simonsway, Wythenshawe, always accompanied with a friend and her dog.

Mr friend Beryl and I used to wait for a red star which used to appear at dusk and stay in one spot in the sky for about half an hour. Then it would vanish. After a few weeks we told some boys about it, but it never appeared again.

Some 10 years later I was with my boyfriend in his home, we were listening to records with the

light out, having a kiss'n' cuddle when a red light appeared on the top left corner of the room. We both looked and our eyes followed it right round the room and out of the closed window!

We both went to the front door only to see the red light disappear into the star-lit sky.

All this time neither of us spoke. After we said to each other "what was that?" That was 18 years ago in Stockport.

Mrs Margaret Doyle, Station Road, Pendlebury.

NEWS, Farnborough, England - Oct. 28, 1983

UFO SIGHTINGS MAY HERALD MORE 'VISITS' FROM SPACE

THE Home of the British Army faces an invasion... from outer space.

A spate of UFO sightings could signal the start of many more "visits," according to Mr. Omar Fowler, chairman of the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial phenomena.

"I think we are at the beginning of one of these flaps," he said. "I think it could be very interesting indeed."

Mr. Fowler has asked colleagues to keep a special watch on the area.

Two weeks ago pensioner Mr. Alfred Burtoo reported boarding a flying saucer on the bank of the Basingstoke Canal,

near the Government Road bridge.

Then cargo supervisor Mr. Peter New and his wife Patricia saw a mysterious craft at Normandy, on the Aldershot Road, last Wednesday.

Another Aldershot family reported a sighting on the same evening.

BRIGHT

Mrs. Carolyn Coleman (30) was at home in Salerno Crescent when she asked her 11-year-old daughter Victoria to close the curtains.

But Victoria saw something which made her call her mother to the window.

"At first I thought it was a

bright star or a helicopter," said Mrs. Coleman. "It was a bright light which seemed to go round and round."

The UFO hovered for about five minutes then changed to a red light which sped off in the direction of Mr. New's sighting, Mrs. Coleman said.

"We laughed at the time, but after reading the story in the "News" I wondered whether there was any connection," she added.

Mr. Fowler said this report did not seem like an aircraft and could well be linked with Mr. New's experience.

Then on Thursday, pensioner Mrs. Flora Thorpe saw a UFO hovering over the fields near her house in Austen

Road, Farnborough.

She said: "At first I thought it was the moon, but I stood and looked at it for half an hour and don't think it could have been because it was brilliant and there was the noise like electricity charging."

After receiving full details Mr. Fowler's group will evaluate the sightings.

The UFO Centre at Illinois University, USA, is notified of substantial encounters.

Mr. Fowler has been a UFO watcher for 17 years.

The Aldershot area has been the site of dozens of UFO encounters in the past 15 years.

In 1978 eight people — including a policeman — reported clear sightings in the skies above Ash and Farnborough.

What was it?



MRS Doris Galinaitis, of Derham Court, Yatton, believes she saw a UFO this week.

She woke early on Monday morning and looked out of the window to see what the weather was like. To her surprise, she saw a brightly-lit object in the sky between Bristol Airport and Weston.

"I have never seen anything like it before," said Mrs Galinaitis. "It was kind of oval with two ends on each side. It was all lit up at the edges and in the centre it was very dark."

"I watched it for over an hour through my binoculars. I don't know what it was but it wasn't an aircraft and it wasn't a star."

Mrs Galinaitis watched the object from about 4.45am to 6.15am before going back to bed. When she awoke again it was light and the object could not be seen.

"You hear about all these things but I never thought I would see anything like this. I'm not really a believer in UFOs but..." she said.

Weston police said they had not had any reported sightings of the object.

Bristol Airport said a small twin engined aircraft took off at 4.44am towards Bristol but nothing unusual had been reported.

DAILY MAIL, Hull, England - Oct. 17, 1983

UFO sighted over North Hull

HULL MAINTENANCE worker, Mr Gary Clark was today still puzzling over a weekend close encounter.

"I was putting the car away in the garage when I suddenly saw this bright light above the trees on the skyline over the Old Hymerians sports ground."

"It had a small trail behind it like a comet. There was no sound coming from it and no flashing lights so it wasn't an aircraft."

"It was a brilliant white light like a fluorescent tube, quite low in the sky and it was moving very slowly," he said.

Mr Clarke, of Oxenhope Road, Hayward Park, Hull, watched the unidentified flying object for about three minutes before it disappeared on the horizon over the city centre.

"It is the first time I have ever seen anything like this. It was most interesting. I wish I had taken a photograph," he said.

Mr Clarke's two daughters Donna, eight, and Eve, four, were with him when the light appeared at 9 pm on Friday night. His wife Karen Clark, also saw it.

He joked that it might be a flying saucer and thought no more of the sighting.

That was until yesterday morning when a Sunday newspaper contained reports about a UFO seen by radio presenter David Jacobs on Friday night. The switchboard at Broadcasting House was jammed when Mr Jacobs mentioned on the air that he had seen the white light in the sky over Leicestershire.

"It looks as though I wasn't the only person to see it," said Mr Clarke, today.

Riddle as UFO sighted in city

IS it a bird? Is it a plane? Is it a flying handkerchief?

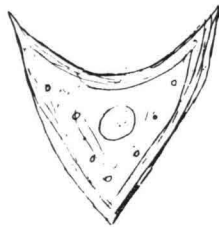
Or is it a UFO — that's the question neighbours in Blackpole, Worcester, would like answered.

They saw this strange object flying low overhead at about 9 p.m. on Wednesday night.

"My husband Mark saw it first and called me to have a look," said Mrs Susan Brennan of Brockhampton Close. "Four other people saw it as well and we dashed inside to make a sketch of it."

"It was making a noise like an aeroplane, but much louder, and it was travelling a lot faster than aeroplanes usually do."

As the Brennans' sketch shows, the craft looked like a triangle with a bit taken out of its rear end. In the middle of the undercarriage



was one large light surrounded by a number of smaller lights.

A spokesman for Edgbaston Observatory in Birmingham said they had not any reports of UFO sightings in the area at the time.

"It might have been a satellite," he said. "But I can't think of anything else that answers the descriptions."



It went thataway — from the left Mark Brennan, Timothy Skillern, Sean Skillern and Susan Brennan relive their close encounter.

Suffolk UFO was 'no threat to security'

THE mysterious sighting of a UFO near a Suffolk airbase was just one of 1,400 "unexplained incidents" recorded in the last three years, the Commons was told last night.

Armed Forces Minister Mr. John Bradley said none of the sightings was backed up by any radar contacts, and none posed any security threat.

His announcement comes just weeks after revelations that a USAF serviceman at Woodbridge had seen a white and red flashing object land near the base at Tangham Wood.

The sighting, which was

later confirmed by a senior officer at the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing, was brought to light by UFO investigator Dot Street, from Oulton Broad.

She got hold of a report which confirmed that about 200 military and civilian witnesses saw the lights on December 27, 1980, and

which described the UFO "throwing off glowing particles" and finally "breaking into five separate white objects and disappearing."

Mr. Bradley was questioned about the incident and on the Government's handling of information on UFOs by Tory MP Sir Patrick Wall.

The Minister revealed that the Ministry of Defence had received 1,400 reports of sightings since 1980, and added, "I am ready to give information about any such reported sightings that are found to be a matter of concern from a defence standpoint, but there has been none to date."

WESTERN MORNING NEWS, Plymouth, England
Dec. 2, 1983

It was a UFO — witness

THE mystery of the North Devon lights deepened yesterday as a solicitor claimed they were a UFO.

The pair of weird orange lights were spotted by scores of people from Bude to Hartland and Barnstaple on Tuesday night.

Yet coastguards, lifeboatmen and RAF personnel are all baffled.

And Mr. Michael Piercy, a senior partner in a 200-year-old law firm, is amazed by his own close encounter.

It happened as he was walking his dogs from Hannaford to

Grey's Holt Cross near Landkey at about 7.30 p.m.

"It certainly was not an aircraft — it was quiet and there was no sound except for the owls."

He added: "The lights were about 100ft. away and stationary for approximately 20 seconds before moving towards Landkey."

"I didn't believe in UFOs before but that's all I can think it was. Unless perhaps it was some secret military weapon."

Appledore Inshore Lifeboat, Clovelly Offshore Lifeboat, and a Hartland coastguard are among those who spotted the "extra-terrestrial" balls of light.

IPSWICH EVENING STAR, Suffolk, England - Oct. 26, 1983

UFOs?

Physicist says there are — and military covering up

By Chris Morris
of Canadian press

FREDERICTON — Stanton Friedman is convinced we're the dupes of a cosmic watergate — a high-level conspiracy to conceal the truth about visits by extraterrestrial spaceships to Earth.

For 25 years Friedman, a 49-year-old nuclear physicist, writer and lecturer, has stalked the elusive UFO with an intensity that can make even the most steadfast skeptic stop and think twice about the possibility of alien exploration of this planet.

"Those of us who get involved in the serious collection of data about UFOs have found a number of things," Friedman said.

"First, it is an international phenomenon — there are reports of sightings in at least 140 countries, landings, creature reports, abduction cases from all over the world and they are consistent stories. Second, it is clear the military guys know a lot more than they are saying."

Friedman, who has lived in New Brunswick since he left his native United States in 1980, has spent years trying to get his hands on secret documents detailing government involvement in UFO investigation.

He has amassed some impressive data, including a memo apparently from J. Edgar Hoover when he was director of the FBI saying the agency might consider involvement in UFO in-

vestigation provided they have "full access to discs recovered."

CANADIAN MEMO

There is a 1958 memo marked top-secret from a Canadian scientist with the Department of Transport who says that after discreet inquiries through the Canadian embassy in Washington, he was told that UFO investigation is "the most highly classified subject in the United States government, rating higher even than the H-bomb." The scientist was also told that flying saucers do exist.

"At least since 1947 when one (alien spaceship) crashed in New Mexico and was retrieved by the government, complete with bodies,

a small group of people at the highest echelons in the United States have been well aware that we are dealing with extraterrestrials and, to a large extent, they've kept it secret," Friedman said.

On July 2, 1947, there was an incident near the town of Roswell, N.M., that Friedman considers the cornerstone of the U.S. government's coverup of its involvement in UFO investigation.

Friedman and colleague William Moore, co-author of

the book The Roswell Incident, have talked to 89 people involved in the case.

Friedman said the Air Force first announced that a UFO had crashed near Roswell but later changed that to say it was a weather balloon. Friedman said he has talked to a number of people, including a retired air force general, who admit the balloon was substituted for UFO debris secreted away for examination.

"We have seven people who handled the material that was picked up and they

all describe it in consistent terms — very strong, lightweight, it would bend but not crease, it couldn't be burned or torn and yet it looked like foil, and we have lots of people testifying to the coverup," he said.

Friedman believes governments keep their interest in UFOs secret because they want to be the first to develop the advanced technology exhibited by spaceships and also because they are worried about the political ramifications of revealing their involvement.

DAILY HERALD TRIBUNE, Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada
Oct. 31, 1983

County may be on route to the stars

LINCOLNSHIRE may be on an inter-galactic flight-path, according to a top UFO spotters' organisation.

For BUFORA, the British UFO Research Association, the oldest national UFO society, is receiving an increasing amount of reports from the county.

Jenny Randles, director of investigation, said: "We are aware that things are happening in Lincolnshire. It always has been an active location for sightings."

Strange

The latest incident happened last Monday as three women and a schoolgirl returned home after a night out at bingo.

They were within half a mile of the village of Rippingale when they spotted a strange flying saucer-shaped object above a field.

Mother of two, Mrs. Jenny Clarke (31), said: "I was flabbergasted. We actually saw it there for about 10 to 12 minutes."

"It was a round shape, had flickering lights, and made a humming sort of noise. It didn't sound like an aircraft or a car engine."

Since the sighting, Mrs. Clarke and the other women, Mrs. Mary Hibbin, Mrs. Pat Fowles and her 10-year-old daughter, Samantha, have been asked to fill out questionnaires.

BUFORA has also been told of the recent UFO sighting by Mrs. Benjamin Franklin, of Rowston, near Digby, who saw bright lights in the sky three or four miles north of the village.

TRANSLATIONS

CREDIT: Jane Thomas (Translation Credit: Luis R. Gonzalez)

City and country of incident: Winifreda, Argentina
Date of incident: August 7, 1983
Name of paper and date of clip: LA REFORMA, August 12, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

NEW DATA ABOUT THE PLATNER ABDUCTION

(SUMMARY)

Detailed account: Mr. Julio Platner was opening the ranch gate of the farm where he works when he was blinded by a bright white light. "It was as if a lorry were coming towards me. I covered my head with my arms and after that, I do not remember anything until I awoke inside a room."

"When I awoke, I found myself lying on an 'operating table' and I discovered 4 beings around me. Two were beside me at the top of the table, one clasping my shoulder with his hand (I saw him but I did not feel his hand). In front of me, about 2 meters away, there were two more beings, a man and a woman. I moved my lips asking where I was and what they wanted, but no sound came out. Nevertheless, they seemed to understand me and answered mentally: 'Don't be afraid. We would not harm you. What you are experiencing now has happened to thousands of people before. You can reveal it if you wish. Some will believe you and others will not.'"

"I felt very calm and comfortable. The temperature inside was quite pleasant. I was not afraid. I looked around and gathered as many details as possible. Once the woman came close to me and put her hand on my wrist, but I did not feel it. Then they put a strange artifact on my left arm, with some kind of tube, 30 centimeters long, half rigid and half flexible, and they took some blood. They did not use any rubber band or needle, but I could see how my blood raised inside the tube up to the middle, when they stopped. I tried to touch the being at my back, but I struck something like a glass. I tried to stand up and my forehead struck another glass, as if I were inside a glass cube."

Mr. Platner was inside the UFO for 15 to 20 minutes until "I was ordered to stand up which I did without touching any glass." At the same moment "the 4 beings disappeared and I found myself sitting inside my van on a mule-track towards Villa Marisol."

Description of the humanoids: "They were humans. His body had human shape from neck to feet, which were like boots. Their five-fingered hands seemed to be covered by gloves. But there were no boots or gloves. They had no uniform or their own skin was their uniform, close-fitting, without holes or seams, all in one piece including face and head, like rubber. The head was different than ours; hairless, short nose, small mouth and ears flatter against the side of the head. The most alien feature were their eyes; circular, without eyelashes and bulging out of the face, with a small protuberance in its middle. They were 1.65 or 1.70 meters tall, three of them were men and the other a woman. The 'woman' was exactly like the men with grayish, whitish or greenish skin or uniform, but I think she was a woman because she had female shapes (breasts) and she was quite thin. They showed no emotions, made no face movements except with their lips (but without noise). Sometimes they seemed robots."

The "room" where Mr. Platner was examined had a spherical shape about 3 meters in diameter. Walls were soft, of a "beige" color. Without windows or sources of light, but well lit. No signs or symbols. There was only an "operating table" and some kind of glass "bookcase" which glowed. Nothing was seen inside it.

City and country of incident: Santa Fe, Argentina
Date of incident: August 22, 1983
Name of paper and date of clip: TIEMPO ARGENTINO, August 23, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A UFO WAS SEEN IN SANTA FE

Santa Fe. - A local newspaper, "El Litoral," included today the story related by Gumersindo Rivero who lives on Alberdi Street 4557, 3rd, in our city.

He was returning home when he saw a UFO in the sky. Its altitude was uncertain, between 700 and 1000 meters. It had a round shape, bigger than the Moon, very bright and silvery. The UFO was moving at a "fantastic" speed and traveled across the horizon from east to west in a few seconds.

City and country of incident: Between Santa Rosa and Victoria, La Pampa, Argentina

Date of incident: September 7, 1983

Name of paper and date of clip: LA RAZON, September 9, 1983

City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THREE WITNESSES SAW A UFO WHICH FOLLOWED THEM TWICE ON A LOCAL ROAD

Santa Rosa. - Three young men were traveling from Victoria to Santa Rosa when they saw a UFO alongside the road. The sighting was astonishing and long. The local newspaper "La Arena" published today the accounts of Mr. Oscar Di Dio (23), driver, Mr. Raul Cufre (28) and Miss Teresa Ida Rodriguez (31). They said that when they arrived at the crossroad of Luan Toro, 125 kilometers northwest of here, they saw a light over the road, bigger and bigger as they came closer. Mr. Di Dio said, "It was a strange object, with different colored lights. In its middle, there was a white circle about 7 meters in diameter. The light was greenish or bluish."

According to the young men the incident took place last Wednesday about 22:00 p.m. on a lonely road. They panicked and decided to turn around, but the light kept following them up to the small town of Luan Toro. Once there they related their encounter and after a few minutes decided to continue traveling. But 400 meters away, the UFO was seen again.

"Frightened," confessed Mr. Di Dio, "I changed to reverse gear but drove out of the road. The light came closer and closer, but I finally succeeded in returning to the road and back to Luan Toro. I was very frightened, my legs and hands were trembling. Teresa wanted to take a photo but I did not let her." His friends added: "At the crossroad we stopped a car coming from Santa Rosa which had seen nothing strange, so we decided to continue after some discussion. Again, near the pub called 'El Descanso,' as the first time, the light reappeared. Finally another car came from Luan Toro and we joined them, arriving at Santa Rosa three hours later."

City and country of incident: Caracoli, Colombia

Date of incident: September 19, 1983

Name of paper and date of clip: LA RAZON, September 20, 1983

City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

3 WOMEN BURNED BY A FLYING SAUCER

Barranquilla. - Three women were affected by radiation coming from a flying saucer which flew over Northern Colombia last Monday morning. The UFO was seen about 3:00 a.m. in Caracoli, near the town of Malambo where three women panicked at the sighting of a strange and bright machine which bathed their house in light. It hovered quite close to the ground but finally flew away. The witnesses suffered high fever and other medical troubles.

City and country of incident: Concordia, Entre Rios, Argentina

Date of incident: September 26, 1983

Name of paper and date of clip: TIEMPO ARGENTINO, September 27, 1983

City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

CHILDREN SAW A "HAPPY" FLYING SAUCER. IT WAS ROUND, MULTICOLORED AND BUZZED

Concordia. - Six children were playing football in a field of this town when they saw a UFO which emitted white beams of light and made a strange buzzing noise on its retreat.

Osvaldo and Orlando Sambrana, Gustavo and Marcelo Bentos, Fabian Aguirre and Alberto Tealdo said that they were at the crossing between Rivadavia Street and Niez Street when they saw the "craft."

"It was about seven or half past seven," Tealdo explained, "when I saw a luminous thing moving behind several tall eucalyptus trees about four blocks from here. The white light was very bright and it did not allow us to see the shape of the UFO clearly. It turned and went towards the Uruguay river, flashing multicolored lights from a window. At first we thought it should be an aircraft or a helicopter, but when it began to move in circles, we thought otherwise. There was nobody around at the moment, all the people had gone to see the cavalcade."

Gustavo Bentos, the first child to see the UFO, said: "I looked up at a bird and I saw a star spinning, appearing and disappearing. It lasted for a long minute and after the initial fear, we calmed. When it departed towards the river, I discovered it was round like the Moon. It was a beautiful experience."

City and country of incident: Chile & Argentina (several provinces)

Date of incident: August 30, 1983

Name of paper and date of clip: LA RAZON, September 2, 1983

City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A UFO OVER ARGENTINA AND CHILE

A big and round UFO was seen over Chile and Argentina. The UFO was observed by several witnesses in Southern and Northern Chile. They described it as a "luminous circle" with a "dark circumference" in its middle. In Argentina, the UFO was seen at Alicura, Junin de los Andes, Chapelco and La Rinconada by many people, including several military personnel and policemen.

Santiago de Chile. - A big and round UFO was seen last Tuesday from several towns in Chile and Argentina. The UFO--if it was the same--covered a 2,500 kilometer strip in only half an hour. Some witnesses in Santiago saw a UFO like a "giant saucer" last Tuesday, August 30, between 22:30 and 23:40. A couple traveling in their car said that they were followed by a UFO which, after a few moments, suddenly disappeared. The UFO was also seen by several people at Ovalle. One of them, German Villalobos, 20, said "more than 20 persons saw it. We were playing football when it appeared. The sky was clear and we saw a 'round object' like a cloud with a dark circle in its middle. It hovered for a short time and flew away very quickly." Ten minutes later, in Temuco (Southern Chile), an enormous UFO, "a big luminous circle, half-transparent, like a moon with a hole in the center" according to witnesses, moved slowly from West to East. It flashed strongly several times, spinning in the sky. One farmer described the object as a "giant full Moon" which flew away, speeding toward the South. About 24:00 p.m. in Aysen, 2000 kilometers South of Santiago, hundreds of people witnessed the maneuvers of the UFO on a "clear and starry sky."

A local journalist, who had joined a long caravan of 'carabineros' (military police) traveling around the area, said that all the policemen observed the object, according to their radio reports. Other witnesses in the caravan were: priest Domingo Luna, Major Teonardo Olivares, Captain Ivan Ponce and Lieutenant Francisco San Martin. It is possible that the same 'flying object' was also seen in Argentina where a soldier allegedly took several photos of the UFO. Witnesses described the UFO as a "big tire with brilliant edges and a central dark concavity" moving slowly NW; before disappearing it left "a trail made of sparks." The flight of the UFO was followed from Alicura, Junin de los Andes, La Rinconada and other towns in the Andes, along the border with Chile. The head of the Argentinian airport of Chapelco confirmed that the crew on duty at the control tower saw the object. Jose Leiva, soldier from the VI Group of Mountain Artillery, who saw the UFO with other military people, confirmed that "it is impossible that it was an aircraft."

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A policeman in Alumine stated that "the object had the shape of a saucer." Some inhabitants of Paso Tomen (on the border with Chile) who also saw it, said the UFO "seemed enormous like a refulgent coin."

City and country of incident: Departments of Neuquen and Rio Negro, Argentina
Date of incident: August 30, 1983
Name of paper and date of clip: CLARIN, September 1, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

SEEN BY SOLDIERS AND STUDENTS. THEY SAW A UFO OVER NEUQUEN AND RIO NEGRO

Hundreds of people, in Neuquen and Rio Negro, witnessed last Tuesday an amazing show: the flight of a UFO. The strange airship was seen for about 15 minutes. All descriptions agreed; "a tire with bright edges." It moved slowly, but before flying away it emitted multicolored beams and a trail. It was seen from several air bases.

Junin de los Andes. - Hundreds of people in several towns of our province observed last Tuesday night the evolutions of a strange flying object like a "big tire with bright edges and a central dark concavity." It was seen for 15 minutes.

According to verbal accounts gathered in Junin de los Andes, Alicura, Piedra del Aguila, La Rinconada, Alumine and other towns--plus the military officers of Chapalco airport and military base, where the 26th Mountain Infantry Regiment and the 6th Mountain Artillery Group are deployed--the strange UFO moved slowly to the Northwest, with the wind, emitting multicolored flashings.

Some witnesses had time enough to phone friends calling their attention to the phenomenon. A soldier, professional photographer, was able to take several photos. The head of the Chapalco airport, Mr. Soto, confirmed that the crew on duty at the control tower had followed the path of the UFO. Commander Hector Meneses and Subofficer Emilio Sanchez who were talking with an employee of the Provincial Bank of Neuquen named Stol, said that after discovering the strange characteristics of the object, they filled out some questionnaires for the Air Force.

We obtained many matching descriptions: 1) Mr. Ruben Marcoveski was surprised by the UFO traveling by road D between San Martin de los Andes and our city: "I stopped the car and came out to look at the 'thing.' Several tourists arrived and a woman said, 'I cannot believe it. UFOs exist!'" 2) Chief Hugo Enriquez, head of the local police told us: "I was among a group of friends when the object appeared. I have no opinion about it." 3) Commander Jose Leiva, attached to the 6th Mountain Artillery Group explained: "I was on duty with Lieutenant Hugo Angellini. We had just left the dinner room when we saw it. We called Sergeant Patino and other officials. It was not an aircraft." 4) Several children from the school #7 "Thomas Falkner" also saw the UFO. They were: Hector Villanueva, Mario Rodriguez, Horacio Chavez, Carlos Andrade, Maria del Carmen Coffre, Fabiana Gonzalez, Maria Elena Matus, Elisa Diaz Moreno, Mabel Galvez and others. 5) Ms. Mirta Encina de Mora said: "I was at home. It was a UFO, what else could it be?"

• In Alumine

In this town, 120 kilometers North of Junin de los Andes, we found more witnesses. Alberto Labicura, policeman, related: "Last night came Dino Bellido, forester. He was quite nervous and told us that some neighbors were seeing a strange object in the sky. We, Sergeant Contreras, Officer Castillo and I, went with him and observed the UFO, an object with a saucer shape." Mr. Daniel Tello, 31, added: "I was driving from Neuquen. My wife, Marta Rosa Allonso, and my son Oscar Marcelo, were also in the car. Exactly at 21:55 p.m., we saw the UFO. It took 10 minutes to go away."

Miss Cristina Osterrilh, 17, also talked about a 'flying saucer': "I have never seen such a marvelous show. It flew at high altitude, moving majestically. It left a trail like sparks."

• Also in Rio Negro

Neuquen. - Residents in Alto Valle de Rio Negro, and many drivers along the 237 Road last Tuesday night, were the unexpected witnesses of a strange airship. "After some maneuvers, the object followed the river Limay. We thought it was Venus, but it was bigger. Suddenly it lit up and flew away."

Some news coming from Paso Tomen, in the border region with Chile confirmed the vision: "Yes. It passed over us. It looked really big, like a coin with brilliant edges."

• Addendum

Mr. Hector Pedernera, the soldier of the 6th Mountain Artillery Group, who took several photos of the UFO, confirmed that the film is now being developed. "I hope they show clearly. It would really be sensational," said Mr. Pedernera.

TRANSLATION CREDIT: George Andrews

City and country of incident: (Various towns), Quebec, Canada
Date of incident: (Various)
Name of paper and date of clip: LE JOURNAL DE QUEBEC, October 8, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Quebec, Quebec, Canada

SIGHTINGS IN 1983

So far 1983 has been rather a dull year. No really extraordinary reports have come our way. Of the 35 cases reported to us, 22 took place during this year.

Saint-Hubert was the first town from which a sighting was reported. At Sunset on Saturday, January 1st, two adolescents noticed a bright point to the northeast. The "point" suddenly changed its direction and came straight toward the witnesses at high speed, who were struck by panic. The UFO was egg-shaped and of a reddish color, very large and flying very low. It stopped about a kilometer away from the witnesses, who ran home to tell the other members of their family about it. A few seconds later, five family members were able to watch the large object at leisure.

Our investigation revealed a strange detail that may be of importance to world-wide understanding of the problem; one of the young adolescents made this statement:

"The more my nervous tension increased, the more rapidly the UFO approached us!" Thus it was as if the phenomenon was "plugged in" to the nervous systems of the two boys.

The Saint-Hubert case is the one we considered to be most strongly substantiated, both because of the psychological reactions and the scientific implications. According to the family, the Canadian Army sent a sergeant to investigate the matter. There must have been a reason for this, but we don't know what the reason was.

Other towns that reported sightings are: Sainte-Jeanne-d'Arc, Duberger, Saint-Constant, Sainte-Catherine, Inverness, Drummondville, Quebec (at least 6 interesting cases), Black Lake, Lorraine, Rosemont, Saint-Leonard, and most recently at Sainte-Emilie-de l'Energie (near Joliette), where witnesses reported a "bright comet" flying over the region in a few seconds on September 4, 1983.

These voluntary reports allowed us to mark sighting locations on a map. These points did not form straight lines or isosceles triangles. They appear to be random, with no type of flight plan apparent to us.

City and country of incident: Cap-Rouge, Quebec, Canada
Date of incident: August 1, 1983
Name of paper and date of clip: LE JOURNAL DE QUEBEC, October 29, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Quebec, Quebec, Canada

BIG AS A ZEPPELIN!

A former Canadian Air Force pilot saw what he called an "egg," which was silver in color and flying at an altitude of about 8,000 feet. The incident took place on Monday, August 1st, 1983.

"I live at Cap-Rouge. I never thought about flying saucers. However, about 8 P.M., my attention was attracted to a flash in the sky. The sun had set, but the sky was still light. The UFO was silver and reflected the sunlight brilliantly. There was no sound, no visible trail, no wings, no rudder. Yes, I think it was a UFO."

The object was traveling from west to east at moderate speed. The wind at ground level was coming from the east. The witness was very puzzled, as the object did not resemble anything he knew of. The object was traveling against the wind, so he was obliged to conclude that it had its own propulsion system.

It should be noted that there is no proof that the object was traveling against the wind, as in meteorology, one learns that there are convectional movements at high altitudes. On the ground, a wind can be from the south, while at an altitude of 8,000 feet, it may be from the north.

Moreover, the former RCAF pilot declared that the object was as big as a Zeppelin! That's quite an impressive size!

There have been a number of similar cases reported from both the U.S. and France: brightly illuminated objects, silent, without wings or any visible propulsion system. In France they are called M.O.C. (mysterious celestial objects). These "mother ships" carrying smaller craft were first observed by a Californian, George W. Adamski, who claimed to have had multiple contacts with men and women from the planet Venus. Although he has been called a liar, a shameless hoaxer, Adamski was the first person to describe the luminous 'Luciola' effect which appears around a space-ship at the moment it leaves the Earth's atmosphere. Seventeen years later, the three cosmonauts on board Apollo 11 described this same phenomenon. Today, Adamski rests in Arlington Cemetery, where America's great men are buried.

The Cap-Rouge case constitutes an interesting unexplained enigma, as no radar detected aircraft in the area of the sighting.

CREDIT: F.A.D.A. (Translation Credit: George Andrews)

City and country of incident: Provencal, France
Date of incident: January 8, 1981
Name of paper and date of clip: LIBERATION, November 14, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Paris, France

A UFO BETWEEN THE EARS

Once upon a time there was a Provencal farmer who returned home to find a surprise. In his garden was a metallic machine which did not look very Catholic. Being a down-to-earth fellow, he supposed it was military equipment from the Canjuers base. Being also prudent, after the flying saucer left (because that is what it was), he called the police, who conscientiously took samples of the earth and vegetation, and delivered them to the INRA laboratories. The results of the laboratory examination turned out to be absolutely extraordinary. For example, young shoots had undergone a completely strange accelerated aging process. In the plant samples, a gradient of disturbance in elements of photosynthesis was also noted. Of course, the biochemists of INRA do not speak about UFOs. They speak about "a phenomenon of wide range and unknown origin." The specialists think that the only way to obtain a disturbance of this magnitude would be with all the equipment at the CEA's disposal. A physicist from the CNRS stated: "If such a machine existed on this planet, we would know about it."

So, extra-terrestrials or not? Jean-Yves Casgha investigated and questioned witnesses for three days. The physicist, who has been involved in UFO research for a long time, states that he would willingly exchange all previous research already carried out for this one case. Is this proof that UFOs exist?

City and country of incident: (Various towns), Lorraine, France
Date of incident: November 17, 1983
Name of paper and date of clip: LE REPUBLICAIN LORRAINE, November 19, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Metz, France

UFOs IN THE SKY OF LORRAINE

As with fashions, UFOs return at periodic intervals. But does one have a right to treat as a joke, phenomena observed at the same time by different witnesses?

Thursday, 7 P.M., at Amanvillers. A man on his way home is surprised by a luminous object in the dusk. "At first I thought it was a rocket sent up by someone nearby for their amusement. However, the object did not make any noise, its trajectory was horizontal at an altitude of about 150 meters, and it had the shape of a large sphere which left a trail of flames. It was visible for about ten seconds."

AN INCENDIARY CAR

Epinal - An incredible series of fires took place on Thursday in the Boussac d'Epinal area, where a car on fire propelled itself out of its garage without anyone behind the wheel, and set fire to another car which was parked across the street.

It all happened early in the morning when neighbors noticed that two garages next to each other had burst into flames, as well as the two cars inside them. No one knows how the fire started. An Opel belonging to Mr. Perez propelled itself out of the garage in flames without anyone behind the wheel, and in spite of the fact that the garage door was locked. It crossed the road and crashed against a garage across the street, in which there was a third car, which burned like the two others.

City and country of incident: (Various towns), Lorraine, France
Date of incident: November 17, 1983
Name of paper and date of clip: LE REPUBLICAIN LORRAINE, November 20, 1983
City and country of newspaper: Metz, France

MORE UFOs

The police at Briey took statements from several witnesses concerning the UFOs seen in the sky of Lorraine early Thursday evening.

An inhabitant of Valleroy saw a UFO at 6:39 P.M. above Driotaumont-Batilly. A man driving on route CD 952, who lives at Mars-la-Tour, said that at Hannonville-Suzemont, he saw a "ball of fire" flying low go straight upward.

At 6:40 P.M., some military personnel at Mars-la-Tour also reported the phenomenon to the police.

The precise times of observation in three different places makes it necessary to take these witnesses seriously.



USA JOURNAL/Wallowa County, Ore.

Was sighting for the birds?

HARLINGEN, Texas (UPI) — Some of his fellow paramedics have been calling James Thompson the "bird man" since he reported seeing a creature resembling the extinct pterodactyl gliding through the air in front of his ambulance.

"I take it in stride. I know what I saw," said Thompson, who received calls from as far away as Hawaii after reporting the sighting.

Thompson, who works for the Harlingen Emergency Medical Service, is one of numerous people in the Rio Grande Valley who have spotted unidentified flying birds over the past seven years.

San Benito policemen, who began the series of sightings in the fall of 1975, say the big bird they saw is a huge feathered creature that glides along the earth.

Three San Antonio teachers in early 1976 reported seeing two creatures circling some cattle. They said a check at the library showed the flyers closely resembled pterodactyls.

Thompson described the one he saw Sept. 14, some 4 miles east of Los Fresnos as he returned from South Padre Island, as having a 5-to-6-foot wingspan, "a black or grayish rough texture. It wasn't feathers. I'm quite sure it was a hide-type covering."

In a subsequent interview, Thompson described the creature as "a pterodactyl-like bird" and wondered aloud why other people have not seen it. "I think that's because people don't look at the sky," he answered himself.

Al Schriver, assistant manager of the Laguna-Atascosa Wildlife Refuge near the Texas Coast, said he and other biologists "have kinda kicked around" the reports in an effort to determine what people have been seeing.

Schriver said explanations range from ultra-light aircraft to white pelicans "that like to glide a lot" and have wingspans up to 90 inches.

Golden Eagles also have been spotted as far south as the Valley, wildlife biologists say, and could startle a person who had never seen one.

By Chuck Woodbury
Special for USA TODAY

Wallowa County, population 7,390, has five towns, three high schools and two airports.

And Wally — or, more properly, the Wallowa Lake Monster.

The county Chamber of Commerce hopes the elusive serpent — a Northwest version of the fabled Loch Ness Monster — will attract curious tourists and their money.

With the area's logging and ranching operations not growing, chamber officials believe tourism, currently 5.6 percent of the county's income, is the right medicine for an ailing economy.

Wallowa County has no winter sports, and the weather is appealing only during July and August.

Chamber manager Gerald Perren says about 60,000 tourists come each year, many to the 220,000-acre Eagle Cap Wilderness area.

"We get a lot of outdoor people, but you don't get much out of them," Perren said. Average tourist spending per day: \$7.

Enter Wally. Centuries ago, says a local Indian legend, the Wallowa Lake Monster swallowed an Indian brave, princess and their canoe. In 1885, a witness described the creature as 100 feet long with a head like that of a hippopotamus. Recent sightings describe a 30- to 100-foot serpent.

At a Chamber of Commerce meeting last year, Henry "Hap" Taylor, an Enterprise certified public accountant, suggested promoting the monster. "I thought, 'we've got this monster, why not pump some life into him?' I nearly got laughed out of the meeting."

The idea led to the Monster Observation and Preservation Society (M.O.P.S.). A T-shirt plus a life membership goes for \$8.



WALLY'S HABITAT: Marge Cranmer — once a skeptic but now sporting an official M.O.P.S. T-shirt — became a believer when she saw the Wallowa Lake Monster in 1982 from this spot.



By Marcy Eckroth Mullins, USA TODAY

There are no bylaws, membership cards or formal meetings. There is, however, an annual fall picnic with "Monster Burgers, and a sacrificial maiden" — a female between 14 and 101 who is to be offered to the monster should he show up and ask.

The citizens of Wallowa County all agree that the promotion will be good if it helps the economy.

Most residents confide that Wally is probably just a



COUNTY SEAT: Businessmen in Enterprise hope promoting the monster will boost the county's sagging economy.

big fish, log, waves, someone's imagination or a hoax.

"If anything's there, it's a big sturgeon," said Faye Cornwell, a secretary at Enterprise Elementary School.

"I think what they're doing is trying to make it an attraction by telling little white lies," said Randy Mullenburg at Paul's Chevron station.

But there are believers. One, former skeptic Marge Cranmer, reported seeing the monster on June 30,

1982. It was 50 feet long with seven humps, she said. "Nobody can tell me what I saw was a sturgeon," she said.

Monster or not, at Wallowa Lake an increasing number of people watch, wait and wonder.

The second annual M.O.P.S. picnic this month was a BYOB&B affair — "Bring your own beverage and binoculars."

Everyone showed up, except Wally.

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Boom! What Was That?

One woman thought it was the beginning of the end, a nuclear bomb exploding. A police officer thought an electrical transformer had blown up. Someone on Nob Hill said his apartment shook.

More than 100 people from around the county — from Mattydale, the West Side, Jamesville — called the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department and The Post-Standard Thursday night to ask the same question:

What caused the two thunderous claps of sound about 6:55 p.m.?

No one came up with the answer, but a spokesman for Griffiss Air Base had a plausible theory: the 49th Fighter Interceptor Squadron there was flying Delta Darts, versions of the F-106, over the Syracuse area at the time. The booms may have been the sonic kind.

Whatever it was, it felt like an earthquake

FULTON — A number of local residents were wondering this morning whether the earthquake that shook Central New York in October had made a return visit to Oswego County after they felt a slight tremor Monday night.

The rumble also aroused the curiosity of earthquake experts, although the tremor was not detected by area seismological equipment.

Authorities at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome said they were unaware of any military flights that could have caused a sonic boom over Central New York, although they, too, said they would investigate further.

Several Fulton area residents said they felt a slight tremor in the earth between 7 and 8 p.m.

Among those who felt the tremor was Homer Bowman, Oswego County's fire coordinator. He said he felt the jolt as he was eating supper in his Phoenix home.

"It wasn't like the last tremor," he said. A large area of the Northeast from Ontario to Massachusetts

and Pennsylvania — including Central New York — was rocked in the early morning hours of Oct. 6 by an earthquake centered at Blue Mountain Lake in the Adirondacks. That quake measured 5.2 on the Richter scale, and was considered a "moderate" tremor.

Monday's event, however "was more like one concussion... a bump," Bowman said. "There were no tremors after that, just one thud."

Bowman said it sounded like someone hit the side of his house with a boxing glove.

Fulton police officer Larry Mullen also said he felt the tremor at his town of Granby residence.

He said that it sounded like a jet had flown overhead and broke the sound barrier.

"It was real quick and rumbling," Mullen said.

Three residents called Oswego County Fire Control and three called the Volney Fire Department about the rumbling, said fire control dispatcher Dan Rusaw.

Spooky Lights in Cascades Thought Linked to Quakes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Small earthquakes and increasing underground strain may be the cause of spooky lights viewed for years by awed forest fire lookouts and other eyewitnesses in Washington state's Cascade Mountains, a scientist said Friday.

Sightings of such eerie lights — often resembling glowing baseballs floating along treetops — apparently have decreased since the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens, suggesting the lights might be useful in predicting quakes and volcanic activity, said John S. Derr, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Denver.

Similar spooky lights, usually seen only at night, have been viewed for 30 years in the area around New Madrid, Mo., the site of three great earthquakes in 1810 and 1811, Derr said.

But he said "we just don't know" if the presence of those lights would be valuable in predicting future quakes there.

Derr presented his findings at the American Geophysical Society's national meeting. The study was co-authored by Michael A. Persinger, of Laurentian University's environmental psychophysiology laboratory in Sudbury, Ontario.

"People should know there's a natural phenomenon going on and they

shouldn't be spooked about it," Derr said.

But he warned that people who see the lights should not try to touch them because "it could give a very powerful and even lethal shock. We simply don't know enough at this point to know how dangerous they might be."

Derr explained such lights might be caused by flammable or luminous gas released when the ground cracks. Another possibility is that the cracking ground releases high-energy electric particles from rocks, and that the particles somehow gather into a visible ball of energy. He cited "a couple of possibilities" about what the lights might mean.

"One is that the luminous phenomena are an indicator that strain is building up and that there is going to be an earthquake or an eruption. The other is that they accompany microearthquakes that we have not recorded because of the lack of (quake-recording) instrumentation there."

"If the first case is true, they (the lights) might have some predictive value," he added. "If the second case is true, they don't have any more or less predictive value (for impending eruptions or large quakes) than microearthquakes do."

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Group says bones void evolution

United Press International

GLEN ROSE, Texas — A creationist group said Thursday it has a collection of bones that prove people and dinosaurs lived at the same time and that evolution is not valid.

Dr. Carl Baugh of the Bible Science Association said the group has two skeletons found in sandstone rock near Moab, Utah, in 1971 by an amateur geologist. Baugh said the sandstone is at least 136 million years old and contained dinosaur fossils alongside human bones.

Evolution holds that dinosaurs became extinct about 65 million years ago and homo sapiens did not evolve until about 5 million years ago.

Creationists believe in the literal story of Genesis and contend a supreme being created the Earth and all living creatures at the same time.

Baugh called the bones "earthshaking news" because creationists have long believed fossils would be found to show humans co-existed with pre-historic creatures.

But Dr. David Minton of Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis said he has confirmed the bones are human, but that it does not prove humans and dinosaurs were contemporaneous.

"This would not be any insurmountable problem for evolution (to explain)," he said. "You really cannot design any scientific experiment to prove it either way."

Minton said creationists and evolutionists often invent new explanations so they can fit new evidence into existing theories.

He said the nearly complete skeletons from Utah are of two humans about 5 feet tall. The skeletons were found in sandstone with their knees flexed, which Minton said is consistent with Indian burial customs but does not prove they were buried in the rock.

"If someone dug a 20-foot grave that in itself is pretty remarkable, especially since it's rock, not dirt," Minton said.

Is this Bigfoot?

S.J. firm's film on legendary creature stirs charges of fakery from 2 experts

By Leland Joachim
Staff Writer

Several inveterate Bigfoot trackers have produced an 85-minute film on the legendary creature, but other Bigfoot "experts" already are labeling it a pathetic fake.

A San Jose production company, Amazing Horizons, has been testing the film on audiences from Redding to Ceres. The producers said the response has been enthusiastic, but were indefinite about plans to bring it home to big-city audiences.

They denied that the pictures from still cameras and the movie footage of the creature included in the film are fakes.

Documentary style

Only three or four minutes of the Amazing Horizons film, "In The Shadow of Bigfoot," actually purport to show the creature in the wild. The rest, in documentary style, consists of interviews with people who said they have seen the beast, as well as analysis of footprints.

Producing the motion picture were Thomas Biscardi of Milpitas; Ernest Montiel of Cupertino; wildlife photogra-

pher Ivan Marx of Burney; and Warren Cook, a history and anthropology teacher at Castleton State College in Vermont.

Calling it a fake were Erik Beckjord, a wildlife photographer and director of a Seattle group that investigates legendary animals, and Grover Krantz, an anthropologist at Washington State University who believes in Bigfoot's existence. Few anthropologists or other scientists will admit they are believers.

Marx was emphatic in his denial. "At no time did I film anything but the creature Bigfoot," he said. "If anybody sets out to prove me wrong, he'll have to eat crow when one is found. But it makes good reading, and they get a lot of publicity out of it."

Neither Beckjord nor Krantz has seen

the movie, but neither was hesitant to proclaim it a hoax based on what they said is Marx's track record and on still photographs sent to Beckjord by Montiel.

"In my opinion, Mr. Marx is perpetrating his fifth hoax in a row," Beckjord said. "He puts a man in a black velveteen costume and has him jump around, and takes pictures of him."

Beckjord said he showed the pictures to three anthropologists at the University of Washington, who said the "creature" looked like a person in a costume. "One even pointed out the stitches to me," Beckjord said.

The stills he saw showed genitals, causing Beckjord to cackle: "He's sewed a scrotum on the suit. That's supposed to be additional proof. To me it's just additional sewing."

He said he thinks Cook is "naive" and has been taken in by some of the others, principally Marx. Montiel, according to Beckjord, is a "pigeon" who is sinking large amounts of money into the production and its promotion.

"Absolute confidence" Montiel, who owns rental property, acknowledged he is the producer and primary source of funds, but doesn't admit

to being a patsy. "The footage is authentic," he said. "I have full faith in everybody. I have absolute confidence in the movie and the people involved in it."

Krantz said he saw the same pictures Beckjord did, a series of the creature splashing water on itself from a shallow forest pool. They are "very clearly a fake," he said.

"The legs are too thin and there are two or three other things," the anthropology teacher said.

"Marx is known to have faked two films in years past," Krantz said. "Since I know Marx, my first reaction would be to assume it's a fake until proven otherwise."

Krantz said the movie "sounds like a con game, to make a lot of money."



Special to the Mercury News

This still photograph appears in the movie "In the Shadow of Bigfoot"

Marx denied that vigorously, accusing Krantz of seeking publicity to increase his own value as a Bigfoot lecturer.

"We run into all kinds of experts. What makes an expert?" Marx said.

When Marx finally saw Bigfoot, the creature didn't look a bit like he had expected it to before he saw it, he said. "He's not impressive at all. If I was going to hire someone to make a costume, I would make him impressive."

Before he first saw and filmed Bigfoot on the Nevada-California border in 1958, Marx said, he "thought he looked like a monkey."

"And then, when I saw one, I thought, 'Why doesn't he look like one?'"

"He just looks like a tall creature with no look of the monkey."

But Marx said he's figured out why. Bigfoot is nomadic, and lives in widely differing places.

"If he was short, long-armed and big-headed, he would have a hard time getting through the manzanita," and covering all the territory he apparently does, Marx reasoned.

Marx denied that Krantz had supplied the only accurate details to be found in his first movie in the 1970s. Krantz came to him, Marx said, to find out what Bigfoot and its tracks looked like.

"Then he started traveling around, giving lectures, blowing his own horn."

Pointing out that Krantz charges for the lectures, Marx said: "It gets competitive. When it all boils down, when a man drags it in by the leg, that'll be it."

The controversy will never end until a Bigfoot carcass is found, Marx said. "One of these days, I'll find one. My search

won't stop until I do."

While agreeing that "a piece of the body," is the only relevant evidence, Krantz argues that if Marx has filmed Bigfoot, he had a chance to kill the creature and bring it in.

Marx said he hasn't tried to kill the creature because he was warned by Eskimos and Aleuts in Alaska that "If you bring harm to our village (through the creatures' wreaking revenge for the slaying of one of their number), we'll get you." The man-ape is "almost like a god to them," he said.

Footage in the new film supposedly shows the creature being shot and injured by Marx (who thought he was being attacked), then getting up and leaping off into the forest.

Marx said he has made still pictures or color telephoto movies of Bigfoot eight or nine times, and has seen it on about five other occasions when it was too dark to shoot movies or he couldn't get his camera ready in time.

'Sour grapes'

Cook called the criticism "sour grapes on the part of people who have not been able to overcome the elusiveness of the creature." He said he wouldn't have risked his reputation if he hadn't made a thorough examination of the claims.

For example, some footage of something rampaging around in a snowy forest, then charging into the open toward the camera, raised some initial suspicion, Cook said. But he analyzed his doubts in the light of what he knows of animal behavior and decided the footage is genuine.

"My first impression of the snow scene was of a man in a pointy-headed costume, stumbling around awkwardly. It could have been a man being photographed by Peggy (Marx's wife)."

The skin hung loosely on the figure's frame, but Cook reasoned that forage may have been scarce due to the wintry weather, and an anthropoid wouldn't have hibernated as bears do.

"It would have been hungry and the skin hanging loose," he said.

He was disturbed, too, because the proportions were more like a man's than an ape's.

"But I don't know enough to say the proportions should be that different from man," he said.

As to the animal's behavior in the forest, bases and gorillas beat the bushes and "make a big ruckus" before charging. Like the gorilla, when the Bigfoot in the scene saw the photographer stand his ground, it backed off, Cook said.

Born in Spokane, which is "Sasquatch country," Cook said he felt "a kind of responsibility to investigate." Since 1974 he has read all the published accounts of Bigfoot sightings, finding a few that other researchers had overlooked, he said.

He said, "I looked at it over all, and became persuaded."

Marx lived alone in Alaska while shooting footage for "Alaskan Bear," a Bill Burred True Adventure.

Cook has doctoral degrees in history and literature and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for his 1973 book, "Flood-tide of Empire: Spain and the Pacific Northwest."

A tale befitting Halloween

DOVER— It is a tale befitting Halloween.

On a dark night during April 1977, a strange creature was sighted on Farm Street by then 17-year-old resident Bill Bartlett.

It has not re-appeared since, but during the six years since the "Dover Demon" was first spotted, Bartlett says he "thinks about it sometimes," and wonders what it was all about.

At the time, rumors ran rampant throughout the town and surrounding communities concerning the orange creature with glowing eyes Bartlett said

he saw climbing on a stone wall just past Smith Street.

The incident drew the attention of local television and newspapers and the speculation of local police.

But just what Bartlett saw, and where it came from, remains a mystery.

The sighting also intrigued author and investigator of the unusual Loren Coleman, whose book, "Mysterious America," explores the "Dover Demon" sighting. The book is being released on Oct. 31, Coleman's favorite holiday, Halloween.

Coleman interviewed Bartlett at the

time, according to a story in an April 1977 Dover-Sherborn Suburban Press, and was "convinced he had seen something," although Coleman could offer no explanation as to the origin of the demon.

At that time, Coleman, who holds a masters in psychiatric social work, was a child care worker at the Walker School in Needham.

Coleman, now a native of Portland Maine, still finds the Dover phenomenon, "in a class by itself," and devotes all of chapter five in his book to the "Dover Demon."

"All three of us who researched this are convinced that it was no hoax, and not a case of misidentification," Coleman said when contacted by telephone. "It is one of the few cases corroborated by several witnesses, where we had a chance to interview relatives, friends and teachers, and really get a solid profile of the event."

Coleman said that at the time, everyone spoke highly of the credibility of the witnesses, and that the type of creature seen made the case exceptional.

"We are convinced something was seen in Dover during those two days in April that does not fall into the normal pattern of 'Big Foot' and other animal-like phantoms," Coleman said. "We can't explain its origin, but something definitely did appear."

"Mysterious America," reflects 23 years of field work by Coleman investigating local lore and stories of bizarre beats and eerie entities he says are often overlooked on other books on the occult.

The common thread to the incidents in the book is what Coleman terms the "tangible intangibility" of the phenomenon reported.

Most creatures, like the "Dover Demon," were never caught.

Dover's most eerie piece of folklore evolved in the following way:

The night of April 21, 1977, Bartlett was driving on Farm Street with two friends when he noticed "something" just past Smith Street.

"At first I thought it was some kind of dog or cat climbing on a roadside stone wall," Bartlett told the Suburban Press that year. "But then I noticed it was different. It had an unusually large head and no nose or mouth, just two perfectly round orange eyes that glowed as the headlights hit it. It was 3½ to 4 feet high with large claw-like hands and its skin was sort of like that of a shark and the color of Fred Flintstone in the Sunday comics. It stopped and slowly turned its head and stared at me. It was really pretty scary, and I just took off at about 45 miles-per-hour."

Today, Bartlett said that he has never seen anything like it since and hasn't heard of anything resembling it being sighted.

"I think of it as a once in a lifetime thing," Bartlett said.

Bartlett is currently known to many around town as an accomplished professional painter, specializing in watercolor scenes. He is often seen around the area with easel and brushes, capturing the mood of the season.

But in 1977, it was Bartlett's sketch of the Dover Demon that added credence to his sighting.

Bartlett said that the others in the car at the time didn't see anything, and really didn't believe him. So he went home and drew sketches of the creature, which were later corroborated by others.

About midnight, April 21, 1977, the same night Bartlett reported the sighting, then 15-year-old Dover resident John Baxter said he was walking along Miller's Hill Road off Farm Street when he saw something unusual standing up near a tree, partially hidden by it.

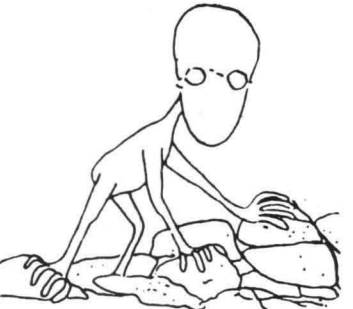
When he got home, Baxter also drew a picture of what he had seen. Neither of the boys were aware of each other's sightings, but the drawings were later reported to match exactly.

The next night, April 22, the creature was spotted again by a third observer.

Sherborn resident Abby Brabham was driving down Springdale Avenue near Channing Pond when she reported seeing the mysterious orange creature crossing the road. She was not aware of the previous sightings, but her description matched the other two.

The Suburban Press reported that "there were unconfirmed and vague UFO sightings in Medfield prior to the Dover Demon's appearance, and some people are connecting the two."

The newspaper also stated that the creature was sighted by others in Sherborn and Needham in the weeks that followed Bartlett's original sighting.



The Demon of Dover

as depicted in this sketch by artist Bill Bartlett in 1977 when he first sighted the creature.

ENQUIRER & NEWS, Battle Creek, MI - Nov. 8, 1983

Nessie real, says searcher

By WENDELL LAGRAN
Special Correspondent

When Phyllis Syer went to Scotland in search of the Loch Ness Monster, she was sure that it existed. She returned to Battle Creek without having seen it — but she's even more positive than ever that it's there.

In August, Mrs. Syer, an unpaid volunteer with the Loch Ness and Morar Project, first pitched her tent outside the city of Druandochit, off the west coast of Scotland; but after one day of roughing it, the 65-year-old great-grandmother traded the rustic life for one of the city's bed and breakfast establishments.

She would have had to pay 54 pounds (about \$80) a week for room and board to stay in the tent. It was cheaper to stay in the hotel, about 30 pounds (about \$52).

"I should have brought an air mattress," Mrs. Syer said. "We were really, really roughing it. It was quite a climb down that mountain to our tents. We had to use a rope to get there, and I was the oldest volunteer."

Mrs. Syer's daily duties took place in a small cabin at the top of a mountain, where she dissected fish, labeled specimens and followed the directions of Adrian Shine, the head of the program.

Shine, of Great Britain, has worked with the Loch Ness program for 10 years, studying the loch's ecology.

He refers to himself as a naturalist rather than a scientist, Mrs. Syer said. "Anything having to do with the study of nature, he considers as naturalism. He doesn't qualify himself as a zoologist because he hasn't had the college training," she said.

Mrs. Syer also worked at the base camp near Urquhart castle (near Druandochit). She and other volunteers floated on a raft with a 1,000-foot rope attached to it pulling sonar and photographic equipment in an effort to record a possible illustration of the monster.

"The only way to prove what's beneath the murky waters of the Loch Ness is sonar, because it produces underwater pictures, shadows, sound and activity. It is recorded through an on-shore echo machine that produces illustrations of whatever is down there," Mrs. Syer said.

She said NASA and the Royal Air Force Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre (JARIC) had studied a film of the Loch Ness waters, taken by former aeronautical engineer Tim Dinsdale, that purported to show brief pictures of the monster — a large object moving across the loch.

Both organizations agreed that the object was not a boat or a submarine. It had one hump about one meter high and one-half meter long. The body depth was estimated at two meters.

They also agreed that the object was animate, meaning only one thing, "it is some kind of creature."

In Mrs. Syer's opinion, "the monster is very shy and illusive. It is believed that there are about five to 13 in the area. One of the species could not live all these years, they must reproduce."

St. Columbia sighted what he called a "water horse" in Loch Ness as early as 565 A.D.

The Loch Ness monster is not a mammal because it is too shy, Mrs. Syer believes. "It is more of a reptile of some type, or some creature we don't know about. It looks quite a bit like a dinosaur. The sonar has proved this," she said.

Sonar shows the various size of fish and how far down they live. "This thing (the Loch Ness monster) is much bigger than the fish that are shown," according to Mrs. Syer.

She was so fascinated by the sonar and photographic equipment used in the operation that she is planning to return to school to learn more about it.

The lack of information about Loch Ness, and it's questioned inhabitant, makes the theory of a prehistoric-type creature living there difficult for people to believe, Mrs. Syer said.

"We can believe in black holes in outer space and laser beams, but we can't believe in this. Just being there made me believe even more," she said. "I like to search things out and find a conclusion."

During her two-week involvement in the project, she acquired a good deal of information about the appearance, behavior and history of the beast that is said to live in the loch.



Phyllis Syer

Between work shifts, Mrs. Syer also had the chance to enjoy the beauty of the country and pursue her painting hobby.

"There were no downs with the trip. I was excited the whole time," she said. "I like to explore and I have always had a curious mind."

Mrs. Syer's most recent trip to Loch Ness was not her first, nor was it her first trip to Scotland. She has been traveling since 1972, and recently returned from a trip to China.

Even though she did not find the Loch Ness monster, she said she had a wonderful trip that reassured her that there is definitely something down there.

NEWS, Springdale, AR - Dec. 29, 1983 CR: T. Adams

The Local Scene

Booms Startle Area

The booms are back.

Starting around 10 p.m. Wednesday, Springdale police were swamped with calls related to the mysterious booming sounds that seem to accompany cold weather on rare occasions.

Some of the callers thought somebody was attempting to break into their homes. One thought snowballs struck her house. Another said something bumped a wall. One caller thought there was a prowler but police found no footprints in the snow.

Fayetteville police reported similar calls, many coming from the northeast part of the city. One person said it sounded as if a car had bumped his house. Others thought there had been an explosion.

Reports continued briskly for a while and then ceased. Officers in both cities searched for the source without result. A Springdale policeman said the dispatcher at the Washington County Sheriff's Department suggested that blasting at the limestone quarry at Johnson may have been responsible but the theory was later discarded.

Similar booms were heard in other parts of the state before Christmas. National Weather Service officials were unable to explain them, saying that the booms were not thunder because there were no thunder-type clouds near the areas where the booms were heard.

An officer at Little Rock Air Force Base said there were no military flights over the area that could have produced sonic booms.

There have been suggestions that trees breaking under ice, trees cracking when the sap freezes or concrete popping from exposure to low temperatures may be responsible, but nobody knows for sure.

The only part of the mystery that almost everybody agrees with is that the booms have only occurred when the weather was extremely cold.

From Saucers to Sasquatch, His Hobby's the Strange

By MATT SEIDEN
Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — Not long ago, I had a close encounter with a UFO. The unidentified flying object was ultimately identified as a formation of stunt planes coasting in the night sky with engines shut off and lights flashing eerily. The pilots apparently intended to spook the drivers on an interstate highway below.

They certainly succeeded with this driver, but no one else even bothered to stop. Would the other drivers have been more curious if the UFO had landed and little green men with long antennae had alighted?

Or have we grown immune to wonderment in an age when extraterrestrials routinely march across our TV and movie screens?

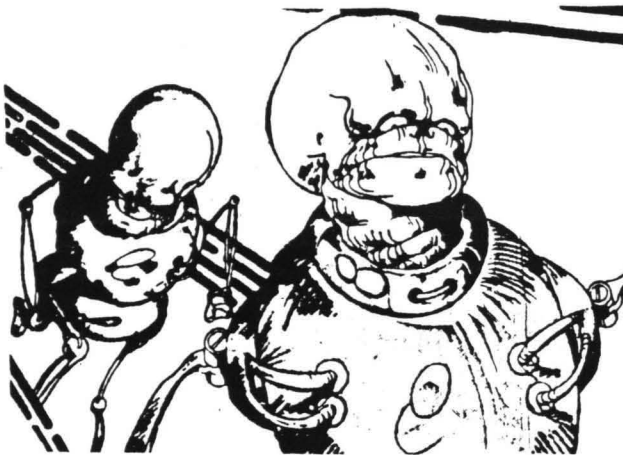
One man not immune to wonderment is John A. Lutz, a Baltimore City Department of Transit and Traffic dispatcher. In his spare time, Lutz monitors a different kind of traffic.

"I have been dealing with UFOs for 20 years and handle all sorts of strange phenomenon cases," Lutz wrote in response to my UFO experience. "So if you ever see another UFO you will know who to call."

I have not seen another UFO, and don't care if I never do, but I couldn't resist calling on Lutz anyway.

He is a thin, frail 42-year-old man with intense blue eyes behind big glasses. He talks calmly and rationally about his unusual hobby, which has put him on the trail of all kinds of weird things — from reported sightings of Big Foot in Sykesville, Md., to flying saucers in Towson, Md., and great balls of fire in the sky just over the Pennsylvania line.

Lutz says he and nine friends around the state have investigated close to 700 cases over two de-



acades. He says some investigations have taken months of painstaking detective work.

His meticulous files on each case contain lengthy, detailed reports with the names and addresses of eyewitnesses, diagrams, sketches and photographs. In one case, Lutz even has metallic fragments of what he calls "substance X," collected from the wreckage of what he believes was a space ship that exploded over a northern Baltimore County farm in 1957.

He says 75 percent of the reported cases turn out to be explainable. Some are hoaxes, some are the product of feverish imaginations. Many of the aerial sightings turn out to be planes, satellites, weather balloons, parachute flares or some other identifiable phenomenon.

That leaves 25 percent.

For example:

"In 1972, in western Maryland near the West Virginia border, several farm families reported seeing a large, cigar-shaped object land in a field. It was blowing some

kind of blue haze out of it. After a while it lifted up and sailed over the mountain. On the same night, people on the other side of the mountain reported independent sightings of a strange aircraft shooting sparks. We think it may have been a space ship that was having engine trouble."

(Wouldn't it be comforting to know that they have engine troubles too?)

"On Oct. 6, 1977, the wife of a Towson lawyer reported seeing a huge, derby-shaped object moving across her front lawn, making a humming sound, finally rising into the air and climbing over the trees flashing yellow lights in a V-formation."

Unfortunately, no one else saw it and it left no traces.

"The problem with UFOs," Lutz says, "is they don't tend to leave much evidence behind."

Neither does Big Foot.

"It was back in July of '72, just after tropical storm Agnes, that we started getting reports of a 7 to 9 foot tall, hair-covered creature roaming through the Sykesville

area, stark naked and stinking like a cesspool. At least 30 people claimed to have seen it independently of each other.

"Later that summer there were similar reports from other wooded areas further west. We checked out all the reports, but we never saw the beast ourselves and I can't tell you what it was, except I think it was probably Big Foot. When you get that many people all seeing the same thing where most of them hadn't heard anything about it before they saw it, it's hard to think all those people are lying or crazy, or both. So I think it was Big Foot, and I think he was probably washed down from the mountains by the storm and was trying to make his way back up again. But who knows?"

What's the strangest case Lutz has ever investigated?

"Well, one time I went to some lady's house to investigate a UFO her neighbors had seen, and she says, 'I don't know nothing about no UFO but I sure as hell got a ghost in my basement.'"

"I thought I'd have a look, so I came back that night with another investigator and we heard all kinds of thrashing and moaning down there, but when we got near the basement door somebody opened the door and threw a knife right at us."

"Well, we called the police, of course, but they couldn't find anyone in the basement. There was absolutely no way out of that basement except through the house and I never took my eyes off of that door after the knife came out."

Ever since then, Lutz says he's referred all ghost calls to a couple of "ghost hunters" he knows.

As for UFOs, does Lutz think we'll ever know much more about them than we know now?

"I don't think so," he says, with a faraway look in those clear blue eyes. "Because I'm not sure they want us to know..."

PATRIOT LEDGER, Quincy, MA - Nov. 5, 1983 CR: B. Greenwood

Two men find what might be a meteorite

By Stephen Shepherd
Patriot Ledger Staff

MARSHFIELD — Robert Lang and Tom Feely were driving along Webster Street yesterday afternoon when they saw smoke rising from a hole in the ground. They stopped and discovered what they think may be a just-landed meteorite.

"There were people pulling over, and this thing was smoking," said Lang, a metal worker who lives in Marshfield. "It actually charred the ground. The grass was burned around a 3-by-3 1/2-foot area. It made a hole about 18 inches long and 18 inches deep."

Lang grabbed a chunk of the smoldering rock to bring home. "Other people stopped and took pieces of it, too," he said.

The piece Lang got is about a foot long and weighs about 2 1/2 pounds, he said. "On one side it looks like slag from a welder's wire. And it looks almost like silver or aluminum spread through it."

Lang said he called MIT and an observatory to confirm whether the rock could be a meteorite.

"This thing is porous, and the guy I spoke with said meteorites 100 percent



Staff photo by Jerry McCullough

Robert Lang of Marshfield examines suspected meteorite.

of the time are not porous," Land said. "He can't figure out what it is."

Marshfield police had another explanation. They said a live power line was downed and burned a hole in the ground at Webster Street and Whitford Drive. "I think that's about the best explanation," said police Lt. Al Knight. "I don't think the sky is falling. The power line could have hit a rock and melted it."

But Lang insisted that he saw no wires down near the smoking hole. "This wasn't just burned ground

from a live wire," he said. "It poked a big hole in the ground."

Bolstering his theory that the rock was a meteorite, Lang said, are reports of meteorites streaking toward ground in Marshfield last weekend.

A search for a reported crashed plane by police and firefighters from Marshfield, Duxbury and Pembroke was called off last Saturday night when it was decided that the trail of fire reported by a Duxbury resident had been a meteor in the night sky.

Big bang mystery shakes residents

A big bang mystery shook residents Thursday morning in Faulkner County and as far away as Batesville and Ola (Yell County).

Several reports were given today to the Log Cabin Democrat and the Office of Emergency Services that a loud noise was heard between 5 and 6 a.m. yesterday.

Jack DuBose, deputy director of OES, said the office has received calls from residents wondering about the loud sound. Many have described it as sounding like something heavy falling on the roof of a house.

DuBose said they have received calls from as far away as Batesville and near Ola. He said they have checked with the Air Force, the National Weather Service and the Tennessee Earthquake Information Center in Memphis.

"No one seems to have an explanation," DuBose said.

DuBose said the sound may have been the result of atmospheric oddities caused by the extremely cold weather, but that is not at all certain.

LOG CABIN DEMOCRAT, Conway, AR - Dec. 23, 1983

Fireball in jet stuns passengers

Associated Press

MOSCOW — A ball of lightning roared through the passenger lounge of a Soviet airliner and "flew above the heads of the stunned passengers" then disappeared out the tail section, the Soviet news agency Tass said Friday.

No one was injured in the incident, but radar and other equipment aboard the plane was damaged by the "visiting fireball," which left two holes in the plane, Tass said.

The account did not say when the lightning struck the aircraft, an Ilyushin-18. A spokesman for the news agency told The Associated Press in a telephone interview that the incident took place early this week.

The Tass statement, reported from the agency's bureau in Leningrad, said the plane took off in good weather from the town of Sochi on the Black Sea. Soon after takeoff, thunderclouds were spotted about 60 miles from the craft's flight path.

"Suddenly, at the height of 1,200 yards, a fireball about 4 inches in diameter appeared on the fuselage in front of the crew's cockpit. It disappeared with a deafening noise, but re-emerged several seconds later in the passenger's lounge, after piercing in an uncanny way through the air-tight metal wall," Tass said.

"The fireball slowly flew about the heads of the stunned passengers. In the tail section of the airliner it divided into two glowing crescents which then joined together again and left the plane almost noiselessly," the agency said.

TIMES HERALD, Dallas, TX - Jan. 14, 1984 CR: T. Adams

Loud Noises Heard in State Still Mystery

Gazette State News

Authorities remain baffled by the series of loud noises variously reported as thuds, thunks and booms by residents from around the state.

Reports of the loud noises peaked during the recent cold spell, and representatives from military and civil aviation agencies and the National Weather Service ruled out sonic booms and thunder as explanations for the phenomenon.

Although the origin of the loud noises remains unknown, the cold weather's effect on roofs and house frames seems to be the most likely explanation.

"I've been sitting in my den listening to the noises for a couple of weeks," Orville Wise, a geologist with the state Geological Commission said Tuesday. "They seem to happen after dark when the temperature drops. It may be due to the contraction of the wood in the house. In some cases, it might have been something where one board is pulled loose from another and caused a popping sound."

'They'll Go Away'

Wise said he could think of no geological explanation for the sounds.

"I think these are temporary things due to the extreme weather conditions," he said, "and they'll go away as the warmer weather returns."

Ken Ziegenbein, a National Weather Service forecaster, said the Weather Service has not received any calls on the booms for a week or more.

"We really don't know the answer," he said. "Apparently it was just roofs popping from the cold and sound carries a lot farther in very cold weather. It's a mystery, but apparently it had something to do with the cold weather."

Veteran 'Big Foot' expert on the creature's elusive trail

by Bob Smith

Somewhere out in the woods of Washington, probably in Grays Harbor County, an undetermined number of large, human-like beasts stalk its remote reaches.

That's a scenario Cliff Crook has chased from Washington to Oregon since 1956, when as a boy growing up in the Totem Lake area, he came face-to-face with what is commonly called a "Sasquatch."

The Bothell man takes his 27-year search quite seriously. He devotes hours each week investigating reports of new sightings with Rene Dahinden of Richmond, B.C., whom he met at a Sasquatch meeting held in 1975 at Green River Community College.

Crook's determination transcends

the ordinary. He established from his home a quasi-official clearing house for information on the subject, called "Bigfoot Central." On a moment's notice, Crook may be headed for a week-long study of reported Bigfoot trackings in a forest or of an actual sighting.

The fascination continues for Crook. "We're getting closer to finding physical proof," he says. "I insist that I have the proof right now," the investigator says of plaster footprint and handprint molds found in Walla Walla, Darrington and the Cascades.

"But for most people, I guess they'd have to be poked in the belly button by one of them before they'd believe it."

By trade, Crook is a gardener and landscaper. His profession's hopscotch work pattern allows him to pursue his search of Bigfoot.

CROOK'S EVIDENCE is on display now at the Bothell Library — a number of those plaster molds taken from various sightings, as well as fuzzy printed photos thought to be of a Sasquatch, or Bigfoot.

Unlike sightings of UFOs, Crook stated that Sasquatch reports are few, and apparently aren't subject to fad hysteria that the supposed "alien ships" are. He said that his organization receives only two or three "good reports" and six or seven "possibles" a year.

Washington is the best location to investigate Sasquatches in the United States, Crook said, and many strong leads have come from Grays Harbor area.

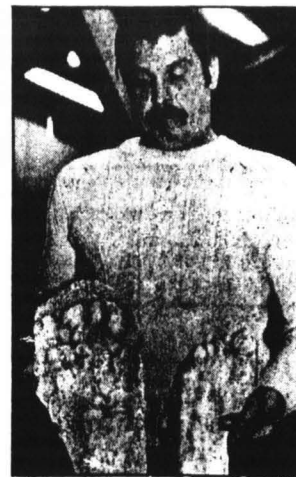
His reports come from various sources: many from individuals with personal sightings, some from

police reports. Crook noted that police officials have contacted him when a mysterious report has surfaced.

The Bothell Library display is just part of Crook's own collection of Bigfoot data. "I have a room full of this stuff that I can pull out," he grinned. He also has two upcoming displays planned for the Seattle Public Library and at Ivar Haglund's Smith Tower.

Crook's first sighting of a Sasquatch happened in 1956 when he and a friend investigated noises in a pasture. Their flashlight caught the glow of two blue-green eyes, seven feet above the ground. The creature turned and walked away before they could investigate further.

Another meeting with a suspected Sasquatch took place a few weeks later when Crook and three other



Cliff Crook
Sasquatch hunter

boys camped in the woods near their home. While they crawled into their sleeping bags, a dog that had joined them began growling and ran into the brush. A fight commenced, which woke up the boys in time to see the dog flying through the air, six feet off the ground. The dog and boys ran.

Some 27 years after those occurrences, Crook is still on the trail of the elusive Bigfoot. He's received a report of a sighting by a woman in the Northwest (he's not saying where, for fear that curiosity seekers might flock to the spot), and Crook says he's prepared to spend whatever time is needed to check out the report.

"I've been real close before," Crook said of his Bigfoot search, "and I'm getting closer."

Missouri Bigfoot tale relates to WW sightings

Bigfoot . . . Sasquatch.

People occasionally ask me such questions as:

"You don't really believe in those things, do you?"

Or, they might ask the same thing but in a more equitable fashion:

"Do you believe in Bigfoot?"

To which I reply:

"In the face of all that I have read and seen I find it extremely difficult NOT to believe in the Bigfoot phenomena."

Which is by way of leading you into a highly interesting conversation with a man who gave me my introduction to the Bigfoot Story (Walla Walla version).

Seventeen years rolled back the calendar the other day when I responded to a note on my desk after coming back from some surgery. It was to renew acquaintance with Everett Lee "Pete" Luther, the man who'd put me onto my first Bigfoot story.

Luther has put on some paunch and some gray hair (but who among us has not in the past 17 years?) but is the same eloquent guy I'd met in 1966. A construction worker living in Walla Walla then, Luther had an affinity for riding his motorcycle over the roads of the Blue Mountains. It was on such a journey up the Mill Creek Road that summer and nearly to the mouth of Tiger Creek, that Luther spotted the huge footprints in the roadway.

With the help of another cycle rider who happened along — but whose name he never got — Luther hauled out a tape and measured the prints.

They were 19 inches long and eight inches wide and it was five feet between the prints.

Bigfoot aficionados will be nodding their heads at this point as those stats are fairly typical of many Bigfoot/Sasquatch footprint

sightings in the Northwest.

The Luther sighting was a year before the movies were filmed by the late Roger Patterson of a big, hairy, humanlike creature in northern California.

When I visited Luther the other day, he recalled Patterson came over here from his home in Yakima and inspected the prints with Luther. A rainfall the day before had damaged the tracks but Luther says "Patterson felt they were authentic."

Luther has since then followed his trade and returned to Missouri, but is now again living in Walla Walla, coming back here this past summer. It was because of that 1966 association and his reading about Paul Freeman's reported sighting of a Bigfoot creature only a few miles from his track-sighting that he was moved to contact me and recount another Bigfoot experience.

It seemed a bonafide — and hair-raising — Bigfoot affair as I heard what Luther and his son, Everett, related of that experience two years ago in the "boot heel" of Missouri.

Luther and his son, along with his nephew and brother-in-law, were hunting in the St. Francis River bottomland in southeastern Missouri in Dunklin County, an area known as Parker's Island not too far from the town of Cardwell, Mo., when suddenly his hound started "running a trail."

"He took it across the (river) bottoms about a half mile; water was about waist deep to chest deep in some places, as the dog almost got out of hearing," Luther related.

"We decided we would walk the level bank about a quarter mile to where he had reached the edge of an island about 800 acres in size. When we were about 300 feet from the dog we smelled a peculiar odor that almost made us sick to our stomachs . . . an indescribable odor.



Vance
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Outdoors in
the Blues

"The dog was still running in water off and on, ankle deep to waist deep, and he would run in dry parts of the swamp off and on. He would sound at times as if he had it treed or bayed. Knowing my dog, I could always tell when he treed, but that night I could not tell for sure.

"We stood on dry land and listened to him . . . at times it sounded as if the quarry was trying to get him, the way the dog's voice sounded; at other times he would be running it.

"My nephew and I left my son and brother-in-law in the dry field where we had been standing and went to see if we could find out what the dog was running. We entered about 400 feet deep into the woods, still on dry land. Then, we heard sounds we had never heard before . . . kind of a whimpering sound at times, a low sound, similar to a bird or a low muffling sound. It sounded at times like it was 50 or 60 feet from us.

"As the dog went deeper into the woods, we tried to follow, wading in water almost waist deep. The dog sounded as if he had it treed, and as we approached, we heard sounds behind us. The dog picked up the scent and headed the same direction the sounds came from.

"We decided then that it was time to leave, by making a big circle to where my son and

brother-in-law were waiting. When we reached them, we decided we would let the dog run the quarry until he gave up or caught it. He ran it for six hours that night, baying it and it sounded as if he was treed at times.

"Finally, I called him off and we went home."

As the Luthers made their way back to the truck, another event occurred which possibly was linked to their earlier experience.

"I was putting the dog in the back off the truck. My son and brother-in-law were standing in front of it. Suddenly, my son said, 'Somebody's crossing the road.' I asked: 'Who was it?' They said it was somebody about seven feet tall or more and must have weighed from 300 to 400 pounds. My son says he walked bent over like a gorilla, pausing for a couple of seconds, then went off. It was a moonlit night and they had a good view of it."

Luther says big tracks were sighted two nights later on the riverbank while on another hunt.

"They looked to be about 12 or 14 inches long. The heel was narrow and the toes kind of pointed. I never knew of any bears or alligators being in there. The tracks were imbedded in the mud."

A few months after the weird chase in the St. Francis River bottoms, all actors in the drama suffered strange illnesses, including the dog, Luther says.

"Three months later, I got something wrong with me; it was hard for me to breathe. My body felt like it didn't have much strength. My son, who is in good health, had the same symptoms. My brother-in-law, about five months later, went to the hospital, where they had to strap him down for a week. Five or six months after

the incident, my nephew started feeling bad and started doing things that didn't make sense.

"My dog had always been good-natured, but five months after the chase that night, if anyone would get close to where he was tied up, he would try to get them, once even lunging for the throat of a friend of my son's."

After hearing the Luther account of the adventure in southeastern Missouri, I combed my file of clippings at home and ran across an interesting account of another Bigfoot monster in Missouri. The clipping has a date of July 7, 1972 and tells of the sighting of a "six-to-12-foot, black-haired beast that frightens young girls, picks up foreign cars and smells awful," according to the United Press International news account.

Although 25 men searched the hills near the town of Louisiana, Mo., there was no trace of the "thing which walks erect and has the town's 7,000 residents worried."

A 15-year-old girl told police she looked out the window of her home to see a "tall, hairy creature peering back at her from behind a tree in the backyard."

Other people reported seeing the same figure and one man said the thing lifted up the back of his Volkswagen.

Could this creature, reported some 200 air miles north of Luther's Bigfoot, be the same one?

Certainly the two incidents relate to our own "Walla Walla Bigfoot" report in June, 1982, at the top of the Tiger Canyon Road, only a few miles from where Luther saw the 19-inch prints in 1966.

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