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Amite County folks report similar UFOs

By Ernest Herndon

E-J Staff Writer

What were those mysterious lights in the skies over southwest Mississippi this past week?

Several sightings of unidentified flying objects have been reported from Amite County, beginning Wednesday and continuing through Friday night.

Ione Walsh of Liberty, who is tax assessor-collector for the county, said she and her family were driving along the Lower Centreville Road Wednesday night about 7 when they saw a large, lighted object "as wide as my house. It was all lit up like a moving Christmas tree."

She said it appeared to move low, very slowly, made a whining sound, and seemed to be flanked by other, smaller objects resembling helicopters. Five persons were with her at the time, and all saw it, she said.

She said her son George Riley, who lives south of Liber-

ty, apparently saw the same object or objects Thursday night, and reported them to the air force base at Alexandria, La. Officials there reportedly said they knew nothing about it, but said they wanted to know if it were seen again.

Meanwhile, in the Bewelcome community five miles east of Gloster, Lynn and Rita Taylor reported seeing an object like the one the Walshes saw.

Taylor described the object as "tremendously big," and guessed that it flew some 400 feet above the ground. Formerly in the Air Force, Taylor said it did not look or sound like conventional aircraft.

He and his wife saw the object "off and on" Wednesday night from 8 until 9:40, and again at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. He said he has talked with friends, neighbors and relatives who saw the object as recently as Friday night.

"I've always been the type that, if somebody said they

saw something like that, I'd say, 'Aw, go on,'" Taylor said. "But that night when I stood out there with my hair standing up on the back of my neck I had a different attitude."

He confirmed Mrs. Walsh's account that the large craft seemed to have smaller ones around it. He said it at first approached with great speed, then went very slowly.

Taylor and Mrs. Walsh suggested the sightings may be of objects similar to those sighted in south Amite County a few years ago.

None of those who reported seeing the objects this past week expressed any great fear.

"I'd like to see it again," said Mrs. Walsh. Said Taylor, "I'll say this: I thoroughly enjoyed it."

He said he and his wife Rita have watched for the UFO again nightly. "Rita's about got a sore throat from watching for it every night," he quipped.

Officers encounter strange lights in S.D. sky

By Jim Dawson
Staff Writer

Gary Myers has read a little science fiction in his day, but it didn't prepare him for his night shift in the desolate hills of Bennett County, S.D., on Tuesday.

When Myers, a Martin City police officer, and Bennett County sheriff's deputy Tom Jensen came on duty Tuesday, Sheriff Ed Rolfe asked them to drive into the hills to check out several reports from ranchers of strange lights in the southwestern sky.

There had been five reported sight-

ings in the past few weeks, Myers said Thursday, and the sheriff was curious.

A short time later Myers was standing on a dark hill, clutching his shotgun, while Jensen was nervously calling into headquarters on his radio. About 150 yards away, a large array of red and white lights floated silently in the air, Myers said.

The two officers were involved in what UFO researchers call a close encounter of the first kind — meaning they were within 200 yards of an unexplained "phenomenon."

J. Allen Hyneck, founder of the Cen-

ter for UFO Studies at Northwestern University, said he has already interviewed the officers and the ranchers and is impressed with the sighting.

"If it gets any more exciting, I'll have to come out there," Hyneck said.

"If either one of us had been out there alone," Myers said of the encounter, "we wouldn't have told anybody about it because we'd get branded as crazy."

"We didn't take this seriously at all," he said as he and Jensen prepared to head into the hills again, this time armed with a tape recorder, binocu-

lars and a camera. "We thought it (the UFO reports) was a hoax, a joke."

Just after 10 p.m. Tuesday, at the time ranchers said the UFO usually appears, "we got out on top of a hill," Myers said.

It was a clear, starry night and he could see the lights of one town 20 miles to the north and another about 30 miles to the south. The officers scanned the horizon for about 10 minutes and didn't see anything but stars and distant town lights, Myers said.

"We got back in the patrol car, drove about 2 or 3 miles down a dirt road and stopped on another hill," he said.

"We looked back and there were two lights, a bright white one on the right and a dimmer red one on the left, about 100 to 200 feet in the air right over the position we'd been parked in before," Myers said.

"It was spooky. We stood there discussing it. They started moving toward us at a slow rate of speed about 100 yards to the south of the road. After it got halfway to us, he (Jensen) got on the radio and started describing it to the dispatcher."

When the lights were within a half-mile, he said, "the big light shut off." Myers said he grabbed his shotgun and watched as the remaining light moved directly parallel of his squad car, about 150 yards to the south.

"It had three or four white lights on its side, four red lights on the back and we could still see the lights on the front," he said. At that point, he said, "it struck me that we weren't hearing any sound. None at all."

After hovering silently for about two minutes, he said, "it appeared to accelerate fairly rapidly to the southeast. When it did that we heard a low jet engine type of sound for five or 10 seconds, then it cut off. It was very quiet."

Myers said neither he nor Jensen could make out any structure or shape behind the lights during the 10-minute "encounter."

"We radioed to a state trooper and told him to go to Hwy. 18 (to the southeast) to try to see it, but he didn't see it," Myers said.

The two officers drove quickly to Clayton Merchen's ranch, "and without even discussing the pattern of lights we'd seen, they described the same thing."

The Merchens are one of the families that has reported seeing the lights several times in the past few weeks. Myer said he patched through a call to Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City and asked them if they had any aircraft in the area.

Air controllers at the base said they had no aircraft in the area and even turned up their radar to scan the area of the sighting, Myers said, but reported no sightings.

Jensen was less inclined to talk about the encounter, but said he was heading back to the spot Thursday night "because I want to know what that was. It was spooky."

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Eight Sight Alcalde UFO

By GAIL OLSON
Of the SUN's
Santa Fe Bureau

At least eight persons saw a well-lighted unidentified flying object, described as resembling the machine in the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," hovering in the sky east of Alcalde Tuesday night, slowly moving in a large arc, then fading from view.

"It was a classic. It was just like Close Encounters," Mel Medina, owner of Mel's Country Store in Alcalde, said Tuesday night, just after viewing the machine.

Medina said his watch read 7:10 p.m. when he first saw the UFO. He had just returned home from work, and he and his wife, Diane Griego, were sitting on their patio when they noticed it. His wife called his father, Joe Medina, who lives nearby, and the trio watched the UFO for about 20 minutes.

Frank Montez in nearby Los Luceros reported seeing what may have been the same object for a briefer time between 7 and 8 Tuesday evening.

"Whatever it was, I know one thing. It was no plane. It was no helicopter," Montez said of the object. He said he called his wife to look, too, after he spotted the object, but all she saw was what looked like "a very bright light" fading into the distance. Both sightings were to the east of Alcalde.

Medina said he watched the UFO through a pair of binoculars and wouldn't relinquish the binoculars to his wife or his father, though in retrospect, he realized it was selfish of him. However, it was visible to the naked eye, he said.

"I was so thrilled that I saw what I always knew was up there!" Medina said. "It was too bad more

people weren't there to share the experience."

What he watched, he said, appeared to be a "mother ship" which served as home base for "a little red light" which at first was on top of the UFO and then would fly away and return. The UFO made "a rumbling sound, not real loud, like the surf in the ocean," he said.

"At first, I thought it was a plane," he said, explaining that he was puzzled at first by two extremely bright lights, "like headlights." It was dusk when he first sighted the machine, he said, and through the binoculars, it was a metallic silver color, "like aluminum."

At first, he said, the machine hovered in one place and turned, giving him a view of different sides of it. Seven bright lights surrounded it, he said. He reported it to the State Police, and in that report, he said it was "football shaped." "It was about the size of two 747s," Medina estimated.

After hovering, he said, it moved toward him and his family, made a "gigantic U turn," and took off toward the Truchas Peaks, where it gradually faded from view. The red light, detached from the main object, followed it and also eventually disappeared.

"The U turn was very, very slow," he said, and all three sighters had "good visual contact" from 7:10 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. "It was amazing!"

When he first saw the "two huge lights," Medina thought, "Why is it so big? Why is it so low," and then it turned sideways and he saw the other lights.

State police had reports of the UFO sighting from three other observers in addition to the Medinas and the Montezes, bring the total number of viewers to eight.

More UFOs seen near New Caney

By CATHY GORDON
Courier Staff

CLEVELAND — They had just arrived home when they noticed the two beaming lights floating parallel in the distant sky. At first, they thought it was some type of aircraft out on military maneuvers.

Hovering that low, it had to be,

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A few minutes later, they weren't so sure.

Their eyes followed the lights as they slowly moved closer, revealing a triangular-shaped aircraft that was rounded at the end and as big as a 747 jetliner. A bank of multi-colored lights

encircled the object which, within minutes, was hovering about 400 feet above their house.

They watched for 45 minutes as 14 more of these objects followed in a slow, silent procession, one of them almost stopping directly overhead.

They made no jet-propulsor sounds — just a low, vibrating

hum. None had windows, wings or rotors.

They were unlike any aircraft they'd ever seen. "I have no earthly idea what it was that we saw," said the Plum Grove woman, who requested anonymity. "But me, my husband and three daughters saw them. They weren't helicopters or airplanes — that I know."

What this Plum Grove family witnessed two weeks ago still has them perplexed. But they aren't the only ones wanting answers.

Two Dayton residents and their attorney are wondering if the incident might provide answers to a similar sighting which occurred Dec. 29, 1980 — at approximately the same location and same time of night.

This most recent sighting occurred just five or six miles from where Dayton resident Vickie Landrum, her grandson, Colby, and friend, Betty Cash, encountered a large metallic, fire-spewing craft on a desolate stretch of FM 1485 near New Caney — a confrontation they are convinced is responsible for their persistent health problems.

Landrum and Cash believe the mysterious object was part of a highly-classified, government-sponsored operation because 23 twin-rotary, military-type helicopters were seen encircling the craft.

Any link between that incident and the most recent sighting possibly could help them in their \$20 million personal injury

lawsuit against the federal government, they say.

Landrum says there is some similarity in the descriptions of the objects seen during the two separate encounters.

"The way she described it to me was that it was triangular-shaped and rounded at the bottom and looked almost to be diamond-shaped," said Landrum, who talked to the Plum Grove woman about the sighting. "She said it was as big as a 747 plane and the thing we saw was as big as a water tower. Both were large things. It'd be interesting to see if they were the same thing."

The Plum Grove woman, her husband and three daughters are equally interested in the origins of these strange looking flying machines. But they say they can do without the publicity that usually surrounds such sightings.

"We come from a small town and most people would think

you're weird to talk about things like this," said the woman of the East Montgomery Community, located about eight miles south of Cleveland. "They'd immediately think we're claiming to see something from outer space, but that's not true. We don't know what they were. I've been trying to find out, but the air bases say they don't know anything."

In an effort to find out about the mysterious objects, she's called the Splendora Police Department, the Cleveland Municipal Airport, the General Aviation Division of the Federal Aviation Administration and the air field manager at Ellington Air Force Base.

None could verify any type of flying maneuvers in that area that night.

A spokesperson at Ellington said the base had aircraft on maneuvers that night, but they were over the Gulf of Mexico and were on the ground before 9:15 p.m.

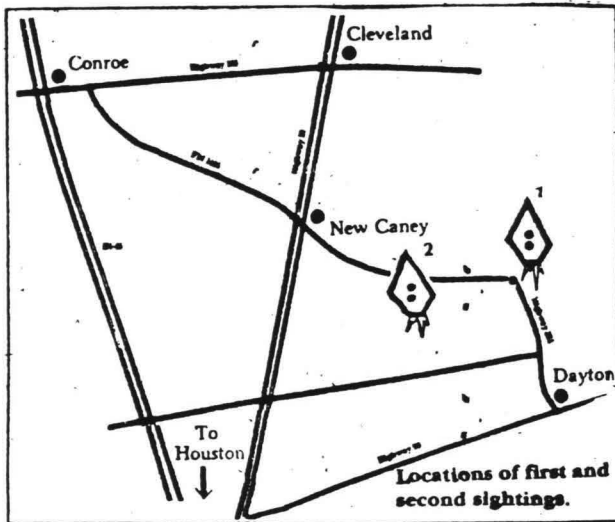
"Ellington described every kind of aircraft they have to me, but none of the descriptions fit what I saw," said the woman.

Their neighbor, Nina Enloe, was in her house at the time. And she had no idea what was flying overhead.

"My television set started messing up around the time they say they saw those things outside," Mrs. Enloe said. "I was watching a movie when the picture on my television started going 3-D on me."

While there are no answers yet as to what the objects were, this Plum Grove family says they're sure of what they saw. And they're not discounting any theories that might explain the mysterious looking flying machines.

"I believe anything is possible," said the woman.



Lonely Encounter

By SHIRLEY HALLETT

It's a lonely stretch of interstate between Pittsfield and Newport — no rest areas, no houses, no lights from nearby farms. Last Monday, (March 26), at 7:15 p.m. it was even lonelier. I could see no taillights up ahead, no on-coming lights either in my rear view mirror or in the opposite lanes. Maybe it was this spooky aspect of the drive which caused me to stop thinking about a writing assignment and look, REALLY LOOK, at two very bright lights, suspended motionless over the trees just up ahead on my right.

My first thought was, of course, that these were stars, but a quick glance in the other direction at the night sky showed the folly of that conclusion. The stars were small and white and high and twinkly as stars should be. These two lights were low, large and yellowish. As I drove toward them, they did not recede as the moon or stars seem to do in relation to a moving vehicle. While very bright and big, they did not give off a ray or beam of light — the tops of the trees and the woods around them were still dark. They did not waver or fluctuate and were not moving — either in relation to me or in relation to each other. I have seen approach and flight lights on private planes and helicopters, and these were neither. By now I was alarmed. My options were nil. I could not turn around and go home because of the divided highway. I certainly did not want to stop and "wait it out." I recalled an episode some years ago in Madison when a lighted object somehow stopped car motors and temporarily stranded the occupants. My immediate goal, then, was to get off that road as fast as possible.

During this thought sequence, several minutes had passed. Up ahead I could see the sign indicating the Newport exit was two miles. I decided to drive as fast as I could, hoping that if the motor quit, momentum would get me that two miles! I was also hoping for a State Police car with flashing blue lights, but none appeared. By this time, I was at a critical point, as I had to pass in front of the lights which were still there, hanging or hovering motionless, over the trees. I drove past, and looked out the passenger side window for what was my last view of them — for they suddenly went out. They didn't turn and fly away into the night sky; they did not settle down into a field. They simply WENT OUT. At first I was relieved. Later it occurred to me that they might still have been there — just no longer visible.

As I crossed the bridge over the highway and drove into Newport, I glanced back again to that stretch of road. There was nothing there. I went on to the meeting, and heard very little. My mind was occupied with the return drive to Pittsfield. The interstate seemed quicker, and for some reason, safer, than the back road. I waited on the approach ramp until I could see some tractor trailers, and I positioned myself in between them. Once home, panic settled in. I felt strange telling my family about this experience, and I got some of the to-be-expected remarks about little green men and strange noises. The next morning, my curiosity got the best of me, and I called Robin Duplisea at the Department of Public Safety in Pittsfield. Although she had received no reports of anything unusual

the night before, she suggested that I call the Newport police. The dispatcher there told me about the reported sightings over the weekend along the coast. At first I felt better — other rational, normal people had seen something unusual — although what they saw was vastly different from what I had seen. Then it further unnerved me to realize that there are "things" out there to be

seen — things that are not easily explained. I was given a number to call — Brunswick Naval Air Station. I had several detailed conversations with personnel there — but no explanations, no conjecture.

This experience, for all it frightened me, has been positive. I SAW something that night — something unusual and interesting and presently unexplained. I believe that there are things and events and conditions that science does not yet understand and can not explain at this point. I suspect that our government knows more than it is saying. I am looking forward now to the publication later this spring of a new book based on court-obtained government documents. I hope there will be answers in the near future. Seeing those eerie lights under unnatural conditions has made me appreciate the safety I normally enjoy and take for granted. I will be tolerant in the future of people who report strange "things." I will read with less skepticism reports of UFO sightings. And I WILL NOT drive on I-95 from Pittsfield to Newport after dark and alone for a long time!

Another "sighting" reported

by CHARLES ELDREDGE

The sighting of a strange lighted craft in the Fessenden area, reported in last week's Free Press, has been corroborated by another Fessenden man who was in the country north of town at the same time in the same evening, and "saw the same thing."

The man, who wishes to be anonymous, was driving north on the black top at about 8:00 p.m. on Jan. 4. When he had reached the top of the hill on the north side of the James River he noticed what appeared to be headlights on the road a couple miles ahead. As he drew closer, he observed that the lights were not moving, and he assumed that a car was stopped on the bridge crossing the New Rockford Canal. When he was less than a

quarter mile south of the canal, "it took off to the east" according to the observer. It appeared to follow the canal at an altitude of perhaps 100 feet. "In fact, I doubt that it was that high," he said. It remained at that altitude until it appeared to rise to go over an abandoned farmstead about a mile to the east. It turned toward the south there and he lost sight of it. It was approximately at that point, and from that direction, that the two men reported on last week first saw the object. They followed it to the southeast to Emrick, then east to Highway 52, then north where they last saw it near Fessenden.

There are two differences in the reports. The first report included a flashing red light when the object was

viewed from the side or the rear, whereas no red light was noted by the second observer. The first observers reported being unable to hear any sound from the object, perhaps due to the wind. When the most recently reported sighting was made, the observer got out of his car and could hear a rushing sound which he characterized as "Shhhhhhhhh." "But it wasn't like a jet," he added.

One of the observers in the first report had seen such an object two years ago and at that time had also heard what he described as a buzzing or humming sound.

Like the first observers, the second is most certain of what it wasn't. "It wasn't an airplane or a helicopter," he insisted. He couldn't speculate on what it was.

FREEMAN, Waukesha, WI - March 30, 1984 CR: R. Heiden

Waukesha woman spots UFO

By Dan Callahan

"It was the most beautiful thing I've ever seen in my life. If I was going to die, this would have been the perfect time," Bernice Glor said.

Glor, 72, saw an unidentified flying object about 5 a.m. today, hovering near her apartment at 2406 Springdale Rd.

She said she was bashful to tell anyone about it, fearing "they'd think I was off my rocker." But the light that twinkled and suddenly wooshed away was so beautiful she had to call the Freeman to see if anyone else saw it.

"I've never thought about UFOs before," she said. "But I definitely saw this."

She saw it when she got up at about 5 a.m. and looked out her apartment's windows.

"I saw this light," she said. "It was twinkling, and it was the most beautiful light I've ever seen. It was too big to be a star. It was as big as a small living room, and it was about 30 feet off the ground and about three-quarters of a block away."

"It fascinated me. If it had been on the ground I would have walked to it. All of a sudden it sounded like a motor started and these red and blue lights came on. It just sort of glided west and then sort of north."

Glor said she had seen something like it about two weeks ago. But this was the first time she saw it take off.

The round object was silent until

a motor gave off a kind of "shoosh," she said. "It was like someone taking a lid off something that was under pressure."

She said it couldn't have been a plane or helicopter. "It was all light," she said.

She and her husband Edmund have lived in the apartment for about a year. Nothing like this has ever happened to her.

"It sure makes you feel funny to report something like this," she said. "But I told my husband, 'Maybe heaven is sending something down here to warn us.'"

Walter Andrus, the international director of the Mutual UFO Network in Austin, Texas, said the sighting was similar to many reports received by the network from all over the world. He doubted it was an aircraft because they don't have blue lights.

VALLEY TIMES, Pittsfield, ME - April 19, 1984 CR: B. Greenwood

Update on UFO? encounter

By SHIRLEY HALLETT

"Whatever you do, don't let anyone convince you that you're going crazy."

"Don't let anyone tell you that you're nuts. I think there is no doubt you saw what you claim; the pattern in so stereotype." "Don't begin to doubt that you saw what you did."

These were typical comments that we received after my article "Lonely Encounter" was printed recently in The Valley Times. I was in Boston that week at a writer's conference. When I returned home there had been several phone calls from local people who had seen "things" during the past few years; "things" which were not easily explainable; "things" which had been very scary. Some followed up their sighting, as I had done, by checking with the police and getting involved with the formal end of it. Most, however, were so terrified that they told only their spouse or a close friend. Some had told no one until they told me. All wish that they had not had the experience. In addition to these calls, I heard from several people who asked questions, and not a few who wished that they might have a similar experience — among them a State trooper from Skowhegan, a chemist friend from Pennsylvania, and our own famous local science-fiction writer, William Forstchen!

My experience was tame compared to some of the stories I have heard. One college student, traveling on a back road, found his way

blocked by a lighted spherical object. This was several years ago, yet he is still very reluctant to talk about it. Another well-respected resident told of a lighted vaporous tube "birthing" an object which then followed them down an isolated section of I-95 late one night, not long ago. Two professional women were forced to dodge a glowing disc for several miles — it would appear in front of them, disappear momentarily, then reappear in back of them — all the time casting an unnatural and scary light around their car. Several people reported seeing strange lights hovering over the trees near Ell Hill, one over a lake on several occasions, one in a field. A news reporter for a Bangor TV station told about a bright disc overhead — it hovered over his car for some period of time, during which the radio and lights were knocked out.

While these calls pleased me because they were all supportive and informative, they were, nevertheless, scary. What ARE these lights — these apparitions — these happenings? I am now reading widely — everything from personal accounts of sightings to highly technical books and government assessments of the situation. I have written to several of the authors, although there has not been time yet for replies. I have talked with a "retired" fighter pilot who told of incidents that made my straight hair curl! I have talked with a research chemist who doubted the conclu-

sions put forth by a UMO astronomy professor, and I spoke at length with that professor, whose only comment of substance was, "You're making good observations. Be sure to get back to me if you have any other experiences like this." I have discounted my own observations at times, and I have tried to forget what I saw. I have wished that I had stayed home that night. I want to know what it was that I saw — I want to know everything there is to know about this phenomenon. I wish that it had never happened to me, and I'm glad that it did. I want to forget all about it, but I want to persist and follow through until I have settled some of these questions in my own mind. I enjoy the new contacts that I have made, and I fear them. I am looking forward to my copy of the latest book on the subject, and I fear it.

So at this point, three weeks later, I have more questions and sense more uneasiness than at first. Each day I get up with the thought, "Well, I wonder what new thing will happen today." And each night I go to bed thinking, "Well, how does this new information fit into the scheme of things as I now understand it?" I wonder sometimes why this has become so important in my life. Most of the time I don't wonder — this was unsought, unwanted, and unasked for. It happened to me, to us as a family, for a purpose. I want to know what that purpose is.

Evans' Batting Got a Lift from A Flying Saucer

Detroit

You've no doubt heard a hitter say he is "seeing the ball better" or "I'm more relaxed" to explain a batting surge.

How about an encounter with a UFO?

Darrell Evans was one of the Giants' hottest hitters in their 1982 stretch drive, and his 30-homer season in 1983 led to a rich, free-agent contract with the Detroit Tigers. After his second three-run homer of the season staked the Tigers to a 5-1 victory over Texas in their home opener Tuesday, Evans said that his rejuvenation started with a UFO sighting at his Pleasanton home in 1982.

"Soon after that, things turned around," he said. "During that time, it was something you think about rather than feel sorry for yourself," which Evans had been doing as he moved among first base, third base, shortstop and the Giants' bench. He was approaching the final year of his contract, and the Giants had said nothing about a new one.

So he was contemplating his baseball future as he and his wife, LaDonna, sat on the back porch of their home that summer night. Suddenly, they saw an object 30 feet wide, triangular in shape, with no wings ("It was more like a flying wing," Evans said) and with green and red lights on each side and white lights in back.

"There was no sound," Evans recalled. "It was 100 yards away, right over my neighbor's house. It was there maybe a minute, a minute and a half."

Skeptics insisted it was an airplane, which would be logical, since there is a small field within sight of Evans' yard. But he doesn't buy that explanation.

"My wife was a stewardess," Evans says, "so she knows what an airplane looks like. My dad works for NASA. He's one of the best men in his field. I've always been interested in aircraft and outer space."

At LaDonna's suggestion, Evans went to get his camera to take a picture of the craft. "But as soon as I got up it sort of tilted. It was like, 'Yeah, you see us, but you're not going to take a picture of us,'" he said.

By the time Evans retrieved his camera, the object was getting out of camera range. Then it was gone.

"Close Encounters" was one of my favorite movies," Evans said, acknowledging that he's been accused of seeing it once too often.

"I believe there is something out there," he said. "And if there are, they've been out there longer than we have. They've evolved beyond war; they've got through it and they want to come and show us how. I hope it happens."

Evans said the experience "definitely helped my career. It gave me something to think about besides myself. It sparked things for me."

United Press

Woman Reports, 'I Met Gal Who . . . Claimed To Be an Alien'

Society Says UFO Skepticism Is Fading

By UPI

A creature "3 1/2 to 4 feet tall with a highly oversized, inverted pear-shaped head, wrap-around eyes, a little nose with two holes and a slit for a mouth," was described yesterday to a rapt audience.

National UFO investigator Ray Fowler said the description fits the alien most commonly described by people reporting so-called "close encounters of the third kind."

Fowler, an investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, described the being to about 75 people at a workshop on UFOs, sponsored by the Society for Psychic Research of New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Although participants at the all-day session reported no personal encounters with alien beings, about half raised their hands when asked if they had ever sighted a UFO.

About five people described what they said were spiritual or psychic contacts with extra-terrestrial beings.

Gail Triff of Manchester said she has connections with "brothers" not from Earth. Triff said she first became interested in UFOs and aliens

when she met "Linda" in Boston.

"In 1974 I met a gal, Linda, who was on the radio and claimed to be an alien," she said.

"I got to be friends with her," Triff said. "I believe it was her father who was an alien and her mother was from this planet." Triff reported observing the father's spaceship land in Gloucester, Mass.

The Manchester woman would not reveal her job, explaining she was afraid she would be fired for linking her place of employment with UFOs.

Fowler and Peter Geremia, New Hampshire investigator for MUFON, said fear of public reaction is common among those who see UFOs, or unidentified flying objects.

"The people who have had the sightings are very afraid of ridicule. Once I can assure them of confidentiality, the full story comes out," Geremia said.

He noted studies show most people believe life may exist on other planets.

Geremia said he hears of about six UFO sightings in New

Hampshire annually. In line with national statistics, he said 80 percent are later explained, usually as either aircraft or celestial bodies.

Fowler, who has written four books on UFOs, said about 100 sightings a day are reported worldwide.

A program director at GTE Sylvannia, Fowler said he sees skepticism on extra-terrestrial life fading. Unlike 15 years ago, people he works with are now "very interested" in his work, he said.

"Enough accidents have affected equipment" that "high-level" employees are beginning to take notice, according to Fowler.

A stint with the U.S. Air Force in the 1950s prompted the Wenham, Mass., resident to work on UFO investigations.

"I learned (military) UFO reports were being channelled over (high-security) cryptographic lines" in the Air Force, he said.

He said the government was "publicly saying (UFOs) don't exist, but privately, it was another thing."

UFO sightings have been concentrated heavily around

high-security military operations, according to Fowler. He said the government thus has "no choice but to consider UFOs a high potential threat to national security."

More openness by the government would help people "at least realize they aren't going stark raving mad," Fowler suggested.

Norm Gauthier, founder and director of the Society for Psychic Research, said UFO research is of interest to his organization because the Society tries "to get to know more about ourselves and our world."

"It (psychic research) is something totally unexplained and not necessarily accepted by the scientific community," according to Gauthier, who said he has researched more than 140 haunted buildings in the United States.

The Society is like a "Weight Watchers" or support group for people interested in psychic things, according to its founder.

"At a meeting with people with the same open-mindedness and willingness to explore, you can gain inner strength and realize you're not an oddball at all."

NEWS-GRAPHIC PILOT, Cedarburg, WI - March 26, 1984 CR: R. Heiden

In Cedarburg

UFO sighting being probed

CEDARBURG - A Cedarburg woman who claims to have seen an unidentified flying object here in December was featured last Thursday on *More*, the WISN-TV hour magazine program.

The woman, who wishes to remain anonymous, was westbound on Pioneer Road near the I-43 on-ramp on Dec. 7 when she claims she saw "the biggest, brightest light I have ever seen in my life." She was returning home to her apartment with her two children, ages 13 and 7.

In a telephone conversation with a Cedarburg Police dispatcher shortly after the alleged sighting, the woman described the UFO as "round, but not perfectly round."

The UFO was hovering not far from the ground, according to the woman, "about two telephone poles high."

The woman went on to say that the flying object

had blue and green lights, and windows in front, with a nose cone shaped like a wok handle. When she got out of her car, the UFO disappeared to the southeast.

The incident, which occurred shortly after 9 p.m., is still being investigated by the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization (APRO), founded in 1952 in Sturgeon Bay.

Donald Schmitt and Richard Heiden, two UFO researchers affiliated with APRO, also appeared on the show Thursday. Schmitt said a preliminary investigation had turned up no evidence of planes or hot air balloons in the area at the time of the alleged sighting.

"It's rare to have a sighting reported in Wisconsin," said Schmitt, who noted only one or two reports a year. Two or three sightings are reported worldwide on a daily basis, according to Schmitt.

TIMES, El Paso, TX - May 6, 1984 CR: I. Torres

A dozen people report UFO over foothills near Chimayo

SANTA FE (AP) — The sighting of an unidentified flying object over the Rio Arriba County community of Chimayo last week has been described as one of the best in many years.

About a dozen people along the Rio Grande Valley in New Mexico have reported to state police and other authorities that they saw a lighted object hovering over the foothills near Chimayo, north of Santa Fe, April 24.

John Warren, a physicist at Los Alamos National Laboratory and the designated investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, said the unusual event may be the best in the area in years.

"I haven't seen a better one in a long time," said Warren, who has been following UFO sightings for the international organization for about eight years.

"It was a real unidentified flying object," he said. "Now our problem is trying to determine its size and its exact location."

Warren said Thursday that he has interviewed most of the people who saw the unusual event and should be able to determine the size, location and elevation of the UFO within a week.

Among those who saw the UFO were Mel and Diana Medina of Alcalde, who were sitting on their patio at about 7 p.m. the night of the sighting.

"It looked very much like a commercial jetliner coming in for a landing," Mel Medina said. "The first thing that came across my mind was, 'What the hell is that thing doing there?'"

The flying, lighted object continued to move in spurts to the west, occasionally hovering over

the Chimayo area, and Mel Medina said it was emitting a humming noise.

Diane Medina said she called her father-in-law next door, who brought over a pair of binoculars. Through the glasses, the object appeared to be football-shaped, with a red light that appeared to be searching the skies, she said.

Mary and Crestino Barela were on their way home to Chimayo from Espanola when they saw the object.

"The thing that struck us was that it wasn't going anywhere. It was just hovering. Then it jumped laterally and we couldn't see it any more," Mary Barela said.

Warren said similar objects have been sighted in other parts of the country.

Sighting lifted Tigers' Evans

By Tim Cowlshaw
Staff Writer of The News

Ever since Bill Lee hung up his helmet, baseball has been without a Spaceman. Maybe Detroit's Darrell Evans can fill the suit.

Now wait. It's not that the veteran left-handed hitter, now with the Tigers after 13 years in the National League, is anything remotely close to being flaky. He speaks with quiet assurance, confidence and intelligence — especially when he's telling you about the unidentified flying object he and his wife spotted two years ago.

"It was a very uplifting experience — to know that someone else had been where we had, survived and gone on. I always thought if I saw one, it would be a positive thing," Evans said.

It happened two years ago. "It was the first time in my career that I wasn't playing. After seeing it, it put things in perspective, told me to stop feeling sorry for myself. Two days later, I was back in the (San Francisco) lineup with a better attitude," he said.

Evans said he and his wife saw the object while sitting on the porch of their Pleasanton, Calif., home. He said they saw a stream of lights in the valley beneath their house that looked like a helicopter moving toward them. Evans described it as about 20 yards across, 15 yards deep and he said it glowed.

"My wife told me to go get the camera, but when I started to, it gave kind of a wiggle to say, 'No, this is just for you.'"

The UFO then disappeared, Evans said, but his interest in the subject, and those interested in Evans' story, have not gone away.

"I'm going to be doing a story for *Omni* magazine, and I've heard from several UFO groups. There's a Dr. Hynek in Michigan who is very big in this field and he wants to talk to me. It's an involvement I enjoy. Of course, it's not something you mention around ballplayers without taking some kidding. It's been good-natured, though, because the players realize I'm sincere," Evans said.

Evans' interest in the extra-terrestrial began long ago. "My father works for NASA. He makes the casings for the satellites and the stuff on the moon, the casings for the instruments. So he's much closer to it than most and he's always had an interest."

"He believes me. I think he wishes it would have been him instead of me."

MORNING NEWS, Dallas, TX - April 27, 1984 CR: T. Adams

Trying to unravel the perplexing mystery: UFOs

By CHARLENE FU
Citizen Staff Writer

"I love a mystery, always have," said Coral Lorenzen. And she's chosen one of the biggest mysteries of all to try to solve: unidentified flying objects.

What got her interested in UFOs?

"I saw one," she said matter-of-factly. Actually, she says she has seen UFOs on five separate occasions.

Lorenzen and her husband Jim are founders of the oldest and largest UFO research organization in the world, Aerial Phenomena Research Organization Inc. was founded in 1952 in Sturgeon Bay, Wis. and is now based in the couple's home in Tucson. The organization has 1,200 members worldwide.

The Lorenzens also have authored seven books dealing with aerial phenomena. The books are now considered classics in the field of UFO-ology, Coral said.

APRO conducts serious, scientific research into the UFO "problem," Jim said.

Why do they call it a problem?

"When something which obviously is a physical object is able to fly through our atmosphere at tremendous speeds and execute maneuvers which are outside our laws of physics and can out-distance and out-maneuver the best aircraft we have, and when the government doesn't know what they are, then I think we've got a problem," Coral said.

APRO's team includes 350 to 400 field investigators who conduct the initial probes when a UFO sighting is reported.

The investigators weed out the hoaxes and explainable sightings

and send the unexplained ones to APRO headquarters.

In addition, APRO has 30 consulting panels in the biological sciences, medical sciences, physical sciences and social sciences whose members are called upon to aid in the investigations.

In addition to investigating UFO sightings, the organization puts out a monthly newsletter and operates a 24-hour UFO sighting report hotline.

"People do call in. I have been awakened from a dead sleep at 2 a.m. to answer a call from someone who has had an experience (with a UFO)," Coral said.

"A few people have called in and they are petrified. They have always thought before that these things don't exist and all of a sudden they are confronted with this on a dark road, late at night. It takes 10 to 15 minutes to calm them."

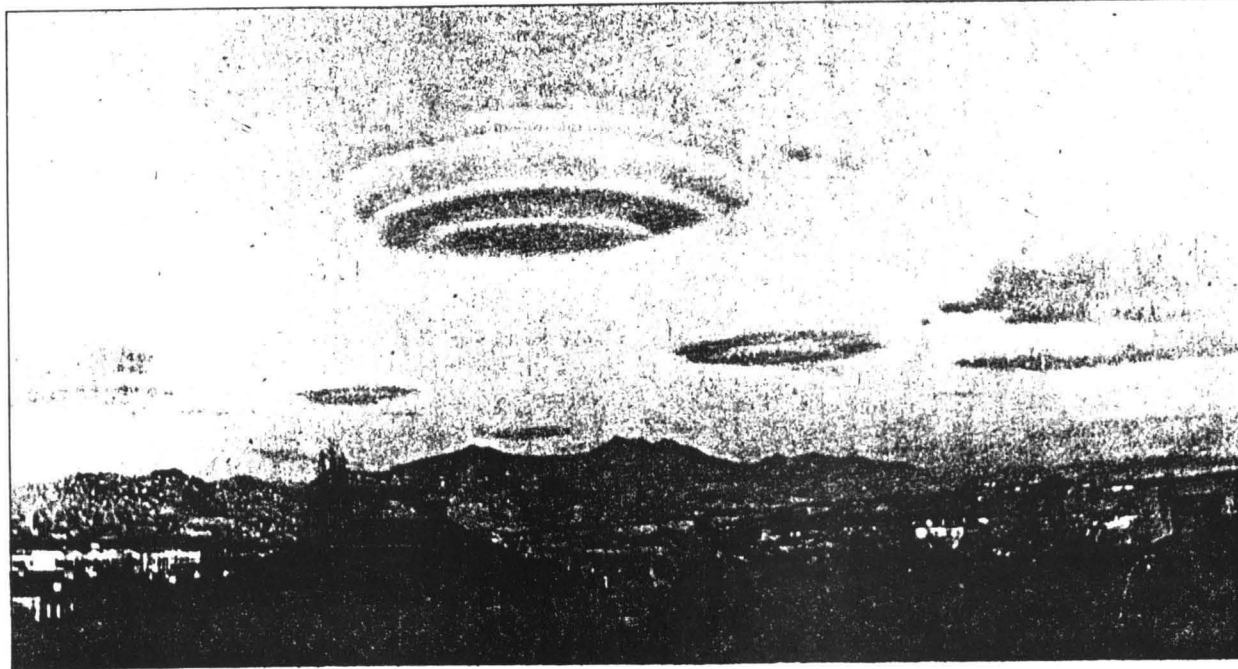
Most of the reports of UFO sightings are explained.

"If you take all the reports we hear about, then I'd say probably 80 percent to 85 percent of those are explained," Coral said.

Often the sighting turns out to be someone seeing a planet for the first time, or the object is identified as some kind of aircraft, based on the arrangement of the lights, apparent size, frequency of the sightings and the path it takes through the sky.

But of the 15 percent to 20 percent that field investigators label unexplained and send to the Lorenzens for further investigation, 80 percent to 90 percent remain unexplained and are labeled true UFOs, she said.

APRO currently is investigating its most recent sighting, which took place March 22 near Rucker Canyon in the Chiricahua Mountains,



Photos courtesy Aerial Phenomena Research Organization Inc.

Selections from APRO's slide collection of 500 to 600 photographs and artist's renditions of UFO sightings. Lenticular clouds (above) form over mountains and are often mistaken for UFOs. This slide, taken in Santos, Brazil in 1962, is used to illustrate how closely these clouds can resemble a disc-shaped object. Below, an artist's rendition of UFOs landing.

about 30 miles northeast of Douglas.

According to Coral, two surveyors were working on the side of a cliff when they saw a bright object bobbing toward them against the wind. The object dropped into the canyon very close to them, and a few minutes later three deer came running out of the canyon "like a bat out of hell," one of the men is reported to have said.

About a half-hour to 45 minutes after the object descended into the canyon, the men reported seeing an A-10 fighter jet fly through the canyon below the rim.

"It was as if they were looking for something," Coral said. She thinks the jet may have come from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, but they have not been able to confirm that with the base.

The men described the object as a huge bright light that kept changing colors from white to blue to scarlet to purple, Coral said.

Investigations can drag on for months, even years, Coral said. But she and her husband have built their life around UFO research.

Jim works in the electronics lab of the chemistry department at the University of Arizona, but he says his professional work has revolved around APRO and UFOs.

"We have kind of patterned our lives and work so we could have the organization," Jim said. "I have even chosen jobs that would help."

Through his professional work, Jim has acquired knowledge about testing techniques and has learned about remote sensing and instrumentation and about photogrammetry. All of these have helped him to analyze UFO cases, he said.

Managing APRO and investigating UFOs is a full-time endeavor for Coral. Her interest in UFOs began in 1934 when she was 9 years old. She and two playmates were in their school playground in Barron, Wis., when she saw her first UFO.



"It stuck with me," she said, "and got me interested in astronomy."

Her next sighting took place in Douglas on June 10, 1947. She was

alone when she saw "a little light that started on the ground and went straight up into the sky."

It would have made sense if the

object had come down instead of going up, she said, because then it would have been a meteor.

On May 21, 1952, Coral saw what she calls her most impressive UFO sighting.

"It was impressive in terms of what I saw, how long I saw it and how many people saw it with me," she said.

She said she had just come out of a drugstore in Sturgeon Bay when a lady ran up to her and told her that there was a UFO. She looked up toward the northeast and saw a silver cigar-shaped object.

"People were all up and down the street looking into the northeast sky," she said. The object was in sight for more than 40 minutes and more than 300 people saw it.

Coral and the local police estimated that the object was about 640 feet in diameter and was hovering 25 miles above the earth.

In earlier years, Coral had written to many people who had reported seeing UFOs. Someone suggested that she start a newsletter and, using her correspondence list as a beginning, Coral did just that.

"We started out with a mimeographed newsletter and cranked it out on the kitchen table," Jim said.

From there, the organization grew to more than 4,000 members in the 1960s. The group had a public office on North Country Club Road from 1969 to 1981.

It was at that office that Coral sighted her fourth UFO. The Lorenzens and six or seven APRO members were in the office one summer night in 1973 when they received a phone call about a UFO. They went outside and watched a red object for 10 to 12 seconds before "it just blinked out," Coral said.

Jim also saw the object that night, but does not think it was a UFO.

"It moved in a circle several times," he said. "I thought it could have been a remote-controlled device that someone was operating."

Coral's last sighting took place in March 1981 in the parking lot of Fry's Food Store at 290 W. Fort Lowell Road while she was waiting for Jim to come out of the store. She saw a small white ball that "almost looked like a pearl in the sky," Coral said.

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It moved from the north and disappeared into the southeast, penetrating the clouds. Based on the type of clouds in the sky, Coral said, the object was about four miles above the ground.

"For me to see something four miles away, it had to have been a good-sized object," she said.

Each of these sightings was accidental, she said.

Her husband, on the other hand, has not had any such encounters with UFOs. He said his interest in UFOs and involvement in APRO are both a result of his wife's initial interest.

"I mainly got involved because I was married to her," Jim said. "I think there are a lot of unknown things in the universe and I'm curious."

He and his wife both believe that UFOs are extraterrestrial in origin and that the beings are here to research and investigate the earth.

"We are largely convinced that they are extraterrestrials and they have been around for thousands of years, at the very least 50,000 years," Coral said.

She thinks that the 1945 explosion of the atomic bomb prompted these beings to come and check up on us.

Their visits have followed a pattern, she said.

"It started with what appears to be a mapping expedition," Coral said. The beings then seemed to be checking military and power installations and conducting resource studies.

Coral said UFO sightings are frequent in Arizona and New Mexico and she speculated that this is because of the number of military bases in the two states.

She believes beings aboard the UFOs are rational and are conducting some kind of scientific exploration.

"They are after something," Coral said. "I think in terms of an objective, scientific project, possibly a record-taking."

"Possibly they have not taken a look at us in a couple thousand years and now they are taking a look."

Jim believes that they are here for purposes of their own and have not made contact with us because they do not consider us peers.

"Real explorers and investigators, unless they are dealing with peers, don't try to make contact," Jim said.

"If they did make contact with us, it would be a big cultural shock for us," he said. "Avoiding contact may be the kindest thing they can do for us."

There have been reports of people being abducted by extraterrestrials who conducted scientific experiments on the captives, but Coral thinks the abduction phase is over.

"I don't think we have had a legitimate abduction case in two or three years," she said.

The first abduction report was made in 1955 and in the years following, such reports increased.

"I think the large number of abductions were in the 1950s and '60s," Coral said. "A lot of abductions came to light, but a lot were hoaxes."

The abductions have tapered off since the 1960s because "they have finished their job," she said. "That would be logical from a human standpoint."

"I think they are on a time limit. When they complete a project, that's it," Coral said.

Interest in UFOs has waned in the last few years, and this was one of the reasons APRO closed its public office in 1981. The Lorenzens attribute this decrease in interest to the rash of UFO-related productions like "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "E.T."

"It seemed to give all the answers," Coral said. "When you answer a question, whether it's right or wrong, people tend to accept it."

"(The movies) were not very factual," Jim said, "but it was emotionally satisfying and soothing to many people and they lost interest in the subject."

But the Lorenzens have not lost interest.

"The research on this subject is not over," Coral said. "We still don't know their motives." □



APRO founders Jim and Coral Lorenzen working in their office at home.

Citizen photo by Glenn Capers

Arizonan 'beamed aboard' UFO is bitter about the experience

"I'm writing a book," Travis Walton said, "and I'll tell you what it's not about — it's not about UFOs."

It has been nearly a decade since Walton shocked the state with his account of being abducted and held captive in a UFO for five days. Today, Walton is trying to put that behind him and live a normal life with his wife Dana and three children.

"It was a pretty rough time in my life," he recently recalled.

Walton still lives in Snowflake, a small town of 3,510 people about 160 miles north of Tucson.

No one talks about the UFO incident anymore, but "I don't think they have forgotten about it," he said.

They have not forgotten the story that began the evening of Nov. 5, 1977. Walton and six other loggers were in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest near Heber when they saw a glowing object.

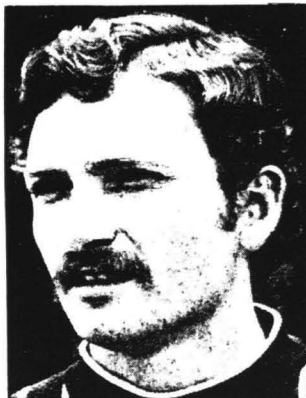
According to news accounts, Walton jumped out of the truck they were in and started walking toward the object. As he approached, a shaft of light lifted Walton from the ground and apparently "beamed" him aboard.

The loggers fled and reported the incident to skeptical authorities. U.S. Forest Service personnel, members of the Navajo County Sheriff's posse, and friends and relatives searched the area of Walton's disappearance, but nothing turned up.

Five days later, Walton's brother and brother-in-law found him at a gas station in Heber, about 50 miles west of Snowflake, from where he had telephoned his family. Walton told them he had been held captive aboard the UFO by hairless beings, about five feet tall, with large eyes and small noses, mouths and ears, and dressed in loose-fitting coveralls.

Walton wrote a book about the incident "to set the record straight," he said. "The Walton Experience" was published in 1976.

He now thinks he might pursue a writing career, but says he will



TRAVIS WALTON 1977 photo

take it one step at a time.

Walton was more close-mouthed about his new book than about the UFO incident.

"It is kind of like a painting," he said. "An artist doesn't want you to look at a painting until it is finished. That's why I don't want to talk about it."

But he did talk about wanting to move out of Snowflake. He said he would pick up and leave right now but cannot because of financial reasons.

A hint of anger crept into his voice as he talked about the people of Snowflake.

"They think they know me, but they really don't. They have a concept of me but they don't have any idea what I'm really like," he said. He remembers a man who told reporters that if the beings in the UFO were looking for a perfect specimen to study then they would surely bring Walton back. But Walton said this man had never lived in the town and did not know Walton.

"He doesn't know what he's talking about," he said.

The townspeople also do not understand what happened to him, Walton said.

"They just haven't experienced it. They are not in a position to know what I know. I know what happened. They can draw conclusions and come up with theories,

but they are just shooting in the dark," he said.

"There is a general consensus of opinion, but they don't know the truth," Walton said.

Walton worries about his children growing up in Snowflake. He has two sons, aged 5 and 1, and a 3-year-old daughter.

Walton has tried to shelter his children, especially his older son, from the stories about the UFO incident.

"It's just not the kind of thing a kid can know and not cause a problem later. When he gets older I'll explain it to him," he said.

"I can't break it to them gently. It is best left until they have a certain degree of maturity."

Walton said that people have already said things to his older son.

"It doesn't seem to bother him," he said. "He's not old enough yet."

The effect of the abduction on his life has not been entirely negative, though. It helped to bring Walton and the woman who now is his wife together.

She is a long-time resident of Snowflake and Walton had dated her before the UFO incident.

"The possibility of losing me made her realize what I meant to her," Walton said.

He said that friends reacted negatively to her decision to marry him.

"Her faith in me was considered naive," Walton said. They have been married for six years.

His UFO encounter also has made him more open-minded and insightful, Walton said.

"It has broadened my perspective. I'm not quite so narrow in my scope."

"Probably the most important thing is that I have gained a tremendous amount of insight into people and the world and the way people act."

Even so, Walton does not think the UFO experience was worth it.

"A lot of people think it is a great opportunity," he said. "No way. Not me."

—By Charlene Fu



Thomas Giroir / Special to The Courant

Lawrence A. Fawcett saw a strange glowing object over an electrical substation in Manchester in 1965 — and his fascination with unidentified

flying objects has ultimately prompted him to write a book on what he claims is government cover-up of UFOs.

State Author Claims UFO Cover-Up

By STEVEN GIELD
Courant Correspondent

COVENTRY — Sometimes fellow police officers tape E.T. on Lawrence A. Fawcett's office door, or stick E.T. decals on his coffee cup, but he takes the kidding good-naturedly.

The Coventry police lieutenant's interest in Unidentified Flying Objects is a serious one, and the government is just as concerned as he is, Fawcett maintains in his soon-to-be released book on the subject.

The government has been covering up dangerous activities by UFOs, says Fawcett in "Clear Intent: The Government Cover-up of the UFO Experience," the book he wrote with Barry J. Greenwood, a postal worker in Stoneham, Mass.

"You think Watergate was big? You wait to see this thing," Fawcett said, pointing to stacks of government papers on his desk at police headquarters. "The government has hidden the truth about UFOs because they think it will make people nervous."

Fawcett's fascination with UFOs began in 1965, when he saw a strange glowing object floating above an electrical substation in Manchester. A flash of electricity passed between the object and the substation, Fawcett said.

Since then, he has studied reports of UFO sightings and he and others have amassed 4,000 pages of documents from the Air Force, the FBI, the CIA and the National Security Agency, which collects foreign intelligence and protects

the security of Armed Forces communications.

The truth about UFOs, Fawcett said, is that they have penetrated high-security areas in Strategic Air Command bases, where unauthorized craft are not allowed.

The documents record hundreds of sightings of strange, glowing lights; mysterious, unidentified helicopters and other unexplained objects in the sky:

- "The object was a glowing orange light that flew on our wing at about 1 mile," Capt. K.E. May said in a report to his superiors at Michigan's Wurtsmith Air Force Base on Sept. 30, 1981. "We attempted to close in on it and it came at us on a 90-degree intercept." May twice closed in on the object, but it evaded his plane, seemingly reversing direction in mid-air, and finally disappeared overhead, the report says.

- In September and October 1975, strange objects were sighted at five Strategic Air Command bases in the northern United States, reports say.

"For two months, UFOs were coming and going with impunity at these bases," Fawcett said. "Our latest planes couldn't stop them."

In Cascade County, Mont., the sheriff's office released this report: "A local veterinarian observed a white light in the sky with a red light on the side. His observation was that the cattle in the area started howling louder than he had ever heard."

The Strategic Air Command was almost as disturbed as the

cattle. On Oct. 29, 1975, it released the following memo: "As a short-term measure we are directing our Northern Tier SP (special police) units to assume security option III — Security Vigilance Posture during hours of darkness."

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Reports in the book were obtained by Fawcett, Greenwood and other members of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy of New York City. Most were obtained through Freedom of Information Act suits in U.S. District Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C.

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The official Air Force position

on UFOs is based on Project Blue Book, a report on UFOs seen by Air Force personnel between 1948 and 1969, said John Whitaker, an Air Force spokesman in Washington.

The conclusions, Whitaker said, were that UFOs do not threaten national security, do not display a technology superior to our own and do not suggest the existence of beings from another planet.

Of the 12,618 sightings covered in the report, only 701 could not be explained and the investigation was closed, Whitaker said.

A report NSA submitted for the private inspection of a U.S. appeals court judge in Washington, D.C., contends that releasing records of UFO sightings would give an enemy important information about the country's ability to detect foreign aircraft.

When Fawcett got the report, it was so heavily censored with black pencil that fragments such as "In this document, the author discovers what he considers to be ..." were followed by a full page of blacked-out material.

"I feel that UFOs do pose a threat to the security of the United States," Fawcett said. If military aircraft could duplicate UFOs' ability to move and change directions at incredibly high speeds, "we'd have air superiority over the world. If the Russians could do it, they'd control us."

"We have a right to know about UFOs," he said, "and the government has a duty to tell us."

Prentice-Hall Inc. of Englewood Cliffs, N.J., will release the book in June.

Woman sticks by claim of having sighted UFO

The woman who saw a bright light in front of her apartment early on March 30 said Thursday that after thinking about what she saw, "nothing can make me change my mind."

Bernice Glor, 72, of 2406 Springdale Rd., woke that Friday morning and saw a twinkling light hovering outside her window. She watched the light until it whooshed away into the early morning. She thought about keeping the sighting to herself, but she changed her mind and decided to report it.

Since her story appeared that day in the Freeman, Glor said she has

received only one letter. That letter was from a New Berlin woman who said she and her husband had sighted an unidentified flying object outside their home 25 years ago.

Glor said she hasn't changed her mind about what she saw. "I saw what I saw. It was beautiful," she said.

"I don't know if it was a UFO or if it was some kind of light that God was using to try and lead us," she said.

"I wasn't one bit afraid. If they would have come down in front of my house I would have gotten in and gone with them," Glor said.

MARINER, Marshfield, MA

Feb. 29, 1984 CR: B. Greenwood

Flying saucer

Two Scituate women headed home after seeing a movie at Pembroke Cinema last week, spotted what they believe could be nothing other than a flying saucer.

That was Saturday night, reportedly near the cranberry bog on Main Street, Rte. 3A.

The women first thought they might be looking at a helicopter. But when they drove nearer, parked, got out of the car, the two big white lights and one large blue one were not on any helicopter. The vehicle made no noise. After several minutes it ascended from nearly ground level on the bog, still making no sound.

NATAL WITNESS, Durban,
South Africa - March 15, 1984
CR: C. Hind

bal battering from scoffing schoolmates about his experience, but some of his friends do believe his tale is true. Hypnotism, it seems, will be the only way to find out whether the boy did in fact have a trip in the object.

The Cox family claim to often have seen UFOs. "They track you, even after you have left your home to live in another," said Mrs Cox, who is a firm believer in life on other planets.

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FOREIGN NEWS

WESTERN EVENING HERALD, Plymouth, England - March 29, 1984

More reports of city UFOs — MoD told

THE mystery of a UFO sighting in Plymouth has deepened.
After a report in the Evening Herald about a motorist who chased a strangely-lit craft travelling over Stoke, other readers have come forward after having a similar close encounter.

Mr Stuart Dann (18) of Foulston Avenue, St Budeaux, saw two bright lights in the night sky while walking his dog on Tuesday.

This happened just minutes before Mrs Iris Wannell, of Outland Road, saw the same eerie sight.

Mr Dann, rushed home as soon as he saw the Unidentified Flying Object, to tell his parents.

No aircraft

When he got back, the craft had disappeared but some neighbours who were outside had also seen it.

"Our neighbours were convinced it was a UFO, but at first I was not sure. However, it could not have been an aircraft so I am at a loss to explain it."

The incident was reported to the Plymouth Rescue Co-ordination centre at Mount Wise by Mr Tom Bignell (64), of Palmerston Street, Stoke, who also witnessed the event.

A report has now been forwarded to the Ministry of Defence in London.

The two strange bright lights were also seen by Mr Derreck Jones of Estover as he walked along Novossisk Road at about 11.15 pm.

"It stopped me in my tracks," he said yesterday. "They were very low in the sky and hovering over Estover church."

"I thought it was an aircraft at first but suddenly the two light parted and went separate ways. They were round-shaped with little portholes."

And earlier, shortly after 9 pm, a similar phenomenon was seen by Mr Ernest Downey, of Austin Farm, Plymouth. At that time the UFOs were travelling towards Roborough Airport, he said.

CR: T. Good

UFOs: Is mystery force at work?

UFO buffs are probing a series of close encounters in the Wingerworth area.

Members of the Chesterfield branch of the British UFO Society have recently received reports of sightings in the area.

Now they are planning a 'skywatch' at Wingerworth to see what it is that attracts so many UFOs to the area.

The Chesterfield branch has recently held two meetings at the Goldwell Rooms, Ashgate Road, to explain its work and promote a study group in the town.

Sightings

Since the first meeting just over a month ago membership has increased and the group is planning a 'skywatch' in Wiltshire in the summer.

Chesterfield UFO investigator Ilene Perry — who helped form the group — said: "UFOs were just hearsay to me until I had two close encounters."

Her more recent sighting was near Bole Hill, Wingerworth, when Mrs. Perry said she saw an upside down ice cream cone-shaped object flying just above the telegraph poles.

Later Mrs. Perry found out UFOs were spotted by a bus load of people in Wingerworth at the same time, and by a man driving on the M1 and two boys in Mastin Moor earlier in the evening.

The British UFO Society is also investigating a similar sighting over 50 miles away in Selby earlier in the same evening.

Mrs. Perry added: "There's an awful lot going on in Wingerworth. There are more people seeing things there than anywhere else."

Mrs. Perry believes there is some kind of force drawing UFOs to a line between Wingerworth Church in Longedge Lane and Bole Hill.

Close encounters of the Derbyshire kind — award-winning feature writer Tony Cragg takes his own distinctive look at the UFO phenomenon.

NEWS, Farnborough, England - April 6, 1984 CR: T. Good

'Close encounter' man at meeting

THE pensioner who claims to have been aboard an alien spacecraft in Aldershot joined a national UFO expert for a public talk on the subject.

Mr Alfred Burtoo (77), of Pegasus Avenue, Aldershot, joined Mr. Timothy Good for the talk "What on Earth is Happening?" at Leatherhead on Wednesday.

It is thought to be one of the first times someone who claims to have had a "close encounter of the third kind" has appeared at a meeting.

He was fishing in the Basingstoke Canal near the Government Bridge last August when, he says, a spacecraft landed and he was invited on board.

But after being tested he was told he could leave as he was "too infirm" for the visitors' purpose.

Mr. Good, a principal consultant to the House of Lords' all-party UFO study group, has investigated the case and believes it is genuine.

WESTERN EVENING HERALD, Plymouth, England - March 28, 1984 CR: T. Good

Iris in hot pursuit of a UFO . . .

A PLYMOUTH motorist had a not-so-close encounter when she chased a UFO through the streets of Stoke.

The alarm was sounded late last night when Mrs Iris Wannell, of Outland Road, was stopped by a man walking his dog, and told to look into the sky.

Two very bright lights were moving slowly across the clear night sky, heading towards the city centre.

As they disappeared behind houses, Mrs Wannell and her 19-year-old daughter-in-law Lyn, decided to go after it and sped-off.

But they soon lost sight of it and were forced to give up the chase.

"We were totally amazed by the craft. It is the first time I have seen anything like it," said Mrs Wannell.

"It was definitely not an aircraft and it had a very faint droning sound. Lyn was astounded and suggested we

follow it, but it soon disappeared."

Mr Tom Bignell, 64, of Palmerston Street, Stoke, was walking his dog when he caught sight of the Unidentified Flying Object.

He reported the sighting to the Plymouth Rescue Co-ordination Centre at Mount Wise and a report has now been forwarded to the Ministry of Defence in London.

Mr Bignell said that as the craft approached, the two main lights were

part of a collection of smaller ones that formed a semi-circle.

He stopped Mrs Wannell to ask her if it was making any sound because he has to wear a hearing aid. He telephoned Devonport Police Station and before telling them of his close encounter he assured them he was not drunk or crazy.

A spokesman for the rescue centre said UFO sightings were very rare in Plymouth and that the last one was last October.

Object lesson

EVEN the organisers of Saturday's conference on Unidentified Flying Objects in Leeds were surprised that 150 or more people turned up to hear the truth about the Things out there.

But everyone, even the most sceptical, likes a UFO story especially backed up with numerous slides of sightings down the years. The believers can thrill to the thought of all manner of hyper-intelligent beings behind the blurred glows, the almost too saucer-like flying saucers and the weird atmospheric goings-on.

The less easily convinced can look for the bits of wire holding the UFO's up or learnedly detail the names of cloud formations which give the same effect, especially when the instamatic taking the shot is held in the quivering hands of a UFO enthusiast. So there was plenty for everyone at the Yorkshire UFO Society's conference.

Sensibly the organisers ran through the slides without comment or defence of their authenticity. The chairman, Graham Birdsall, did mention, rather optimistically perhaps, that one of the slides was a fake and challenged the audience to spot it. Indeed he was not one to make too much of a sighting and on several occasions went into great detail on a particular anecdote only to disappoint us all.

One such was the Adel, Leeds UFO of September last year, a marvellous display of aerobatics from several mysterious light sources. There are pictures of that one and a recording of an excited family watching it through the window. It made front page headlines, but on balance Mr. Birdsall

Weekend
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RICHARD ALCOCK
on a close encounter
with Yorkshire UFO
enthusiasts in Leeds
at the weekend.
Pictures by **GRAHAM
LINDLEY.**



tends to think it was some sort of natural phenomenon rather than a close encounter.

Then there was the case of the Halifax woman in May last year who was among residents who heard a mysterious noise in the air for months on end. Eventually one night she was approached through her bedroom window by a mysterious but friendly light and whisked off for a flying tour of the area.

When UFOlogists went to the scene they found she was into meditation and parapsychology. Whether or not that lessened the impact of her story in their eyes we were not told, but the average UFO watcher prefers the Things to be far more palpable in their nature.

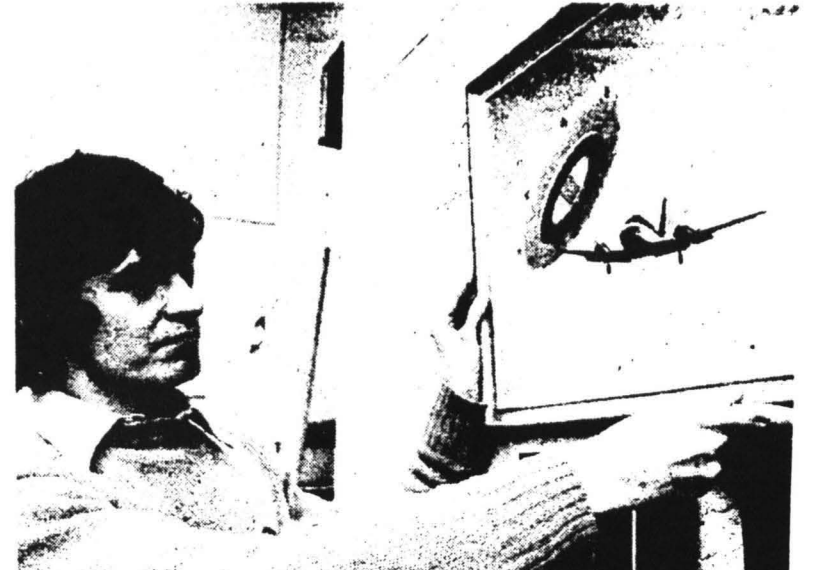
Tony Dodd, the North Yorkshire investigator for the society, is convinced that at least some of the sightings are real, solid flying machines intelligently controlled. As evidence he points out that many have been seen heading for aircraft then veering away at the last moment. Also most seem to be seen after people have gone to bed. "Whether they appear then so they cannot be seen we don't know," he said.

Mr. Dodd has himself been within 100 yards of one of the Things. "They are out there all right," he said. "We are here to tell you they are flying around. They are solid craft. If they are military vehicles they are so advanced they are frightening. Huge machines that don't make a sound."

Yorkshire can proudly say it has one of the best pieces of evidence for UFOs in the country in the shape of a photograph of a strange set of eerie lights on Cracoe Fell, near Grassington. The picture was taken by two off-duty policemen.

This was fantastic news for UFOlogists, said Mr. Birdsall, and only an hour's drive from Leeds. Indeed, he could recommend the area to the north of Skipton as the one place in Britain most likely to turn up a UFO.

In his slides he was very concerned to point out the beauty of the area. "We in Yorkshire," he said, "are very proud of our county and heritage." Perhaps he has hit on the idea to attract more tourists to North Yorkshire. A walking tour of the top UFO sites with, for the very lucky ones, the chance of a flying saucer trip to Alpha Centauri.



Above left: Graham Birdsall, right, president of the Yorkshire UFO Society, with Tony Dodd, North Yorkshire investigator.

Above right: Robert Cherry, a Leeds postman, with one of his UFO paintings.

Right: Youngest visitor to the conference, Paul Marsden, four, with his father, Paul Marsden, of Morley, a new member of the society.



LEYLAND GUARDIAN, Lancashire, England - April 12, 1984 CR: T. Good

HAS JOE SEEN A

UFO?

ADLINGTON man Mr. Joseph Mackay would like to hear from anybody who may have seen an unidentified flying object hovering over the village a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. Mackay was watching air traffic over his Huyton Terrace home two weeks ago last Monday at about 9.15 p.m. when he saw, in his own words: "A golden ball with a light shining all round".

Although Mr. Mackay is not claiming that the object contained alien beings from distant galaxies he would like to know what it was.

"It was about a quarter of a mile up and about 40 feet across. I'm just curious to know if anybody else saw it," he said.

Mr. Mackay said that the object hovered in the air, in the direction of Southport, for about 30 seconds, before disappearing from sight.

Adlington police say that no other sightings have been reported.

BEAUTIFUL

If anyone can help Mr. Mackay they can ring the Guardian on extension 12 where our special UFO newsdesk will be waiting to pass on any information. "It was a beautiful sight whatever it was," says Mr. Mackay who adds ruefully: "But my wife just laughs at me."

YORKSHIRE EVENING PRESS,
York, England - April 12,
1984 CR: T. Good

Police baffled by UFO sighting

York police today confessed they were baffled by a reported UFO sighting last night.

Mr John Rapier, of 27 Burton Stone Lane, described them as orange in colour and flying at a considerable height. They were tracking a South, South West, to North, North East course, and were highly mobile.

NOTE: The June issue of UFOs will be late, due to my annual National Guard camp (June 16-30). I hope to have it in the mail by July 7.....LF

32 UFO sightings probed by Defence bosses

By KEITH BEABEY

AN astonishing dossier revealing 32 sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects is being probed by Whitehall bosses.

All the incidents have been reported from one area—Lancashire's Rossendale Valley—and they include detailed accounts of silver-suited aliens and flying saucers.

Now the Defence Ministry has launched an investigation. An official said: "We're treating this with the utmost seriousness."

And MP Sir Patrick Wall plans to raise the UFO Valley Mystery in Parliament.

"This is amazing," said Sir Patrick, who is one of the Government's select committee on defence. "There must be no cover-up."

"There have been too many sightings and reports for this to remain unexplained."

A police inspector is among those who claim to have spotted a spaceship. He is convinced he saw "an unearthly craft."

NEWS OF THE WORLD INVESTIGATES

IT was dusk when coalman Tom Schofield's day suddenly turned to terror... as two silver-suited aliens loomed up behind him.

He had just arrived home from work in the village of Crawshaw Booth—overlooking the eight-mile Rossendale Valley running between Burnley and Todmorden.

He told me: "I was closing the garage door when I saw something from the corner of my eye. I looked over my shoulder and they were there."

Tom, 48, leaned forward, his hands tightening their grip on a mug of tea.

"I can still see them clearly," he said. "There were two figures in silver suits—like the chimneys of a car bumper, brilliantly polished and without a crease."

"I just kept looking at them. Then suddenly I realised they didn't have any features. They didn't have faces."

Probed

"Their heads seemed to be covered with helmets. One of them turned towards me and I heard their clothing rustle."

"They were carrying something between them. It looked like a metal bar." Tom looked away for just a second. When he turned back, the visitors had gone.

The case of the silver aliens is one of 32 hair-raising sightings from UFO Valley being probed by the Defence Ministry.

"Other people had seen things, too," said Tom, who joined friends in setting up a flying-saucer spotting group.

THE CASE of the Eerie Egghead.

Teenagers Mark Ashworth and Simon Heyworth, were shooting magpies and crows in Bolton Wood, Newchurch. But what Mark, 19, saw was no bird.

He said: "There was a bright light in the sky between the branches. We ran. There was no doubt about it—we were frightened."

And as they dodged between the trees Mark and Simon came face to face with a dark-cloaked figure. Said Mark: "It was like a tall man. A shining black gown covered him from head to foot but the thing I most remember is his large forehead."

Dodged

"We stood for only a second. The figure didn't move. It was blocking our path through the woods so we just turned and ran."

THE CASE of the UFO Hedgehopper.

Sandra Philips, 16, and her 12-year-old friend Tracey Brown were out in the meadows at Bacup leading their ponies back to their stable.

Suddenly a bright light appeared in the sky.

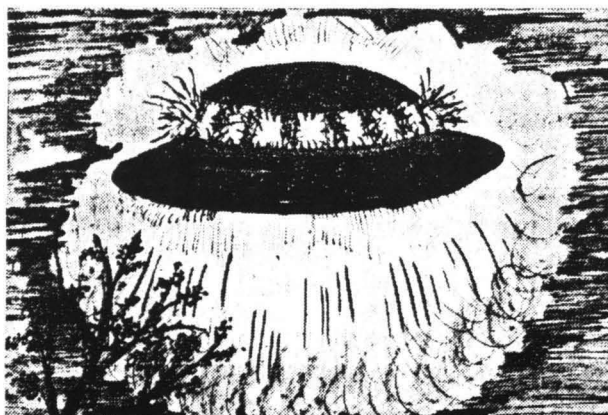
Said Sandra: "It came lower and I could see other lights—blue red and green. It was only about 30 ft above us."

"The horses were so frightened that they bolted to the stables."

"We ran after them. But the faster we ran the faster the lights came after us."

"I've never been so frightened. I shouted 'Come on, Tracey, run.'"

Faceless men and flying saucers—32 reports so far



FLYING SAUCER: Impression of the invaders on Eagle's Crag

By KEITH BEABEY

"But she was so scared that she just threw herself to the ground."

As mysteriously as it arrived, the UFO vanished. ● THE CASE of Terror on Eagle's Crag.

Some villagers revealing their experiences refuse to be named through fear of the unknown.

One of them is an engineer in the mill-town of Todmorden who looked out of his window and got the fright of his life.

For there lit up in the sky over Eagle's Crag he says he saw a UFO.

He told me: "It was a piercing bright white light hovering over the trees."

"I took a second look and there were bright blue lights. Then I saw the outline of the craft, shaped like a helmet."

THE CASE of the Roadhog from Space.

Fishmonger Arthur Shelton was driving over the moors above the valley from his shop in Union Street, Bacup.

He told me: "Suddenly a bright light appeared in the middle of the road. It was coming towards me."

"I pulled up. It was such a strange light. It didn't seem to dazzle me but came nearer and nearer."

"Suddenly, right in front of the van, it shot up into the sky."

"I jumped out but there was nothing. No light and not a sound."

THE CASE of the Shimmering Skydiver.

Bacup tailor Mike Stacks was intrigued by talk of "things in the sky."

So Mike, of Miles Avenue, Stacksteads, went up into the hills with his



TRACEY and SANDRA: "Lights came after us"

brother Raymond and friend John Hargreaves, determined to get to the bottom of things.

Raymond heard a soft humming overhead.

Said Mike: "There was a big light falling rapidly towards us. It went out and a mass of other lights appeared, revolving in a circle."

"Above us was a circular craft. As it came lower and slower, the high-pitched

hum dropped. It got to 300 feet and just hovered there. It had stopped dead and there wasn't a sound."

"Underneath it were triangular pads and orange shimmering lights."

"A bright blue light shone into the sky from the domed roof of the strange craft."

Raymond said: "I didn't believe the things I was hearing in the valley. Now I'm completely bewildered."



SILVER ALIENS from 25 yards: Sketched by Tom Schofield

A CID MAN'S CAR RIDE TO TERROR

DOWN - TO - EARTH policemen like Chief Inspector Norman Collinson are used to sifting fact from fiction.

But there was nothing in the police manual to explain his experience as he drove home early one morning from the CID HQ Salford, Manchester.

The detective says that as he headed for Heywood in the direction of the Rossendale Valley he saw a brilliant white circular object speed across the sky—and heading toward the valley. Suddenly it turned at 90 degrees.

In his report the officer says: "Never had I seen any aircraft make such a movement."

"Suddenly, without



NORMAN: "Unearthly"

warning the craft stopped. And from a standing start it flashed across the sky to the horizon in less than two seconds.

"That convinced me that whatever it was, it was never made by man. No earthly craft could disappear at such a speed."

He added: "Many sightings in the valley have been explained."

DAILY MIRROR, London, England
April 4, 1984 CR: T. Good

Police chief's UFO photos are for real

PICTURES of a UFO taken by a policeman are genuine, scientists said yesterday. They admitted: "It can't be an aircraft."

The policeman, a senior officer, sent photographs of a mysterious round object hovering above North Yorkshire to Arizona's Ground Saucer Watch—the world's leading authority on "flying saucers".

In 30 years they have examined 1,400 pictures but have confirmed only 42 as UFOs.

The officer, who photographed the UFO five months ago, said: "It was covered in red lights, pulsating in rhythm. It was visible for about 30 seconds."

Two other UFOs have been reported in Yorkshire during the last three years.

Midnight sighting of UFO

A YOUNG man has appealed for anyone who saw an unidentified flying object at Hollywell, near Newquay just before midnight on Wednesday last week to come forward.

Mr. Roger Knight, aged 18, of Billings Drive, Newquay, is convinced that the flying object he saw above his car as he drove home from his girlfriend's house was too big and silent to be a plane or helicopter. And he is so intrigued by the sighting that he is asking that he is

asking for information from UFO experts, or someone at Hollywell to confirm his sighting.

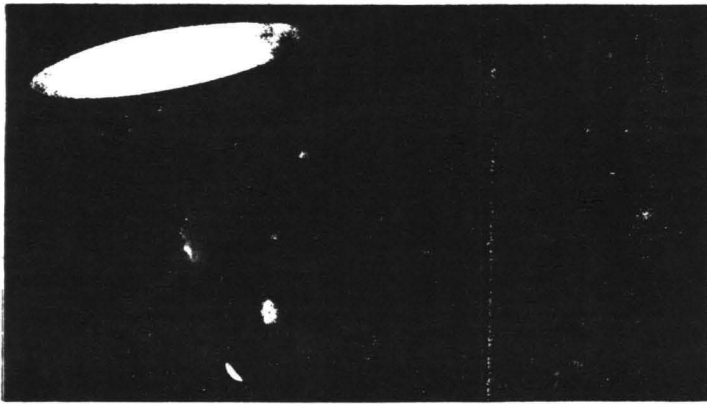
"When I drove up the hill from Hollywell I saw two dazzling white lights with a red light below," said Roger. "At first I thought it was a plane but it was huge, as wide as the road. It was stationary about 150 feet above me."

"I turned off the radio, stopped the car and wound up the window," added Roger. "There was no noise and the object

started slowly coming down towards the car."

"I got a bit worried and drove off," he said. "I wouldn't have kept quiet about it because people are bound to think I'm going round the bend, but I just cannot explain it."

"I had not been drinking and I wasn't tired and I would just like to know if anyone else saw it at Hollywell, or if any U.F.O. specialist in Cornwall has heard of similar sightings."



UN AFICIONADO LOGRA CAPTAR UNA EXTRAÑA LUZ OBSERVADA POR NUMEROSOS ORENSANOS

Era visible sobre los montes del Seminario, hace varios meses

ORENSE.— (De nuestra Redacción).

Durante el pasado mes de agosto, varios orensanos, aseguraban haber visto durante la noche una luz intensa que basculaba a la altura del Seminario. Incluso una dotación policial se personó en las inmediaciones del lugar, corroborando la presencia de un objeto extraño, de gran luminosidad, que por momentos permanecía estático y por momentos se desplazaba a apreciable velocidad.

Entre los testigos de aquel fenómeno se encuentra un orensano que pudo lograr un excepcional documento gráfico que guardó celosamente hasta la fecha. El personaje en cuestión, hombre

sumamente aficionado a las diapositivas, se sorprendió con la luz en cuestión, y desde el otro extremo de la ciudad, donde vive, captó la imagen, sobre los montes del Seminario, de lo que tantos orensanos habían visto.

La fotografía, de clara nitidez, fue lograda precipitadamente a altas horas de la madrugada cuando su autor se había levantado casualmente para dirigirse a la cocina. Para su logro empleó una cámara Nikon con un teleobjetivo común, y con cuatro segundos de exposición, según algunos datos que proporcionó a LA REGION. Pidió expresamente que se mantuviese su nombre en el anonimato, y solo bajo esa condición

accedió a facilitar la fotografía.

Tanto él como su mujer coincidieron en calificar el objeto luminoso de sorprendente brillantez y pequeño tamaño, aunque en ningún caso podría inducir a la confusión sobre si podría ser algún otro fenómeno conocido. Añadieron, asimismo, que avanzaba lentamente, y poco a poco se fue perdiendo tras los montes del noroeste de la capital.

Los testimonios recogidos entonces significaban lo extraño del fenómeno, y la fotografía resulta prueba harto elocuente, de la visión que alcanzaron a observar numerosas personas.

Cabe significar que el documento gráfico, cuya excepcionalidad resulta indiscutible, está avalado por fuentes fidedignas y de toda solvencia.

TIEMPO ARGENTINO, Buenos Aires, Argentina - Feb. 15, 1984
(Translation on page 12)

Un profesor universitario afirma haber visto una flotilla de ovnis

SALTA.— Un ingeniero afirmó haber visto una flotilla de nueve objetos voladores desplazándose junto a una enorme nave madre en las cercanías del cerro El Alto, a 25 kilómetros de la localidad de Guachipas, en el sur salteño, y de una altura de 3.500 metros.

El profesional, que es profesor de la Universidad Nacional de Jujuy y jefe en Altos Hornos Zapla, dijo que estando de vacaciones en una finca de su padre en el paraje El Durazno, cerca de Guachipas, se fue a dormir en El Alto con su hijo mayor.

El ingeniero Santiago Aníbal Guerrero y su hijo Claudio, de 10 años, tuvieron la experiencia entre la noche del 27 de enero y la madrugada del sábado 28. Su relato fue publicado por el diario "El Tribuno", añadiendo que de la experiencia también participó el baqueano Silverio Vázquez.

Guerrero y su hijo relataron que vieron tres luces, en principio una de color amarillo, y luego una roja intensa. Posteriormente, ya a la madrugada, apareció una banana de gran tamaño, seguida de otras siete luces más que se ubicaron al lado de la luz mayor.



A propósito de la nave capitana, los testigos dijeron que tenía un centro sombreado como un disco más oscuro que el resto de la figura; poco después lanzó reflejos como los de un flash fotográfico y a continuación toda la escuadrilla comenzó a desplazarse.

Cerca de las 8 de la mañana las naves perdieron su luminosidad por la luz del sol y se vieron reflejos metálicos aunque repentinamente una nube de vapor envolvió a todo el grupo y desaparecieron, como si hubiesen sido tragados por ella.

SUNDAY PEOPLE, London, England
April 8, 1984 CR: T. Good

NOW THE 60 UFOs MAN CAN TELL ALL

VILLAGE bobby Sergeant Tony Dodd broke an eight-year silence yesterday to reveal he has seen flying saucers on a staggering 60 occasions.

The 49-year-old copper had kept quiet because he feared his superiors would frown on his amazing UFO-spotting activities. But he blew his secret after a series of photos taken on an area dubbed

the North Yorkshire Triangle, have been recognised by experts at the World's top UFO Institute. Scientists at the Civilian Aerial Phenomena Research Operation in Arizona have carefully scanned three of Mr. Dodd's photos.

Delighted

And they now say the pictures show one of only 43 genuine sightings out of thousands they have examined.

An Institute spokesman said: "These photographs are definitely not a hoax."

Tony, village policeman at Threshfield, near Skipton, North Yorks, said: "I'm delighted. I knew they were true but it's great to be told so by the world's top investigators."

He spotted his UFO—while out driving with his wife last November.

EVENING ECHO, Southend, England - April 11, 1984 CR: T. Good

George sparks UFO alert

A MYSTERY cigar-shaped object seen hovering over Basildon this week has got UFO spotters intrigued.

The sighting was made by tanker driver Mr George Pekar, 54, as he was driving in The Gore at about 5.40 pm on Monday.

He said: "It was jet black and shaped like a cigar with an angle-shaped tail and no fin. It was puffing out a blue plume of smoke."

"Suddenly the back glowed orange and it disappeared very quickly towards Southend. Until then I thought it might be

an airship, but I have seen thousands of them in my life."

Mr Pekar, of Tyefields, Pitsea, said: "I am teetotal so I had not been drinking. I don't believe in little green men, flying saucers or long-legged beasts, and have never seen a ghost."

Essex area investigator for the British UFO Research Association Mr Bob Easton said: "It sounds unusual. I have not heard of any other sightings. I will contact Mr Pekar and check the records to see if anything like it has been reported before."

TRANSLATIONS

TRANSLATION CREDIT: George Andrews

City and country of incident: Lesquin, France

Date of incident: February 1, 1984

Name of paper and date of clip: LA VOIX DU NORD, February 2, 1984

City and country of newspaper: Lille, France

A RED BALL IN THE SKY OF LESQUIN - UFO OR PRETTY SUNRISE?

Mr. Andre Villette is still astonished. He was calmly going about his daily business in his fifth-floor apartment of a building on J.-B. Clement Street, when his attention was drawn to a strong red light.

It was about 3:30 yesterday morning. Mr. Villette thought at first it was a far-off fire. He estimates that the red glow was about five or six kilometers away, in the region of Ronchin or Lesquin. He took out his telescope to get a better look at the phenomenon.

What he then saw was much more precise. It looked like an immense ball, intensely red, apparently on the surface of the ground. Suddenly the ball rose into the clouds, then dropped back down, changing in shape to an oval, and rose again to disappear, leaving a reddish color in the sky.

Mr. Villette immediately wrote down a description of what had happened, which was signed by a companion who was also present. He then telephoned the Lesquin city hall. Apparently he was the only witness of the event, which no one else had noticed.

Mr. Villette is very sensitive to such phenomena, being the president and founder of "Lumieres Dans la Nuit." He thinks that he saw a mysterious celestial object.

For the moment, and without casting doubt on his veracity, he remains the only witness to have observed the phenomenon.

The local police, who are competent to investigate such matters, did not notice anything unusual yesterday.

Neither was there anything unusual at Lesquin airport. Several airplanes and a helicopter were taking off or landing about the time of the incident.

There remains the possibility that the phenomenon was natural. The Lesquin weather bureau noted a very pretty sunrise, both bright and intermittent. At times the sun disappeared completely behind clouds, coloring the sky red.

UFO, mysterious celestial object, helicopter, or pretty sunrise? Mr. Villette would like to know if there were any other witnesses of what he saw yesterday morning. Strange, you say, strange....

Country of incidents: France

Name of paper and date of clip: JOURNAL DE LA REUNION, February 10, 1984

City and country of newspaper: St-Denis, Ile de la Reunion, France

UFO AT REUNION - E.T. REPORT

Who doesn't have their own opinion as to the existence or non-existence of the well-known UFOs? From Jean-Claude Bourret to the humble Lartac farmer, everyone or nearly everyone has seen a saucer. Popular books describe little green men. Eminent scientists are won over to the extra-terrestrial cause, and it is almost incongruous to deal with the subject rationally. Police reports are down to earth and stick to the facts. We have gone through some of them, which were rather amusing.

If it is true that in France 62,500 policemen have received detailed instructions on how to investigate all possible aspects of UFO incidents, the mobilization at Reunion is less intense. Lt.-Col. Lucas, in his office at Verine barracks, does not find it necessary to keep the report secret. There have been three reports since 1968. There is no difficulty about withdrawing the reports from the filing cabinet for inspection. The evidence is stronger for some cases than for others.

Let's go back to July 31, 1968. About 22 kilometers from Plaine-des-Cafres, a farm worker, Luc F., well-respected in the community, states that he saw two individuals in diving-suits and helmets. So far not very sensational, perhaps a couple of Belgian tourists. However, the police report says that they did not descend from apes like everyone else. They descended from a surprising vehicle. Luc F. made a sketch of it. The police report contains these words: "After he drew the sketch, we realized that the object resembles what is called a flying saucer." It also quotes Luc F. as saying the

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two individuals resembled the advertisements for Michelin tires. Free publicity for this manufacturer, and a detail of importance, since it was repeated in the 1975 case.

In 1975, Antoine S. was a clerk in a store at Petite-Ile, where he lives. He had never been involved in any scandal and had a good reputation. About 1:00 P.M. on February 14, he was at Calvary village when he was "stunned by a luminous ray coming from a brilliant ball." The police report continues that he saw "three little men descend from a strange craft which did not touch the ground." What did he do? He watched until he was "knocked to the ground by a powerful flash coming from the top of the saucer, which then rose into the air with a loud whistle." Beforehand, Antoine S. noted that "the three little Michelin men moved by jumping with their feet together."

Once again the resemblance to the Michelin advertisement is troubling. Besides, the 1968 E.T.s were described as being about 1 meter tall. The 1975 E.T.s were described as being about 80 centimeters tall. Did they shrink in the course of time?

Although the 1968 case is difficult to explain, there is a possible explanation at hand for the 1975 case, which took place on February 14. An article appeared in this newspaper on February 12 entitled: "The planet Eros will pass close to the Earth today." The article stated that "during its last voyage in 1984 (sic), there was a year of catastrophes and important events" and further on, "When some of its particles left their orbit and headed for Earth, they escaped and disintegrated in Earth's atmosphere. Their luminous death-agony was briefly visible in the summer sky."

So perhaps Antoine S. saw what he expected to see: the planet Eros. However, Antoine S. was not the only person to see strange lights during February of 1975. There are other reports on file. The police report evaluates the character of Antoine S. as "of good conduct and morality, of normal equilibrium, not a liar. We do not think he was hallucinating, and take his statements seriously."

The similarities between these so-called extra-terrestrials are indeed striking. Aside from the antenna, they are almost exactly the same. Either space-men are passionately in love with Reunion Island to the point of returning again and again, or there is fraud, perhaps unconscious.

A detail difficult and perhaps impossible to explain: the medical report made on the condition of Antoine S. after the incident, signed by Doctor T.: "I the undersigned have examined Antoine S. and noted the following symptoms: state of extreme fatigue, collapse, anguish, inability to speak coherently, fixed stare, a crisis which may have been hypnotically induced during intense emotional shock."

We will probably never know what Antoine S. really saw, or what Luc F. saw. The mystery remains unsolved. Now let's have a look at the third case on Reunion Island, to see if it sheds any light on the UFO problem.

At 1:45 A.M. on December 25, 1983, at the end of an evening which had been a wild one, Jean-Hugues C. and Jacqueline O. were relaxing under the filao trees near the ocean shore at St. Paul's Pool. Suddenly a bright red light disturbed their activities. According to the police report, "The phenomenon was immobile and illuminated the surroundings strongly. There was no sound or smoke. It lasted about five minutes. The light then ceased but came on again a few seconds later at the same place. It had an oval shape about 1 meter long and 30 centimeters wide, and was deep red." As no one else supported this testimony, and on this holiday night there were quite a few other couples relaxing along the sea-shore, it looks as if the two young people were either intoxicated or playing a practical joke.

Lt.-Col. Lucas closes his UFO file. The three reports return to their obscurity. We are no nearer the truth of the matter than we were before.

The skeptics cry out for evidence more substantial than these mediocre examples. The believers need no further convincing. Meanwhile, the little Michelin man rubs his hands together a little, a lot, passionately. -- Philippe Bes.

City and country of incident: Italy
Name of paper and date of clip: L'UNION, March 14, 1984
City and country of newspaper: Reims, France

ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND MORE INCREDIBLE THAN FICTION - THE STRANGE TRIAL OF THE MESSENGER OF THE EXTRATERRESTRIALS

(Excerpt)

If UFOs exist, who are the pilots, where are they from, and why do they come here? These questions find astonishing answers in the research carried out for thirty years by Eugenio Siragusa of Sicily. His research is carried out from a point of view that is definitely messianic rather than scientific.

The French translation of "The Truth About the Siragusa Case" has just been released. This is the third book that Victorino del Pozzo has written about this customs official of the town of Catane and his contacts with beings from space. It all began one morning in March, 1952, on his way to work, when a UFO focused a beam of light on him.

During the days that followed, Eugenio Siragusa began to receive telepathic messages, which continued for about ten years before he had his first physical encounter, which took place on the slopes of Mount Etna with two extra-terrestrials. Since then he has had 18 other close encounters.

During these encounters many different topics were discussed, such as the history of our planet, biology, reincarnation, cosmology. Three fundamental themes persistently recur: justice, peace, and love. It is in the name of these three qualities that those who contacted Eugenio Siragusa send a stern warning to humanity about the ignorant arrogance with which we are destroying the delicate balance of nature essential to the survival of Earth's biosphere, through nuclear energy and other irresponsible applications of our science. It is a time when qualitative changes must be made.

The third volume of Victorino del Pozzo's series describes the circumstances under which a law-suit was brought against Eugenio Siragusa by two former members of the international movement he had founded to put into practice and to spread the messages he had received from the extra-terrestrials, the Cosmic Fraternity Study Center. In November, 1978, Kelly and Leslie Hooker, an American couple, brought charges against him, accusing him of rape, mind control, and fraud. Eugenio Siragusa was immediately locked up in the prison of Catane. However, the first results of the investigation showed the evidence to be so dubious that the judge released him on provisional liberty after two months in prison.

Investigations by the Spanish journalist, del Pozzo, show how dubious and contrived the accusations were. For example, why did Leslie Hooker wait three years before bringing charges of rape? Why did psychiatric examinations indicate that the charge of mind control was without foundation? How come that out of the hundred thousand members of the Cosmic Fraternity during the thirty years of its existence, they were the only ones to be defrauded, raped and mind-controlled? Also, how come they had the benefit of unusual protection during the legal procedures?

Victorino del Pozzo suspects that Mr. and Mrs. Hooker were no more than pawns in a larger game. Upon reviewing the details of the case, it seems strange that Siragusa was imprisoned before the charges against him had been investigated, and the multiplicity of restrictions imposed on his provisional liberty were very unusual. There were also attempts to poison him while he was in prison. Why did he have to wait three years for the trial that proved his innocence?

Who wanted to shut him up, or failing that, to publicly discredit him? The statements of a man who for thirty years has been proclaiming the qualities which animate civilizations that are ethically and scientifically more advanced than our own do not please the political, technological, and religious leaders of this planet. His difficulties with certain intelligence organizations didn't start yesterday, any more than did the way the authorities manipulate information about UFOs. We now know that the authorities have scientific evidence that UFOs exist. Apparently they are reluctant to frighten the public.

Those to whom Eugenio Siragusa is only a crackpot will say it is all a bunch of lies. However, this would definitely not be the opinion of the Catane prison guards and prisoners, who witnessed a UFO landing during Siragusa's confinement. The UFO left a hexagonal burn mark on the prison courtyard before going back up to the sky at an astonishing velocity. Shortly before this incident, on the night of January 18, 1979, a prison guard saw on the prison wall "two individuals wearing luminous cloaks, with elongated luminous eyes, and long and pointed ears." His testimony was in writing. The prison directors transferred the guards involved and reinforced the surveillance of Eugenio Siragusa.

These events followed an unprecedented wave of UFO sightings, witnessed and reported by many police personnel both in Sicily and on the Italian mainland. Thirty-five thousand cases were reported during the two months that Siragusa was in prison. Since then, almost none.

Several other "coincidences" took place during the legal procedures. On June 10, 1981, the Italian constitutional council revoked the section of the penal code concerning mind control. This automatically caused the charge of rape to be dropped also. So the only remaining charge was the accusation of fraud, which was dropped because of an amnesty decree announced shortly before the trial. Therefore, the case appeared to be closed before being brought to trial. However, Siragusa refused to benefit from these arrangements, insisting that the trial take place so that his innocence could be clearly proved.

On April 5, 1982, in the Catane court-room, the prosecutor went over the case point by point and asked that Eugenio Siragusa be released.

The defense attorneys went along with this, but were thus prevented from presenting the strong evidence for his innocence, or any of the 550 character witnesses, many of whom had come from different countries.

After five minutes of deliberations, the court declared that there had not been any crime, that Eugenio Siragusa was innocent, and was released.

Justice had been rendered. However, there remained the damage done by a vicious media campaign of defamation of character in which many media organizations participated. Some of them had even attacked him before the accusations were made. French media organizations also participated in this defamation of character, some going so far as to accuse him of being the chief of a sect of assassins. The day after the trial an Italian newspaper editorialized that "It was one of the most vicious legal and journalistic persecutions ever made against a man who had done nothing more than to publicly state his beliefs."

It's a completely different type of person revealed to us today by Victorino del Pozzo of Spanish radio and TV: a man whose only crime was to say he was in contact with extra-terrestrial beings, and to spread their messages of justice, peace, love, and fraternity in a world dominated more each day by injustice, war, and hate. -- Eric Dosnon.

(The three books: "Siragusa, Messenger of the Extra-Terrestrials"
"Siragusa, the Forerunner"
"The Truth About the Siragusa Case")

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City and country of incident: Between Huelva and Ayamonte, Spain
Date of incident: January 27, 1984
Name of paper and date of clip: EL DIARIO VASCO, January 28, 1984
City and country of newspaper: San Sebastian, Spain

UFO IN HUELVA

Mr. Manuel Gonzalez Martos, printer at the Town Hall, saw a UFO yesterday going to work. Mr. Gonzalez was driving his Seat 127 along the road between Huelva and Ayamonte. Reaching a place called "La Morilla," he was blinded by a strong bluish flash of light that passed over him at high speed. According to his account, the flash came from a circular object, moving towards the southeast and considerably above ground level. Several people, waiting at a bus stop in the outskirts of Huelva (about 50 kilometers from the cited place) also saw the flashing light.

City and country of incident: Orense, Spain
Date of incident: August 1983
Name of paper and date of clip: LA REGION, January 31, 1984
City and country of newspaper: Orense, Spain

AN AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN A PHOTO OF THE STRANGE LIGHT SEEN BY SEVERAL CITIZENS. IT WAS SEEN SEVERAL MONTHS AGO OVER THE MOUNTAINS.

Orense. - Last August, several citizens of our city claimed to have seen, one night, a bright light moving over the mountains called "El Seminario." Even a patrol car arrived at the place and confirmed the presence of a strange object, sometimes standing still, and sometimes moving at high speed.

Among the witnesses was the one who took the amazing document we now present. He kept it secret until recently. He, a photo hobbyist, was surprised by that light, and from his home, at the other end of the city, he took the photo. It was taken during the early morning when the photographer happened to wake up. The camera used was a Nikon with teleobjective, with an exposure of 4 seconds, said the witness. He asked to remain anonymous.

He and his wife agreed that the object was extremely bright and rather small, but they did not mistake it for any known phenomenon. They also added that it moved slowly, until it disappeared behind the mountains to the northwest of the town.

City and country of incident: Guachipas, Salta, Argentina
Date of incident: January 27, 1984
Name of paper and date of clip: TIEMPO ARGENTINO, February 15, 1984
City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR SAYS HE HAS SEEN A UFO FLEET

Salta. - An engineer is said to have seen a UFO fleet formed by 9 UFOs moving along with a giant mother-ship, near the mountain called "El Alto," 25 kilometers from Guachipas (3,500 meters altitude).

This man, professor at the National University, said that during his holidays at his father's farm in a place called "El Durazno" (Guachipas), he decided to go camping with his son in "El Alto."

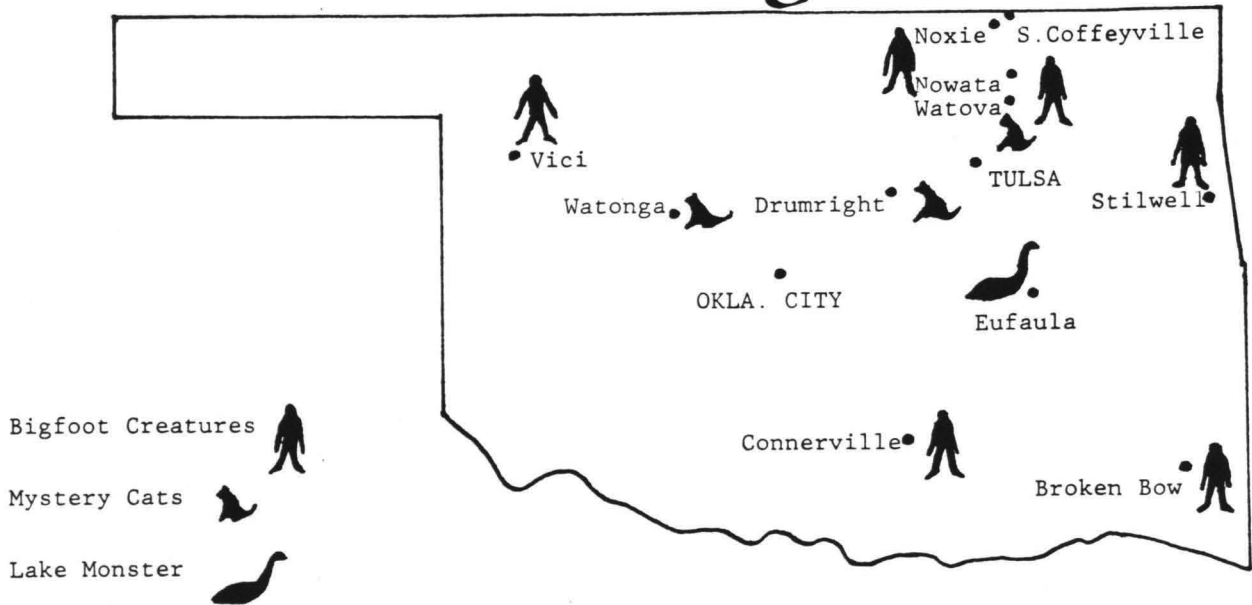
Engineer Santiago Anibal Guerrero and his son Claudio (10), saw the UFO fleet during the night of January 27-28. Their account was published in "El Tribuno," adding the name of another witness, Silverio Vazquez.

Guerrero and Claudio saw three lights, one yellow and two bright red. Later, during the early morning, appeared a big, elongated light plus seven more lights that moved around it. Referring to the mother-ship, they stated that it had a dark center. Soon after, it flashed several times and all the objects began to move away.

Around 8:00 A.M., the objects lost their luminosity in the sunlight, showing metallic reflections. Suddenly a trail of vapor surrounded them and they disappeared inside this cloud.



Oklahoma's Bigfoot



OKLAHOMA'S BIGFOOT LEGEND

First Part of 2-Part Story

By Stan Morrison

As with many states in this country, Oklahoma also seems to have its version of Bigfoot. But isn't Bigfoot supposed to primarily exist in the Pacific Northwest? Not so if we are to believe the interesting reports carried in Oklahoma newspapers over the years. Evidently, some Oklahoma researchers and the witnesses do.

It might surprise many people that reports of bigfoot creatures in Oklahoma are older than the state itself. Oklahoma Indians have long known of the "Tall People" who they believe inhabit the forest and wooded areas of the state. Among the Creek Indians there is a belief that if you were out in the woods and one of the Tall People happen to cross the path you are taking, you will lose your way. The Tall People of Oklahoma Indian legend have not only been seen by the Indians, but also have reportedly been seen by white men throughout the years. Some of these Oklahoma reports go back well over a century.

It would be erroneous to say that Oklahoma has its own unique species of Bigfoot because, according to eyewitness descriptions, the creatures reportedly sighted in our state are virtually identical to those sighted in neighboring states and other regions of the country.

"It was seven to eight feet high and about 500 pounds. I thought it was a bear first, but it wasn't," stated Kenneth Tosh (then 33) of Noxie, when interviewed by the Tulsa Tribune in August of 1977. "It had hair everywhere and it looked like a man except that it stunk and its eyes...I'll never forget those bright red eyes."

That was Tosh's first encounter, which occurred back in late August of 1975, and he claims he eventually saw the creature(s) five, and possibly six, times; the most recent being in early August 1977. It seems that Tosh

had encountered a creature that had already been known for years to the residents southwest of South Coffeyville, in Nowata County, as the "Timber Hills Monster."

It seems that we are dealing with different types of creatures in Oklahoma because, according to published reports, one type has green glowing eyes (Noxie) while another has red glowing eyes (Noxie and Stilwell). Kenneth Tosh claims to have seen both types in the small, almost non-existent town of Noxie. The one with the green eyes, he said, is grey, while the other is bigger and brown in color with red eyes. Such differences in various bigfoot creatures' appearances have been noted by researchers investigating sightings in other states.

When the Noxie monster made Oklahoma newspapers in early September of 1975, the AP wire picked up the story and eventually the Noxie monster made national, and even worldwide headlines. However, in many out-of-state newspapers the Noxie monster was inadvertently mislabeled the "Moxie Monster." Out-of-state researchers and monster hunters relying on news reports must have had quite a time trying to find little Noxie, let alone the totally non-existent town of "Moxie."

Many people in the area of Noxie saw and heard the monster (s) back in 1975. According to witnesses "it" grunted, screamed in a strange and eerie manner that was likened to the combined sound of an eagle and a cat, and made other strange noises during the dark late August-early September nights. One Noxie resident, a Vietnam veteran by the name of Marion Parret, actually shot the monster but apparently to no real effect. His description of the "thing" was identical to that of Tosh's. Parret told a Tulsa Tribune reporter in early September 1975 that although he served 13 months in Vietnam, he was more scared now than he had ever been in Indochina: "At least over there I knew what was out there. Here I don't."

It seems that these bigfoot creatures have appeared in increasing numbers in many areas of Oklahoma over

the last several decades. The first three following cases occurred in Oklahoma's Green Country; the first two in the county of Nowata: Watova (1950s and July 1974), Noxie (late August-early September 1975 and August 1977), Stilwell (August 1977), near Broken Bow (Summer 1978), and a very recent sighting by a Madill housewife near Connerville in August, 1981.

In each case the creature described is relatively the same with slight variations on size, fur or hair color, the number of toes, stench (in some cases no stench is reported), and the color of eyes which usually glow even when there is no light source to cause a reflection. (it should be noted that in many cases the color of eyes or the glowing characteristic is not reported).

Researchers have traced sightings of Bigfoot in our state as far back as 1849. Sam Powell, a columnist for the Tulsa World ("The Outdoor World"), devoted a long piece to the Bigfoot legend in Oklahoma in the Tulsa World for May 21, 1980, in which he mentioned that there are very old reports. It appears that the Noxie and Watova monsters are not at all new additions to Oklahoma. In addition to the 1849 sighting, there are reports from the early 1900s and there were several reports in the Spring of 1926. Most of these reports were from the mountainous southeastern region of the state. The 1849 sighting is the oldest known report in Oklahoma. It occurred on the 13th of May when a hunter/trapper was in an area southeast of Eagle Town and saw what he later described as a "big strange critter." One of the 1926 cases was mentioned in a recently published and well documented hardcover volume on monsters entitled "Alien Animals" by Janet and Colin Bord. Their source of the story was the Sunday Gazette (McCurran, Okla.) for July 9, 1978. According to the paper, two hunters were near the Mountain Fork River when they saw a large ape-like animal and sent their dog after it. The dog never came back. An hour later they found their dog, dead, and "almost tore (sic) in two." The Bord's also mention in their book the 1974 Watova Bigfoot which seemed to have had a peculiar interest in women - it bypassed houses where only men resided but was extremely attracted to the female residents.

Bigfoot hunt draws public criticism

By HENRY MILLER

Bigfoot, if it exists, is a protected non-game species that cannot legally be hunted in California, officials of the state Department of Fish and Game (DFG) said Thursday.

That designation could put a crimp in the plans of Mark E. Keller of Arcata, who publicly announced Monday that he plans to stalk and kill a Bigfoot.

According to Sandra Wolfe, chief of the DFG's Conservation Education Branch in Sacramento, the state Fish and Game Commission would have to issue a permit for Keller to legally pursue or kill a Sasquatch (the Indian name for Bigfoot).

The five-member state Fish and Game Commission sets hunting rules in California and issues permits to capture certain animals, such as condors, for research.

"If it (Bigfoot) was determined

to be an animal, he'd have to get permission to hunt it," Wolfe said.

But that's not going to happen, she added, because, "No one's been able to get close enough to study it," to determine if Bigfoot is animal or human.

That makes the possibility of Keller getting a permit, "kind of a moot point," she said.

A newspaper account of the proposed Bigfoot hunt prompted several negative calls to a Redding radio station talk show Thursday.

Shortly after the show aired, the DFG's Region 1 office in Redding began getting calls expressing the same opinion, according to dispatcher Jan Armstrong, who fielded four of the five or six calls.

"The people who called were all very upset," about Keller's planned hunt, Armstrong said.

Dave Nelson, patrol inspector for Region 1, which includes Arcata

where Keller lives, said discussions are under way and that DFG officials in Eureka will inform Keller that his planned hunt is illegal.

"The DFG's official position is that what this guy intends to do is illegal," Nelson said. "And we have the obligation to tell him that he'll be doing something illegal."

Other aspects of the plan, as revealed by Keller, also bother the DFG, Nelson added.

They include Keller's announced intention of using a "sniper scope" — a light enhancing device for night surveillance or hunting.

The California Penal Code makes it illegal for anyone to buy or possess such a device except police or peace officers or for "scientific research" purposes.

Violations are punishable by a maximum fine of \$1,000 and up to one year in jail.

Another DFG concern is Keller's

statement that members of the hunting party intend to "live off the land."

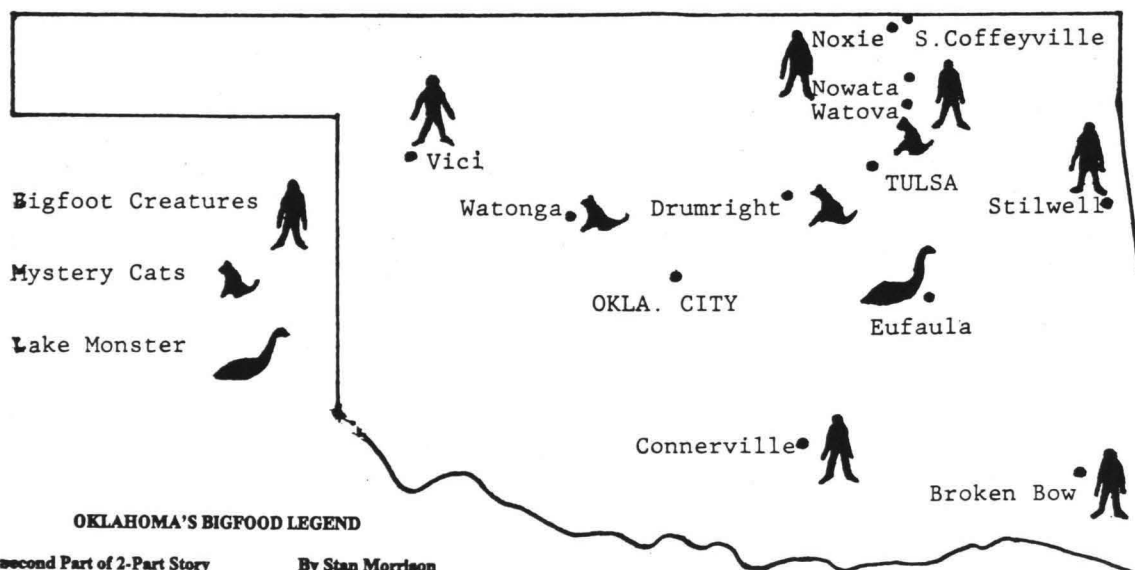
"Presumably, there could be some other (Fish and Game Code) violations going on" in that type of situation, Nelson said.

The law that makes hunting Bigfoot illegal, Title 14, Section 472 of the California Administrative Code, says: "Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, non-game birds and mammals may not be taken."

The listed animals that can be killed "at any time and any numbers except as prohibited," includes mostly pests or predators such as: "coyotes, weasels, skunks, opossum, moles and (some) rodents."

Killing a Bigfoot would be a misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$500 fine.

Oklahoma's Bigfoot



second Part of 2-Part Story

By Stan Morrison

Another interesting fact is that Bigfoot is not the only unusual creature to haunt Oklahoma. Oklahoma residents have reported actually spotting green-eyed, 4½-foot-tall kangaroos, black panthers, huge wolves, and an 80-pound, six-foot-long bobcat foaming at the mouth (average size for an adult bobcat in Oklahoma is 18 to 20 pounds and an unusually large one would weigh 30 pounds).

These reports, which are identical to other reports in many other states, are not merely made by drunks and little old ladies in tennis shoes (not that I have anything against little old ladies wearing tennis shoes), but are reported by police officers, reliable, well respected citizens, and there are cases of multiple witness sightings. Also, there are cases where there is substantiating physical evidence.

Either Oklahoma's backwoods and swamps sport animal life that are hitherto unknown and hitherto unknown to Oklahoma, or we are dealing with a creature phenomenon that is much more fantastic and enigmatic than merely unknown life-forms on the loose.

Interestingly enough, the black panther and big wolf sightings occurred not very far from Noxie. In fact, the big wolf was sighted in Watova during the Bigfoot sightings there. It was suggested by a Watova resident that there was no Bigfoot and what they were seeing was the big wolf. Sightings made by other witnesses, including the Nowata County Sheriff, seem to dismiss such a speculation because they definitely saw an erect animal which was in the habit of leaping over four-strand barbed wire fences at a tremendous speed. It doesn't sound like a wolf could be responsible for all of the reports.

The black panther was sighted in Drumright in 1976 but there are reports of this creature as far back as 1939. The Drumright panther was said to have produced screams very similar to the Noxie monster.

It has been suggested by some researchers that such mystery animals that resemble black panthers, kangaroos, and the like, are what they appear to be - exotics that were either brought into the country by people or migrated from their distant habitats. This logical theory was proven correct recently when a small, rabbit-like rodent from South America was captured in Tulsa. It was a pet of a resident. Also, according to the Tulsa World for September 3, 1981, a kangaroo 3½ feet in length was hit by a pickup truck and killed and the driver recovered the carcass. Two Tulsa Police officers were skeptical until they examined the fresh carcass in the bed of the pickup. There was no explanation given for the presence of the kangaroo in Oklahoma. I seriously doubt that it swam all the way from Australia and then hopped nearly halfway across the United States to the Tulsa area. So, someone must have brought it here. Or is there another explanation? Perhaps.

When news of Noxie and its monster began to spread in 1975, researchers who investigate such specialized phenomena saw the case as an excellent opportunity for first hand investigation. Speculations varied as to the nature and origins of the creature. Hayden Hewes of Oklahoma City - a well known author-researcher - suggested that perhaps the monster(s) was some kind of pet or experimental animal of those curious beings who pilot UFOs (and Oklahoma has plenty of those, too). I am in no way assuming that the kangaroo in Tulsa was the stray property of some spaceman from Alpha Centauri. However, there have been documented cases of a phenomenon that physical researchers call "teleportation" where animate and inanimate objects instantly disappear and reappear somewhere else; sometimes instantaneously and many thousands of miles away. It has been suggested in the past that alien space visitors utilize this phenomenon to travel across interstellar space. Could the kangaroo in Tulsa and other exotics have been teleported here by some freak of nature?

Next to the UFO-pet hypothesis, there were other theories for the presence of the monster in Noxie. One, which was echoed recently in a magazine article dealing with bigfoot creatures in the south and central United States, suggested that they migrated from their natural habitat in the Pacific Northwest, taking such inconspicuous routes as dried up river beds and wooded areas. It was suggested that these animals are careful in not leaving any tracks and other traces by walking on rocks and avoiding contact with plants and brush. Others suggested that there was no migration and that the creatures live naturally in our own uninhabited areas. Some of these researchers suggested that the reason why such creatures have developed glowing eyes is that it helps them to see at night. It has been pointed out that most creatures sightings were at night and so it was concluded that they were nocturnal animals.

Besides the Tall People, Oklahoma Indian legend also tells of another group of strange entities that supposedly live in the woods. They call them "Estakinie" and unlike the Tall People, these beings are "little people" and are very similar to elves. If you were to mention "Estakinie" to a Creek Indian he would probably change the subject and refuse to discuss the little people. This is not because the Indians fear physical harm from the Estakinie, but because they feel that the "little people" are sacred and would be insulted if their true nature were discussed.

Oklahoma Indians seem to view such creatures as the Estakinie and the Noxie and Watova monsters as supernatural entities rather than flesh and blood animals. And perhaps the Indians are much more closer to the truth than most people would suspect; since a growing number of Bigfoot researchers are coming to the same conclusion that Bigfoot is not an animal in the

true sense of the word. A few of these researchers, of which veteran investigator John A. Keel is an example, note the high-strangeness characteristics of bigfoot creatures and suggest that they are supranormal in nature, or a type of psychic phenomenon. These researchers point out that the luminous eyes quality, the strange stench, and the banshee-like screams Bigfoot makes, are remarkably similar to ghostly and demoniacal phenomena. They also point out that the creature has the uncanny ability to vanish when pursued by tracking dogs, expert hunters, and a large posse. This would not necessarily negate Bigfoot's occasional existence as a solid and objective entity however.

If Bigfoot ever happened to be apprehended or if someone ever acquired totally conclusive evidence of its existence, it would undoubtedly be one of the greatest scientific discoveries in history. Perhaps the only other discovery of this nature that would equal it would perhaps be capturing one of the Loch Ness monsters. And believe it or not, a Loch Ness type monster was reportedly sighted in Lake Eufaula in 1973 (Tulsa World, July 26, 1973).

Over the last several months I have been preparing to go on a field project in an area of Oklahoma that I will not disclose at this time. Objective: to attain photographic or other evidence substantiating the reports of monsters such as the one that intruded on the little town of Noxie. The project could last months. The method of operation I will use to attain my objective is best summed up by Kenneth Tosh:

"If you just sit and wait, it'll come to you."
This is what I intend to do.

Bigfoot's around — and CAN write

■ WALLA WALLA

Bigfoot, alias Sasquatch, is alive and well and living in Bend, Ore. Just ask the Walla Walla County commissioners, who received a letter from him — her? it? — last week.

"If that isn't proof one exists, I don't know what is," Commissioner Robert Petersen said.

The letter, signed B.F. (presumably for Big Foot) Sasquatch, thanked the commission for its April 5 resolution condemning the potential killing of a Bigfoot in the Blue Mountains. The creature is the intended target of a search party from California.

The Walla Walla County and Umatilla County, Ore., commissions both signed the resolution at the request of Walla Walla resident Vance Orchard.

"We want you to know how much we appreciate your courageous stand on what we consider to be a vital issue," the letter said. The Sasquatch letter had a return address of Big Foot Country, USA. However, it was postmarked April 10 at Bend.

TIMES, Seattle, WA - April 18, 1984

County commissioners heed urge to provide protection for 'Bigfoot' creature

Walla Walla and Umatilla county commissioners today condemned the potential killing of a Bigfoot in the Blue Mountains.

The six commissioners signed the resolution, with chuckles and expressions of doubt that Bigfoot even exists, at the request of Walla Walla resident Vance Orchard.

Orchard has joined an effort in the state to prevent Californians from killing a Bigfoot.

The two commissions were holding a joint

meeting in Walla Walla to discuss issues of mutual concern when Orchard asked for the resolution.

Orchard said that because the most recent sighting of the Bigfoot phenomenon in 1982 occurred in the Blue Mountains south of Walla Walla, it is likely the area will be targeted for intense searching by the Bigfoot party.

Orchard made the request because of recent publicity about Californians planning to

search the Northwest this year for and kill a Bigfoot, also known as Sasquatch.

In a letter to the commissions, Orchard said he and several others think "any 'shooting' of Bigfoot in the Blue Mountains should be done with a camera only." He suggested the commissions could pass ordinances at later meetings to make Bigfoot killings a misdemeanor and to call for a Bigfoot sanctuary in the Umatilla and Walla national forests.

On June 10, 1982, a Mill Creek watershed patrol rider, Paul Freeman, claimed he saw Bigfoot near the top of Tiger Canyon Road. He described the creature as 9 feet tall with dark, reddish-black hair all over its body and long arms that hung to its knees as the creature walked away.

Orchard said he would have to agree with those who believe the creatures exist because of his reading and interviews on the subject.

UNION BULLETIN, Walla Walla, WA - April 5, 1984

Serpent search started

By MADONNA KING
Staff writer

COEUR D'ALENE — The fishermen said the waters of Lake Pend Oreille were calm when it happened.

A 20- to 30-foot-long "sea serpent" broke the surface and raced along, at the speed of a medium-sized outboard motor boat, for some 200 feet before submerging. It continued another 200 feet underwater, then resurfaced and repeated the performance again and again.

That was the story from Bayview, at the south end of the lake, reported in Spokane newspapers 34 years ago.

Twelve years ago, fishermen near Hope, Idaho, on the northeast side of the lake, reported hooking into something so big and fast and powerful that it pulled their 18-foot boat forward — while it was at full-throttle in reverse — and left the reel smoking when it suddenly

"There are just too many similar stories over too many years to discount this entirely."

NIC teacher James McLeod

reversed and snapped the steel line.

Five or six years ago, a swimmer off the Sandpoint public beach, on the northwest end of the lake, reported being attacked by a huge creature resembling a cross between a crab and an octopus.

The stories, unconfirmed but officially recorded, go on and on, from as far back as anyone can remember to just last summer.

It seems North Idaho's Lake Pend Oreille has a monster, or a heretofore unidentified species of aquatic animal, or the tallest fish tales in all the land.

North Idaho College's Cryptozoology Club is determined to find out which.

Formed just a couple of months ago by anthropology/archaeology teacher Richard "Duke" Snyder and English teacher James McLeod, the 16-member club studies hidden animals. It's also taken on the task of getting to the bottom of the "Pend Oreille Paddler" mystery — if not the 1,200-foot-deep lake itself.

Naturally, the extracurricular activity is lots of fun, but Snyder, McLeod and the students are serious about their research.

"There are just too many similar stories over too many years to discount this entirely," said McLeod, who leads NIC's annual trips to Scotland, where he's visited Loch Ness several times.

"I don't think we have something like Loch Ness here," McLeod said, "but it's possible that an extraordinarily large species of sturgeon or something is in there."

The belief that everything on earth already has been discovered, he noted, has been shot down again and again with discoveries in the remote parts of the earth.

"I can't think of any more remote and unexplored area than the bottom of Lake Pend Oreille," he said.

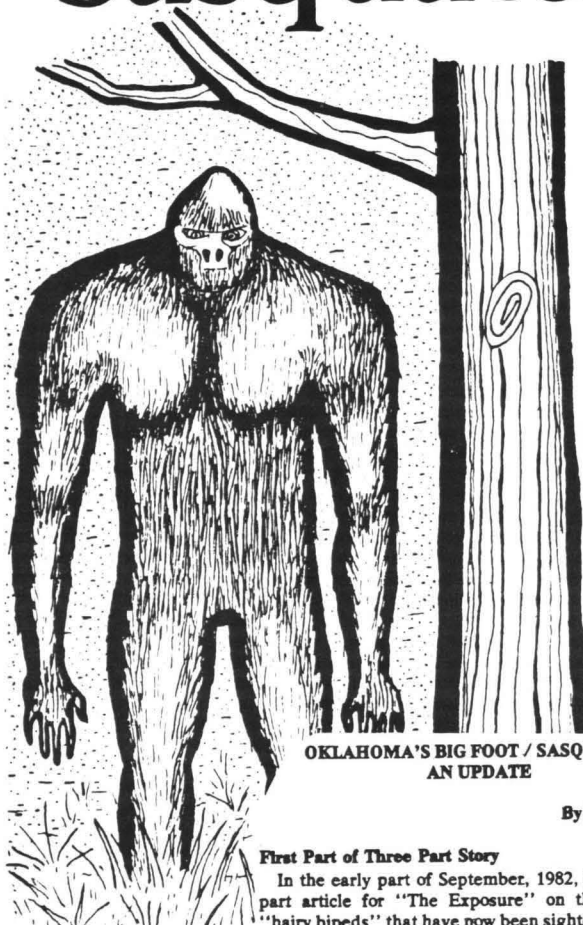
The second-largest natural lake west of the Mississippi, Pend Oreille stretches more than 43 miles from north to south. It has about 150 miles of shoreline. During World War II it was the site of submarine testing from the now-defunct Farragut Naval Training Station.

It was there that the first recorded sightings of a strange creature are believed to have been made.

"Anglo-American tradition has been filled with a stream of lore about monsters of unseemly size and behavior that have haunted the shores of every sea and every inland body of water of any consequence," wrote Austin E. Fife in the 1948 edition of the Utah Humanities Review. "As late as the

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OKLAHOMA'S BIG FOOT / SASQUATCH:
AN UPDATE

By Stan Morrison

First Part of Three Part Story

In the early part of September, 1982, I wrote a two-part article for "The Exposure" on the mysterious "hairy bipeds" that have now been sighted in practically every general region of our state. Many reports are somewhat recent and some are very old, such as a report of a sighting in southeastern Oklahoma in 1849. These sightings, which have involved scores of people and scores of monsters, seem to occur yearly.

When I first began doing research on Oklahoma's Bigfoot, I collected a number of reports, but since that time my file of Oklahoma reports has increased dramatically, and I have had the opportunity to conduct more personal interviews with some of the witnesses. Currently, I am in the process of writing a book-length examination of strange phenomena in the Sooner State. However, my main objective is to obtain a specimen of

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summer of 1944, the mysterious appearance of such a monster was reported from the Farragut Naval Training Station on Lake Pend Oreille in Idaho."

More recently, while mapping the lake's caverns under the Monarch Mountains along the southeast shore, sonar equipment crews from the David W. Taylor Naval Research and Development Center in Bayview supposedly encountered something alive and moving and about 30 feet long. But that, said McLeod, is only hearsay. Navy officials won't confirm it.

Still, a former Navy man claims he saw "huge, weird fish" deep in the lake while exploring in submarines, McLeod said. The man refuses to swim in the lake to this day.

"Most officials discount such things," said Cryptozoology Club secretary Nancy Henry, an NIC science student. "They don't keep records. So we're researching newspaper clippings in local libraries and conducting personal interviews with people around the lake."

"Some folks are reluctant to talk," Henry said, "even if they've heard stories or seen things, because they're afraid they'll be ridiculed. But we're honestly interested in what anyone has to say. Ninety-nine percent of what we turn up may be discarded as tall tales, but you don't know what you'll find until you look and listen."

The digging has turned up remembrances of an incident that goes back even further than the Navy days at Farragut.

Sometime in the '30s or before — no one seems to know for sure — a train derailment on the trestle over the lake outside Sandpoint brought divers to the scene to recover sunken materials. After their first descent, so the story goes, the divers refused to return to the underwater grave of the rail cars because of huge creatures in the area.

Besides such eerie accounts, the club also is collecting information about large fish like sturgeon, which, according to Idaho Fish and Game literature, can grow more than seven feet and live more than 30 years.

A photograph in the book "Idaho," McLeod pointed out, shows a white sturgeon caught near Twin Falls in 1908 that measured 11 feet and weighed 632 pounds. Other accounts indicate the fish can grow to a half ton and live 100 years or more.

The problem with attributing the Pend Oreille mystery to sturgeon is that only river species are believed to exist here, club members acknowledge. That's why they're contacting limnology and fishery experts at the universities of Idaho, Wisconsin and California-Davis.

"You have to keep an open mind," said club Vice President Mary Craig, another NIC science student.

"Discounting anything as possible is just intellectual arrogance. Scientists often won't study something without empirical evidence, but how do you get empirical evidence without studying it? It's a Catch-22 that maybe amateurs like us, who have the curiosity to pursue it, can break."

Snyder noted that all the stories about giant fish at Lake Pend Oreille have thus far only generated more tourist interest.

A "hysterical" map of the lake, found in shoreline shops, features a full-fledged sea monster in the heart of the waterway. Lakeside taverns decorate with whale skulls, touted as "something that washed up out of Pend Oreille last week." And a community theater production in Sandpoint some years ago coined the name "Pend Oreille Paddler" and starred a papier-mache sea serpent.

"Everybody talks about it and wonders about it," Snyder said.

the Bigfoot/Sasquatch creatures being observed; and I think there is evidence suggesting that my chances in succeeding are somewhat good. But before I will delve into that aspect of this research, let's take a look at some fairly recent Oklahoma cases involving these creatures.

Although most reports emanate from eastern Oklahoma, several very impressive sightings have occurred in the western part of the state. In the winter of 1982, a number of individuals in Dewey and Roger Mills counties observed a strange animal that they could not identify. One youth, who's family evidently had several experiences with the creature, seems to have been the first to see "it" that winter. The youth, 15-year-old Billy Parry of Vici, went out to feed his hogs a couple of days before the snow when he decided to scout for coyote tracks along Trail Creek near his home. A short time later, a strange growl made him stop in his tracks. Twenty yards away stood a curious, upright animal. "It was four or five feet tall and pretty wide . . . It stood upright and had kind of a reddish brown hair color," Parry was quoted as saying in a front page "Daily Oklahoman" article for April 12, 1982. On the same day the Associated Press also issued an article on the Parry sighting.

A number of tracks supposedly made by the creature were quite unusual as far as Bigfoot tracks are concerned. Witnesses said the tracks resembled dog tracks but were as big as a man's hand. One characteristic that was reported, however, seems to be common with other mystery animal observations. "It smelled like a sewer," was a remark mentioned by many witnesses. This characteristic has prompted many researchers to speculate that these creatures could be related to ghostly phenomena because the same identical odor has been detected during hauntings. "It smelled like it was dead," and similar comments are commonly reported in Bigfoot cases. John Green, a veteran Sasquatch researcher-writer who firmly believes that the mystery bipeds are a hitherto unknown species of primate, explains the "deathly stench" aspect in Bigfoot cases by theorizing that bigfoot creatures, like dogs and other animals, roll on dead carcasses. But, in addition to the odd tracks left by the creature, other sightings tended to suggest that western Oklahoman's were either dealing with two different types of animals or something much more enigmatic than sightings of an unknown animal was taking place.

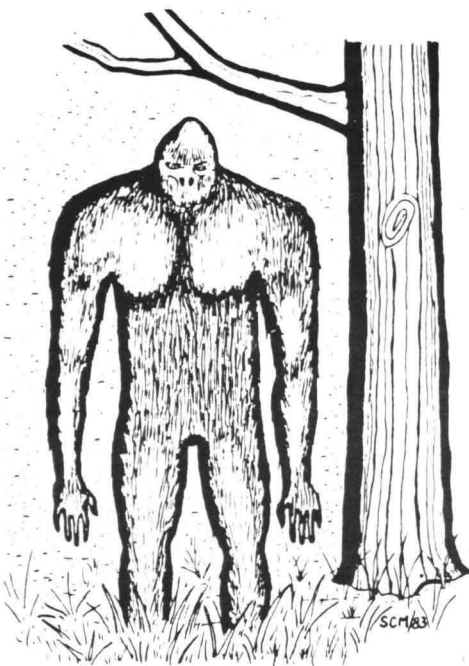
A month and a half after the Parry sighting and approximately 40 miles southwest near Cheyenne in Roger Mills County, two cattlemen observed a creature that is not exactly unknown in the monster lore, but which appears to not be your classic or average Bigfoot. "It was bigger and broader than a dog would be. Its head pretty much sat down on its shoulders, and it walked on four legs," states Alex Inman of Reydon after he and his son-in-law, George Springer of Roger Mills, observed the animal that "didn't look like everything they had ever seen before," southwest of Cheyenne where they were feeding cattle. Springer mentioned that the creature was dark brown and wide. He also added: "It wasn't fuzzy or furry, but slick haired, like a pig. It was kind of smooth moving. It didn't bounce any. It was pretty heavy, and had a pretty big body."

When the men first saw it, they had pulled their pickup into the pasture and began honking their horn to attract the cattle. This seemed to not at all frighten the animal, for it took its time and slowly ambled off into deep brush.

Although the writer of "The Daily Oklahoman" article, which was entitled "Strange Beast Reported By Western Oklahoma Residents", mentioned that reports of the creature in this part of western Oklahoma go back about six years, I have traced such sightings in Dewey County back to 1968. Although there were a number of sightings at that time, the most interesting case involved a man who saw a "gorillalike" animal cross the road in front of his car while he was driving from Canton to Oakwood, in the eastern section of Dewey County. Plaster casts of its tracks were made some time later (though still in the same general area) that suggested the creature that made them was much more "Bigfoot-like" than the animal observed near Cheyenne and Vici in 1982. Sightings of bigfoot creatures from moving vehicles, as with the above case and a sighting made by a young housewife near Connerville in south central Oklahoma on August 15, 1981, are the most common types of strange creature encounters. An interesting fact about the western Oklahoma sightings is that they occurred in winter and western Oklahoma tends to be a much drier region than central and eastern parts of the state. Most Bigfoot sightings occur in late summer or early fall; and, according to the landmark research of John Green, who personally investigated the 1958 Bluff Creek, California, tracks and sightings at the time the term "Bigfoot" originated, the majority of Bigfoot reports emanate from "wet" areas, or areas that receive 20 inches or more of rain a year.

"We're just the kind of people who go one step further and want to see what it's like to go out on our own and find out what it's really all about. And you know, that's simply science."

Any amateur cryptozoologists out there who feel the same way, Snyder said, are more than welcome to come on board. They can do so figuratively, as club members, and literally, as members of this summer's boating and diving expedition around the lake — when North Idaho's monster of the deep may finally be unmasked.



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OKLAHOMA'S BIG FOOT - SASQUATCH

By Stan Morrison

Second Part of Three Part Story

On the evening of April 10, 1982, I interviewed an Okemah man about his unpublished experience with a "big hairy monster" at Okemah Lake in 1976, that produced an interesting effect on the observers that I've discovered is very common in Bigfoot experiences - total fear.

Geoff Franks, a young man in his early twenties, was with several other people in a wooded area near Okemah Lake on a semi-foggy night in the spring of 1976, when his cousin, Joey Franks, separated from the group to find some firewood. Geoff told me that his cousin had been gone for some time when he returned and said, "You guys, I've got to show you something. I want you to see this and make sure I'm not seeing things." The group followed him down towards the lake and when they were approximately 100 yards from the water's edge, they could see in the moonlight a large, dark figure with its back facing them standing on the shore of the lake. "It was at least three feet broad at the shoulders," Geoff estimated. The astonished witnesses continued watching the figure for "a long time" and they noticed that the "thing" would sort of sway or rock from side to side (I've heard of other cases where this has been reported). Then it was gone. No one is quite sure if it walked off or just disappeared, though in Geoff's opinion, he felt that the figure seemed to be coming gradually closer as he was watching it. "We could no longer see the silhouette of it against the water." As the group tried to sight the figure again, they all heard a noise very close to them, like a branch cracking when something large walks through brush. Geoff's cousin bolted and ran and Geoff, "pretty spooked," followed him at full speed. The others also ran. By the time Geoff caught up with his cousin, he was in his pickup with the doors locked and about to drive off. Geoff was so frightened that he banged on the side window so hard that he broke a bone in his hand. "I wanted in," he said.

After Geoff managed to convince his cousin to let him and the others in the pickup and they were driving off, they all saw a fox (the first one Geoff had seen in the area) and a number of rabbits quickly heading south - away from the area where they saw the large, dark figure. Almost at the end of our conversation Geoff's mother, Malinda, added that Okemah Lake (as it is today) was constructed in 1928 and that there has long been stories (though undocumented) about strange happenings in the area.

On April 9, 1982, I spent the better part of the day interviewing a Mrs. Maggie Lee who lives on a farm in the small settlement of Watova in Nowata County, which is in northeastern Oklahoma. Her case was a very interesting one. Since 1974 up to 1980, Margie and a number of witnesses, including two Nowata County sheriff's deputies, observed four bigfoot creatures (which appeared to be a family including an offspring) on the Lee property where they would feed on apples and berries. This is the best case I've ever investigated. The two sheriff's deputies, Gilbert Gilmore and Buck Field, actually shot one of the creatures several times but, amazingly, the slugs did not seem to effect it and the Bigfoot ran off at top speed into nearby woods.

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Although the Lee case did not receive as much publicity as the sightings at Noxie (20 miles north of Watova) a year after the first Lee sightings, the Watova observations, in my opinion, are much more interesting. (In "Oklahoma's Bigfoot Legend", "The Exposure", September 1st and 8th, 1982, I wrote about the "Noxie Monster" in detail).

In early October of 1977, a seven foot, fur covered statue of a Sasquatch was displayed at the Tulsa State Fair and it received some attention by area newspapers. One reporter lamely asked the Bigfoot expert on hand, "Since the smallest Bigfoot ever sighted was estimated at over six feet tall, where are the young ones?" Instead of the expert correcting the reporter and informing him for the record that there are many sightings of such creatures under six feet tall, he preferred to add to the misnomer by telling the reporter that bigfoot adults hide their young from humans. Although it does appear that the Sasquatch are, indeed, very protective of their young, some of the oldest and some of the most impressive cases concern creatures under six feet tall. And I would go as far as to suggest (and I'm sure I would not be the only one to do so) that some of the smaller versions of bigfoot-like creatures are themselves adults. The creature sighted by Billy Parry and others in Dewey County in the winter of 1982, that was mentioned at the beginning of this article, is a fairly good example. A large female (the mother) was not with the creature they saw; which, evidently, is the rule not the exception when it comes to "mother and offspring" observations. When Margie Lee and other witnesses (including deputy Gilmore) observed a mother Sasquatch and her young for a fairly long period of time in 1978, the mother was very protective of her offspring and often held on to the "youngster's" arm so it would not go too close to the Lee farmhouse. There were several instances when the mother became so involved in devouring apples, cores and all, that the "baby bigfoot" (brown, 3-4 feet tall) would wander into the Lee's back yard where he would run around and play and do "somersaults" like your neighbor's little kid. All the mother Sasquatch had to do was slap her thigh and the little one would run back to her. "I wish I had kids that would mind like he did," Margie remarked. Although Margie Lee did at one point manage to get pretty close to the "baby bigfoot" as she called it, deputy Gilmore (who was off-duty) advised her against it: "If there's a mamma out there, she'll tear you apart!" Fortunately that didn't happen. Could it have happened? Shortly after the warning, Margie returned to the safety of the house . . . [Continued Next Week]

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Oklahoma's Big Foot

OKLAHOMA'S BIGFOOT - SASQUATCH

By Stan Morrison

Third Part of Three Part Story

In the early years of Bigfoot/Sasquatch research, many investigators felt that under no circumstances should one of the creatures be shot and killed to prove their existence. When you study the phenomenon in a scientific manner over an extended period of time (or for a short time for that matter) you begin to realize that such people were really acting out of ignorance. You cannot progress any further in such research until the phenomenon you are researching is scientifically verified to exist. After this is accomplished then we can truly discover the nature of the animal and, since science will accept the reality of perhaps the most fascinating animal on Earth besides man, official protection can be put into effect. This can only happen if the scientific community as a whole realizes that thousands of people have indeed observed a "real" animal that has, remarkably, remained unknown to science. I am not the only one who believes a Sasquatch should be taken in the only way that's apparently possible and absolute. Most researchers, I've discovered, no longer favor the ideal that we continue playing unrealistic games of hide and seek with the Sasquatch. Many experts now agree that Roger Patterson's 1967 color film of a Bigfoot (taken at Bluff Creek, California) is not only a genuine film of a Bigfoot, but also of pretty good quality. Apparently, this evidence is not enough. John Green is one of the veteran investigators who feels the same as I about obtaining a specimen. He points out in his excellent book "Sasquatch: The Apes Among Us" (1978), that it is highly unlikely (because of a number of factors) that one of the animals can be taken alive. Perhaps after a specimen is shot and killed, says Green, we will truly learn the facts about them (nature, habits, etc.) and money and large, respected institutions (of course) will become involved in the research. That, according to Green, will more than likely lead to a Sasquatch being captured alive.

Although on one point my views (the paranormal aspects of some cases) differ from John Green's, I was very surprised (after reading "The Apes Among Us") how much we think alike concerning Bigfoot research. Like myself, Green is convinced that the Sasquatch is definitely much more animal than human. He points out (after many years of research) that people seem to "want to believe" that we are dealing with some kind of "wildman." But, as Green has found, the evidence illustrates that we are dealing with a large, upright and ape-like primate that is a unique species in itself.

"Sasquatch: The Apes Among Us" is one of those rare classics that should be in every Bigfoot student's library. When Green writes about those certain cases where a Sasquatch has actually been shot, he points out that there is not one recorded instance where one was fired upon by a weapon more powerful than a .30-06. There are no cases where a Sasquatch has been shot with one of the big, powerful magnum rifles. There are many cases where .22s were used and, understandably, didn't have any kind of effect on the creature which, in some cases, appear to weigh over one thousand pounds. Some researchers use the Sasquatch's seeming immunity to bullets as evidence that they are not really living animals, but some type of psychic manifestation. Green feels that if one of the high-powered magnums were used, and the bullet was placed in a vital area such as the brain or the spine, a Sasquatch can be brought down. Chest and body shots do not seem to be vital areas to these powerful animals. Open hostilities toward humans are extremely rare and often unfounded. Animals, however, do not seem to be immune from the darker side of the Sasquatch. There are a number of cases where dogs have been twisted around trees and actually torn apart. Such a case occurred in southeastern Oklahoma in 1926.

Since it is becoming widely known that bigfoot creatures not only exist in the Pacific Northwest, but have been reported in every state in the union with the exception of Hawaii, many experts, including John Green, feel that a Bigfoot will probably be brought down in the least likely place, such as a midwestern state like Oklahoma. One thing about the characteristics of strange phenomena, even though some phenomena may not be related in any way, the unexpected and the unlikely always occurs. If you carefully study the history of Bigfoot research, you will probably be surprised to discover that there has really only been a couple of serious, long-term expeditions to search for Bigfoot. There are countless cases where the media publicizes a group's plans to conduct a scientific expedition into the Northwest wilderness with the intention of finding a Sasquatch, but, as it often out, the group or organization is combined of a few, and often one, searcher who's whole motive is to make money to further his own personal needs, which is often not related to Bigfoot research.

I have been meticulously planning for some time to go on a one-man, one-month (or longer), field investigation in an area of Oklahoma where sightings go all the way back to 1849. I have utilized a dozen topographical maps, records of the area, climate and weather statistics, and investigative and research knowledge attained from over a decade of study, to greatly increase my chances for success. The data shows that if you have had paranormal or strange experiences in the past, it is likely that you will have more of these experiences. During the course of my research, I have had a number of paranormal experiences and possess many photographs of strange phenomena taken by myself and close relatives. One of these (an apparent demon photograph) I published along with an article in "The Exposure" entitled "Strange Phenomena: The Eye and the Camera" (January 5, 1983).

But, perhaps more importantly, when I lived in southern California, myself and four others were somewhat attacked by a probable Sasquatch. Although none of us actually saw it, we were all convinced when the huge, bipedal "thing" rushed at us in a wooded area (we took off in the opposite direction), that it couldn't have been anything but a Sasquatch. To this day, I'm not sure if its charge at us, which took place near the town of Chino in 1974, was just a bluff (a characteristic gorillas sometimes display) or whether its intention was to do us bodily harm. I must admit that it was quite frightening. In a 1981 "True" magazine article, I quoted one of the witnesses who was with me that night, Ken Mills, as to what he truly thought about the incident. He told me quite candidly, "I thought the thing was going to kill us!" Some time after our encounter, I discovered that earlier in the day and about 2 1/2 miles from where our experience occurred, near Corona, two youths observed a huge Sasquatch in a lemon grove.

It's sometimes hard to believe that the importance, advantages, and the reasons for the sometimes obsessive determination of certain individuals in seeking to solve the Bigfoot enigma, is grossly underestimated and, with some people, completely incomprehensible. Even some of those who are somewhat interested in the subject underestimate the significance and value in obtaining a specimen. I think this point was best illustrated by a comment made by Smokey Crabtree of "The Legend of Boggy Creek" fame who wrote in his book - in reference to a \$10,000 offer to him for the Fouke monster - that he would be a little crazy to exchange a \$50,000,000 plus monster for a mere \$10,000. At this point, since I know for sure that such creatures actually exist, I'm not only determined to find a backer to do the job right, but I'm even more determined to successfully complete the job. A very large monetary investment is not at all essential. In fact, such a field project would be surprisingly inexpensive. You really don't need a bunch of fancy, sophisticated equipment. All you really need is some tools and, most importantly, time.

Every since I first began writing articles on the unknown at the age of sixteen, one of the most pleasurable and important results of my endeavors (besides actually observing and recording the phenomena) are the feedback I sometimes have received. If you, the reader, has had experiences with psychic phenomena, UFOs, or monsters, I would very much welcome you writing me about them in care of "The Exposure". I am very interested in experiences dealing with incidents that have taken place in Oklahoma.

Books today

• **THE INTELLIGENT UNIVERSE**, by Fred Hoyle
(Michael Joseph, \$46.75)
Reviewed by **KEITH CHAPMAN**

The closer life on our world totters to the brink of its destruction, the more it would seem to address itself to the mystery of its origins.

Legislative chambers in the American states of Louisiana and Texas and the Australian state of Queensland have rung to acrimonious debate on what their schools should teach.

Americans, starting much as society's observers would expect in California in the 1970s, began attending creationist meetings in thousands. In 1980 their votes helped elect an old B-movie cowboy President of the United States.

Suddenly, a topic that had been largely the province of theologians and scientific academics was a political issue.

Lines between the two camps were clearly drawn.

Creationism, as propounded by the fundamentalist Christians, stated that the Bible's Book of Genesis was literally true. Life in all its variety was created out of nothing several thousand years ago.

Darwinism, as supported by much of the scientific community, theorised that our origins were a matter of gradual development over millions of years.

Enter Sir Fred

"Natural selection is daily and hourly scrutinising throughout the world the slightest variations, rejecting those that are bad, preserving and adding up all that are good, silently and insensibly working..." (Charles Darwin, 1859).

At this point enter Sir Fred Hoyle, distinguished theoretical physicist, astronomer and philosopher, with a loaded gun labelled "a new view of creation and evolution."

He proceeds to shoot down the orthodox scientists whose support for Darwinism, he says, has been fired more by concern for preventing a return to the religious excesses of the past than looking forward to the truth.

Darwinism is a flawed theory, says Sir Fred. He describes its unsolved problems and shows how it is not backed by the fossil record.

"There are no steps in the record from reptiles to *Archaeopteryx* or from *Archaeopteryx* to birds, as the Darwinian theory requires. Indeed the situation is the opposite of what the theory predicts."

Sir Fred also records that the biblical time-scale was dismissed "from all serious discussion" by the great geologist Charles Lyell (1797-1875).

Lips will curl again at Hoyle

"Lyell's books were largely responsible for convincing the world at large that the Bible could be wrong, at any rate in some respects — a hitherto unthinkable thought."

Sir Fred may here be on shakier ground. The most recent fundamentalist Christian approach was summed up in a 1982 Australian church magazine like this:

"There is no statement in the Bible that tells us the Earth is 6000 years old. Some Bibles may have the date 4004 BC in the margin for the creation of the world. This comes from computations made by Bishop Ussher many years ago. He based his reckoning on the genealogies of the Bible, but it is clear that these cannot be used to compute dates; they are there simply to trace ancestries."

"We must bear in mind that the Genesis account is very brief and that there are some exciting mysteries about the Universe."

The scientific establishment has frequently regarded Sir Fred, who resigned from Cambridge University in 1973, as a rebel and an outcast from its ranks. His previous books challenging what is accepted as science fact and his successes as an author of science fiction have, along with the accolades, earned him sneers from his peers.

The lips are likely to be curled again by Sir Fred's probing assault here on that most popular of modern explanations of the beginning of the Universe — the big bang theory.

"In a single big bang there are no targets at all, because the whole Universe takes part in the explosion. There is nothing for the expanding material to hit against, and after sufficient expansion, the whole affair should go dead."

"However, we actually have a Universe of continuing activity instead of one that is uniform and inert. Instead of matter all the time becoming colder and more spread out, we often see it clustering together to produce the brilliant light of swirling galaxies and exploding stars."

The questioning of orthodox scientific thought is only part of *The Intelligent*

cell programmes of terrestrial animals and plants and ultimately providing evolutionary jumps of the kind found in the fossil record.

"Cells which come to possess new genes will rarely be able to use them immediately. . . . Potentially favourable new genes tend therefore to pile up for a while in an unexpressed form, like the slow winding of a catapult, accumulating potential for a large evolutionary leap, a situation quite unlike the small step evolution of the Darwinian theory."

This theory was first put forward in 1977 by Sir Fred and his research assistant, Professor Chandra Wickramasinghe, and has been reported in many publications, including the American science fact and fiction magazine *Omn*.

Here, Sir Fred presses on to a conclusion that life is shaped and ordered by an intelligence outside the Earth. For an avowed atheist this must surely be close to heresy.

Similar chord

Sir Fred would seem to be approaching the position of the growing number of scientists able to reconcile their knowledge with religious faith.

The case of another British knight of science, Sir Bernard Lovell, the Jodrell Bank astronomer, comes to mind. Sir Bernard, a Christian who supports the big bang theory, has written of his "rapturous amazement at the harmony of natural law, which reveals an intelligence of such superiority that, compared with it, all the systematic thinking and action of human beings is an utterly insignificant reflection."

Sir Fred would undoubtedly not see eye-to-eye with Sir Bernard, and indeed states in *The Intelligent Universe*: "The big bang theory requires a recent origin of the Universe that openly invites the concept of creation."

But his last words strike a similar chord. "While it would be no advantage, I believe, to return to the older religious concepts, we shall need to understand why it is that the mysterious sanctity described by (Darwin's forerunner Alfred Russel) Wallace persists within us, beckoning us to the Elysian fields, if only we will follow."

The Intelligent Universe is lavishly illustrated. Besides the many colours and black-and-white photographs, the text is punctuated with panels containing well-captioned drawings and diagrams. The obverse of the title page lists an editor, art editor, managing editor, art director and editorial director. Their labours, though perhaps not onerous for such a team, are likely to be appreciated by the general reader.

The book is printed and bound, using fine quality materials, by Arnoldo Mondadori, of Verona, one of Europe's foremost printing houses for pictorial books.



Sir Fred Hoyle

Universe. The work also brings together in one volume Sir Fred's own ideas. Life on Earth, he says, is of cosmic origin, but with the particular life-forms into which the basic cosmic components, genes, are assembled being decided by the specific environment of the Earth. Micro-organisms are constantly bombarding Earth from space, penetrating its atmosphere, making additions to the

Space Theory For Mystery

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Washington
New aerial photographs by an American artist have revived speculation about mysterious markings in the Peruvian Desert that some people believe may be linked to travellers from outer space.

Marilyn Bridges, a 35-year-old painter, became intrigued by the huge lines on the desert near Nazca, in southern Peru, when she visited the area on an assignment for a magazine.

Her aerial pictures of huge animal and bird shapes on the desert floor and of parallel lines stretching to the Andean foothills are drawing curious crowds to an exhibit at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington.

Speculation about the markings ranges from the theory that they were symbols to appease the god of rain, to a suggestion that the straight lines were an

airstrip where space travellers landed in ancient times.

The space theory was advanced by Erich von Daniken in his popular 1968 book *Chariots of the Gods?* But Miss Bridges is inclined to rule this out in favour of a religious motive.

The outlines of humming birds, monkeys and other bird and animal shapes are not visible at ground level and were not spotted until 1926, when Peruvian archaeologists found them.

"It was a kind of cosmic feeling seeing those lines," Miss Bridges said. "I felt they were made for someone greater to see — a god or whatever, but they were addressed to someone beyond themselves."

Asked about the space astronaut theory, she said: "I feel we do not give primitive man enough credit for doing these things for his own reasons. We tend to look for answers in extra-terrestrial beings when we

do not have the answers ourselves."

Other students of the markings believe they were made between 1000 BC and 1000 AD, before the time of the Inca empire.

Spending thousands of dollars of her own money to hire small planes for aerial filming, Miss Bridges quickly learned the angles and the best time of day for getting clear pictures of the shallow markings.

Miss Bridges has devoted much of her time recently to photographing the markings and mounds of ancient civilisations in the United States, many of them like the Nazca lines, and done at about the same time as the Peruvian markings.

She has taken pictures of lines in California's Mojave Desert, remains of pyramid-like structures in Ohio, and giant effigy shapes on the floor of forests in Iowa, which to be clearly seen had to be photographed after the leaves fell but before frost and snow covered the ground.

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The Hunt Is On

Bigfoot, or Sasquatch, may be no more than an overgrown figment of the imagination, but that has not deterred former Army Ranger Mark E. Keller. He wants to hunt down and kill one — just to settle the controversy over whether it exists.

Fortunately, when news of Keller's intention leaked out in the area of Washington State where the hunt was proposed, some people rose immediately to Bigfoot's defense.

Eric Beckjord of Seattle said a group called Citizens Against Sasquatch Shooting is forming to thwart the plans of Keller, from Arcata, Calif. Skamania County commissioners have agreed to consider an ordinance designating the county, which encompasses Mount St. Helens, as a Bigfoot refuge. That would make it a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine to kill one.

(Maybe a more appropriate tack might be that proposed by a group of Portland (Ore.)-area Sasquatch protectors, who plan to pound pots and pans as a warning device while following parties hunting the mythical creature.)

There are people who claim to have seen Bigfoot, but no one has reported any communication with the large, apelike creature. One thing seems certain: if Bigfoot exists, he must be a timid and solitary creature who shuns man. That's understandable.

While there are no recorded instances of anyone ever being harmed by Bigfoot, some people would track him down and kill him nonetheless. That's the sort of My Lai mentality that dishonors *homo sapiens* among all the species of the world — and which menaces more than legendary creatures.

Was Santorini once the Atlantis that Plato wrote about?

Erupting volcano changed face of Aegean island

By Jay Clarke
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Santorini, Greece—It is like no other island in the Aegean Sea.

Great, raw cliffs of red, black and white rise precipitously from the sea.

On a plain a few miles away, tourists explore dusty passages through a once-buried city where artistic and evocative ancient frescoes have been found.

Dark islands rise in the harbor, remnants of a cataclysmic volcanic explosion 3,500 years ago that destroyed much of the island and altered the pre-eminent Mediterranean civilization of the period.

This is the Santorini of today, a popular stop for cruise ships and an island of singular beauty and peace.

But it may have been something very different: the fabled Atlantis that Plato described in two of his dialogues.

The story has long intrigued the world. Plato told of Atlantis and its advanced civilization disappearing under the sea in a night of volcanic convulsion. Science-fiction writers and moviemakers have spun innumerable tales around it; dozens of theories have been proposed about

its possible locales. That it was a continent in the Atlantic Ocean is the most popular theory, although Atlantis also has been sited in such diverse locales as Bimini in the Bahamas and off Heligoland in the North Sea.

In recent years, however, some archaeologists have come to think that Santorini was part of Plato's Atlantis and that the legend of its subsidence into the sea stems from the mighty volcanic explosion that shattered that island about 1500 B.C.

Archaeologist A.G. Galanopoulos, who spent years excavating and researching in Santorini, thinks that the island was the "Ancient Metropolis" of Atlantis that Plato referred to and that the larger island of Crete 60 miles south sheltered the Atlantean "Royal City."

As proof, Mr. Galanopoulos offers many similarities between Plato's physical description of the Ancient Metropolis and Santorini as it existed before the cataclysm, provided you consider a significant numerical error he thinks was made in Plato's dates and dimensions.

In 1500 B.C., Santorini and Crete were part of the flourishing Minoan civilization, where rich seafarers and merchants built palaces and supported a culture sophisticated for its time.

"Atlantis and Minoan Crete then merge together into a single picture—a rich and powerful state, theoretically an ancient



theocracy under a priest-king, in actuality a prosperous haute bourgeoisie, frivolous and sophisticated, delighting in strange spectacles and daring sports, wearing clothes of fashionable elegance, using pottery of great beauty and excessive fantasy, enjoying, apparently, a freedom and equality of the sexes unusual in antiquity, a civilization entrancing, decadent, delightful—and doomed," Mr. Galanopoulos wrote.

Not all archaeologists agree with this interpretation. One who does not is the current expert on Santorini and the author of several books on the subject, Christos Doumas, a professor of archaeology at the University of Athens.

"If you accept Plato's story," Mr. Doumas said recently in his Athens office, "you have to accept all of it"—including Plato's original measures, which make Atlantis much too large to fit into the Mediterranean Sea.

Mr. Doumas thinks that Plato's story was simply a tale he wrote to expound on his ideas about city-states and that it had only "a core of truth" in it. Nothing discovered so far on Santorini suggests it was the center of a

mighty society.

In any case, scientists do agree that about 1500 B.C., the Santorini volcano began a series of eruptions that culminated with an enormous explosion when sea water entered the volcano's emptied magma chamber, turned into superheated steam and blew the mountain apart.

"There cannot be a shadow of doubt that the Santorini eruption was truly prodigious in scale," Mr. Galanopoulos said. Ash and pumice buried the towns on Santorini and covered the Aegean Sea for miles around. Seismic sea waves (tsunamis), the scientists say, wrecked the ships and ports of Crete and other Aegean islands, signaling the decline of the Minoan (Atlantean) civilization.

The same eruption and tsunamis, Mr. Galanopoulos thinks, were responsible for the biblical plagues of Egypt ("the waters that turned to blood," he says, were the red rain created when the red pumice of Santorini was pulverized, sent high into the atmosphere and returned to Earth with the rain) and for the miraculous parting of the waters for the Israelites during their exodus from Egypt. (Tsunami waves, when they approach land, typically result in a sudden and extensive withdrawal of water before the destructive high waves strike.)

The debate over Atlantis continues, but even if it didn't, Santorini still would be one of the most interesting and unusual islands in the Aegean Sea.

That an awesome cataclysm destroyed much of Santorini is evident even to the untrained eye. The fragmented island is obviously what remains of a volcanic mountain.

The broken edge of this volcano, its precipitous face colored with layers of red, black and white rock, stands silently above its water-filled caldera, so deep (more than 1,000 feet) that cruise ships cannot anchor there. They tie up to a large, specially made buoy.

High above the cruise-ship anchorage, the whitewashed chief city of Fira covers the cliff edge like cake frosting. When a cruise ship is in port, its narrow, pedestrian-only main street is crowded with tourists poking into its shops, pausing for refreshment at an outdoor terrace overlooking the sea or jockeying for camera angles.

From this perch 1,200 feet above the sea, you get an eagle's-eye view that can keep you spell-bound for hours. There is the always-pleasant aspect of white homes and churches silhouetted against the blue sky and distant purple cliffs. The rocks are bathed in flaming color and rays of gold as the setting sun flickers over silent islands in the huge harbor.

Strolling on the staircase-road through town is an adventure. Small shops, restaurants and boutiques line the street, which is touristy, but other side passages twist into less-traveled areas.

Until fairly recently, the only way to reach Fira from the port below was by riding a donkey up a zigzagging staircase-road that hugged the cliff and petrified many a tourist. Now you can ride a new cable car (fare: 180 drach-

mas, or about \$1.80).

Although Fira is the popular spot for cruise-ship visitors, many overnight tourists go to Oia at the tip of the island. Once the commercial center of Santorini, this is another white city astride a steep cliff. Twisting staircase streets wind down to two beaches, and each step is numbered, probably so that when you are gasping for breath on the way back up, you'll know exactly how much longer you have to suffer.

Oia also has a new and attractive type of tourist accommodation. The Greek government has renovated about 20 homes in this city—some as much as 300 years old—and offers them as rentals to tourists. Each is different, with typically curved roofs and odd-shaped rooms, but all are newly equipped with stove, refrigerator, kitchen utensils and bathroom. Rentals are reasonable; many go for \$20 or so a night.

For information, contact the Greek National Tourist Organization, 645 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.

NEWS TRIBUNE, Tacoma, WA

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Bigfoot stomps onto endangered species list

Slaying the creature may gain you fame, but you'll be afool of the law in Skamania County

STEVENSON, Skamania County (AP) — Bigfoot, the ape-like creature that legend says roams the forests of the Pacific Northwest, is now the sole creature on the endangered species list of Skamania County.

The three commissioners of the largely rural south Washington county voted this week to make it a misdemeanor to kill Bigfoot in the county.

Killing a Bigfoot — or Sasquatch, as the animal also is known — in Skamania County will be a crime punishable by up to one

year in jail and a \$5,000 fine under an ordinance passed unanimously by the three commissioners.

The commissioners did not try to prove or disprove Bigfoot's existence. But they listened about their own experiences with the legendary beast.

The ordinance was sparked by reports that a group led by Mark E. Keller of Arcata, Calif., plans to mount a hunt at an undisclosed location this spring to prove the creature's exist.

The thought of hunters stalking Bigfoot with high-powered rifles in parts of Skamania County frightened by campers and hikers worried Robert Leick, the county prosecutor, and Roy Craft, editor emeritus of the Skamania County Pioneer newspaper.

Leick and Craft wrote the Bigfoot ordinance, which actually is a revision of an ordinance approved in 1969. That ordinance made it a felony to kill a Bigfoot in Skamania County, but Leick decided the ordinance probably was illegal. The crime more properly

would be a misdemeanor, he said.

If anyone kills a Bigfoot in Skamania County, Leick — who doubles as county coroner — is empowered by the ordinance to examine the remains. If he determines the creature is humanoid, the killer could be charged with murder.

Datus Perry of Carson said he has seen giant apes in Skamania County and in California, but declined to reveal specific locations for fear someone might go there and stalk the creatures.

GLOBE, Boston, MA - April 16, 1984

Creature sighting

The Moke-Membe, a huge dinosaur-like animal long reported by natives to be living in the swamps of the People's Republic of the Congo, has now been seen for the first time by a trained biologist, according to a report in the newsletter of the International Society of Cryptozoology.

Marcelin Agnagna, a mammalogist at the Brazzaville Zoo, was the leader of a 45-day expedition last summer to search for evidence of the reported sauropod in the remote Likouala swamps. "I saw the animal," he declares firmly, describing it as having a long neck, small head and large back. Though its body was underwater, Agnagna estimates that the visible part of the animal was 15 feet long.

In the excitement of the moment, Agnagna forgot to remove his camera's lens cap, so he has no proof of the discovery. But he says: "I am not going to let it end like this. A return must be made ... to get the needed proof."

CR: B. Greenwood

SUN, Vancouver, B.C., Canada - Feb. 27, 1984

That big boom a big mystery

It was one big boom, but nobody knows what caused it.

"It's a lovely little mystery at this time," a Vancouver police officer said. "We couldn't find out what caused it."

Telephone calls from puzzled Lower Mainland residents poured into several area police stations about 9 p.m. Sunday. They all wanted to know what caused the loud noise.

"We checked the military about a possible sonic boom and B.C. Hydro in case a gas explosion had occurred. We even phoned Washington state to check if Mount St. Helens had erupted again," the officer said.

An RCMP officer in Richmond said he had no idea what caused the noise. "We checked and couldn't come up with an answer."

Burnaby RCMP's investigation of the noise calls produced the same result. "We couldn't pin down anything," an officer said.

The weather office at Vancouver International Airport could offer no explanation. "We have no idea what caused it. There was no thunder we know about," a spokesman said.

CR: G. Conway



Jon Erik Beckjord must pay \$65,000

Court orders Big Foot 'expert' to return money

by Dave Birkland
Times staff reporter

A crimp has been put in the adventuring of Seattle's Jon Erik Beckjord, a self-proclaimed Big Foot expert and hunter of the elusive hairy creature.

A King County Superior Court commissioner has ruled that Beckjord must pay a Seattle woman \$65,000 she says she invested in a Big Foot film that Beckjord was supposed to produce. The film has not been made.

The woman, Anya Lincoln, based her lawsuit on a contract she made with Beckjord in 1982. The contract said that for a share of the profits, Lincoln would help finance the Beckjord film for "television and theatrical release."

But in her claim against Beckjord, Lincoln said the promised film was both a "fraudulent and hopeless venture" and that Beckjord had made "intentional, false representations concerning his ability to produce and market the Big Foot film."

The judgment was issued by default because Beckjord did not respond to the lawsuit.

For his part, Beckjord said he was "bemused" by the judgment against him and claimed that the lawsuit resulted because of a "love affair" between the two that he called off.

"Hell hath no fury like that of a woman scorned," he added.

Lincoln's attorney, Robert Dawson, rejected Beckjord's contention that the lawsuit was the result of a broken love affair.

Lincoln said last night that she would have no comment on the lawsuit or the judgment.

Beckjord said he met Lincoln several years ago and she has traveled with him as an assistant on many trips to do research on Big Foot. He said she accompanied him to Scotland last year where he used time-lapse videotape equipment to attempt to photograph the Loch Ness monster.

Beckjord said he intends to produce a Big Foot film which he has entitled the "Big Foot Solution." He said the film, which is intended for television, should be completed in early 1986.

"I'm not wealthy," Beckjord said, adding that he has no intention of making any payments on the judgment until the film is completed.

In a press release delivered to The Times yesterday, Beckjord said he did not bother to defend himself against the lawsuit because he had no money for an attorney and that he "did not want to dignify the case by fighting it."

JOURNAL, Albuquerque, NM - April 3, 1984 CR: F. Hudson

Does Tahoe Hide a Monster?

Reports Persist of American 'Nessie' Lurking in the Lake

By GEOFF DORNAN
United Press International

TAHOE CITY, Calif. — Lake Tahoe seems like a vacationer's paradise — except for the man-eating creature that myth says could lurk beneath its crystal clear and vastly deep water.

There are those who claim the lake has its own answer to Scotland's Loch Ness monster, and fear of "what's down there" is part of Tahoe's folklore.

Some strange sightings have been reported on the lake, right up to the 1980s.

But, as with "Nessie," scientists have been unable to find any evidence to back the legend.

One reason for the stories may be Tahoe's depth. As far as could be determined 100 years ago, Tahoe had no bottom.

Less than a decade ago, scientists used sonar to find the bottom of the 22-by-12-mile lake. At an average depth of 989 feet and reaching 1,645 feet at one point, it is one of the deepest lakes in North America.

The Washoe Indians, Tahoe residents for thousands of years, warned early settlers not to venture too far from shore because of the monster waiting to prey on the unwary.

Indian legend described a large animal with a lizard-like head and long neck. The legends say the creature made lunch out of those who went too far out onto Tahoe.

The settlers soon began to add their own tales of strange, huge forms swimming in the lake. The stories gained credibility because so few of Tahoe's drowning victims were ever found.

Scientists say that is because the lake's unusually cold water retards the decomposition that causes a body to float in most lakes.

The tales come not just from oldtimers. Even today, with the lake one of the most popular vacation spots in the West, the Coast Guard still gets an occasional monster report.

In June 1982, waterskier Kris Beebe saw something black, slimy and huge swim past as he waited for his partner to turn the boat around. Jerry Jones saw it, too, from the boat.

"We didn't just think we saw it: we saw it," Beebe said. "It wasn't threatening us. It was just gliding right past."

"We checked into everything — divers, subs, everything — and we're convinced it was some very, very large creature."

Both men were police officers. Neither man had been drinking.

It was not the first such report.

Former Tahoe Coast Guard chief Don Anderson said there have been many sightings of "creatures," but he believes most were wind-created patterns that seem to glide across the lake.

But Beebe and Jones were only 25 feet from whatever they saw.

Last year, two nuns told Coast Guard officials they saw a monster-fish in Lake Tahoe. Boatswain's Mate James Cavin said it turned out to be a piece of plastic drainage pipe that had floated away from the Tahoe City Public Utility District plant. Even after officials showed them the pipe, the nuns were unconvinced.

"The University of California-Davis had a submarine down in here in '79 and they didn't see anything," Cavin said. "Of course, I imagine a monster would stay away from a sub. You never know what's down there. It's a really deep lake and there are crevices at the bottom that could hide things."

Reno restaurateur Miguel Ribera offered another explanation. He said he and his wife saw what appeared to be a 25-foot snake-like animal while boating at Pyramid Lake 50 miles northeast of Tahoe in the 1960s. On closer examination, Ribera said it turned out to be a school of minnows banded together in an apparent attempt to discourage attacks by larger fish.

Bill Bechdolt of Tahoe City, a lifelong resident of the Tahoe Basin, says perhaps Beebe and

Jones saw "Herther, the big fish in Tahoe."

Bechdolt said several fishermen have claimed over the years to have hooked a fish so large it broke the strongest lines or ripped rod and reel from the mounts on the stern of the boat.

"The one guy who claims he saw it claims it's about 16 feet long," Bechdolt said.

Scientists say Tahoe's largest known denizens are Mackinaw, a variety of lake trout known to surpass 60 pounds. Several scuba divers have claimed they saw "macksies" more than 6 feet long.

Tiny invertebrates such as the Lake Stonefly and Scud live in the lake's depths. But some fishermen say there must be something else down there. There are reliable reports of trophy-sized Mackinaw bitten in half by a foot-wide set of jaws as the fish was reeled in.

John Rousch, in his book, "Successfully Fishing Tahoe," theorized that the monster fish could be sturgeon, gar or muskellunge accidentally planted with lake trout at the turn of the century. Maybe that would explain "Herther."

He speculated the teeth marks could be from a muskie, a huge variety of pike and a voracious predator. But, he wrote, some believe the monsters are descendants of prehistoric Ichtheosaurs that lived in Lake Lahontan, the ancient inland sea that once covered much of Nevada.

Evidence of what those creatures were like can be seen at a state park outside of Berlin, where skeletons of Ichtheosaurs with jaws six feet long and bodies upwards of 60 feet are on display.

"It seems the more you know about the water, the less mysteries you see," Cavin said. But he pointed out that with Tahoe's depth and size there's plenty of room for the unknown.

"The Abominable Snowman — I haven't seen him either," said Bechdolt. "But everybody would like to know what's down there."

Evidence of Bolts Far Underground Puzzles Soviets

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet scientists weren't about to buy the local legend that a piece of the sun fell near the town of Ukhta, but how were they to explain those perplexing rock markings, hexagonally shaped imprints 760 yards below the Earth's surface?

Some people said the markings were evidence that an alien spacecraft had once landed in the area. The Paleontology Institute of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, also, concluded the markings were not a result of natural processes.

Stumped, scientists called in researchers from the country's top criminology institute.

"The criminologists quickly discovered that the traces had been left by the head of a bolt currently in use," Tass reported. "The examination revealed that the digits 8 and 4 had been pressed on the imprints."

As to how the bolts reached such depths, there was no explanation.

Experts link pyramid gas, sealed rooms

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Hidden chambers beneath the main burial room in the 4,600-year-old pyramid of Pharaoh Chephren could account for the mysterious gas that forced officials to close the monument to tourists, researchers said Wednesday.

Lambert Dolphin, senior research physicist for SRI International in Menlo Park, said 1976 seismic studies of the pyramid indicated the presence of chambers some 63 feet and 99 feet beneath Belzoni's Chamber, the main burial room.

"There's a strong possibility the gas is coming from those chambers," Dolphin said.

He said although the seismic soundings could not locate the entrance, "our research at the time looking horizontally through the walls of Belzoni's Chamber showed what appeared to be additional chambers or passages in the bedrock to either side. The entrance might be under the floor, covered by a stone, or from the outside of the pyramid," he said.

Dolphin said seismic signals can be difficult to interpret. The ones taken from the pyramid in 1976 might be age cracks in the bedrock, for example; however, researchers are "80 percent" sure that they are unexplored chambers.

STAR, Indianapolis, IN - March 25, 1984 CR: C. Jones

Meteor's acids indicate life on other planets

Peking (UPI) — Scientists have discovered amino acids from a meteor that struck China last year that indicate the existence of life on other planets, a news report said Saturday.

Amino acids are a basic component of protein and nucleic acid, the fundamental elements of living organisms.

The official Xinhua News Agency said a meteorite estimated between 19 and 23 inches in diameter fell on the city of Wuxi in east China last April 11.

Ice from the meteor melted before scientists could preserve it, but

a retired worker in the area saved some of the remaining water for analysis.

Scientists discovered amino acid compounds, which "indicated that life could exist on other planets if conditions were favorable," Xinhua said.

They also said the existence of water to form the ice was another indication that life on Earth may have originated elsewhere in the universe.

The water had a greater density and higher mineral content than found in ice on Earth.

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FIRST SIGNS OF SPRING

Warmer rain and
sasquatch hunts

Don Hannula/Times Editorial Writer

AMONG the surest signs of spring in the Northwest are warmer rain, the rebirth of baseball between showers, and — most significantly — the opening of the sasquatch season.

This year, the season has opened with a bang. Mark E. Keller of Arcata, Calif., says he's going to head up this way in a couple of months and try to kill one.

Hey, wait a minute! Isn't that going too far? A carcass in hand, according to Keller, is the only thing that will prove the existence of the legendary giant, manlike ape that hundreds have reported seeing over the past century.

So, unlike the usual spring announcements of another photographic hunt, Keller says he intends to stalk the sasquatch with a .338 Winchester magnum rifle equipped with a Smith & Wesson MK 700 Starton night-vision telescopic sight. Sasquatches are suspected of roaming more freely at night. He will shoot to kill, contending that tranquilizer darts are not feasible.

What might have been just another sasquatch hunt has turned into a morality play. Suddenly, even people who don't believe in sasquatches find themselves saying: "It is wrong to shoot them." Of course it is, even if there aren't any. They have been portrayed as benign creatures that just want to be left alone.

The Skamania County commissioners recognized that 15 years ago. They passed an ordinance making the killing of a sasquatch a felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine.

Life, sometimes, is not all that serious in Skamania County. It should be noted that the ordinance was passed on April Fools' Day of 1969. Roy Craft, former publisher of The Skamania County Pioneer and onetime press agent for Marilyn Monroe, had a heavy tongue-in-cheek hand in that first ordinance.

So some are saying that Keller and his two California hunting companions had better stay out of Skamania County during their planned five-month expedition. Keller says he's not headed for Skamania County or its famed Ape Caves near Mount St. Helens. Legend has it that the place once crawled with sasquatches or, as some would say, bigfeet. The latter is from reported footprints of size 18 tootsies attached to 8-to-9-foot tall upright bodies.

Nevertheless, Skamania County officials have taken note of Keller's plans. On Monday they'll have another ordinance before them to revise the 1969 sasquatch law.

Robert Leick, longtime Skamania County prosecutor, says the county exceeded its authority in 1969 by making sasquatch killing a

felony. The new proposed ordinance would make it a gross misdemeanor if done with malice, or just a misdemeanor in the absence of malice. Conviction on the former would get an offender only up to a year in the county jail and/or a \$1,000 fine. The ordinance also would eliminate all insanity defenses for killing a sasquatch, except the long-standing M'Naghten test — knowing right from wrong. Under the ordinance, all Skamania County would become a sasquatch preserve.

I don't want to prejudice the seriousness of the new ordinance, but its presentation to the commissioners is suspiciously close to April Fools' Day. Leick pointed out that April 1 is a Sunday, and the commission doesn't meet on the Sabbath.

Some people take the search for the elusive sasquatch more seriously. Keller does. So does Grover Krantz, a Washington State University anthropology professor who is convinced of the creature's existence.

Krantz considers Keller's death mission proper. Sightings, footprint reproductions, still photographs, and even a few movies are constantly challenged as fakes. A bigfoot body would serve science, Krantz says.

What about the belief that the sasquatch is semihuman?

Even if that were the case, Krantz contends it would be immoral not to kill one. "The species may be on the verge of extinction because of the destruction of its habitat," he surmised. "If we are going to protect it, we must establish its existence. The only way to do

that is to bring in a body."

Krantz estimates there are no fewer than 200 sasquatches and no more than 2,000 in the West Coast states. How does he come up with such a census? If there were fewer than 200, Krantz explains, there would not be enough to breed and keep the species going. If there were more than 2,000, they'd be underfoot — getting hit by cars and trains.

Keller, 33, a veteran of three combat tours in Vietnam, a onetime musician (bassist) and house painter, is giving up his post-office job in Eureka for the shoestring adventure. He says his hunt will be financed almost totally from about \$7,000 in personal savings.

Keller won't be specific about where he and his two partners will hunt — only that it will be somewhere in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, or possibly British Columbia. He said he will avoid areas previously tracked in search of sasquatches.

The California hunter has hinted that if he bags a bigfoot, he might turn it over to anthropologist Krantz for research. Beyond that, Keller is not unaware that documentaries books and appearances would make him rich.

So far, a lot of hucksters and sincere people have struck it poor trying to get rich off sasquatches.

The sasquatch has become such a wonderful and mystical part of Northwest lore, I'm on its side in this one.

My advice to sasquatches — if there really are any out there — is: Head for Skamania County.

Secret of pyramid 'gas'
told: Visitor's lost Mace

CAIRO, Egypt (UPI) -- It wasn't the revenge of the mummy or any other mystical force that irritated eyes and choked several tourists at a 4,500-year-old pyramid this week.

It was just Mace, a form of tear gas commonly used to fend off attackers, a lab report concluded.

The Middle East News Agency said the Egyptian Antiquities Department's chemical laboratory speculated that a visitor accidentally dropped a container of Mace while touring the Chephren Pyramid, the second of the three pyramids of Giza.

The presence of the gas inside the pyramid's burial chamber last Monday prompted breathing problems and eye irritation among a group of Spanish tourists.

Officials closed the pyramid for an investigation and speculation ran rampant, with some observers theorizing the gas was methane leaking from cracks in bedrock underlying the structure.

But according to the Antiquities Department report, "The gas which caused cases of choking to some of the Chephren Pyramid visitors this week is the tear gas known commercially as Mace."

"This gas is used by individuals in most

European countries in aerosol containers for self-defense in the event of any assault, as it incapacitates the assailant temporarily and gives him a running nose and hard breathing temporarily," the report said.

"It is possible that a Mace container fell accidentally from a visitor," the report said.

Experts wearing gas masks searched the pyramid Tuesday and took small samples for lab analysis. The interior of the pyramid was scoured and sprayed with disinfectants.

Local newspapers said an initial investigation showed that one of the visitors brought a gas container inside the pyramid.

"The gas leaked out, either deliberately or unintentionally," the newspaper Al Ahram said.

Later, local newspapers said a sponge, from which the gas must have leaked out, was found in the burial chamber, wrapped in a handkerchief.

Instead of scaring away visitors, the incident attracted more than the usual number, especially Egyptians. Many traveled long distances in hopes of solving the mystery.

Big fury
for Bigfoot
hunter

SACRAMENTO — Mark Keller, who announced plans in March to kill a Bigfoot at an undisclosed location to prove once and for all whether it exists, has quit his job with the post office in Eureka, presumably to prepare for his expedition.

His preparations presumably began as attempts were made to head him off at the pass and amidst a fallout of calls and letters to editors of newspapers deploring his quest.

Alarmed by the plan to mount the hunt perhaps somewhere in the Northwest, commissioners in Skamania County in southern Washington State made clear to Californians they'd better not prepare to hunt there.

The commissioners voted to make

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it a misdemeanor to kill a Bigfoot.

Violators faced up to one year in jail and a \$5,000 fine. Since Bigfoot, or Sasquatch, as the apelike beasts are better known in the Northwest, has been reportedly sighted in the county, Prosecutor Robert Leick says the commissioners didn't "relish the idea of commando types coming up here and looking for Bigfoot."

The action by the board is no laughing matter to its chairman, Ed Callahan, who explained that area loggers are big, burly-types who let their hair grow and might be mistaken for Bigfoot. "We don't want anybody out there with night scopes, shooting at anything that moves," he says.

Vincent Harvier of Sacramento, executive director, Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc., wrote the editor of the Sacramento Bee that he abhors the idea of the proposed hunt.

"Many of our Indian nations have always been aware of the reality of the existence of Sasquatch and as a result of this knowledge, we have always accepted Sasquatch as our brother," he explains.

"Sasquatch is life, and our Creator the Grandfather Spirit has told us that we must respect life. In learning to respect life we are taught that certain species are here to support other life. Our ancestors understood this, so taking life needlessly was unheard of in that time..."

"If Sasquatch is killed, the person responsible will have to answer for his action somewhere on the Trail of Life..."