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## Don't panic! It was UFO

By OLGA BRISENO  
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If you're wondering if you should cash in your chips because you saw what may have been a second landing of E.T. — don't.

You're not crazy.

There really was something in the sky Sunday night.

So says Robert Gribble, a staff member of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle.

Whatever it was, he said, it was not a meteor.

"A large, fiery object started as a single object in Illinois and traveled eastward," Gribble said. "It's under investigation. It doesn't fit the pattern of a large meteor — it mainly had a horizontal flight and traveled slow. Even witnesses in the east said it went over the horizon and didn't burn out."

Calumet Region residents can't blame the sighting on Hoosier water. The object was also seen in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia.

A caller to The Times — who didn't want to be identified for fear his friends would think he was off his rocker — said he saw the UFO at about 9 p.m. Sunday.

He described it as a pinkish, rectangular-shaped, gaseous mass. The UFO had several intense lights on its body, much like headlights.

"It was moving directly away from us," he said. "We both saw it. At first it was moving slowly, curving. We were facing east, it was coming from our right. After it straightened out, it moved fast behind some trees."

The caller, who said he saw the UFO near Morocco, said it appeared to be about 10,000 feet off the ground and the size of a 747.

Cindi Earl, a radio operator for the Indiana State Police, said she not only received several calls on the sighting, she saw it herself.

"It's true — I saw it, too," she said. "I was driving home at about 9:15 p.m. or so and I was between Gary and Hammond when I saw what I thought to be a burning plane. It moved slowly and then moved quickly."

State police are referring all calls about the sighting to Porter County Police.

Although Porter County officials took several reports on the sighting, only one was filed.

PANTAGRAPH, Bloomington, IL - May 22, 1984

## Logan County residents share UFO impressions

By JOHN HAMM

Pantagraph Lincoln bureau

LOGAN COUNTY — "My kids were running through the house (Sunday night), saying 'Mom and Dad saw a UFO,'" Sandra Shellhammer said.

Mrs. Shellhammer, her husband, Dalen, and two of their three children were among a number of Logan County residents who spotted something unusual in the skies that evening.

The Shellhammer family sighted what they thought was a disabled airplane, while they were traveling from a baccalaureate service.

The sighting occurred sometime between 8:30 and 9 p.m. on a darkened Illinois blacktop, about eight miles south of Mount Pulaski.

"At first... we thought it was a plane with its landing lights on," Mrs. Shellhammer explained, but "nothing was very distinct, because of the cloud cover."

She remembered that the object had white lights, and moved in several directions before it headed toward the northeast.

Louis Volle, who lives on a farm about 10 miles northeast of the Shellhammer sighting, said that he also saw what he thought was an aircraft in trouble.

While Mrs. Shellhammer said that her sighting lasted less than 40 seconds, Volle said his lasted for more than a minute.

He reported seeing a cigar-shaped object several times larger than an airliner descend in a northeast direction. He also said that the object had what he believed "resembled headlights on a car."

Volle, who happened to be taking the garbage out, called his wife,

Becky, and his visiting mother-in-law, Ethel Buehler.

Mrs. Buehler, who is a part owner of the Chestnut Cafe, said that what she saw was "not like an airplane."

She recalled it was three to four times larger than an airliner, it had red running lights, and it was surrounded by yellow-red "sparks."

Thelma Leever was among six people who witnessed the Sunday night event as they talked together in a Beason neighbor's backyard.

"It was beautiful. Something that I've never seen before," she said; "and I'm 64 years-old."

State Trooper Tom Little spotted what he believed to be an airplane in trouble as he was driving on Illinois 10, near Beason.

He called District 9 headquarters with a request that they contact the Springfield Capitol Airport; the dispatcher reported back that an airport official said the sighting was merely of "space debris" falling in the area.

Little said he replied that some of the debris had flashing, green navigation lights.

"I've been called a goofball," Little said jokingly, as he described the ribbing he has received from fellow officers about his UFO sighting.

But he added that he knows of several officers and many citizens who have witnessed sightings that rarely get reported.

Little said that he, himself, has seen UFOs on several occasions, "But nothing like that," he said.

Little said he still believes he what he saw for about 10 seconds was really an airplane.

NEWS-TIMES, Danbury, CT - July 20, 1984 CR: H. Peatfield

## Area police get reports of UFOs

By Olivia Winslow  
News-Times staff

New York and Danbury area police departments reported getting several calls from residents last night claiming to have seen strange lights in the sky.

Police departments in Carmel, Putnam County, Bethel, Brookfield and New Fairfield said they received calls from people saying they saw patterned lights hovering in the sky between 10 and 11 p.m.

Some people claimed the lights could be from ultralight planes or military aircraft flying in formation. However, a Greenwich astronomer who studies these sightings says he is not yet ready to say that planes are the cause without further investigation.

Phillip Imbrogno said he received reports of the sightings from people in Ossining, N.Y., and South Yorktown at about 10:23 p.m. and then reports from people in the Danbury-Bethel area at about 10:25 to 10:45 p.m.

"I don't see how planes can make it from Ossining to your area (Danbury) in two to four minutes," he said.

Imbrogno said that a number of planes flying in formation have been appearing in the area recently. But he added that calls to Air Force

bases, army installations and private airports did not produce anyone claiming to have planes in these areas last night.

"It's got me puzzled," said Imbrogno, who said he has investigated such "paranormal" sightings for 15 years and in 90 percent of the cases has found "rational" explanations.

He said some of the reports he has been getting described white lights traveling in a "V" formation. Other people have reported seeing a solid white mass with something trailing behind it. Still others say the object has an orange glow around it.

"I'm not trying to say the lights were caused by extra-terrestrials," Imbrogno said. "All I can say is that it is mystifying."

"It's my opinion that something was out there and now pilots may be trying to emulate the UFO," he said. There were reports of strange lights as recently as July 12.

"If they are pilots, then without a doubt they are breaking FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) regulations," he said, adding that if this is the case, then the incidents should be investigated for that reason alone. Police said ultralight planes are not allowed to fly at night.

Anyone wishing to report a strange sighting may contact Imbrogno at P.O. Box 4218, Greenwich, Conn. 06830.

LEDGER, Hemingford, NE - June 14, 1984

## 'Bright light' UFO wakes farmer

No one likes to have something happen that is out of the ordinary, especially when that something isn't verified by an outside source.

Hence, Stanley Behm's reluctance to discuss an unusual incident that occurred at his residence 8 miles north, 4 miles east and one-quarter north of Alliance in the early morning hours Monday, June 11th.

But, according to the case report written up by Box Butte County Deputy Sheriff Jim Olson, the incident of a UFO sighting was verified by none other than the Federal Aeronautics Administration in Denver, Colorado.

The case report states that Behm and his son were awakened at 2:30 a.m. by a bright light, about 30 feet in diameter, shining on his driveway. Behm reported that the light was so intense, he couldn't look directly into it, and that the beam of light shone for approximately 20 to 30 minutes on the driveway.

He added that it appeared to come from a source about 1,000 feet in the air. He also said that he could not hear any unusual noises (such as those from a helicopter).

When contacted by the Ledger Monday morning, Behm said he was leery of discussing the matter, implying that to do so would put him in the position of seeming strange. "All I can say is I just don't know what it was, and I would rather you got your information from other sources," he asked.

In doing so, it was found that Scottsbluff Air Service reported to the Alliance Police Department that the Lusk, WY remote control radar station did have a sighting on radar, confirming Behm's testimony. The sighting was last seen Northwest of Alliance, traveling southeast toward the Alliance Airport.

Deputy Olson said he requested the APD check the airport, and no activity was reported there. Olson said he also checked to see if any of the B-52 bombing flight runs that are made in this area were scheduled for that time, but none were. He also checked with FFA officials in Denver, and received the same information about a confirmed sighting.

Apparently, the sighting is still a matter of conjecture.

# UFO Hunters

## They pack more than a picnic lunch on these outings

By ROGER HAHN  
Globe-Democrat Staff Writer

"Somebody said, 'Let's go look at the UFOs.'" Barbara Becker recalls of her initial involvement with the study of unexplainable phenomena. "I said, 'OK, let's pack a picnic lunch.'"

Her attitude today is somewhat more restrained. "I've seen some things that have scared me," she admits. "But if there was a flap (UFO-researcher talk for a burst of sightings in a specific area) tomorrow, I'd be there, no matter what."

And she'd pack more than a picnic lunch. Today, she'd bring her Nikon 35mm camera with a 400mm lens, her tape recorder, her astral charts and a defraction grating for analyzing the gaseous composition of the atmosphere, not to mention a discipline born of training and a healthy supply of skepticism.

MS. BECKER, 35, a graduate student, is one of 80 members (the group has a mailing list of more than 500) of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, which plans to hold its fourth annual buffet-banquet at 6:15 p.m. Saturday at the Heritage House Smorgasbord, 3612 S. Lindbergh Blvd. The group's intention is to present UFO research to the general public.

Ms. Becker, whose interest in UFOs dates back to a flurry of sightings in Ellsberry, Mo., during the summer of 1978, has been trained as a UFO field investigator. She has participated in more than 25 investigations. And, oddly enough,

the circumstances of her most recent investigation relate directly to the topic of research to be presented at the buffet-banquet.

The talk, by Mark Rodeghier, a research associate with the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., is on vehicle interference events, known in the trade as EM (for electromagnetic) cases. These are incidents in which there is physical evidence that a vehicle's electromagnetic function has been disturbed.

RODEGHIER WILL PRESENT two tape recordings, one made in Oregon, the other in Illinois, of purported UFO sounds, "to give the audience a flavor for the subject." He will then discuss findings from his research into vehicle intervention events, approximately 15 of which are reported each year. "The value of these cases is that they provide good evidence the UFO phenomenon is something mysterious that needs explanation," Rodeghier said.

Ms. Becker could only agree. Her most recent investigation, of an incident outside Springfield, Mo., can easily be described as baffling.

The report comes from a caretaker in his mid-30s living on a piece of land outside Springfield with his wife. He prefers to remain anonymous. The time is late evening, in April of this year. Making his usual rounds, the caretaker sees, above a stand of oak trees and some dense thicket at the edge of the property, hovering lights.

SEVERAL HEAD OF CATTLE graze on the property; there have been recent attempts at rustling. The caretaker calls his wife on the citizens band radio in his truck. She is at

their home on the property. A friend of hers is visiting. The caretaker says he is going to check out this suspicious occurrence. He drives toward the lights. He comes to the end of a dirt road in front of a deep ravine, near the spot where he saw the lights.

That is all he remembers.

There is a 10-minute gap in the report. No radio contact. Nothing. Except that, somehow, the caretaker finds himself on the other side of the normally impassable ravine.

He calls his wife for help. "Where are you?" she asks. "I don't know," he responds.

HIS TRUCK WON'T start; the lights won't work; he feels disoriented. When he finally returns to the house, his wife and her friend notice that his battery-powered watch is running 12 minutes slow. The next day, he will have to replace the alternator and the regulator in his truck. Both have been burned out.

What is the caretaker's opinion of what happened? "He doesn't have one," Ms. Becker says. "He knows something unusual happened to him, but he's not sure what."

BUT DOES SHE really believe that the caretaker's truck was lifted by extraterrestrial forces?

"All I know," she insists, "is that if something like that ever happened to me, it would scare the heck out of me. I'd forget all about this UFO business and take up something like crocheting instead."

More information on the UFO Study Group of St. Louis' fourth annual buffet-banquet may be obtained by calling Cliff Palmberg at 946-3628.

# Woman reports UFO sighting by daylight

By WILLIAM COUEY  
Daily Press Staff Writer

ADELANTO — Benicia Carlile isn't saying she believes in UFOs — but she'd sure like to know what that ... that thing was doing, hovering over her neighbor's house on Thursday.

"It looked like the tail fin of an airplane," Carlile said Friday. "It was very shiny, like chrome or polished aluminum, and it had no markings or features of any kind. As it was coming down, I thought at first it was part of a plane that had crashed and was falling out of the sky."

But instead of thudding to earth in a cloud of dust, the flying tail fin slowly descended with "a wavy motion" to soundlessly hover between Carlile and her neighbor's home — less than 100 yards away.

It all started about 11 a.m. Friday, as Carlile drove up to her residence at Cactus and Bellflower Streets in this sparsely-populated desert area 1/2 mile south of the Adelanto city limits. The incident was to last, she said, almost half an hour.

"I was about to turn into my driveway when I saw it coming more-or-less straight down out of the sky," Carlile said. "It stopped and hung in the air between me and that other house, about 30 feet off the ground."

Carlile said the smooth and silvery object looked like a large, rounded-off airplane "tail fin" (vertical stabilizer) with a very short fuselage in front. She sketched a shape that looked sort of like a fat boomerang laid on one side.

Comparing it to trees surrounding the house, she decided it must have been about 30 feet long. "It was about the size of the Goodyear sign in front of Victor Plaza — if you added a high tail fin at one end," she said.

"The weirdest thing about it was it had two bright spots, like lights or eyes, on the front of it. I don't know whether they were actually lights, or just very bright spots, but they were an intense brightness or shininess."

Wondering if it was some new kind of military helicopter, Carlile pulled part way into her driveway, shut the motor off and got out.

The object was still hanging there, and there was no sound at all from it. So she got back in and drove on up to her house, got out and climbed up on the flat roof of the home.

"I watched it for about half an hour. It moved around from between me and the house, to the north in front of the house and below the tops of the trees. Then it went around to the other side, then it came back to

its original point between me and the house again. Twice, it seemed to turn and look at me."

The two homes are about 125 yards apart.

Finally, it "turned towards me with its lights, like it was looking at me, and then it left." It slowly began moving straight up into the sky, she said, finally reaching an altitude where it was only visible when the sun occasionally twinkled off it.

"It went higher than any helicopter I ever saw, then it disappeared."

Whenever the object changed position, and when it came down and went up, Carlile said, it moved with a "wobbling" motion, much like a top that has lost its momentum and is about to fall over.

"It fluttered, like it was falling, and when it went off it was fluttering."

Just as the object was disappearing into the sky, a neighbor living about 200 yards to the north drove up.

"I rushed over there to try to show it to her, but it was too high — unless you knew just where to look."

The neighbor, Sharon Stracner, confirmed the incident. She said she tried hard, but couldn't make anything out. "She did seem very excited," Stracner said.

Carlile said that earlier, she went to get her camera to take a picture of the object, but it was out of film. "I'm keeping film in it from now on," she said firmly.

No one was home at the house where the object was hovering, Carlile said. She said she wasn't acquainted with the resident.

Approached by a reporter Saturday, the home owner, Chuck Houghtelling, seemed a bit nonplussed about the incident.

"No, nothing around here seems out of the ordinary," Houghtelling said. "Strange things do happen in life."

Carlile said she reported the incident to George AFB officials, who told her the Air Force no longer studies such reports. They gave her the phone number of a private UFO organization in Chicago to call, the Center for UFO Studies, headed by astronomer and long-time Air Force advisor J. Allen Hynek.

Frustrated that no one seemed to share her sighting, Carlile called the Daily Press ("I feel goofy about calling you") to see if anyone else had reported it. No one had.

Does she believe in UFOs now? "Well, I never did think about it — I read about them back in the 1950s a little, but I didn't believe in outer space people. So I don't know."

"I'd just like to know what it was," she said.

NEWS, San Antonio, TX - July 9, 1984 CR: R. Heiden

# Fake claims cloud evidence of UFOs

By WILFREDO RAMIREZ

Students of UFOs closed their annual convention here convinced there is as much intelligent life outside the Earth as there are charlatans on it.

Members of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) learned that most of the photographs of reported unidentified flying objects are anything other than flying craft from outer space.

The so-called UFOlogists heard in particular about a number of specific and well-known con artists who have produced phony evidence of UFOs, including films and photographs, for monetary rewards.

But it was the real evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence that attracted some 250 people from three continents to the annual convention. The group's international headquarters are in Seguin.

During the question-and-answer period at the end of the three-day convention Sunday, one member of the audience didn't question whether aliens exist or are products of the imagination.

He wanted to know whether the panel of experts had noticed a pattern of aliens abducting or making contacts only with those humans who are non-smokers and non-drinkers.

The panelists said that question is not in the guide of the field investigators, but they might add it.

They noted, however, that most people who have had contact with aliens have experienced a drastic change in life, either becoming abstemious and vegetarian or turning alcoholics.

One woman wanted to know if the panelists had heard of aliens attempting to have sexual intercourse with humans for the sake of breeding or for the sake of rape.

Panelist J. Allen Hynek said that sort of story discredits UFOlogists and only appears in supermarket tabloids.

British author Hilary Evans did recall one sexual experience of a Catholic man who under hypnosis went through what Evans called "The most horrifying hypnosis experience I've ever witnessed."

Evans lectured on the descriptions people give of extraterrestrial beings.

Evans is a researcher of non-human entities that people claim to see, ranging from visions of the Virgin Mary and doppelgangers to Men in Black and UFO-related entities.



SKETCH OF UFO ... Glenda's encounter

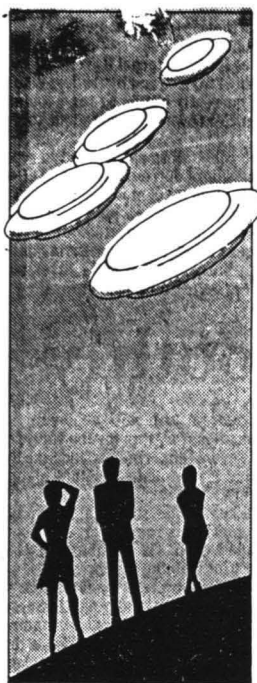
A council member of the British Society for Psychical Research, Evans is preparing a book about people who have been abducted or contacted by UFOs.

One of the cases he has investigated involves the case of a girl named Glenda Smith who encountered and described a spaceman.

From that experience, Evans said he began cataloging the characteristics that people attribute to entities.

He said he came up with a system that allows researchers to sort out real from imaginary extraterrestrial experiences.





## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS Today, June 24

Anniversary of the first reported flying saucer sighting over Mount Rainier, Washington, in 1947. About 12 UFO sightings are reported per week nationwide.

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## Strange lights still mystery to witnesses

By ERIC ALLEN  
DAILY Staff Writer

On a cool October night last year, Edaline "Bo" Glenn of the Neel community in Morgan County, saw something fly over her home.

She said she saw one the night after that, and again a third night. She has two witnesses who back up that story, Faye Jenkins and Jossie Johnson, also of Neel.

"I don't know what the thing was," Miss Glenn said. "It looked like a car in the air, with two big headlights and one little tail light. I would like to know what it was."

In Limestone County, as many as 200 people gathered in Bobby Zirbel's field on some nights to view a strange light north of Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant. Zirbel said he still cannot explain what he saw.

In October of 1983, a rash of mysterious sightings occurred in Morgan and Limestone counties, when at least 12 people openly claimed to have seen unidentified flying objects.

Today is the 37th anniversary of the first reported unidentified flying object sighting, when residents in Washington reported a flying saucer over Mount Rainier. Since then, UFO sightings have become commonplace. Many of the phenomena are never explained, and many of those who saw one still believe that what they saw cannot be explained.

"It wasn't no garbage bag," said Mrs. Jenkins.

Last year, in the midst of the sightings in Limestone County, a farmer found three garbage bags filled with helium with flashlights attached to them. Law enforcement officials used the garbage bags as an explanation for the Limestone sightings.

Mrs. Jenkins said the object she saw flew low to the ground, then climbed higher to cross a group of trees near her home.

"How would a garbage bag know to rise above those trees?" Mrs. Johnson said. "When it flew over me I could have hit it with a good long pole. Then it rose several feet to clear those trees. When people told me I had seen a garbage bag, I asked them, 'How could a garbage bag do that?'"

Mrs. Johnson said dozens of people hounded her after the reported sighting. "They told me they didn't believe in UFOs," she said. "But I

didn't say it was a UFO, I just don't know what it was."

Miss Glenn said she did not believe in UFOs before she saw the "object," and she still does not. "I don't believe in them too much, but seeing that made me feel like somebody in a foreign country might be spying on us. It made me feel like the end of time is getting near."

"I wondered a lot if I was ready to meet the Lord when he comes back. Jesus is going to come back, but I know he won't be coming back in a spaceship."

Mrs. Jenkins said she believes in UFOs and extraterrestrial life. "I truly believe there is life in these things and there is a reason they are here. I don't think they want to harm us. They just want to help us from hurting ourselves."

Mrs. Jenkins bases her convictions on books and articles written by psychics and investigators of unnatural occurrences. "I have been collecting this stuff for years," she said. "I was a UFO fanatic before I ever saw the UFO."

The three women's stories are almost identical. All say the object had two large headlights, at least one tail light, and a blue light in the center of a color that none of them could explain. "It was the most beautiful thing I have ever seen," Mrs. Jenkins said. "We have no color like that on earth. I can't describe it."

They said the object made a low humming sound, "like a refrigerator motor," and passed over slowly once before coming back across at higher speed.

Mrs. Johnson claims she saw two in one night about 15 minutes apart. She said they flew right above the house, then one headed south and the other went east.

"I would go for a ride with them if I knew they wouldn't hurt me," Mrs. Johnson said. "My daughter-in-law almost killed me when I jumped out under that one that night. I just wish they would come back so we could get another look at them."

In Limestone County, Zirbel said the lights he saw were difficult to explain. "I really don't know what it was, but it wasn't a garbage bag with lights in it. It was brighter than that," he said.

Zirbel said he saw one light move across the trees, then turn upward and disappear. "It could make some real quick maneuvers up and down," he said.

"I don't believe in UFOs, at least not real UFOs," he said. "But what I saw wasn't an airplane. We have been seeing that thing around here for five or six years, a lot longer than just those sightings last year."

Ty Strickland and Kim Green saw a mysterious light over their car one night in October near Poplar Point in south Limestone County. The light, they said, could remain stationary and made no sound.

"I know how people got excited and exaggerated things," Strickland said, "especially after they made such a big deal up here. But I know what I saw and how I saw it. I haven't changed my mind a bit."

"People said, 'Oh, you're crazy. What were you drinking?' I don't care what they say, I believe what I saw. It made me think there might be life on other planets. It really messed with my mind."

Miss Green said she thought the light was an airplane at first, but the moves it made changed her mind. "We stopped and rolled down the windows and it wasn't making a sound," she said. "It's a strange feeling to see it, and I noticed that while it was around, no other cars came by."

She said she never thought much about UFOs before the incident, but she believes they are real now. "I'm glad that it's over," she said. "I never want to see anything like that again. I believe what we saw was not from around here."

She and Strickland both said they have seen the light again within the last two months. They said they did not report it because it was not as spectacular as last year's incident and they did not want more attention. According to Strickland, the light was the same and it moved much as before, but never got close to him.

# 'We're not alone,' says UFO center of light-sightings

By Trink Guarino  
News-Times staff

DANBURY — "We are not alone in this universe."

That is the message from the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., to local residents who reported sighting strange lights in the sky for the past two nights.

Local police said they received calls from about two dozen people who said they saw a strange ring of spotlights hovering low on the horizon. Some said they heard a humming sound. Others reported silence.

The ring is about the size of a football field and has been said to disappear suddenly then reappear in another part of the sky, according to reports.

The center is calling the reports

"one of the most significant series of UFO sightings in recent history."

More than 500 similar cases in Fairfield County and in New York's Putnam, Westchester and Dutchess counties have been reported in the past year, said Dr. J. Allen Hynek, center director.

About 100 sightings were reported in the last few weeks, said Phillip Imbrogno, an astronomer assigned to the center's investigation.

Imbrogno, who lives in Greenwich, is convinced by the qualifications of people who have seen the lights, and by the number of similar reports, that the lights do not come from balloons or ultra-lights, which are glider-like planes with motors.

"On the dates that most of the sightings were reported, wind velocity was too great to allow for an ultra-light. In addition, the formation and distance covered by the lights rules out the possibility of them coming from an ultra light, which cannot fly in formation and which has only a very limited range," Imbrogno said. He is an astronomer and science teacher at a high school in White Plains, N.Y.

Because of the number of reports from qualified people, Imbrogno is convinced "we are dealing with a genuine UFO," he said. He has interviewed more than 300 people, and said the Federal Aviation Administration and U.S. Air Force are conducting similar investigations.

"The people we have interviewed have Ph.Ds in physics. They are doctors, lawyers, scientists, pilots, people who would not mistake what they have seen," Imbrogno said.

Hynek agrees. A science consultant for the U.S. Air Force for 18 years, Hynek founded the center in 1973. He publishes a bimonthly UFO Reporter for which individual sightings are thoroughly investigated.

"The descriptions are truly bizarre," Hynek said. "These people all describe a circle, triangle or boomerang-type shape. They all hear a faint hum. And the credentials of some of the people who have made the reports are impeccable."

Hynek said among those reporting a sighting were the chief meteorologist at Westchester County Airport.

"He said what he saw looked like a ship docking at its berth. It was absolutely incredible," Hynek said.

Imbrogno said he has three theories about what the lights could be.

"Either this is some kind of secret government experiment, it's a UFO or it's some kind of elaborate hoax. If it's a hoax, I take my hat off to whoever is perpetrating it because he is fooling some of the best."

Imbrogno plans to continue his investigation, he said. "I am convinced that we are dealing with something totally unknown. The evidence including hundreds of maps, computer printouts and interviews is just too overwhelming to dismiss. I just can't believe so many people would be so wrong."

He is asking that anyone who sights the lights report their findings to him by calling 1-384-9656.

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## Ranger says smoke, glow may have come from meteor

EUREKA, Calif. (AP) — A puff of brown smoke and a brilliant silver glow that lit up the sky over a 200-acre area in northern California and southern Oregon might have been a meteor breaking up, a park ranger says.

"In my entire life I've never seen anything like it," said John Melvin, 38, a ranger at Prairie Creek State Park, after the sighting on Friday afternoon. "I know it wasn't a UFO. If it was anything not natural, it could have been some spacecraft debris."

Dozens of people called authorities and radio stations from as far away as Medford, Ore., 80 miles northeast of Prairie Creek, and Redding, 120 miles southeast of the park near the coast.

Melvin's said the 2:50 p.m. sighting lasted less than 10 seconds, and the object could have been 50 miles from him and about 5,000 feet high.

"It was real hard to tell how far away and how high it was," Melvin said. "It started to dissipate about treetop level and I couldn't see it after it went over the redwoods."

Melvin spotted the object while driving in his patrol car and notified other rangers to search for possible debris that could cause a fire.

"I don't know how big it was but it had to be pretty large to pass through the atmosphere," he said. "I don't think we'll be able to find any pieces of meteorites, but it would be great if we did. It'd be sort of nice to have a chunk of something from outer space."

A Coast Guard helicopter pilot flying near Eureka, 270 miles north of San Francisco, also saw the phenomenon but said he

thought it was going up, instead of down.

The Coast Guard pilot, Gilbert Sena, said he was flying at about 1,500 feet and the object appeared to be at least 7,000 feet above sea level. He said it was moving in an upward motion, like an artillery shell.

An official at Vandenberg Air Force Base, 270 miles south of San Francisco, said he was unaware of any military activity off the California coast that might explain the aerial sightings.

An Federal Aviation Administration official in Fremont said was aware of reports of the bright flash, but had no explanation for it.



Staff illustration by Ray Brown

# UFO's

## Hiding in space or gone for good?

By Mike Bolton  
News correspondent

TUSCALOOSA — Where have all the UFOs gone?

Thirty-seven years ago, the age of the unidentified flying object began for most Americans when Kenneth Arnold of Boise, Idaho, told the Air Force that nine objects which looked like "flying saucers" followed his airplane over Mount Rainer, Wash.

Although it was by no means the first, nor last, reported sighting of an unidentified object in the sky, Arnold's description introduced the term "flying saucer" to America.

The Air Force quit investigating UFO reports in 1969, but not before it examined about 12,600 cases in the United States following Arnold's sighting. More than 700 of the reported sightings were not explained by the Air Force.

Reports of flying saucers and space creatures continued to circulate through the country as late as 1977, but since then, reported sightings have become almost nil.

Have the UFOs returned to their home galaxy, or was UFO sighting just a fad that outlived its time?

"UFO sightings have died down considerably," said Edward J. Planz, the director for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) in Alabama. "Why? I don't know. . . . The sightings now are minute."

MUFON was established to take over the investigation of UFOs where the Air Force left off, Planz explained.

PLANZ AND others around the state, under the direction of MUFON, investigate UFO sightings and forward information to the national network.

Planz, an associate professor and counselor for undergraduate engineering students at the University of Alabama, chases the UFO reports during his spare time. He also has taught classes on the subject.

Is he a believer?

"I've never seen a UFO," Planz said. "At times I wish I had. I do believe that we are rather reluctant to even admit such things are possible."

"When you look at this thing, there are two ways you can turn. You can negate the whole field entirely, or you can say that there is a possibility."

"We have to be careful when we talk about our galaxy and our solar system. Maybe there are other planets in our galaxy that are inhabited. It's very possible with the sun the way it is and the conditions that exist."

Obviously, not everyone shares his enthusiasm about UFOs, including the U.S. Air Force.

AFTER ARNOLD'S 1947 sighting, the Air Force began a study called *Project Blue Book*. Wrapping up the study in 1969, the Air Force concluded:

- No UFO reported, investigated and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of any threat to our national security.

- There has been no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as "unidentified" are extraterrestrial vehicles.

Planz said UFO reportings continued steadily after the closing of *Project Blue Book*, then almost stopped around 1977.

"There really hasn't been anything major since the Pascagoula incident," Planz said.

On the night of Oct. 11, 1973, Charles Hickson, 45, and Calvin Parker, 19, said they were fishing from a pier on the Mississippi River in Pascagoula when they noticed a luminous, saucer-shaped craft approaching them.

The men said the blue-gray object, some 8 feet in diameter, made a whirring noise and landed 40 feet from the pier. They said three pale, fuzzy creatures, about 5 feet tall, floated from the craft.

Parker told authorities he fainted immediately. Hickson said he was carried in a weightless condition to the craft, examined by two creatures who treated him very gently, and released.

THEIR STORY might have been laughed at and forgotten. But the men told exact stories to a sheriff and a deputy in separate rooms and on separate tape recorders. And Pascagoula resident Larry Booth, a former Air Force pilot who did not know of the two men, had called in a report of a UFO in the area at the time the incident was said to have happened.

Dr. James Harder, a professor of engineering at the University of California and an accomplished hypnotist, and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who had headed up *Project Blue Book*, went to Mississippi to investigate.

The two men who said they had seen the UFO were hypnotized, but Hickson's terror and fear was so great, he had to be brought out immediately, Harder said.

Harder concluded both men's experiences were real and their reactions virtually impossible to simulate while they were under hypnosis.

Hynek concluded that Hickson and Parker "are not unbalanced people. They're not crackpots. I'd like to have a little more physical evidence, but I am satisfied with the reality of their experience."

UFO REPORTS in the Pascagoula area continued for years after that, but most people scoffed it off as a hoax, newspaper accounts said.

Planz said proven hoaxes involving UFOs and alien beings have given the business of UFO investigation a black eye. He noted that one of the most elaborate hoaxes happened in Alabama.

Jeff Greenhaw, a policeman in the Falkville community near Hartselle, was dispatched to investigate a report of a glowing object on the outskirts of his town in October 1973.

Greenhaw went to the area alone. While patrolling a dirt road on foot in search for the light, he encountered a "space creature."

Remembering he had a Polaroid camera in his car, he went back for it, then reapproached the "creature" and took pictures. The pictures, showing a man-like creature in an aluminum-colored suit, hit newspapers across the state and even made *The New York Times*.

But a year later, extensive computer-testing of the photographs showed the "creature" had the exact proportions of a human, with aluminum foil covering the buttons and zippers of his suit made of fire-resistant materials. The report of the incident, in the files of MUFON, conclude that the pictures represent a humorous attempt at hoaxing a space creature.

Other Alabama incidents on file at MUFON are not easily explained. Many of those who have seen UFOs got the scare of their lives and would like their experience to be forgotten.

Lisa Campbell was 17 when a UFO allegedly visited the Hayden Mountain community the night of Sept. 11, 1977. Mrs. Campbell, who now lives in Warrior, says she will never forget it.

She and Larry Phillips were at her mother's house when they noticed a bright light shining through a window. They went outside and saw a bluish-gray object hovering over the mountains with no sound. They decided to alert their neighbors, Terry and Teresa White, who were in their front yard watching the object when Lisa and Larry arrived. The Whites had contacted police.

A state trooper who had heard the report arrived and he, too, watched.

THE GROUP saw a second craft come out from the mountains in the north and get in a vertical line with the other. The second craft stayed a few seconds, White remembers, and flew off toward the south. The group watched the remaining craft for about five minutes before it left.

"We were stunned, as you can imagine," Mrs. Campbell said. "We went home and all of a sudden we had a cousin to come flying in the door telling us he had seen a flying saucer."

"I didn't really believe in flying saucers before then, but now I know

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they're here. People have tried to explain what we saw as a lot of things, but I know what we saw that night. I saw it. Don't tell me it was anything but what I saw."

A Moundville resident reluctantly reported his story of a 1976 UFO sighting to MUFON, but asked that his name not be used. He says he has never even told his friends.

"This is a small town and people will think you are a kook," he said.

He said "a light kept appearing in the sky around here and just about everybody noticed it.

"I had bought me a new truck and put me a CB in it. I didn't hook the radio up for about a month, but when I did, I noticed this light would follow me whenever I turned the radio on."

One night, he said, he and his wife noticed the object pacing the truck, about 2,000 feet high. "We drove the truck down the road a bit and pulled off on the shoulder in a pine thicket so we could get a better look.

"When we did that, the object came down very rapidly... It was at least 100 feet across and it was putting out a brilliant light..."

"We were in a state of panic... It was so bright I could hardly see my wife next to me.

"We left and the craft continued to follow us. I went to my father-in-law's house and he came out and saw it... We watched it awhile and it finally seemed to plunge down behind the trees in the river behind us."

The man who saw it says he wishes he hadn't. He has suffered two heart attacks and a stroke in the seven years since the incident, he says, and he added that he felt the scare he received that night was part of the reason.

"I never believed any of that flying saucer stuff," he said. "I always just laughed it off.

"I've been down to the place where that happened that night and everything around there is dead. Everything is brown. Whatever it was killed everything."

Another sighting from the same night in Moundville is on file with MUFON.

Planz says the lack of recent UFO sightings is a mystery, but adds that his group is ready to investigate should they occur.

Some, like a special few in Warrior and Moundville, believe we haven't heard the last.

## Students debate existence of UFOs

By BEVERLY WELCH  
Democrat Staff Writer

FARMINGTON — "UFOs: Fact or Fiction?" is the question with which students of Main Street Junior High's Enrichment Program have grappled since September.

With the help of their advisor, Sue Cantin, ten boys and girls have spent the school year doing research on space theory, UFOs (unidentified flying objects) and related phenomena to determine whether they really exist. The purpose of the project is to

teach the students objective research techniques by encouraging them to find answers to problems which interest them.

The culmination of the year-long project was an interview with Betty Hill of Portsmouth, who spoke to the students about her experiences aboard a UFO.

According to Mrs. Hill, she and her husband Barney were kidnapped, examined and then released by a group of 11 aliens aboard a space ship which had landed along a highway in the White Mountains in 1961.

Their experiences were the subject of a book entitled, *The Interrupted Journey*, and a 1975 made-for-television movie.

Following a question and answer period, the group performed a skit written by student Karla Parshley. The skit, titled "UFO or UFO?" (identified flying object) presented the opposing view.

Both the skit and the interview with Mrs. Hill were videotaped. The tape will be presented to the other classes at Main Street Junior High and students will debate the existence of UFOs.

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# UFO coverup growing, book claims

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Independent researchers claim in a new book that the government has engaged in a coverup of UFO sightings, including one at a NATO installation in England.

The book "Clear Intent" by Lawrence Fawcett and Barry J. Greenwood says the Air Force, CIA and other government agencies are investigating UFO sightings in military or security areas with incidents occurring at a NATO installation in England and another in the United States as recently as 1980.

The authors, who have been involved in UFO research for 20 years, confess they don't know what they are or where they come from but demand, "What does the government know about UFOs and why won't it tell us?"

"Our main drive is to get a congressional hearing, open to the public," said Fawcett in an interview last week in Washington, where he was on a promotion tour for his book. "This is not an anti-American movement. We feel the people of the United States have been lied to for 30 years and it's time for the secrecy and coverups to end. Let's get this thing on the table. We have a right to know."

Fawcett, 45, a detective from Coventry, Conn., is a member of the National Board of Directors of the Center for UFO Studies.

He and colleagues have collected under the Freedom of Information Act and other sources thousands of pages

of previously classified information on UFO's.

The Air Force until 1969 investigated all UFO sightings under a project called Blue Book, which was discontinued in 1969.

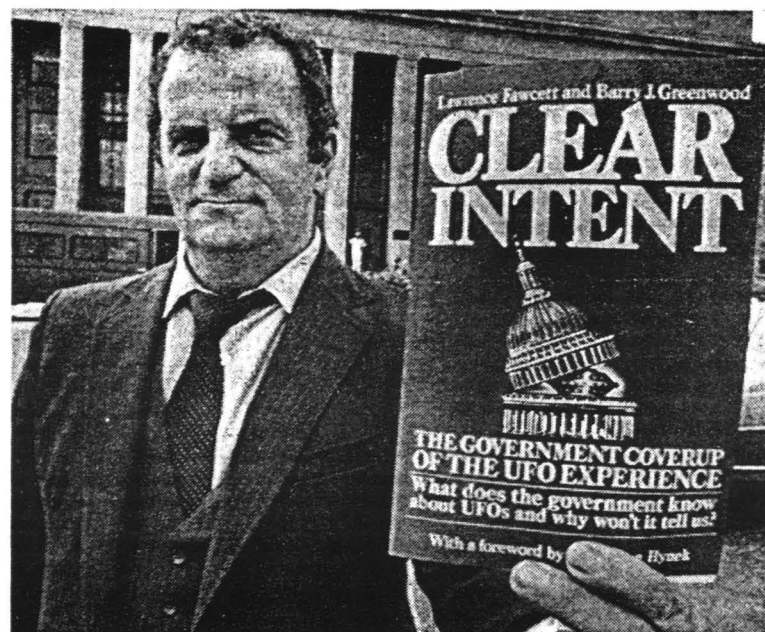
An Air Force spokesman said Blue Book was terminated "because there was no reason for the Air Force to pursue as there was no threat to national security. All Blue Book records were moved to the National Archives for anyone's inspection."

Fawcett said "there have been a series of sightings in Westchester County, N.Y. right now, where credible people, are seeing something nightly. We understand that (U.S. Air Force) aircraft are pursuing these things."

He said "we now have military people coming forward who told us of a UFO incident, one in England in the fall of 1980 where a UFO landed right outside our NATO base."

He identified the base as RAF Woodbridge where, he said, "for four days running, there were landings of what the guards described as misshaped articles within confines where were stored nuclear materials."

"To me, it sounded outlandish, about a machine landing, surrounded, pictures taken. I filed an FOA request and got the response that it did not happen. Our researchers found that something occurred, something landed, there were marks, some radiation, and so on."



Researcher Lawrence Fawcett holds a copy of his book, which he claims documents a massive coverup over the last 30 years of UFO sightings, particularly near government military installations.

# UFO CRASH REPORTED BY PROBER

By MATT CARROLL

RAY FOWLER isn't sure why UFOs keep zipping in from the great beyond to check out the latest Earth fads, but it might just be simple curiosity. "They just might be wondering about us," Ray Fowler says.

Fowler, 50, is not a red-neck yahoo mouthing gibberish about green monsters from Mars ready to waste Tokyo with death rays.

He's an intense, quiet man, a senior planner for GTE Sylvania in Billerica, who has worked on the MX missile system. But his passion is UFOs — Unidentified Flying Objects. He's written four books and given many lectures on the subject.

For him, it's not a question of whether they exist. He knows they exist and wants to prove it.

So what do these jokers want, anyway? "Maybe they're trying to figure out what makes life tick here, if they evolved differently," he says.

"There's been a number of highly reliable accounts of people reliving under hypnosis these reported or alleged abductions."

"Maybe they're monitoring us from a distance, like we study rabbits or bears. People tend to think it couldn't happen to us, but..."

The Wenham father of four is the national director of investigations for the Mutual UFO Network, an Illi-

nois-based group that probes UFO phenomena.

They'd like to probe some UFO wreckage or maybe some UFO bodies, but they've never been able to lay their hands on any. But Fowler thinks he knows who has:

The U.S. government.

Fowler claims he has talked to a man with top security clearance, now working at Sylvania, who was involved in a bizarre incident more than 20 years ago involving a crashed flying saucer and, possibly, dead aliens.

The tale begins in May 1953, while the man is working as a civilian for the Air Force at Frenchman Flats, Nev. His boss



Raymond Fowler, director of investigations for Mutual UFO Network, has written four books on subject. Staff photo by William Polo

tells the man, who is a specialist in assessing damage to crashed aircraft, to report for an assignment he is not supposed to write or talk about.

"After a plane ride to Phoenix," Fowler says, "he's loaded on a bus with blacked-out windows with a handful of other scientists. They're told they're part of a team investigating the crash of a

super-secret aircraft. "After a bus ride that lasts hours, they arrive at an area brilliantly lit by searchlights. There, partially buried in the ground, is what looks like two 30-foot cereal bowls inverted on one other, with a rim around the edge."

"Wires connected to the lights lead down through a hatch in the machine. Nearby, in a

small tent, he thought he saw small silver-clad outfits."

After his investigation, all his notes were whisked away, and that was the last he saw them. He never heard anything else about the "saucer."

Fowler has battled to pry details of the incident from the government using the

Freedom of Information Act. He hasn't had much luck.

One judge shrugged off his attempt after getting a brief from the Justice Department. Fowler got the brief under the FOI act — but it was mostly blacked out for security reasons "except for the 'ifs,' 'ands' and 'buts,'" Fowler said with a laugh.

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## N.Y. cop may have solved mystery of lights in sky

By Janet Higbie  
News-Times staff

A Dutchess County police officer on a routine patrol may have solved at least part of the mystery behind the hundreds of sightings of unidentified lights in the sky over Putnam, Westchester and Fairfield counties in the past year.

Sgt. Daniel Andriano of the East Fishkill Police Department said he has forwarded information to the Federal Aviation Administration about eight airplanes flying in a circular formation near the Putnam-Dutchess County border Tuesday night.

The information included the wing number of one of the planes — a small Cessna single-engine airplane — that landed at a private airport in Stormville.

Andriano declined to give the name of the plane's owner, saying he is unsure whether any law was violated.

"I just wish they would stop," Andriano said. "They probably think it's a joke. It is a joke, but then again it really isn't."

Local police departments, newspapers and airports have been flooded in recent months with telephone calls about unidentified lights or aircraft — usually described as circular or V-shaped and outlined with white and red lights.

The sightings, reported as UFOs or unidentified flying objects, have usually been reported on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

A formation of lights was observed over Brewster and North Salem at about the same time Tuesday night as the planes seen in Dutchess County, but state police said they don't know if they were the same planes.

Andriano said he was driving east on Route 52 about four miles north of the county line at about 10:15 p.m. when he saw a circle of bright, white lights in the sky south of the highway.

He stopped his car, walked into a small clearing and watched for about 45 minutes as the lights approached him very slowly. As they came closer, Andriano said he could see that the lights were eight planes in a ring at what appeared to be a high altitude, making very little noise.

They eventually passed directly over his head, heading in the direction of the private Stormville airport about two miles north of where Andriano was standing.

Andriano used the radio in his police cruiser to alert another officer, who drove to the airport and observed one of the planes land.

Two of the planes landed and turned off their lights before the officers could tell they had been in the air, and five of the planes apparently saw the police car and veered away without landing.

The plane observed by the officer was a small single-engine Cessna 152, Andriano said.

Andriano said he gave information about the planes to Paul Estefan, administrator of Danbury's Municipal Airport, who said he would relay the information to the FAA, the agency that regulates aviation.

The flight formation was probably not illegal, Andriano said. Federal aviation regulations allow Cessnas to fly at night and in formation, federal air-traffic controllers at Danbury Airport said. Regulations do not allow ultralights — small, one-person planes that do not require pilot certification — to be flown at night.

In an interview earlier this week, Estefan said he was concerned about the reports of small aircraft flying at night in the Danbury area because of the possibility of interference with approaches to the airport.

"I'd like to know who's doing it and why, and make them stop it," Estefan said. "They don't belong up there at night."

Robert Fulton, a spokesman for the FAA's eastern division, said the agency has received many questions about mysterious lights in the Putnam and northern Westchester area in the last year.

"We haven't determined what the lights in the sky are, but we are obviously concerned about it if it is a source of danger to other aircraft or people living in congested areas," Fulton said.

The agency has checked military aircraft flight patterns along the East Coast and ruled this out as a cause of the lights, he said.

No radar readings have been found that correspond with the reports, he said. This would not rule out ultralight planes because they fly too low to be detected on radar, he said.

Though FAA rules prohibit ultralights from flying at night, Fulton said the agency has never taken any enforcement action because it has had no solid evidence.

Ruth Zimmerman, supervisor of operations for FAA's New England division in Westfield, Mass., said that to prosecute a person for illegal operation of an ultralight, the agency would need a statement from a witness who saw part of the flight, positive identification of the pilot and verification that the plane was an ultralight.

The fact that ultralights can take off and land almost anywhere — including empty fields and parking lots — makes them difficult to trace at night.

Because the agency's resources are limited, it has to rely on the help of local police departments and private citizens, Zimmerman said.

At least one of those police officers has had just about enough of the UFO reports.

Trooper Robert Thoubboron of the state police barracks in Brewster said he stayed after work on his own time Tuesday night to try to track down what he believes was a formation of ultralights flying over Brewster and North Salem.

The planes flew north along Interstate 684 and veered west on Route 124.

Thoubboron said that if he catches ultralight pilots masquerading as UFOs, he will arrest them for disorderly conduct, as well as forwarding information to the FAA.

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## Saucers runneth over

By ALTON SLAGLE

Forget the Pentagon's Star Wars campaign. Forget the nuclear threat hanging over the world. Make way for the unidentified flying objects.

Two UFO researchers yesterday reported a recent "hysteria" of sightings in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties upstate and in southwestern Connecticut. Objects such as flying boomerangs with flashing lights and giant V-shaped ships the size of football fields hovering in the sky were reported.

Peekskill attorney Peter Gersten, who sued the CIA in 1978 for access to UFO documents and received 900 pages that he contends prove the existence of UFOs, said more than 1,000 people in the metropolitan area have described UFOs since May 31—when he put an ad in a local paper asking for response from people who thought they had

spotted one.

AND PHILIP Imbrogno, a science teacher who investigated UFOs for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., said that at one point since the ad appeared, 24 calls were received at the same time from different people in the tri-county area who reported a sighting.

Gersten called the recent reports the most frequent multiple sightings ever. "They saw something," he said. "It's a question of what.

There is definitely a hysteria sweeping the area."

The Air Force said it stopped investigating UFOs in 1969 when it concluded that reports of sightings had no substance, but Gersten believes the government has continued its UFO searches privately.

The two men plan a public forum next Wednesday in Brewster to focus attention on the recent surge in sighting reports, and possibly to obtain financial backing for a fuller investigation.

CR: J. Moseley



# UFO Disappears Without Trace: Piece of Space Junk or Just a Fish Tale?

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) — A spark-tailed fireball splashed down Friday off Lummi Island, sending a plume of water 100 feet high before it sank and bubbled, a fishing boat crew reported.

The Coast Guard investigated but found no debris. Checks with other authorities revealed no missing planes or space junk crashing in the area and the object remained an "unknown flying object," said Petty Officer Gene Hoff in Seattle.

"It depends on what you care to believe. I have personally never seen a UFO, but anything is possible, I guess," he said.

The Coast Guard has no plans to investigate further. The object apparently sank in water 270 feet deep in an area of intense currents in Rosario Strait and it would be "difficult to do a survey down there," said Rich Rogala, the officer in charge of the Coast Guard station at Bellingham, which sent a boat to the scene.

"A white and orange fireball trailing sparks

was observed by the fishing vessel Steeva Ten. It was traveling west to east and dived into the water," he said. "The observation was very brief. The impact sent a plume of water about 100 feet in height."

The incident was reported at 3:45 a.m. Friday about 1,000 yards south of Lummi Island, about eight miles south of Bellingham in the inland waters of northwest Washington.

The splashdown was reported to the Coast Guard by the Steeva Ten, a 42-foot fishing ves-

sel tender. A flash in the sky was noticed at the same time by a tugboat at Anacortes about five miles to the south, Rogala said.

He speculated it could have been a meteorite. But there are a couple of other mysteries in the Coast Guard report.

"The crew of the fishing vessel said the object dropped straight down and just before it hit the water it did a 'U' and came back up, then went down," Hoff said.

And a crewman aboard the Coast Guard vessel that found no debris noticed an "object,

white in color...in the sky at the south end of Lummi Island," Rogala said. The crewman saw the object while his vessel was searching for debris from the earlier "flash."

The Coast Guard vessel searched the area for more than an hour with the master of the fishing vessel, Richard Dale Hartman of Port Orchard, and found no debris, Rogala said.

The Coast Guard checked with the nearby Whidbey Island Naval Air Station and nothing unusual had been sighted on radar there, Hoff said.

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J. Allen Hynek, an expert on unidentified flying objects whose book was the basis for the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," is moving his research headquarters to Phoenix, Ariz., where he hopes to shift the study of UFOs "from the crackpot era to respectable science."

## Opinion and comment

# Government secrecy shrouds UFOs in deeper mystery

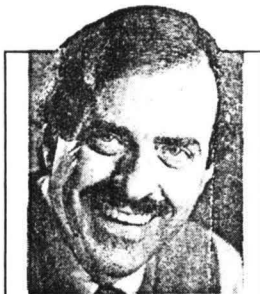
All over the United States, all over the world, in fact, people are continuing to see Unidentified Flying Objects. And even though the U.S. government long ago discontinued "Operation Blue Book," the formal investigation of UFO sightings, it is still looking into UFO reports — and keeping its inquiries secret.

That is the message of the book *Clear Intent*, which crossed my desk the other day. It isn't an "easy read," because it is filled with references taken from federal reports on UFO sightings, reports replete with jargon and acronyms. But those documents, obtained by authors Lawrence Fawcett and Barry Greenwood through the Freedom of Information Act, paint a fascinating picture of federal reticence to share with the public what government investigators have learned about UFOs.

Of course, a lot of what the government has learned is that many UFO sightings, most of them in fact, are the result either of natural phenomena or vivid imaginations.

But there are some instances that are chilling in their mystery.

Such as the early morning on



Charles Doud  
Associate Editor

Nov. 7, 1975, when several independent witnesses near Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., reported seeing "a large red to orange to yellow object" in the sky above them. This object "seems to have lights (several) on it," the report says, and "seems to be issuing a black object from it, tubular in shape."

No, the object was not the sun, nor was it northern lights, as subsequent investigation confirmed. What was it? Nobody knows.

But on Nov. 8, another, similar object was sighted near

Malmstrom, and on Nov. 9, a third object.

The reports on these sightings, although nothing in them could be considered a danger to national security, were kept secret until the authors of *Clear Intent* obtained them.

All this interests me because in Tacoma we are near the cradle of modern UFO sightings, Mount Rainier. On June 24, 1947, Kenneth Arnold, a pilot businessman from Boise, saw nine, shiny, crescent-shaped objects in the daylight sky over Rainier, where he was flying as part of a Civil Air Patrol search. Arnold's "flying saucers," as they became known, were the forerunners of tens of thousands of sightings worldwide that have been reported since.

Arnold still believes he saw what he says he saw, and at least one scientist who has studied UFOs for many years believes Arnold's sighting was probably valid.

"At least," said Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Center for UFO Studies at Evanston, Ill., "I've seen nothing to indicate it was a hoax."

Hynek, an astronomy professor who has taught at Harvard, Ohio State and Northwestern universi-

ties, and who was astronomy consultant for Operation Blue Book, now spends most of his time investigating UFO sightings.

"I call it the UFO phenomenon," he told me by phone from Evanston. He said he has seen no evidence to indicate the UFOs represent visits from outer space, that they are "somebody else's NASA." But he believes many people do see what they say they see.

"I do not believe the simplistic hypothesis that they (UFOs) are nuts-and-bolts visitors from outer space. There are too many arguments against it . . . But something is going on."

The fundamental question at this point, he said, is to determine, in the case of each sighting, whether what people say they are seeing is actually based on fact.

That is what he tries to determine in his investigations, which he describes as a form of "Twenty Questions."

"Sometimes, when I talk to people who claim to have seen UFOs, I can determine with four or five questions that they are talking nonsense. After about the 15th question, though — and these are in highly selected cases — the chances grow that the sightings

represent something real."

He said there have been so many of these cases, with multiple witnesses, witnesses who are educated — pilots, aircraft controllers, engineers — "that they can't be dismissed."

He does, however, dismiss attempts by some groups and gurus to contact extraterrestrial visitors.

"I don't think they're playing with all their marbles," he said.

Is there a government conspiracy, as some have charged, to cover up visits from outer space?

Hynek said he didn't believe so, but he wondered why so much secrecy surrounds official investigations of UFO incidents.

"I don't understand what they are trying to hide," he said.

Hynek said the sightings are probably part of something we have no ability to explain in terms of what we presently know.

"A hundred years ago," he said, "people knew the sun was hot, but didn't know why. Only recently have we been able to explain that." Someday, he said, we may learn something which will explain valid sightings of UFOs.

Meanwhile, it is August now — the month, according to Hynek, during which UFO sightings seem to increase.

Keep your eyes open.

NEWS TRIBUNE, Tacoma, WA - Aug. 2, 1984

# E.T. circling area?

UFO sightings over Wanauke Reservoir

TODAY, Wayne, NJ - July 4, 1984 CR: A. Roberts via J. Moseley

WANAUKE—Four anonymous calls were made to the Wanauke police regarding "lights" on June 31. The calls began at 8:44 p.m. with a man reporting five lights over the reservoir. Another at 9:49 reported three lights over Ber-lis and at 10:01 a female reported seeing three red lights.

The final call came at 12:17 a.m. from a passing motorist. Police sources said a police patrol did not observe the "lights." An officer also noted the landing patterns for metropolitan airports cross the reservoir.

A Haskell Tavern employee, who did not call police, said he was standing with three other men on Ringwood Ave. between 10:00 and 10:30 p.m. and all saw an egg shaped object moving too fast for a blimp.

The man, who wishes to remain nameless, told TODAY the object was as bright as a star and headed in the direction of Pompton Lakes. He said the group had joked about the object the next day he heard that a patrolman's girlfriend had seen it.



## Saw strange lights — UFO?

Murray Bridge woman Mrs Desma Bates believes she saw a UFO (unidentified flying object) in the eastern sky early last Friday morning.

She said on Tuesday she saw bright orange flashing lights about 3.15, when she got up to let her cat out. 'A shaft of beautiful orange light came down from the flashing lights

while I watched and, after about four minutes, the object took a zig-zag path toward the west,' she said. 'I could not see its shape, nor could I estimate how far away it was.'

'I know the times, because I glanced at the clock on the way out, and again when I went back inside.'

Mrs Bates said she wondered if the sighting was a result of firing at the

Army range, but a range spokesman said there was no activity there that night.

'I had been very interested in UFOs, and delved into the subject quite deeply,' she said, 'but, because I am a Christian, I gave it up some time ago.'

'I believe I saw something supernatural, but I wasn't frightened. I thought it was something in distress, and I still feel that way.'

Australian International UFO Flying Saucer Research public relations officer, Mr Colin Norris, believes Mrs Bates saw a UFO.

He said there had been 'quite a lot' of UFO activity in the area around Murray Bridge during the last few weeks.

'You could see more because, according to the pattern, UFO activity is at its greatest in the southern hemisphere from about May to July,' he said.

SOUTHERN PENINSULAR GAZETTE, Rosebud, Victoria, Australia - June 20, 1984 CR: J. Magee

**'IT'S DEFINITELY NOT A PLANE'**

## UFO over Rosebud

About a dozen people witnessed a mystery object float over Rosebud last Tuesday afternoon.

The object, larger than an aeroplane changed from a pencil shape to a V shape as it rotated slowly.

IT is hard enough to explain what a UFO looks like to someone who has not seen it but when the object keeps changing shape...

At about 3.40 pm on the cloudy, but bright afternoon of June 12, the Gazette was called by a local funeral director.

'There's this strange thing, almost stationary, floating across the sky,' said Mr. John Davis of Rosebud Funeral Services.

Gazette reporters jumped in the car and raced around the corner to Jetty Rd., to see for themselves.

Sure enough, up in the sky, (was it a bird, was it a plane, was it really an unidentified flying object?), was a strange thing just floating in the air.

Mrs. Ganine Oelschlaegel's mother rang her while she was working at the funeral parlour.

'It was directly above our house', said Mrs. Oelschlaegel, of 127 Jetty Rd.

'When I first saw it, it looked like a big fat pencil', she said.

When Gazette reporters arrived, the object could be seen with the aid of binoculars.

It was dark, made no noise and seemed to be floating with the air current.

'When Ganine told me about it, I thought she was having me on', said Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis went to look for himself.



Mr. John Rose



Mrs. Oelschlaegel

'It keeps changing shape; it goes into a V and then it goes straight', he explained.

Assistant Manager at the parlour, Mr. John Rose, was confused by the constantly changing object.

'When it was vertical, it appeared to be black with yellow on the side', he said.

'It's definitely not a plane', said Mr. Rose.

'The intriguing part of it all, is that it was vertical and then it started changing shape', said the witness, as the object disappeared from view behind a low hanging cloud.

TIMES, Ballarat, Victoria, Australia

July 2, 1984 CR: M. Heelas

## Mystery lights worry couple

A couple at Alma in the Maryborough district claim they are being continually harassed on their property.

Bill and Gwen Wheat of Dillon Court said that for the past several weeks they have been disturbed by mysterious lights and electronic interference.

Mrs Wheat said the lighting came in one of two forms — either as a sheet of light or in bright fingers. Her husband said the light hit the property quite regularly.

In addition to the lighting, the Wheats also claim that their television and a neighbour's radio reception have now been affected by static interference which was not present before.

The Wheats are both pensioners and say their health is being affected. Both claim to have suffered from headaches and pains in their ears and necks.

'We are seeing things and they affect us,' Mr Wheat said.

## Soviet UFO reports 'illegal arms tests'

By ADRIAN BERRY

Science Correspondent in New York

FREQUENT reports of UFO sightings in the Soviet Union are, in fact, the result of illegal strategic weapon testing by the Soviet Government, a space expert yesterday told the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

'Cossacks in the Ukrainian countryside and sophisticated Muscovites in the city streets have stared in awe at UFO

CR: D. Speed

formations passing overhead," said Mr James Oberg, a senior Nasa mission controller at Houston, Texas.

"But the Government in Moscow knows where these UFOs come from, who launched them, how they are propelled and why they are travelling through Soviet skies. It knows all this, and refuses to admit it."

Mr Oberg described a 1979 official report by the Soviet Academy of Sciences, that was endorsed by Professor Nikolay Kardashev, a leading astronomer, which gave numerous specific examples of UFO sightings in that country.

"But this report may one day be ranked as a hoax as brazen as the Piltown Man," Mr Oberg said. "It was a ruse, designed to divert attention from the truth about Soviet UFOs."

Test firing

The "sightings" were, in fact, experiments of the Fractional Orbital Bombardment System which the Russians had been secretly building in violation of the 1963 Outer Space Treaty which forbids the stationing of weapons of mass destruction in orbit.

Because the launches of rockets and the fiery returns to earth of dummy warheads could not be concealed from the Soviet people, the Government decided to present them as a mystery, the work of alien creatures from another planet.

One description of a UFO in the magazine *Soviet Life* said it was "shaped like a fiery crescent, about two-thirds the apparent size of the moon, emitting condensation trails like a jet." In fact, said Mr Oberg, it was Cosmos 171, which was testing the firing of a dummy nuclear space-to-ground warhead.

STAR, Doncaster, England - June 5, 1984 CR: T. Good

## Staveley UFO claim

A NORTH Derbyshire housewife believes she may have had an encounter of the third kind...

For June Skinner is baffled by her sighting of a mysterious flying object which lit up the sky near her Staveley home.

And now June, aged 53, of Overton Close, has reported her experience to the British UFO Society.

"I don't know what it was or where it came from," she said. "I don't know what it was or where it came from," she said. "I don't think it was an aircraft because I know the air lanes."

The strange object appeared in the night sky with two bright lights at the front and rear.

Double light

"It was warm and I had gone for a breath of fresh air when I looked up to the sky," said June.

"I remarked to my son, Karl that there weren't many stars. I saw a brilliant light. Wearing spectacles I thought I was having double vision. It was a double light."

"I went upstairs and these lights were coming towards us from Mastin Moor. It was a solid mass. The lights were very clear."

The next day, June reported the incident to the British UFO Society who are investigating.

She has been told that the Bawtry Meteorological Office say they had no weather balloons in the area and the RAF are being asked about their plane movements.

Elsie Lee, secretary of the Chesterfield branch of the BUFO, is looking into the incident which is the fourth separate sighting this year in the Chesterfield area.

ASAHI EVENING NEWS, Tokyo, Japan  
June 27, 1984 CR: Y. Matsumura

## UFO Not Responsible

MOSCOW (Reuters) — A massive explosion which rocked eastern Siberia in 1908 did not involve a crashing spacecraft from another world, Tass news agency said Tuesday.

Some scientists held that the explosion, which sparked off an earthquake felt even in central Europe, occurred when a visiting unidentified flying object's nuclear engine blew up, Tass said.

But a Siberian commission on meteorites and cosmic dust had now ruled out this possibility, the agency said. It added that there was no significant trace of radiation at the spot where the explosion took place on June 30, 1908.

## 'UFO' stops car on freeway

MANNUM — Semi-retired couple Max and Gladys O'Malley believe an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) caused their car, and surrounding street lights, to temporarily black-out on the South Eastern Freeway on Sunday night.

They were heading toward Murray Bridge around 11pm when, about 300m from the Hahndorf turnoff, the car engine and lights 'died' without warning.

'I've never seen anything as black,' Mr O'Malley said on Tuesday. 'There

was not a star in the sky — I could not even see the steering wheel. The only light was a circular glow in the sky, in the far distance.'

He steered the car over to the emergency strip, and turned off the

light switch. 'I was going to get a torch to check the fuse-box but, before doing that, I decided to give the lights one more try.'

The car lights came back on — as did the street lights, in the same moment. The incident lasted about 40 seconds.

Mr O'Malley said he had an open mind about the possible existence of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) before the incident, but now believes

there have been too many sightings for it to be explained away.

He reported the experience to the Australian International UFO Saucer Research organisation. Public relations officer Mr Colin Norris was convinced Mr O'Malley had had a genuine encounter (of the second kind).

Mr Norris told *The Standard* on Tuesday there were many similar

reports. UFOlogists believe the probable cause of the blackout is the 'umbrella effect' of a large spaceship hovering above an area.

'This is why the night appears starless,' he said.

Mr Norris said the incident could not be explained by saying the O'Malleys' car had a mechanical failure, because the street lights failed at the same moment.



To the faithful, spaceships

will bring the new messiah

# UFOs: real or merely pies in the sky?

ARE the mutilated carcasses of cattle and horses the first solid evidence we have that aliens may be visiting Earth?

In the US alone, there have been at least 11,000 reports of these bizarre mutilations.

A few unverified reports have surfaced in Australia.

Whoever or whatever is responsible uses advanced surgical techniques. Some of the incisions suggest a "laser scalpel" was used, with extreme precision.

Vandals? Eyes, tongues, ears, lips and sex organs are the parts most often attacked. Blood is drained from the carcasses more completely than present-day hypodermic needles or pumps can achieve.

And, around the animal, nothing. No tracks, footprints, drops of blood, bits of flesh, evidence of a struggle. Nothing.

Eleven thousand known cases and no real clues, no suspects, just a mystery.

According to Australian UFO researcher Murray Stott, prod marks consistent with alleged UFO ground markings have sometimes been seen close to where mutilated animals were found.

The attacks seem to occur only at night and often UFOs, or unidentified but silent helicopters, have been seen hovering around the areas.

If animals are responsible for the attacks, then — according to one investigator — they're carrying very sharp knives.



UFO researcher Murray Stott... doubts



By MARK CAMM

the Soviet Union, England, Scotland and Puerto Rico.

It is not, says Stott, simply a product of American imagination.

But what on Earth, pardon the pun, would aliens want with bits and pieces of cattle and thousands of litres of blood?

"Your guess is as good as mine," says Stott.

But he warns that although there's no simple answer, the question is no less valid.

Stott's book (Aliens Over Antipodes, Space-Time Press, \$8.95) will be a disappointment to those people desperate to believe in UFOs, even on the flimsiest of evidence.

He believes UFOs exist, but where they come from or what they are he has no idea. He leaves the theories to you.

On October 21, 1978, Fred Valentich, 20, a dedicated pilot, took off from Moorabbin airport in Victoria on his way to King Island in Bass Strait.

At 7.06pm as he was passing over Cape Otway he asked Melbourne Flight Services if there was any other traffic

below 1500 metres in his area.

At 7.12:28pm he gave his call sign — Delta Sierra Juliet — and that was the last heard of him.

For 17 seconds his microphone stayed open. No voices but a metallic unidentified sound.

Valentich had said a minute before he vanished that a strange aircraft was hovering on top of him.

Was he kidnapped by a UFO?



**N**O BODY, wreckage, or evidence of a crash has been found and dozens of UFO reports flooded into the Victorian UFO Research Society and the RAAF soon after the incident.

Bass Strait, says Stott, is a "hot bed" of UFO activity. Stott's book concentrates heavily on UFO sightings over New Zealand in 1909.

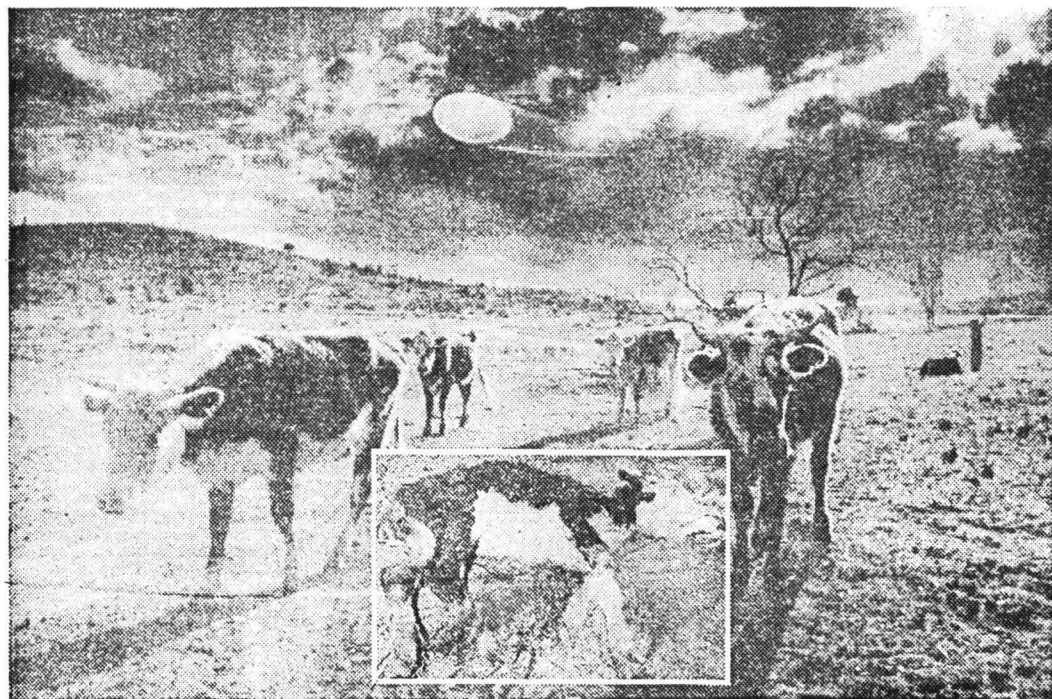
The sightings were widespread, verified, unexplained and almost always of cigar-shaped craft — airships.

What, no flying saucers? There's no question hund-

reds, perhaps thousands of New Zealanders saw UFOs. In 1909 there few fixed-wing aircraft or airships in the southern hemisphere, and none anywhere in the world with the speed or manoeuvrability of the UFOs.

Yet what people saw resembled roughly what was then mankind's idea of what was possible in flight.

In the decades following witness accounts of UFO shapes have changed, keeping up with our own developments in the air.



No earthly explanation exists for the mutilation of cattle in the fields. Is the answer here, or is it just an artist's imagination?



**D**OES this mean, then, that UFO sightings are somehow a mere figment of our collective imaginations?

It would explain why in 1909 people saw airships and why in 1984 we see saucer-shaped craft.

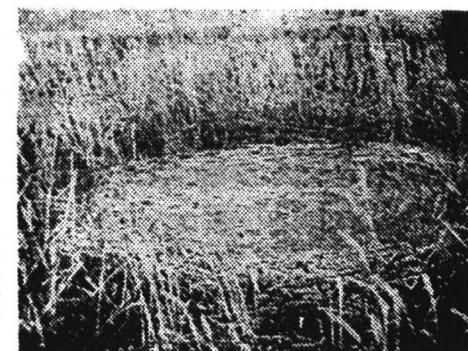
But it doesn't account for the physical traces of UFO visits: the unexplained radar blips, the alleged kidnappings, eyewitness accounts, assertions of official cover-ups and the many other mysteries tied around and linked directly to the question of aliens on Earth.

Stott offers this theory. Man and Earth are relatively new. Other galaxies and solar systems are much older than ours, so presumably the state of evolution of other living, thinking beings is way ahead of us.

Other life may have evolved to a state where we wouldn't recognise it as anything, let alone alive.

Stott suggests that what we see may be what the "aliens" want us to see, and to feel and to believe.

Humanoid appearances are the most often quoted by people who claim to have been kidnapped by aliens. Humanoid, or is that just the shape we're most likely to come to terms with?



Was this earth pattern caused by a UFO landing?

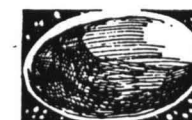
There are many people who see UFOs and aliens as the answer to all of Man's troubles. They are to be our saviours, the messiahs bringing us back from the brink of madness. Hope that they will "land" and make themselves "known" is a profound act of faith for these people.

Stott won't have anything to do with this view of the UFO phenomenon.

"All of these theories are rather quasi," he says.

To explain the difficulties of communicating with an advanced race, he says this:

"Until we can find a way of discussing quantum physics with an earthworm. I don't believe that in our present state of development we will ever have the ability to understand the nature or existence of these so-called aliens."



**A** WORLD-respected high-energy nuclear physicist once explained to me the problems of anyone who did not practise meditation understanding it.

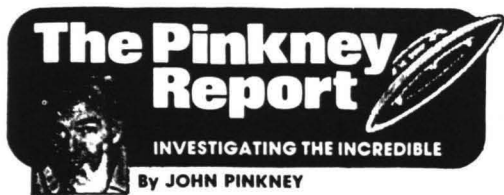
"I could tell you what it feels like, the understandings I can reach at different levels of consciousness, but you would not be able to grasp even a rough idea of what I'm saying."

"It's like you trying to explain chess to a dog — you could, but the dog still wouldn't be able to play chess."

The horrible truth about UFOs may well be that Man will never be able to understand whatever or whoever is responsible for them.

If we are so far down the evolutionary tree, why should "they" bother? Would you teach your dog chess?

A screen of misinformation may be all we'll ever know.



## TERRORISED BY A GIANT FLYING SAUCER

THE tiny township of Turkey Creek, WA, has been the subject of much speculation after several UFOs were sighted in the vicinity.

A mass of sightings by farmers and passing motorists reached a frightening climax recently, when an oval-shaped craft, the size of a football field, hovered above the town's roadhouse.

"More than 200 people, including members of the nearby Aboriginal camp, came out to look," the petrol station's co-owner, Mrs Frances Wainwright, told me.

"We were all scared out of our wits. The thing was blazing with lights so bright they made my head ache.

"And it seemed to be swathed in a kind of mist.

"Our first clue that some thing strange was going on came at about 10pm, when the freezer began to rattle violently.

"Thinking it could be an earthquake, I ran outside with my husband, Paul.

"Then we saw this gigantic, dazzling object emerging from behind the hill.

"What disturbed us most was that it seemed to be aware of the roadhouse. It hovered directly overhead and stayed for about 10 minutes."

And that's only the beginning of the mystery.

The Wainwrights are now wondering whether the spectacular sky display is somehow linked to strange behaviour by their two-year-old daughter, Cassandra.

"In the week before the UFO appeared, Cassandra began sleep-walking — something she'd never done before," Frances recalled.

"It started one morning when we were woken by the sound of her sobbing and calling out to us.

"I rushed to her room and



'There was Cassandra, standing in the rain.'

found her bed empty.

"Then I looked outside. There was Cassandra, standing in the pouring rain, her nightdress sodden and her hair plastered to her head.

"We brought her inside, dried her and put her back to bed — and then tried to forget all about it.

"But the next night (it always happened about 3am) she was out there again.

"When it had happened three nights in a row, we locked the doors to keep her in.

"After the UFO hovered over our roadhouse, she never sleep-walked again. And that led us to wonder whether her sleep was disturbed by some kind of preknowledge."

● Researchers have studied thousands of cases of alleged "psychic contact" between UFOs and people.

During a one hour phone-in program which I conducted for the ABC, many listeners said they had "known in advance" that they were about to experience something unusual.

Typical was a schoolteacher

who, while walking in the hills with her sister, suddenly felt her flesh prickle.

Something prompted both women to look up — whereupon they saw several hat-shaped objects moving across the face of the moon.

Another listener told me that, while driving in the country, he was obliged to stop his car to remove a large tree-branch blocking the road.

Suddenly he noticed lights flashing in a nearby field.

"Something was sitting there," he said.

"It was like a multi-coloured merry-go-round, flashing and rotating and surrounded by a kind of fog.

"I drove off as fast as I could."

## U.F.O. mystery baffles South

A U.F.O. seen over southern England last night has left experts baffled.

Britain's top boffins today were trying to solve the mystery of the object, which was about 25 miles high and visible for 20 minutes.

It was first seen by Worthing astronomer, Mr. Graham Boots, who thought it was a nova — a super-bright star.

He called out other astronomers along the South Coast who watched the stationary phenomenon in the northern sky until it suddenly split up — and vanished.

Mr. Boots reported the sighting to the Royal Greenwich Observatory at Herstmonceux, East Sussex, home of Europe's largest telescope.

A spokesman there said today: "We don't know what it was, and it is still

under discussion."

Said Mr. Peter Seiden, of Paignton Avenue, Copnor, Portsmouth, a member of Portsmouth Astronomical Society: "It was a most unusual object. Because it was stationary for so long, we can dismiss meteors and artificial satellites and, because of its calculated height, then helicopters and aircraft can also be ruled out."

Astronomer Patrick Moore was today "baffled and intrigued" by the U.F.O.

"In the ordinary way, I am extremely sceptical about reports of flying saucers. But this light was seen by people who are amateur astronomers and who know what they are doing," he said from his home at Selsey.

"This one has me baffled and intrigued, and I would like to hear from anyone who saw it."

SUNDAY TIMES, Perth, W.A., Australia - July 15, 1984 CR: J. Magee

## Cover-up alleged over UFO-linked animal slaughter

ADELAIDE: Farmers in the Adelaide Hills have discovered mutilated animal corpses and burn marks on the ground which UFO researchers claim indicates alien spacecraft have landed in the area.

The latest claims follow rumors of dozens of sightings of UFOs in the rural areas of Mt Barker and Mt Sterling, about 20km south of Adelaide.

UFO researchers claim the bizarre killings have been covered up by the military in a bid to quash a UFO scare in the area.

In one incident, researchers say, a farmer discovered four cows with holes drilled into their skulls and the brains removed.

According to the reports, farmers have been warned to "keep quiet".

### Hushed up

Other discoveries, researchers say, include egg-shaped "pod" marks near the property. These indicate a craft had landed, they claim.

Rocks in the pod holes were

## 'Many reports of UFOs and strange lights in the sky'

crushed, tree tops burnt and dozens of birds found dead nearby.

Police in both areas said they had not been told about the animal mutilations, but many people in the area had reported seeing UFOs and strange lights in the sky.

Adelaide UFO researcher, Mr. Colin Norris, said he had been told to "drop off" after making inquiries into the sightings.

Mr. Norris, a director of the Australian International UFO Research Society, said: "The area where the bodies of the cows were found is often used by the army and is closed off."

"I have been told they asked the farmer to remain quiet

about the animals and that they would cover the whole thing up.

"If it is all true — and I have no reason to doubt it is not — then it must be checked out because it tallies with similar incidents which have happened all over the world."

"Most of these kinds of incidents are hushed up in one way or another."

Mr. Norris said the pod marks and the burnt tree tops indicated a craft had landed in the area — but the discovery of the dead animals suggested "extra-terrestrials" had left their ship.

He said: "These beings would have to have left the craft to get at the animals."

### Spacecraft

"There was a similar report in the United States a few years ago where a farmer tied a calf to a tree by the leg."

"He returned to the calf some time later and claims it was being pulled into a spacecraft. He cut the rope around its leg because it was squealing in pain."

"Later he told UFO investigators he discovered the skin of the animal — minus its carcass."

"And there have been dozens of similar incidents of animal mutilations reported across the world."

TRUTH, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia - July 21, 1984

# ALIENS 'ATTACK COWS, SHEEP'

CR: M. Heelas

UFO sightings have sparked fears about aliens landing in the Adelaide Hills.

Researchers say farmers have found cows and sheep with holes drilled into their skulls and the brains removed.

They claim tree tops have been mysteriously burned and dozens of birds were found dead.

### Frightened

Adelaide radio stations have been flooded with calls about the UFO sightings, but so far newspapers have largely ignored them.

Adelaide UFO researcher Colin Norris claims the army had moved in to hush up the sightings.

One farmer rang Norris — a guest on a talkback

By PETER XENI

program — to tell him about the sightings.

"He told me it's alright for city people to take this flippantly but his sheep were killed — and he was frightened for his wife and kids," Mr Norris said.

Mr Norris said a man who wished to stay anonymous had told him of an army man who visited the sight of UFO activity near Mt Barker.

He told Mr Norris army personnel had carried radiation detection devices.

A Defence Department spokesman said the army was not investigating the sightings.

BRADFORD TELEGRAPH & ARGUS, West Yorkshire, England July 24, 1984 CR: T. Good

## Baffled by lights

IT WASN't a plane... it wasn't a bird... it wasn't even Superman...

The glowing, round craft which Mrs. June Clayton saw hovering over Wakefield Road, Bradford, last night was, she believes, a UFO — an unidentified flying object.

"I have never believed in that sort of thing, but I am having second thoughts now," said 34-year-old June, of Defarge Court, West Bowling.

Leeds Police had five calls reporting UFOs over the city.

MERCURY, Leicester, England

July 13, 1984 CR: T. Good

## 'Flying saucer' sighted

Several people have reported seeing a saucer-shaped blue and silver object hovering low over the Clarendon Park playing field in Coventry Road, Hinckley.

And now investigators from the Midlands UFO Research Centre are busy working on an explanation for the sighting, at about 9.45 p.m. last Friday.

Investigator co-ordinator Mr. Clive Potter said: "Witnesses said there was no sound as the object hovered, circled the area for approximately a minute and then shot off at a fast rate towards Nuneaton."

"A similar object was reported flying over the East Park Road area of Leicester only four days earlier," he added.



A YEAR TO THE DAY, THAT GREAT UFO MYSTERY IS BACK

# We are going round in circles again!



ROOK INVESTIGATES: EXPRESS, JULY 15, 1983

## 'Close encounter' for dog-walker

A Yorkshire coach driver taking his dog for a walk saw "strange lights" in the sky last night.

Mr. Kenneth Edgar, 37, of Collinge Road, Cowling, near Keighley, had just set off walking his dog, around 10.45 p.m., when daughter Karen, 15, pointed to the lights in the sky.

"It was a clear night. There were three lights in a triangle shape, travelling very fast. They were high up, and there was a droning noise," he said.

Mr. Edgar said a number of people in the street also witnessed the "sighting" and had reported it to the police.

### IN ARMY

"I'm not a member of any UFO societies and I certainly don't go out looking for them. But after seeing this, I think I'll join. I want to know more about it."

When asked if the lights could have been from an aeroplane, Mr. Edgar said: "I was in the Army for more than 10 years, often attached to the RAF, so I know about planes. This was not a plane."

"The lights shot cross the horizon and disappeared out of sight. They were travelling fast."

A police spokesman said reports of the lights had been made to them, and these would be passed on to RAF Leeming.

## Is it a plane? No!

EVENING PRESS, Dublin, Ireland

July 7, 1984 CR: T. Good

A Dublin teenager who read in yesterday's Evening Press about a UFO sighting in Boherlahan, Co. Tipperary, has claimed that he too spotted a strange flying object on Thursday night.

Ian Courage (15), of Yellow Rd., Whitehall, said he was coming home from a disco at 11 p.m. when he saw a 20-foot long light flying in over the Poolbeg lighthouse and turning towards Dublin Airport.

He declared: "I've been studying planes for a few years and I thought it was going to land on runway 35. There was no noise out of it and I knew it wasn't a plane. If it was a plane it would have had red tail lights and a red light in front."



One of the circles yesterday

Picture by CHRIS WOOD

LIFE has turned full circle in the mystery of the Great White Holes.

Another set of five perfect circles has been found in a Hampshire barleyfield — exactly a year to the day after a similar set of rings was discovered nearby.

No-one knows how the circles were made, although theories abound.

Romantics insist that UFO's are to blame. Realists put it down to helicopters.

Other ideas range from freak exploding whirlwinds to druids carrying out weird ceremonies using stakes and chains.

But the real mystery of the latest find, in Dogleg Field, near Winchester, is that the circles can only be seen from the air.

### Helicopter

They were only discovered when four farm managers went up in a helicopter to inspect their crops.

From the ground they are completely hidden from view, which would seem they were not meant to be found.

The holes consist of a large centre circle measuring 42ft 6in in diameter. It is surrounded, 45ft away, by four baby circles which are each 13ft 6in across.

And it looks for all the world as if a four-legged spaceship has landed.

Farmer Dennis Kendall, on whose land the circles were found, said: "It's uncanny. I didn't know they were

## White Holes defy experts

By DAVID THURLOW

there but this is the fourth year out of five we have had them on the farm in different places.

"It's anyone's guess what's causing them, but I think somehow it's got to be mechanical."

"But the disturbing factor is that there are no marks at all for two of the smaller circles."

"Three are on the drilling tracks made by the tractor along which someone could walk."

"But the other two are not. There is not a stalk disturbed

around them and the barley is laid down in a strange way outwards from the centre."

Petronel Payne, a tractor driver's wife who has made a study of the circles, said: "It gets more and more intriguing every year."

"We just don't know what is causing them and we are as much in the dark as ever."

A year ago similar sets of circles were found a mile away from Dogleg Field at Cheese Foot Head.

At the same time, another formation cropped up at Warminster, Wiltshire.

The Express sent Jean Rook down to investigate. But her verdict was: Case unproven.

## Couple find new corn ring riddle

DAILY EXPRESS, London, England

July 23, 1984 CR: T. Good

NEWLY-WEDS Geoffrey and Corinne Cross became the latest to discover one of those mystifying circles in a cornfield at the weekend.

Last week, the Daily Express reported exclusively how people in Hampshire had been puzzled by areas of flattened corn. Some have claimed they were flying saucer landing sites.

Geoff, 22, and Corinne, 17, from Basingstoke, Hants, added to the mystery by spotting another at Cleghill Heights, Wilts.

## UFOs in night sky

YORKSHIRE EVENING POST, Leeds, England

July 24, 1984 CR: T. Good

Five people telephoned the police to say they had seen a UFO over Leeds.

They described a pair of coloured rotating lights which hovered or moved about for several minutes at about 10 p.m. last night.

Mr. Dennis Gibson, 56, an engineering inspector, of Croft House Road, Morley, Leeds, watched the object through binoculars. "At first my wife thought they were stars," he said.

The object was also spotted hovering over Selby, between 9.45 p.m. and 10 p.m. Mr. George Flack, of Church Close, Hambleton, saw it as he went to his garage.

ADVERTISER, Warwick, England - July 13, 1984 CR: T. Good

## UFO 'like aircraft on fire'

AN unexplained sighting in the sky over Warwick has sparked off a UFO mystery.

Psychiatric nurse Mr John Brodrick is convinced he was not imagining things when he spotted the bright orange object from his window on Wednesday night.

"I'm not really a great believer in UFOs, but you've got to keep an open mind on the subject," said Mr Brodrick, who lives in Norton Drive, Woodloes.

"It looked to me like an aircraft was on fire. It seemed as though it was moving steadily across the sky, but not falling. Then suddenly bits started to break away as though it had exploded."

The Central Hospital nurse then lost sight of the object as it disappeared behind houses in the direction of the Saxon Mill on Coventry Road.

After deliberating for several minutes, he decided to call the police in case it had been an aircraft in trouble.

"They checked with all the Midlands airports, but there were no reports of missing aircraft. The only explanation they could think of was it could have been a meteorite entering the earth's atmosphere. It left a long trail of smoke as it fell after the explosion."

To satisfy his curiosity Mr Brodrick went in search of his UFO around the area where he thought it would have landed.

"Unfortunately I lost my sense of

direction very quickly, and was unable to find anything. But I was convinced that it was an aircraft."

"I wouldn't have thought it was a distress flare or anything to do with a military exercise, bearing in mind where we live. And a shooting star would have had a coloured trail following it — I can't think of any other explanation than the meteorite theory."

He made the sighting at 12.05 pm, while watching television, and would be interested to hear if anyone else saw the mysterious object.

It is the first reported UFO sighting in Warwick for some time, although eight years ago a bright object was spotted over Lillington before speeding off towards Birmingham.

CR: T. Good

# Beware the man in black . . .

IF you answer a knock at the door and the caller is a man dressed in black, you should be slightly suspicious especially if he has two similarly-dressed associates with him.

And if they've all rolled up in a Rolls Royce, or a Jaguar, to talk to you about UFOs, take my advice . . . panic.

Why? Because it's pretty certain that they don't actually exist. Yes, you'll find yourself talking to what's known as an 'entity'. Which is another way of saying a ghost. Of the Star Trek generation maybe, but a ghost nonetheless.

These characters seem to be interested

## He may not exist, says Neil Bonner

only in people who study UFOs and the like.

In a new book *Visions, Apparitions and Alien Visitors* (published this week by The Aquarian Press, £9.95), author Hilary Evans (that's a man, by the way. A real man) says there are many reported instances of visits by Men in Black.

They often arrive after a UFO buff has made yet another sighting — but usually before he or she has had a chance to tell the world.

Apparently, they nearly always turn up while the sky-gazer is alone. They wear dark suits, dark shoes and socks, but white shirts.

They look vaguely foreign and often have slanting eyes.

They talk and even give names and identification, passing themselves off as men from the Ministry of Defence in Britain or the CIA in America.

Their mission, it seems, is to warn people off delving into the mysteries of UFOs and associated areas. They often back up their "persuasion" with threats of violence.

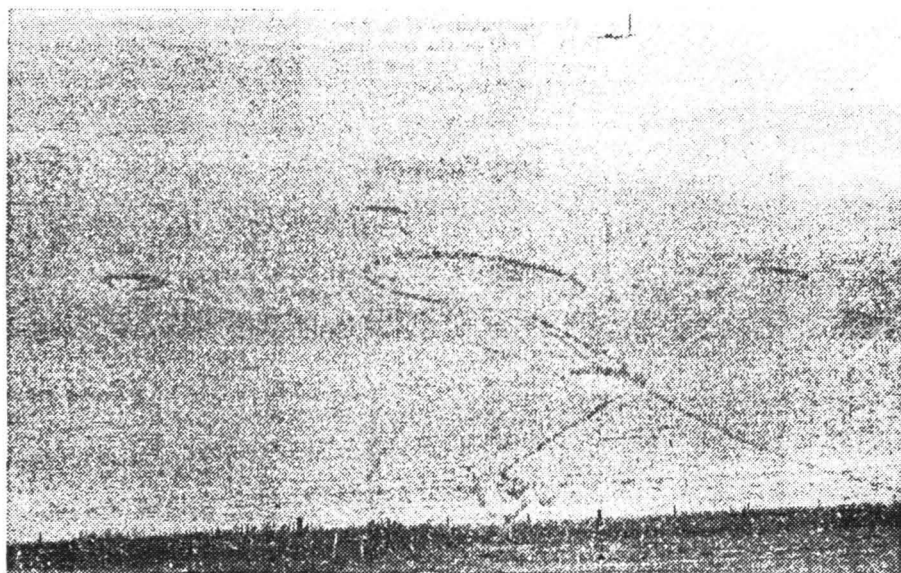
It may all sound a little fanciful, yet it is part of a meticulously-researched work that looks at all aspects of ghostly visions.

A modern man in black drawn by Albert Bender, who claimed to have encountered three...



HASTINGS EVENING ARGUS, Sussex, England - Aug. 1, 1984

## Ring spotters warned



The rings which suddenly appeared on the hillside.

by Jeannine Hutchings  
UNWELCOME earthlings are landing on the mystery rings site near Seaford.

Now police are giving the downland invaders their marching orders.

Since the strange circles appeared in the cornfield at High And Over at the weekend, scores of sightseers have been taking a closer look.

"Although the rings are clearly visible from the road some people have been walking down through the field

and crops are getting damaged," said a police spokesman.

"The owner of Rathfinny Farm has asked us to try to get people away. Although we can't put up signs because it is private land, I would warn people that they are trespassing if they go down through the field.

"It is also very dangerous if they park their cars on the hill and we don't want any accidents."

When the 20ft. rings, surrounded by four small outer rings, were spotted on Saturday morning there were no

footprints in the field. Now there are visible paths caused by sightseers going up to the circles.

One of the first people to see them, on his way to work, was Alfriston village blacksmith Mr Les Edwards. "I have never seen anything like it," he said. "I really don't know if they have been caused by spaceships but I keep an open mind."

So far no one has come up with a down-to-earth explanation for the circles. Police believe it could be a hoax but say it is a very elaborate one as the rings are so perfectly spaced.

CR: T. Good

## My green and red mystery

A 44-year-old, non drinking, clean-living, relatively level-headed journalist glanced at the sky to the north of Haworth in the early hours — and saw a UFO.

I know . . . because I was that reporter. And I can confirm the story of Mrs. June Clayton, of Defarge Court, West Bowling, who hours before had told me of what appeared to be a strange craft hovering over Wakefield Road, Bradford.

June, 34, said that eight people known to her had seen a glowing, round object, apparently carrying red and green lights, which had hung over the city.

"We examined it through binoculars, and it definitely wasn't an aeroplane or a helicopter," said June.

The circular object which I saw was no conventional craft, either. For the five minutes during which I observed it, the thing did not move in any direction. But it did seem to be pulsating, and it appeared to change shade from red to green and back to the colour of a particularly bright star again.

### Colours

A flying set of traffic lights, perhaps? Or a visitor from Outer Space? At his home in Green Lane, Addingham, 25-year-old Nigel Mortimer, acting director of investigations with the British UFO Research Association, would not commit himself.

But he did relieve my anxiety to some extent. If I was going mad, I was not making the trip alone.

Nigel said: "I have had seven telephone calls from people who saw the object. They all confirm that it seemed to be pulsating, with a revolving action, and they mentioned the colours red and green."

"There have been sightings east of Leeds and

by Peter Brearey



west of Bradford — and as far away as Manchester."

But are we being watched?

"At the moment, we are still collecting the data on this sighting, and I am not prepared to give an evaluation," said Nigel. "We are sending an investigator along to talk to Mrs. Clayton at West Bowling. But the amount of sightings suggests that whatever people have seen is highly unusual."

Nigel, who joined the 300-strong association after he had personally watched a UFO, agreed that my sighting, to the north of Haworth, could conceivably have had something to do with the presence at Menwith Hill of a US spy station.

Officials of the Ministry of Defence (as well as the police and people at Leeds-Bradford airport) have said they are baffled by the reports.

Most of the latest UFO reports were of an object seen at around 10.00 p.m. on Monday. Dennis Gibson, of Croft House Road, Morley, saw a pair of coloured rotating lights.

He said: "At first, my wife said they were stars. But when we trained the binoculars on them, we saw they were about twice the size of stars and spun around. We could hardly believe what we were seeing."

My wife could hardly believe what I saw, either.

When I went indoors to report my experience, she said: "And were there a lot of little tin men saying how much they like Cadbury's Smash? Go to sleep."

But let the scoffers scoff — I await Nigel Mortimer's report with interest.

BRADFORD TELEGRAPH & ARGUS, West Yorkshire, England - July 26, 1984 CR: T. Good 12

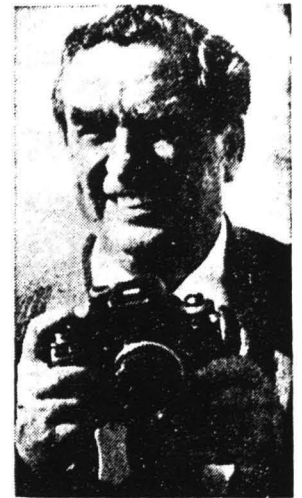
**CORRECTION:** The item, "Mystery Object Over Ballarat," (UFONS #180, page 11) is from the NEWS of Ballarat, Victoria, Australia of May 24, 1984. This information was inadvertently omitted.



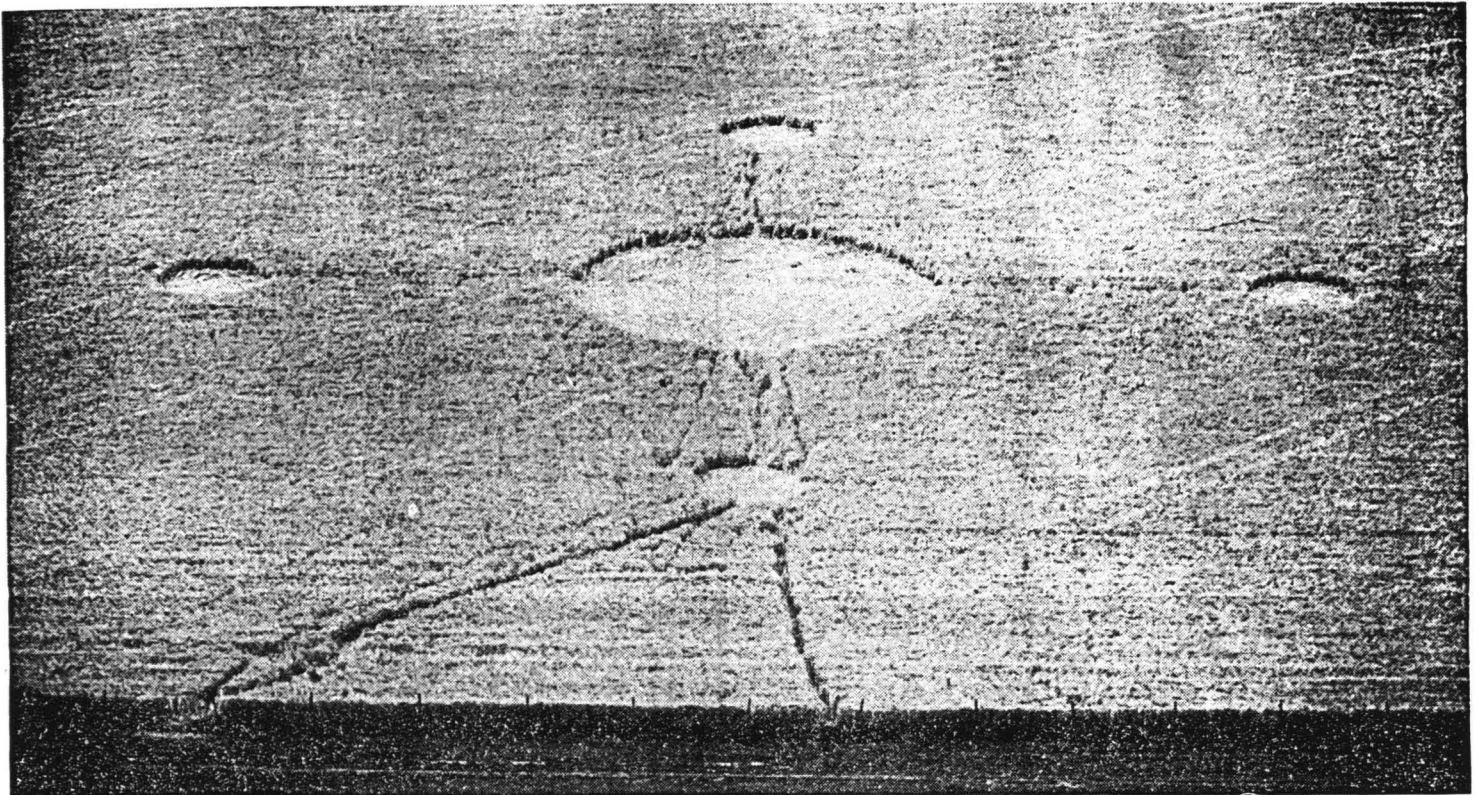
OUR GUEST PHOTOGRAPHER STARTS A SPACE-AGE PUZZLE

# Healey's Comet

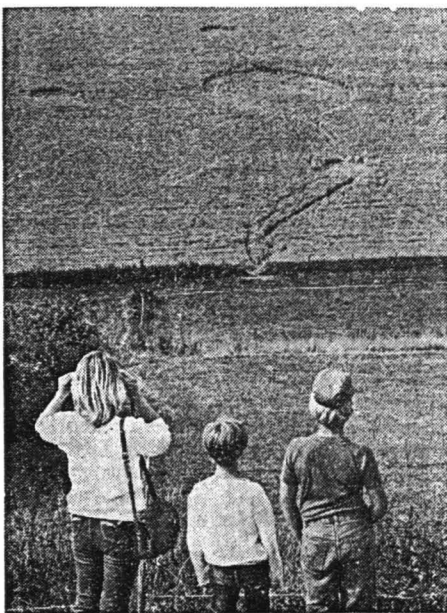
## Or are there UFOs at the bottom of Denis's garden?



Happy snapper Healey



Hillside view of the mysterious circles captured by Denis Healey with his trusty camera



Three young villagers spot The Shape

Report by IAN WALKER  
Pictures by DENIS HEALEY  
and BILL CRUSS

THERE is something funny going on at the bottom of Denis Healey's garden.

So funny, in fact, that when the Shadow Foreign Secretary took out his camera and snapped this picture he declared: 'I am expecting now to come across little green men...'

'Although I suppose it might be worse if they were members of the Cabinet who had landed or if the aliens turned out to be Press officers of the Chancellor.'

### Flattened

As you can see, it looks as though a space ship might have landed in the cornfield beyond Mr Healey's garden.

That central disc of flattened corn is 30ft across and the four similar circles surrounding it measure 12ft. in diameter. Channels of flattened crop join the small circles to the big one. And there is no sign of footprints...

The marks appeared overnight in Farmer John Mossop's field beside the Healey family home at Alfriston, Sussex. Many villagers are convinced they were made by the landing of an Unidentified Flying Object.



Close-up: Two children stand in one of the circles of flattened corn.

'I am the last person to believe in UFOs,' said the 66-year-old former Labour Chancellor, 'but trying to find a rational solution to this problem is a bit difficult. I'm totally baffled.'

Even before Mr Healey took out what he called his 'trusty Canon' to snap the discs from a nearby hill, local police knew about them.

They are clearly visible from the road and motorists stopping to see them have caused traffic jams. 'A couple of our lads have been down for an official look,' said an officer from neighbouring Seaford. 'It's a mystery to us.'

The marks are being investigated by the British UFO Research Association—along with similar flattened fields in other parts of the country.

'One theory is they are caused by

freak whirlwinds begun because of the hot weather,' said Mr Kenneth Phillips, an Association spokesman. 'But so far, scientists have been unable to come up with a definitive solution.'

One man's mystery is another's misery. 'I don't know who's responsible for these circles, but whoever caused them are vandals,' said Farmer Mossop. 'A lot of valuable corn has been destroyed.'

'I have now got loads of people tramping over my land to look at the things. It's bad enough having them there without them being turned into a tourist attraction. I'd like to get those responsible and wring their necks—even if they did turn out to be people from another world.'

Bid to  
explain  
new  
UFO  
sighting

A north Derbyshire woman has had an unexplained close encounter — with a UFO.

June Skinner, a keen plane spotter and a former worker in the RAF's signals, saw something strange in the Staveley sky. Now investigations have started to try to explain the sighting.

### Not plane

'I've never seen anything like it before,' June said. 'I'm very good at recognising planes after working in the RAF, but this craft was definitely not a plane, and was not on the flight path.'

June added that her 12-year-old son also saw the craft travelling from Mastin Moor towards Chesterfield at about 10.20 pm. It was semi-circular, with a pair of bright lights both at the front, and on the underside. It made a quiet hum as it passed overhead.

### Interested

The Chesterfield UFO society, formed earlier this year, has set the wheels in motion to investigate June's sighting.

'The craft doesn't match descriptions of other UFOs seen in the area, and we are interested to hear from anyone else who may have seen it,' said Dave Kelly, of the local UFO group.

Both the Bawtry weather station and the RAF have also been contacted about the sighting.

● The Chesterfield area is earning a reputation as a magnet for UFOs. There were a spate of sightings in March around the Wingerworth and Bole Hill areas. Two young boys spotted a craft in the sky around Mastin Moor at the same time.

# CIA 'IN UFO PLOT'

THE CIA considered using UFO sightings as a cover for their secret operations, according to an Australian author.

In his latest book, Murray Stott says documents reluctantly released by the CIA under the US Freedom of Information Act, revealed they kept files on thousands of reported sightings from around the world — including Australia — beginning in the late '40s.

It was while researching for his book, *Aliens Over Antipodes*, that he became aware of the CIA's activities, he said.

For 30 years, the US Government denied that any UFO documents existed, he said.

The CIA took the sightings seriously and collated classified files run-

## Shock claims in new book

By MICHAEL COX

ning into thousands of pages, he said.

The documents confirm that the CIA evaluated "problems connected with unidentified flying objects", Stott said.

He said the CIA chiefs at Langley, Virginia, even considered using the sightings for psychological warfare and as part of their intelligence operations.

"Some of the documents I got hold of showed that the CIA recognised that UFO sightings could be used in psychological warfare and in their operations," Stott said.

"If you wanted to test a new secret

laid away any sightings by civilians as UFOs," he said.

But the UFO hysteria whipped up in the '50s, prompted the CIA to begin a "debunking program" he said.

"Because of the global flap caused by the increase in sightings, the military and civil authorities were swamped by reported sightings.

"The CIA was worried because all the reports were threatening to affect any response to a potential national emergency," he said.

The CIA considered using respected scientists and even cartoonists to try and undermine the credibility of UFO sightings, he said.

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Mr Ray Miller and the flattened corn. — Picture by Steven Stocker.

## Deer may solve the riddle of cornfield

MORE MYSTERIOUS circles have appeared in Wiltshire corn fields reviving speculation about UFOs or more earthly phenomena.

The latest sighting was in fields at the Common in Steeple Ashton while Mr Ray Miller was walking his dog, writes Roderic Eldridge.

He said, "As far as I can see from the footpath there are four or five of these circles. I walk the dog that way every day and these suddenly appeared yesterday.

"There does not appear to be any way in to the marks which appears to rule out human involvement. It is very peculiar."

Mr Miller, who lives in the village, says that he keeps an open mind about flying saucers and extra terrestrial beings.

Wiltshire has been a focal point for similar sightings in fields of growing cereal in recent years.

Several fields near Westbury had symmetrical marks of cereal laid down as though by a giant landing craft last year.

This year already there have been reports from Hampshire and from Cley Hill, Warminster. The Steeple Ashton markings though could well have a less romantic explanation.

As I looked at the site, a pair of possible culprits

loomed into view on the far side of the field. Frisking deer gambolling about in the corn might just have been responsible.

That has been one of the principal theories during the current speculation. Leading local meteorologist Dr Terence Meaden is convinced that it is mini-whirlwinds. And there are those who subscribe to the view it is pranksters whirling a chain around.

With Wiltshire's military establishments dotted round Salisbury Plain quite a few folk have put it all down to the down draught from hovering helicopters on exercises.

## TRANSLATIONS

TRANSLATION CREDIT: Jane Guma

City and country of incident: Valencia de Alcantara, Spain  
Date of incident: March 22, 1984  
Name of paper and date of clip: EXTREMADURA, March 30, 1984  
City and country of paper: Caceres, Spain

### ANOTHER UFO SIGHTING IN THE COUNTRY

The night of Thursday, 22nd last, coinciding with the strange phenomenon seen in the Trujillo and Guadalupe areas, sighting number 30 was recorded in the region.

Francisco Vivas Picado, 16, a resident of Las Casañas, was driving his motorcycle from the El Pino district, and a few meters before leaving the town, he saw a strong white light illuminating the whole panorama of the Sierra Fria, the light coming out of an oval-shaped point that seemed to float on the slopes of the hill near the ground. He also saw how a small reddish light came from the upper part of the oval. The sighting lasted all the time he took in driving some 300 meters on the road, and suddenly the strong light went out, darkness setting in again. He thinks it may have been around 9:45 p.m.

There are several more local witnesses to this light.

### THE LUMINOUS PHENOMENON WAS ALSO SEEN IN THIS REGION

IFEX, the local group that investigates strange phenomena, says there are witnesses to the luminous phenomenon that was seen the night of Thursday 22nd in Trujillo and Guadalupe regions.

We have not yet been able to learn the identity of the witnesses, but it is certain there are several....(original clipping incomplete).

City and country of incident: Las Bardenas, Spain  
Date of incident: April 27, 1984  
Name of paper and date of clip: DIARIO DE NAVARRA, April 29, 1984  
City and country of paper: Pamplona, Spain

### FIVE RESIDENTS OF TUDELA CLAIM HAVING SEEN A UFO IN LAS BARDENAS

Five residents of Tudela were surprised Friday night at the sight of an object in the sky moving at high altitude in a South-North direction, giving off intermittent flashes, according to the Efe news agency.

According to the witnesses, the object moved at high speed and was seen for a minute.

The incident happened in the region of Las Bardenas known as "Plana de la Negra," where the navarrans went to catch frogs.

CREDIT: Bob Pratt (Translation Credit: Jane Guma)

City and country of incident: Northern Peru  
Date of incident: ?  
Name of paper and date of clip: LA TERCERA DE LA HORA, June 11, 1984  
City and country of paper: Santiago, Chile

### UFO HUMANOID IN PERUVIAN BEACH Greeted terrified bathers

LIMA, 10 (ANSA). — A UFO landed on a beach in the northern littoral of Peru, and its pilot, an alleged humanoid, greeted two engineers and a doctor of the Petroleos del Peru company.

The unusual news was published in today's official morning paper La Cronica, naming the above professionals as witnesses of the incident.

The extraterrestrial ship was described as circular, some 15 meters in diameter, moving silently.

According to the three witnesses, the humanoid descended from the ship and greeted the surprised and terrified human beings who did nothing.

Engineer Carlos Belevan said the humanoid wore a strange silvery grey, dull, suit.

The strange being's height was estimated at 1.80 meters, with normal features, green eyes and dark brown eyebrows.

The incident caused several comments: some believe it really happened, while the majority think the "reflex" was the result of too many drinks by the still surprised witnesses. However, the professionals state all three of them are abstemious.

NOTE: Jane Guma is the former Jane Thomas, who has now moved to California, following her marriage to Harold Guma, an aerospace engineer and fellow Argentinian. We are very grateful to Jane for all the translations she provided from Argentine papers over the years and we are pleased that she will continue to translate Spanish articles for us.





## Two Tahoe City women get glimpse of 'monster'

By PHIL HOWARD  
Special to the Bonanza

It's back.

After a one-year absence, the Lake Tahoe Monster has resurfaced...at least according to two Tahoe City women who say they spotted a huge, living object in the water off a point near Fleur du Lac June 19 while they were hiking.

Patsy McKay and Diane Stavarakis were hiking near Eagle Rock on the West Shore when McKay spotted something strange in the lake below them.

"Judging by the part I saw, I'd say it was at least 17 feet long," McKay said. "It emerged from the water like

a little submarine. It popped up three different times."

Stavarakis also saw the object and along with McKay, ruled out the most obvious explanations.

"It wasn't a diver, and it wasn't a log, and it wasn't caused by the wind," McKay said.

Stavarakis described the creature as dark, smooth and "huge, as big as a rowboat."

"It had little white caps coming from around where its mouth would be. It surfaced the way a whale does. It just kind of pushed up through the water. It seemed very lethargic."

Stavarakis said the creature seemed to have an undulating back.

"I could see a dip between where its head would be and its back, and the back had kind of a hump to it."

Stavarakis, an artist, said she will attempt to draw the creature. The experience has been unsettling for her.

"I wish I never would have seen it. I've gone back there looking for it. Maybe it's just for man to speculate on."

Both McKay and Stavarakis, longtime Tahoe residents, say they've never seen anything like what they saw June 19.

"It was definitely living," McKay said. "Each time it came up, it stayed up for about 30 seconds. I'd have given anything for a pair of binoculars."

A spokesman with the U.S. Coast Guard

station in Lake Forest said his office hadn't received any calls concerning a strange object, and said to the best he could remember, the last sighting of what has become known as the Lake Tahoe Monster was back in the summer of 1982.

It was then that a pair of Reno policemen, Kris

sighting.

Beebe said the object he observed was "a minimum of 10 feet," and that he was certain the object was alive.

Several explanations have been posed to account for the sightings of a supposed monster-size fish.

Some say the monster sightings are nothing

caught in 1938, a Coelacanth, which had been thought extinct for the past 60 million years. The fish was 5-feet long and weighed about 100 pounds. It had a 15-pound fish inside its stomach.

Others believe the Lake Tahoe Monster is the survivor of attempts to plant unusual fish in Tahoe. According to Roush's book, two such fish were the Great Lakes Muskellunge and the Alligator Gar.

The Muskellunge has been known to grow to be 7-feet long and weigh up to 120 pounds. The Gar can reach 10 feet in length and weigh a whopping 300 pounds.

The fish were planted in Tahoe in the '20s and '30s but the chilly waters proved to be too severe for them.

Stavarakis said that whatever it was she saw, it didn't appear threatening.

"It didn't seem ominous like a Jaws creature. It seemed bored with the world. It seemed like it just came up to look at the sun and check out the world."

**"I wish I never would have seen it. I've gone back there looking for it. Maybe it's just for man to speculate on."**

Beebe and Jerry Jones, were water skiing on Tahoe when Beebe, while waiting to be

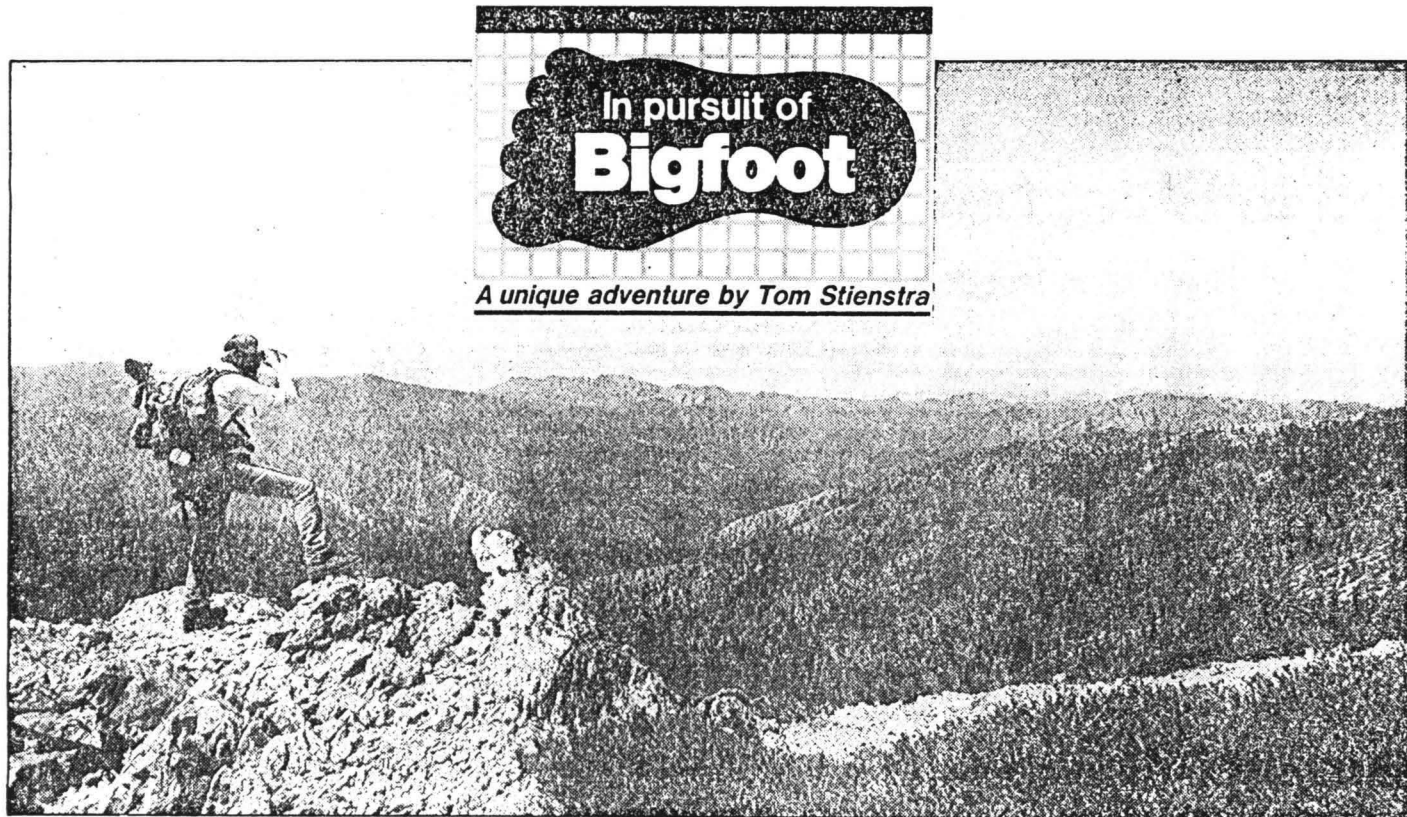
picked up in the boat, was startled by a "huge, ugly, dark object" that was moving in the water near him. That sighting came on June 16, 1982, almost two years to the day of the most recent

more than shadows of waves, or rotting logs which occasionally bob up to the surface.

Some believe the Lake Tahoe Monster is actually a prehistoric fish. To back this up, they point to John Roush's book, "Successfully Fishing Lake Tahoe," in which he writes of a fish

NORTH LAKE TAHOE BONANZA, South Lake Tahoe, CA - June 29, 1984

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Michael Furniss photo

In the Kalmiopsis Wilderness of Bigfoot Country, the prey was an intriguing man-animal-myth, often seen but never captured

## An expedition to separate fact from fiction

It has many names on many continents — Abominable Snowman, Yeti, Sasquatch, Mono Grande, Ohmahah, Agachikishi — but he has come to be known here as Bigfoot, a fabled man-ape that haunts the desolate wilderness of the Northwest. Examiner outdoors writer Tom Stienstra headed a three-member team that for three weeks roamed the high country of Northern California and Southern Oregon, areas where man has rarely, if ever, traveled, to search for the legendary creature. In his eight-part series, "In Pursuit of Bigfoot," Stienstra tries to separate fact from the fiction that surrounds the lore of Bigfoot.

By Tom Stienstra  
Examiner outdoors writer  
First of an eight-part series

DOE FLAT, Siskiyou County — The snowfield stretched out before us for a hundred yards, and though reflected sunlight made us shield our eyes, the huge footprints carving an icy trail around the bend could not

be mistaken: 17 inches long! Six inches wide! Bigfoot? Fakes?

We were silent, just standing there, staring at them. Each of these massive prints plunged 10 inches deep into the snow, and where each one bottomed out, the snow was rock hard from being packed down and compressed. Whatever made these prints, it was big and heavy — but it was not from a bear — the steps leading in an even one-two, one-two through the snow, the trail from a bi-ped, a two-legged creature. Bigfoot?

The Examiner Bigfoot Expedition, a project that included more than six months of extensive research and almost a month in the field, had led us to the Klamath Mountains northeast of Eureka, and now to these footprints. Stories in the snow can set off remarkable tales, and as we looked closer, I remembered what Grover Kranz, an anthropology professor and Bigfoot specialist, said about a set of footprints found last October that provides the best evidence yet to prove the existence of Bigfoot.

"We've got over 1,000 cases of sightings and plaster casts of prints," Kranz said. "But the ones found in October had dermal ridges and that's what sets them apart. The intricate pattern of skin ridges would be almost impossible even for the best hieroglyphics expert to fake. I am convinced Bigfoot exists."

In 1934, Dutch geologist Ral von Koenigswald came across a number of unusual human-like teeth, including a lower molar that was twice the size of the corresponding tooth in an adult gorilla. In the spring of 1956, a jawbone like few others ever discovered was found in China by Dr. Pei Wen-chung. He identified it as belonging to more of a giant man than an ape — Gigantopithecus.

We're talking about a manlike beast that could stand eight feet tall and weigh 800 pounds, leaves little else behind but his giant footprints, and has confounded Indians, trailblazers and loggers for thousands of years in areas

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around the world. A descendant of Gigantopithecus, The Abominable Snowman of Mt. Everest, the Yeti of China, the Sasquatch of British Columbia, the Mono Grande of the Andes and Russia's Agachikishi. Up here in the Klamath Mountains, the Hoopa Indians call him Ohmahah, which means "Wild Man of the Woods." In the past century, loggers and trailblazers have called him Bigfoot, the name that has stuck.

The Examiner Expedition is searching for him. Three of us are traveling light and quick over some of the most rugged and remote terrain in California and southern Oregon, exploring key areas where Bigfoot sightings and tracks have been most prevalent.

We will hike mountain rims, bush-whack into dense wilderness, cross through streams chilled by glacial melt and, at times, even crawl on hands and knees on animal trails to reach areas rarely, if ever, visited by man. Besides myself, members of the Examiner team are wilderness explorer/photographer Jeffrey Patty, and for a portion, Michael Furniss, a soil scientist/habitat expert with the U.S. Forest Service.

Our first trip was mapped to take us into the Siskiyou Wilderness, a remarkably diverse area studded with firs, pines, spruces and cedars, and cut by streams created from the many trickles of melting snow. After driving via four-wheel drive on a logging road to the Bear Basin Saddle at 4,900 feet, we found the road blocked by snow.

"This is where we start doing some thumpin' and gruntin'," said Patty, gazing to the north at the Siskiyou Backbone, a long series of jagged mountain crests, all covered by snow. "Maybe I should start using the Bigfoot call I've been working on."

Furniss and I looked at him as if he had antlers growing out of his head. The scream of Bigfoot is alleged to be an intense, cackling shriek that cannot be imitated without electronic equipment.

"Let's hear it," I said.

Patty put his hands to his mouth. "Here Bigfoot, Bigfoot. Heere Bigfoot."

When we crossed the first snowfield, the unbroken line across its surface told us just what we wanted to know. "This area has not been open to vehicular traffic all winter," said Furniss. "There's no footprints at all in the snow, so that means we're the first people to walk into this part of the wilderness area in months, maybe a half a year, maybe more."

That is a critical feature of our trip, and why we have been so secretive about the areas we intended to explore — we didn't want to get duped

by a hoaxer. Similar to the mystery of Unidentified Flying Objects, ghosts and the Bermuda Triangle, a mysticism surrounds Bigfoot's existence as well. It can set people off in the woods wearing gorilla costumes, using stamps to make footprints. Thoughts of Bigfoot can also lead to befuddling tales.

For instance, an Oregon man who would not allow the use of his name said that he watched Bigfoot get out of a spaceship, and then talked to him.

"I also saw the Little People," he said, dead serious.

A commercial fisherman at Moss Landing — who wouldn't provide his name — said he knew why no Bigfoot carcasses have been found. "The Bigfoots go to sea to die," he said. "I just saw one swimming in Monterey Bay."

Well, the Bigfoot we are looking for does not have a zipper running down his back.

Only Terry Moyle, the primate specialist at San Francisco Zoo, had an idea of the wilderness we are exploring. In May, Moyle learned of the expedition and called The Examiner and suggested two areas — and remarkably, those were two of the five areas we had already targeted after a year of research.

It was Patty's idea to retrace our trail occasionally to see if, indeed, Bigfoot would be tracking us instead of the other way around. After three days of wilderness travel, we hiked back to inspect the series of snowfields, where if anything was following us, it would show up in the snow.

We did, and it was hard to believe. Here were these giant footprints, staring at us. At first, they seemed awesome, and the blinding reflection of light off the snow added to the mystery.

To get an idea of just how big the footprint was, just draw a 17-inch print on this page — it'll take up almost three-quarters of it — and then put your own foot on top of it.

The trip was just three days old. Were we already close to Mr. Bigfoot? Maybe. However, something seemed amiss and we all seemed to sense it at once.

"I don't think this is it," said Patty. "There's something wrong. The footprints don't seem to be far enough apart."

Sure enough. The distance between them was only 17 or 18 inches, about the stride of a man 6-foot-3. Well, that's how tall I am. Then I tried walking in the footprints. Perfect match, except for the outrageous size.

Then it hit us. The footprints were our own, created on the way in when each of us stepped in the same spot to



Jeff Patty photo

The name of this Klamath Mountain stream attracted author Stienstra and mates: Bigfoot Creek

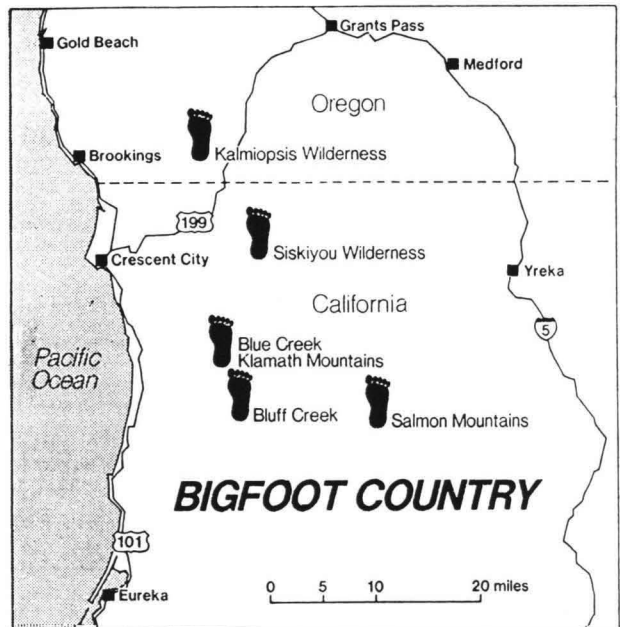
ease the travel across the soft snow. But 17 inches? Figure it: The hot early days of summer had melted the snow on the edge of the footprints, turning the print of a 13-inch hiking boot to a 17-inch "Bigfoot print."

That night, in our sleeping bags at camp, we were watching the stars, talking about the day's episode. Saturn, the Big Dipper, Polaris patrolled the sky. Then we saw this one star that appeared to be going around in a short circle. Peculiar.

Furniss, the scientist among us, pointed it out.

"There's no rational explanation for such an occurrence," he said. "I guess Bigfoot falls in the same territory."

Logic gives us what we need, but magic gives us what we want.



Examiner graphics

Footprints pinpoint mountaintop sites that research indicated would be prime Bigfoot hangouts, thus expedition destinations

## The 'origins' of Bigfoot

THE BIGFOOT phenomenon can be explained in many ways, but best by one of the following:

- Bigfoot is a descendant of Gigantopithecus, whose fossilized remains date back four million years. It has managed to live with only rare detection, such as many animals of small population that live in true wilderness.

- The hundreds and hundreds of sightings, footprints and episodes have been faked, the work of pranksters pulling off a prime hoax. There is a definite appeal to the idea of dressing up like a Bigfoot and running around in front of gullible and gaping summer tourists.

- Bigfoot once existed, but is now extinct due to a severe shrinking of its habitat. Population encroachment

and logging in the past century limited its range to the point where eventually no more than one could exist, and when that one died, the species became extinct in the West.

- Bigfoot is actually a religious spirit that appears and disappears only in areas frequented by tribal worship, such as those where Indian tribes are centered in the Pacific Northwest.

- Bigfoot is a being from another planet who flies here in a spacecraft and finds pleasure in hiding in the woods, and, in clandestine fashion, watching earthlings.

- Or, there is a science to explain phenomena such as Bigfoot, the Loch Ness Monster, Unidentified Flying Objects, ghosts and the Bermuda Triangle, but that science has not yet been explained.



Examiner's Tom Stienstra, left, jokes with Michael Furniss; photographer Jeff Patty, right

## The Bigfoot Three

THE BIGFOOT expedition team was comprised of Examiner outdoor writer Tom Stienstra, wilderness explorer/photographer Jeffrey Patty, and hydrologist/habitat expert Michael Furniss of the U.S. Forest Service.

Stienstra, 30, has a diverse background that has taken him on adventures across the western hemisphere, including the rain forest jungle of Costa Rica and the remote wilderness of Alaska and British Columbia. His backpacking experience in California is extensive after making his first trip as a 12-year-old. One of his most well-known adventures was a 400-mile canoe trip on the Sacramento River from Redding to San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf that was described in The Examiner in 1981. Since joining the Examiner in 1980, he has won eight major writing awards.

Patty, 33, also started backpacking at age 12 and by the time he was 15, had already hiked a large portion of the John Muir Trail in the Sierra Nevada. In the time since, his

boots have taken him off trails as well as on, searching out remote areas by taking animal trails. He does not hunt. His wilderness experiences includes exploring several areas across the Pacific Northwest and Canada, both by foot and by canoe. Carrying a waterproof camera pack on his hip is now his trademark. He has photographed wilderness settings since age 18, including several photos recently published in The Examiner.

Furniss, 31, joined the expedition for the Siskiyou/Klamath leg of the trip. He has a master's degree in soil science at Berkeley, and can identify virtually all of the plant, tree and animal species in any forest in the Pacific Northwest. A finely tuned woodsman, he has backpacked for most of his life, and now also fishes and rafts the Smith River near his home in Del Norte County.

Note: Hikers not in peak physical condition, or untrained in wilderness travel, should not attempt to hike in areas described in the Examiner Bigfoot Expedition series. In many cases, river crossings, steep terrain, and temperature conditions that have occurred on the expedition can put even experienced backpackers in considerable danger.







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## Honoring Champ

Joseph Zarzynski, left, who heads the Lake Champlain Phenomena Investigation, and state Lottery Director George 'Bud' Dacey unveil a monument to Champ. The marker at Perkins Pier in Burlington was donated by Rock of Ages Corp. of Barre and is dedicated to those who have spotted the elusive lake creature. The Vermont Lottery is promoting a 'Search for Champ' game this summer.

### Rick Folstad



## 'Monster' a muskie?

Maybe what's down there, lurking in the cold, deep, dark shadows of America's mountain lake and making an occasional guest appearance to sun and horrified onlookers, isn't really a monster.

Maybe Lake Tahoe's most infamous resident is, as has been speculated, a muskie (muskellunge). Or an alligator gar or some lonely, ancient species of fish, misplaced and thought to be long departed from our present world of technological frontiers and artificial highs.

If it is a muskie, take the advice of someone who hails from the land of the "big fish" in the Great Lakes area. Tie a squirrel to a hook and line and let it paddle its way across the water near Eagle Rock where the monster was last reported seen. Then wait. And hope for both your sake and the squirrel's, that the monster isn't a muskie.

I'm not really condoning fishing with squirrels, but when living in northern Wisconsin, I've seen muskies and their work. They're partial to kittens, rabbits and mice. I've seen ducks disappear from the water's surface when muskies are on the prowl. Once, I watched a clumsy squirrel slip from a branch overhanging the water. It never completed its swim.

Muskies are a big, vicious fish, prone to becoming airborne when hooked. Once in the air, they'll shake their head like a terrier

shaking a rat. And if they throw the hook, it'll be thrown in your direction.

My grandfather was a muskie fisherman. He was a member of that rare breed of fishermen who would sit in a boat for eight or nine hours, casting a thousand times in hope of one strike. And like all the muskie fishermen of his time, he carried lures the size of hammer handles. And he carried a .22 pistol.

If he was lucky enough to hook a fish and strong enough to get it alongside the boat, he was also smart enough to even the odds with a gun. You didn't pull a teed off, 6-foot muskie into a 12-foot rowboat.

My dad used to tell me stories about the "big fish" also. He told me of the time he used to swim in Little Sisabagama when he was a young kid and the fish would sometimes swim in by the dock.

"We'd see them underwater," he used to tell me. "They'd swim right up to us. We weren't really afraid, just intimidated. And they weren't. It was spooky."

The June 19 sighting of the Lake Tahoe Monster raises questions, beginning with the validity of the sightings themselves. But to disbelieve in something simply because it doesn't appear to fit into our limited spectrum of knowledge and understanding or doesn't meld into our established scheme, is ignorance in its finest hour.

I'd like to believe there's a monster out there. I'd like to believe there's a strain or branch of animal life out there that's a little off center from what our text books tell us. If it's just a mutant strain of fish, make it taste good, breed fast, fight hard and bite often. If it's something else, let it stay hidden, have a long life and remain undisturbed.

But if it's a muskie, pray for little squirrels.

NORTH LAKE TAHOE BONANZA, South Lake Tahoe, CA - July 4, 1984

DAILY WORLD, Aberdeen, WA  
July 18, 1984

## Seized scope not illegal, bigfoot hunter gets it back

By The Associated Press  
EUREKA, Calif. — Bigfoot hunter Mark E. Keller got his nighttime telescopic sight and rifle back from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department on Tuesday after authorities determined the scope was legal.

"I'm just glad to have the scope back and hopefully I shouldn't have any more problems with it," Keller said. "Tomorrow morning I'm going back out in the field and see what happens."

District Attorney Terry Farmer said Keller's Army-surplus starlight scope and Winchester Model 70 hunting rifle were returned to him after an inspection revealed the scope didn't violate state law.

"What this was, upon investigation, was a scope that gathers and enhances available light," Farmer said. "So it does not work with a projected infrared light source. As a consequence it is not illegal."

Keller, who has been hunting the legendary man-like creature known as Bigfoot since May 19, was arrested Saturday after picking up his rifle and scope at a gunshop following repairs to the scope.

The gun and scope were seized and Keller was ordered to appear in Eureka Municipal Court on a charge of possession of a sniper scope, deputies said.

A former Army Ranger who served in Vietnam, Keller quit his job in the U.S. Postal Service to spend the summer in an effort to kill a Bigfoot to settle whether the creature exists.

# Mystery of the UFO's — unidentified falling objects

By JIM HEWITSON

NEXT time you're caught in a hailstorm and the little pellets of ice drop down your collar, don't despair. Things could be a lot worse.

Since the days when man first began to record his experiences, his relationships with the world, there have been stories of remarkable ice falls.

Overshadowing all others for sheer drama and scale comes the incident at Balvullich in Ross-shire recorded in the august columns of the Times of London in the late summer, 1849.

After an amazing peel of thunder an irregular-shaped mass of ice plunged from the night skies. It was reported to be some 20ft. around and according to observers must have weighed half-a-ton.

A rare and strange occurrence indeed, but the continuing problem of large pieces of falling ice, usually attributed nowadays to the thawing process on jetliners changing altitude, has prompted a fresh initiative.

So concerned is the Heathrow Airport Consultative Committee about the threat of these unpredictable visitations that they are soon to meet a group of MPs to press for the establishment of Government compensation for damage and injury caused by UFO's — unidentified falling objects.

Heathrow now has the support of the committees at other airports run by the British Airports Authority — Glasgow, Edinburgh, Prestwick, Aberdeen, Stansted and Gatwick as well as a number of municipally run airfields.

A recent case in Windsor illustrates the problem. Mrs Beryl Smith is tending her garden when she hears a whoosh and a thud. Embedded in the lawn about 10ft. away is a piece of ice weighing a pound.

Mrs Smith told the press: "We have to put up with aircraft noise and now they're chucking bits of ice at us."

The local paper, The Windsor, Slough and Eton Express took up the case and discovered that the Civil Aviation Authority had been reporting an increase in such incidents.

The CAA person did not believe the ice would come from the wings or airframe, but more probably from a leak in the galley or toilet. Little wonder the ice falls are alternatively known as aircraft excrement.

Mrs J. A. Aldridge, secretary of the Heathrow committee who are spearheading the compensation scheme explained that their interest was first aroused when a farmworker in a field near the airport was almost felled by a section of aircraft.

"We hope that once we meet the MPs, including Mr John Wilkinson, chairman of the Conservative Aviation Group, then the campaign will gain momentum."

"A system similar to that operated in Japan where compensation is paid in cases where the source of the fall cannot be identified is our target."

Identification of the culprit is much easier when pieces of aircraft plunge earthwards (although no less disturbing).

The CAA check-list for the South-East of England last year on falling aircraft parts makes alarming reading.

Doors, a silencer box, wheel, exhaust pipe and emergency hatch being among the hardware which detached from various aircraft. Many were tracked down due to pilot reports or identi-

fication marks on the fallen objects.

However, the picture becomes more disturbing when the ice falls for the same period are examined.

Here are a selection of the reported cases:

ISLEWORTH — Ice fall in garden, no damage occurred, aircraft checked out — No defects found.

LONDON — Ice fall: lump 15in. by 8in. fell missing bungalow by six feet. Aircraft checked — No fault found.

BRENTWOOD — Ice fall damaged roof, aircraft isolated as suspect — No fault found.

HITCHIN — Block of ice fell on canopy of garage forecourt, foreign aircraft written to for aircraft check, reply states no defects — No further action.

AMPTHILL — Ice fall on house narrowly missing child. Foreign airline contacted — No defects found.

Although the CAA has a good record of tracking down aircraft in the area at the crucial time through its radar records, admission of responsibility is another matter.

The Amptill case is a prime example of how the record cloaks the possible tragedy which could be effected by ice falling from the skies.

A piece of ice the size of a suitcase landed in a garden missing three-year-old Helen Clark by only two feet. There are no records of death or injuries caused by falling ice, but the Amptill incident came frighteningly close to opening the book.

But what exactly is going on up there, assuming the ice is falling from passing aircraft? (This seems unlikely in some cases).

How does the ice form then plummet earthwards?

Cumulo-nimbus thunder-clouds, found in long, hot summers often get the blame. Experts believe that when the plane passes through a thunder cloud the temperature drops dramatically, ice forming then falling off as it flies out into the clear, warm skies beyond.

This phenomenon can be tackled as far as the wings are concerned by bleeding hot air from the jet engines on to the adjacent surfaces. However, this technique cannot reach all parts of the aircraft.

But back to that strange occurrence in Ross-shire last century.

Certainly in the mid-nineteenth century it would be difficult to blame aircraft cruising in the stratosphere for the Balvullich hailstone.

Ice falls were reported in the time of Charlemagne; a Devon farm was bombarded in the '50s by lumps of ice the size of dinner plates; a carpenter in Dusseldorf was impaled by a 6ft. spear of ice, the year 1877; and there are many other weird cases, none of which can be attributed to aircraft.

In fact, in the 1960's an atmospheric physicist found that only two out of 30 ice-falls in the previous decade could be blamed on planes.

Could it be that the mystery is far deeper than even the Heathrow consultative committee believe? It seems probable.

That famous collector of unexplained events, Charles Fort even speculated that the ice might come from ice-fields in the sky a discredited idea but thought-provoking.

Perhaps only when a foolproof method of gradually melting aircraft ice is developed will the real core of this great mystery be approached.

CR: T. Good

# Hunter hasn't seen Bigfoot yet

By JEFF BARNARD  
Associated Press Writer

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — He's been charged by a bear and found likely looking tracks, but Bigfoot hunter Mark Keller says he hasn't gotten a shot yet at the legendary creature reputed to walk the woods of the Pacific Northwest.

"We feel good about the area we are in and feel very confident that as time goes on we will have the opportunity to bring fiction into fact," Keller said this week in a telephone interview from Eureka, Calif.

A former sergeant in the Army Rangers who served in Vietnam, Keller quit his job at the Post Office in Eureka, Calif., to mount an expedition to kill a Bigfoot to settle the debate over whether the creature exists.

Keller said he was replenishing supplies after more than a month of looking for the hairy man-like creature in an undisclosed section of the Cascade Range, which runs from Northern California through Washington.

Keller said he and partner Jim Wyatt found several sets of tracks they believe

were made by Bigfoot, but have yet to make a confirmed sighting since starting their hunt May 19.

However, Wyatt did get a glimpse of something one afternoon late last month, Keller said.

"It was something in the corner of his eye that lasted about three seconds," Keller said. "He saw something he describes as rather tall and dark going through the brush. We like to think that could have been one."

Keller said he has also failed to spot any members of the Seattle-based National Cryptozoological Society, who had vowed to follow him into the wilderness and disrupt his hunt by playing loud rock music and banging pots and pans.

Contacted in Seattle, society director Jon-Erik Beckjord said the group decided against trailing Keller, but would pay him \$1,000 if he got 10 seconds of movie film of Bigfoot.

"We considered the fact that some 500 people have shot at and reportedly hit

Bigfoot in the last 200 years ... and none of them has ever succeeded in killing one and bringing it in," he said.

Keller said he and Wyatt were charged by a bear they surprised rooting for grubs in a rotten log.

"It was very slippery and at the instant of the attack, everyone concerned lost their footing, including the bear, which slid right between us," he said. "I threw a stick at it, which hit the ground and snapped up in its face and it changed its mind and took off."

Keller said he and a new partner will go back into the bush this week and expect to stay through August unless they bring down a Bigfoot sooner.

The hunt has prompted Skamania County in Washington to proclaim Bigfoot an endangered species and make killing it a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Walla Walla County, Wash., and Umatilla County, Ore., have passed a joint resolution calling for official protection of the beast.



Barney Fowler

Not generally known: That the late Mayor Corning was a member of the International Society of Cryptozoology, a patron of the Loch Ness investigations and locally a supporter of the research into the Champ phenomenon of Lake Champlain. Cryptozoology, as used, pertains to a marine life which lives in concealment. And Champ, of course, is the L.C. creature made famous by Joseph W. Zarzynski of Saratoga Springs, who has studied this apparition reality for more than a decade.

Zarzynski consulted Corning in 1980 for advice on drafting a resolution of protection for Champ, one which was passed not only by the NYS Senate and Assembly, but the Vermont House of Representatives. Said Corning in a letter to Zarzynski on Dec. 29, 1980:

"In the past we have destroyed much of what we have found. The monster can be a very large and exciting symbol of the fact that we should not destroy what is on the Earth but live in harmony with it."

Incidentally, Zarzynski accumulated so much material on the creature that he has put it all in a book, *Champ — Beyond the Legend*, published by Bannister Publications, which also publishes the magazine *Adirondack Bits 'n Pieces*. Volume is 224 pages, has more than 70 photos, illustrations and maps, and softcover will cost \$8.95 and hardcover, \$16.95. Mail copies can be obtained from M-Z INFORMATION, P.O. Box 2129, Wilton, N.Y., 12866. NYS residents should add 7 percent for sales tax and postage for handling is \$1.25 per book.

## WSU anthropologist advocates killing a Sasquatch

By The Associated Press

PULLMAN — A Washington State University anthropologist says a single Sasquatch should be killed, if the chance presents itself, to save what he feels is an entire species.

"If we can kill one, the rest of the world including the politicians will finally know that they are real," said anthropologist Grover S. Krantz.

"Anyone opposed to killing one is taking a stand in favor of their extinction," he added.

Krantz, who is convinced the beast exists, contends that humans won't know if they are

affecting the Sasquatch's environment and endangering the future of the species unless they have a specimen to study.

Krantz, who began investigating reported Sasquatch sightings some 15 years ago, stressed he is in favor of shooting only one of the creatures.

Leaders of the Animal Protection Institute of America, based in Sacramento, Calif., strongly object to Krantz's statements.

"Murder in the name of science is still murder," said institute spokesman Ted Crail.

If the Sasquatch does exist, Crail contended, it is probably a lot better off left

alone.

"Animals do best when they get the least attention from humans," Crail added.

Krantz said he would like to have control over the first specimen so he could study the skeleton and compare it to fossil findings of human ancestors. Otherwise, he would recommend that the Smithsonian Institution take charge.

Crail admits a live specimen would be of considerable interest to scientists and the public.

But, he said, "There is something a little berserk about wanting to kill an animal to save it."

BULLETIN, Bend, OR - June 26, 1984 CR: L. Whitehurst

## Policy proposed on Bigfoot

KLAMATH FALLS (UPI) — If hunters come to Klamath County looking to shoot Bigfoot, the county commissioners want to be ready for them.

The commissioners said Monday they want Goal 5 of the county land-use plan, the section involving preservation of resources, to address the issue — just in case the legendary creature exists.

"What do you do if someone comes in and makes a claim they are going to attempt to destroy something that has not been verified to exist yet?" Commission Chairman Roger Hamilton

asked.

"At least we haven't had substantial physical evidence. But it may exist. This can go for not only the legendary Bigfoot but any number of endangered species that may be endangered, but we haven't seen them because we don't know they exist."

The proposed policy states, "If new species are discovered within the county, they shall be protected until they are taken to the appropriate steps of the Goal 5 rule. If the resource is determined to be significant, appropriate management shall be

determined through the Goal 5 rule process."

"The rationale for this is simply to protect unidentified species," Hamilton said.

The implementation provision reads: "The resource will be identified, verified and inventoried as to quality, quantity and location."

The economic, energy, social and environmental consequences would be determined and a decision would be made whether to protect the resource, either allowing or limiting conflicting uses, the proposal says.

## Hunt for Atlantis

WEST AUSTRALIAN, Perth, W.A.,  
Australia - July 20, 1984  
CR: M. Heelas

MOSCOW, Thurs: Two Soviet research ships have set sail for a part of the Atlantic Ocean where some scientists believe the legendary lost city of Atlantis lies.

Pravda said yesterday that the oceanography vessels would use mini-submarines to study the seabed and underwater ranges on their

journey through the Mediterranean and past the Straits of Gibraltar.

Pravda noted that it was near Gibraltar that previous oceanographers found structures reminiscent of a human settlement.

Those scientists speculated that they had discovered the "lost world" of Atlantis, an island which Greek mythology says was inundated by water after an earthquake.

THE NEWS, Aldershot, England - July 27, 1984 CR: T. Good

# MYSTERY NOISES BAFFLE READERS

A SPATE of mysterious, unexplained noises heard by several people in Aldershot late at night could be connected with outer space — or might be the work of a practical joker, witnesses have suggested.

The "indescribable" sounds, which lasted about 20 minutes on each occasion, seemed to cut through the atmosphere, filling the air with a loud humming.

Witnesses who wrote to the "News" telling of their experience, were woken up by the mysterious noise which began suddenly and ended just as abruptly.

The latest set of sounds were heard last month in the early hours but the same noises have been noted many times before over the past few years.

One witness recorded the sound he heard on tape.

Although various possible explanations have been offered, no one has been able to pin down the sound or its source.

But all are convinced the noises they heard were identical.

### Pulsing

Mr. Tom Chuter, of Lower Farnham Road, Aldershot, was so puzzled by the sounds he heard late on June 2 that he telephoned Aldershot police.

But he was told no one else had reported hearing the eerie, pulsing noise he said was "indescribable."

He was woken twice in the same night three weeks later on June 27, at around 1 a.m. and then 3 a.m.

Mr. Chuter, a welder, told the "News"

"I am a very level-headed person, and I definitely heard

this noise. I have never heard anything like it before.

"I was surprised that no one else living near me heard it, because it was so loud. It was filling up the whole atmosphere," he said.

His wife also heard the noise, but was less concerned by it.

Mr. Chuter wrote to the "News" last month in an effort to find some explanation for the sound.

He said he would probably have put the first incident out of his mind had he not heard the noise on the second occasion.

Although Mr. Chuter looked outside, he could see nothing. "It was not frightening — just one of those things you cannot put a finger on."

He said he was open minded and wondered if it could have been linked with outer space in some way.

Another witness who be-

lieves he heard the same noise just over six months ago recorded it on a cassette tape.

After reading Mr. Chuter's letter he brought the tape to the "News."

He felt there had to be some "normal explanation" for the noise, which he heard twice — the first in June, 1983, and then some six months later, in either late December or early January, when he made the recording.

The 52-year-old man from Ash, who did not want to be named, said both hearings happened at night, the first at 3 a.m. and then at 1 a.m. In each case the noise went on for 30 minutes without stopping.

### Baffled

The sound could possibly have been an alarm or siren, but it was unlike any alarm he had ever heard.

Mr. Brian Pinder (40), of Alexander Road, Aldershot, also wrote to this newspaper

saying he had heard the same sounds about three years ago.

The loud, high-pitched sound woke him at about 2.30 a.m. and seemed to come from directly above his house.

The incident, he said, left him "completely baffled" and the various possible explanations — a train, helicopter, street machine or military work — did not fit the sound.

Mr. Pinder, a buyer for an engineering company, added: "I would say there is someone in the area who could be having a great practical joke."

He believed that someone who was skilled mechanically could make something to produce apparently unexplainable noises.

Later that week he heard a friend talking in a pub about exactly the same experience.

Mr. Pinder believed it would be worthwhile to hold a meeting for people who had heard the sounds or who were inter-

ested, and call on experts for suggestions.

Mr. Chuter's letter to the "News" of July 6, sparked a reply from Mrs. Terry Watts of Park Road, Aldershot, who also heard "the eerie noise in the night."

She was woken at about 1 a.m. on June 28 and heard the same constant, intense high-pitched sound. Her husband, Stephen, also heard it.

Said Mrs. Watts: "It sounded so loud I thought it must have come from directly outside. But there was no sign of any disturbance in the road."

She added that she had not been frightened by the sound.

Aldershot police said they were not aware of any problem of unexplained night time noises of the type described.

An Army spokesman said the Army had received many inquiries but could not offer any explanation about the sounds.



# Astronomers expand search for life

By WALTER SULLIVAN  
New York Times News Service

NEW YORK — The search for intelligent life elsewhere in the universe, a quest that began 25 years ago, is about to enter a new era.

The awesome task, which involves scanning hundreds of billions of stars, has so far yielded no clear evidence that life exists beyond Earth. But new discoveries bearing on the probabilities of other civilizations, and new methods of searching for them, are exciting the interest of scientists.

Two observatories are engaged full time in the search, and detectors millions of times more effective than any used before are scheduled to be put into operation this fall.

These new experiments represent the first "systematic search" by physicists for intelligent life beyond Earth, Philip Morrison of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology said recently.

Morrison and his colleague, Giuseppe Cocconi, were the first to describe a seemingly logical way to make contact with any other civilizations that might exist.

Morrison and other pioneers in the search for extraterrestrial life met recently at Boston University with many of the experimenters.

The meeting inaugurated a commission of the International Astronomical Union created to deal with the search for extraterrestrial intelligence. The commission has given that search greater scientific re-

spectability.

The initial efforts began in 1959 when Cocconi and Morrison, then at Cornell University, suggested that other civilizations might be trying to establish communication with one another on a radio wavelength of 21 centimeters, based on the radiation given off by free atoms of hydrogen, the most common element in the universe.

Since their proposal, at least 45 search projects have been initiated. A number of them are still focused on that wavelength.

The meeting in Boston was a forum for discussions on what the searches have found, and how to increase the probability for success.

The possibility that life did not originate on Earth but was carried

here by spores adrift in space was revived by two developments. One was evidence that life existed on this planet very soon after it became habitable.

While the concept of spores adrift in space, "panspermia," was proposed early in this century and has recently been revived, the general view has been that radiation in space, particularly at ultraviolet wavelengths, would be lethal. Ultraviolet lamps, for example, are used to kill bacteria.

Nevertheless, J. Mayo Greenberg of the University of Leiden in the Netherlands described laboratory tests with such lamps indicating that, under extremely low temperatures and the near-vacuum conditions of space, bacterial spores could survive

as long as 2,000 years. He estimated their survival at more than 10 million years in the clouds from which stars and planets form.

"I am not saying panspermia exists," he told the meeting, "but we can begin to think about these processes."

Donald De Vincenzi of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration pointed out that space missions should ultimately be able to test the hypothesis.

No support was expressed, however, for the argument of Fred Hoyle, a noted astrophysicist and cosmologist, that radio emissions from interstellar dust clouds indicate the existence of such spores.

John Billingham, chief of the Extraterrestrial Research Division of

NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif., found Greenberg's tests unconvincing. The spores, he said, were not exposed to the full range of ultraviolet wavelengths encountered in space.

Those who doubt that life originated on other worlds argue that the evolution of the life process was the fruit of so many highly complicated steps that it probably occurred only once.

The argument against this view has been that the complexity of life did not arise all at once, but through prolonged evolutionary steps. According to a widely held view, those steps occurred over a billion or more years.

Nevertheless, evidence presented at the Boston meeting pointed toward a very early appearance of the most primitive organisms. While it is thought that the Earth formed about 4.6 billion years ago, it was apparently subject to heavy bombardment by large objects until some 3.9 billion years ago.

And yet, from rocks at Isua, Greenland, it appears that as early as 3.8 billion years ago life may already have existed. The carbon in rocks from that period has been radically altered, or metamorphosed, by heat and compression, but, according to Cyril Ponnamperna of the University of Maryland, the relative abundances in the rocks of two forms of carbon, carbon 13 and 14, are "strongly suggestive" that the carbon is the residue of living organisms.

This view was echoed by Andrew H. Knoll of Harvard University, who said: "What we see through the metamorphic veil is at least consistent with life." Stephen J. Gould of Harvard commented: "We find life in the first rocks capable of holding it."

That it appeared very early, he added, shows that, contrary to the skeptics, the appearance of life "did not take forever."

John Sepkoski Jr. of the University of Chicago, who has concluded from fossil records that major extinctions tend to occur at intervals of 26 or 27 million years, proposed that each one cleared the way for rapid development of new species. He said there may have been a "need" for such extinctions to "fuel the evolutionary machine."

Richard A. Muller and his colleagues at the University of California at Berkeley have proposed that the major extinctions were caused by comets thrown into Earth-colliding orbits by the periodic return of a small star in a wide-ranging orbit around the Sun. The name "Nemesis" has been proposed for that star, but Harlan J. Smith of the University of Texas proposed to the meeting that it be called "Siva", for the Hindu god of destruction and restoration.

The radio observatories conducting full-time searches for signals are those of John Kraus of Ohio State University and Dr. Paul Horowitz of Harvard. Horowitz's 84-foot dish-shaped antenna in the Boston suburb of Harvard, Mass., can monitor several hundred thousand channels simultaneously.

His observations are made at the 21-centimeter wavelength constantly adjusted to eliminate variations caused by the spin and orbital motion of the Earth. He assumes that any sender makes similar corrections for motions of a transmitting antenna.

Morrison suggested that the effects of all motions relative to the universe as a whole could be eliminated by using as a reference frame the "Big Bang" radiation that fills the universe. By the end of this decade COBE (the Cosmic Background Explorer), a satellite scheduled to monitor this radiation, should make possible precise receiver and transmitter corrections to match the 21-centimeter wavelength.

The most ambitious American effort involves a receiving system nearing completion at Stanford University under the supervision of NASA's Ames center. Initial testing of the system, designed to monitor several million channels, will begin this fall, using an antenna of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in the Mojave Desert.

Observation by the Infrared Astronomical Satellite, or IRAS, that 10 percent to 20 percent of sun-like stars are surrounded by envelopes of material has been taken as evidence that new planets are forming around each such star. This would increase the probability that there are many other worlds like Earth.

George D. Gatewood, a specialist in planetary searches at the University of Pittsburgh's Allegheny Observatory, suggested, however, that these envelopes of material might be "cosmic miscarriages" that would never form planets.

The infrared glow from these clouds to some extent resembles a glow that Freeman Dyson, a physicist, predicted would come from clouds of artificial planets built by extraterrestrial civilizations. Hence Jill Tarter of the Ames Center said she hoped to examine a number of these objects as possible "Dyson spheres."

It was proposed that the Space Telescope, to be launched in 1986, might be able to detect planets orbiting other stars when an asteroid cuts off light from the star itself. Other search strategies involve monitoring changes in motions of stars induced by the gravity of their planets. As yet, however, because of the difficulty of observing planets near other stars, there is no firm evidence of any smaller than Jupiter orbiting any star other than the Sun.

Eric M. Jones of the Los Alamos National Laboratory supported the view that, if extraterrestrials exist, they should already have colonized the galaxy and reached the Earth. Frank D. Drake of Cornell University, who in 1960 made the first attempt to intercept extraterrestrial signals, argued that no extraterrestrial signals are traveling through the galaxy because of prohibitive energy requirements. They content themselves, he said, with sending signals.

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## 'Crypto-Quest' finds no monsters but many tales

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COEUR D'ALENE — No sea monsters were found by North Idaho College's Cryptozoology Club during their three-day boat excursion around Lake Pend Oreille last weekend.

But the group is closer to proposing theories that might explain the many and varied tales of creature sightings reported and repeated for decades around the lake's communities.

Sixteen student members of the club, which seriously and scientifically studies "hidden animals," embarked Friday on the "Crypto-Quest" from Oden Bay northeast of Sandpoint. With them were faculty advisers, a sonar equipment operator, a geologist and a photographer.

They headed for Hope on the lake's east side, then to Deadman's Point under the Green Monarch mountains on the south leg, via the Clark Fork River Delta, and then back to Oden Bay.

The purpose of the expedition was more to inter-

view lakeshore residents about the monster tales, faculty adviser Jim McLeod said, than to try to find a creature.

As it turned out, the most exciting occurrences were not related to the fish stories at all — such as gale-force winds that forced the party off the beach and out of a rocky bay in the middle of one night, or discovery by sonar of a sunken, age-old locomotive or reports of a hole more than twice as deep as the lake's average 1,200-foot depth.

What the club accomplished was confirmation of previously reported phenomena.

"We didn't hear any really spectacularly different stories from what we had already gathered," McLeod said. "A number of locals have seen big disturbances or big fins on the water. One woman told us she once saw something over 16 feet long. Most seemed to be along the lines of the sturgeon stories."

The sturgeon hypothesis, one of the most likely explanations, according to McLeod, is that a lake species of the extraordinarily large fish has been

"trapped" in Pend Oreille Lake since spawning grounds were blocked by the Cabinet Gorge Dam in the 1950s.

According to Idaho Fish and Game literature, the river sturgeon that are known to exist in the state can exceed 7 feet and live more than 30 years.

Another theory is that the "big disturbances," sometimes referred to as "black streaks" on the water, McLeod said, are big "standing" waves created by varying temperature layer inversions, currents and wind.

A third rationale is that some sightings have been submarine activity, McLeod said, if not by the Navy base near Faragut State Park on the lake's southwest end, then by university research teams known to use the waters.

"We did not come away with a clear sense of solving everything," McLeod said. "There are still some things that seem to go unexplained, that can only be chalked up to the curse of Pend Oreille" or something.

"But we did start to solidify some of these theories

after three days of interviewing and being on the lake ourselves," McLeod said. "We need to do some follow-up interviews yet, but then I think we can soon wrap up a report on all of this for our newsletter."

That newsletter is distributed to interested parties throughout the country, from investigators of New York's Lake Champlain creature to University of Montana limnologists at Flathead Lake, where similar sightings have been reported.

Michael Miller, head of NIC's audio-visual department, was the Crypto-Quest photographer. He plans to put together a short slide-tape show of the trip, possibly for a fall semester campus convocation on cryptozoology.

Some members of NIC's club will continue to probe reports of the Pend Oreille Paddler, as it has often been called, exploring other possibilities.

But others, such as McLeod, want to pursue tales of other creatures at other locations in North Idaho.

Like where? "Like Priest Lake," McLeod said with an air of mystery.

# People, Places

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## 'There is just no way not to believe it'

**D**IANE Enion spends her free time looking for things that people usually find only in their nightmares.

Unidentified Flying Objects, Bigfoot-type creatures, apparitions, haunted houses and psychic phenomena — those are the things that interest Enion and her colleagues. And she is asking northwestern Pennsylvania residents to give a call if they spot them.

"Anything and everything that is unexplained, that's what we deal with," she said. The "we" refers to members of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research.

Mrs. Enion is a 36-year-old suburban Pittsburgh housewife and mother who takes every chance she gets to spend the night investigating a haunted house or stalking through darkened woods and fields to try to check out reports of unexplained phenomena.

She is also a free-lance writer and a magician, the only female member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians in Pittsburgh.

Enion's interest in the unexplained started in 1965 when her family moved into a house that would not allow her to ignore the subject. "We were living in a house in Pittsburgh," she recalled, "and we were aware that there were things going on that weren't too kosher. Doors would open by themselves. Lights would go off and on."

"We would get up in the morning and radios would be on full volume — and they weren't clock radios that turn themselves off and on."

"Sometimes you could see a figure, a hand, turn the doorknob."

"It got to the point where other people were noticing it. Word got around and people were afraid to come in (the house). People working in the house would tell us they saw figures or apparitions or whatever, and they didn't want to come back and finish the work," she said. "We didn't like to say the house was haunted. We just said it was, ah, different."

**E** NION began reading books and articles on unexplained phenomena, and discovered that a friend's aunt was involved in that type of research. "I started going out with her and talking to other people, comparing my experience with theirs."

"People started calling me with UFO reports since they knew that I was collecting reports on anything weird."

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Diane Enion, Pittsburgh, affiliated with the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research.



That, she said, was in the late 1960s, the heyday of UFO reports. "I was getting all sorts of reports. Even the police would call me and say 'We don't take the reports, do you want to do them.' I'd say okay. I would talk to the people and write (the reports) down."

In 1977, she became involved with the Center for UFO Research, which provided a clearing house for such reports.

Enion shares public relations duties with the group's president, Dr. Paul Johnson, a biochemist and professor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

An enthusiastic speaker who can tell a pretty good ghost story, Enion spreads word of her group's activities through lectures, newspaper or magazine interviews, radio talk shows and television programs. She has also worked on courses on the unexplained at two Pittsburgh-area colleges.

She says unexplained phenomena are a lot more common than people realize.

When the group receives a report that appears promising, it tries to get its nearest member out to investigate. There are maybe 35 member-investigators, Enion said, adding the group would welcome more from the northwestern counties.

Enion knows that many people scoff at the things she talks about — that there are more than a few non-believers.

That, she said, was her attitude before they moved in the house that was, ah, different. "I didn't know anything about this stuff. Before we lived in that house, my mother always told me those things were only in movies. That it was just Hollywood — fake. There are no such things as ghosts."

"But when you have people telling you that a figure just passed behind you, and there ain't nobody else in the house, you have to wonder."

Enion jokes and quips as she talks about her experiences, but she says members of the center take their work seriously. "There is just no way not to believe it. Too many people are reporting things. Even if you don't believe what they say they are seeing, you still have to believe they are seeing something."

The center, she said, is a non-profit organization. Members pay all expenses out of their own pockets.

"We don't get many frauds," Enion said, "but we get a lot of cases of misidentification. There are some people that no matter how much you tell them that they are looking at a planet, they still believe it is something coming down on their car."

"I would say eight to 12 percent of our sightings cannot be identified. That is not to say that next week or next month we might not know what it was, but at the time they could not be identified. So that is a very small percentage," she said.

"What we try to do is weed out the ones we can identify right away. Then, all of our unidentifieds are kept in a file and we keep trying to find out what they were. A lot of our unidentifieds are sent to the Center for UFO studies in Illinois. They put them into a com-

puter and they try to single out similarities and establish a pattern."

Her husband, Steven, accompanies Enion on speaking engagements and interviews, but has lost his enthusiasm for field work. "He doesn't like going out and investigating," she said. "Too many runs through the woods for nothing. A lot of thorns, and sunburn and bug bites."

"I just stay home and babysit," he said.

**A** CCORDING to Enion, an example of a recent UFO sighting occurred May 20 in Sandy Lake, Mercer County. "Sandy Lake has been a really good area for us. We have had a lot of reports of strange things."

She said the first report was from a Pittsburgh man who was visiting there. Two other men were driving on Interstate 79 that day and called with a report of a large object outlined by lights, she said. "This guy was a pilot and he started to give me degrees and angles and all that stuff."

She said, two days later she got another call from a local astronomer. "He called me and he was all excited, too. When an astronomer sees something, you have to wonder."

The number of calls her group receives varies from week to week, month to month. During the five-day period May 20 to 25, there were 12 calls, and she said that is a lot.

"We are very, very, very skeptical about things," she said of members of her group. "But you start getting astronomers calling you, pilots calling you, police officers calling you. What are you supposed to think? You have to believe they are seeing something that they can't identify or they wouldn't be calling us to find out what they are seeing."

Her group has not had much exposure in northwestern counties, she said, and it does not hear many reports from the region. Enion said the Center for UFO Research can be reached by calling (412) 884-3064.

They get some calls from the Kennerdell area of southern Venango County, she said. "Kennerdell and along the Allegheny River we get a lot of sightings from time to time," she said, adding that many have been very descriptive sightings.

And although there have been few reports from Crawford County, occasionally the center will hear of something in Erie County.

**E** NION recounts a 1966 episode, in which some type of UFO was reported to have landed on a Presque Isle beach, as one of the best sightings she is familiar with. "The military was involved, state police and local police. My girlfriend's father had a cottage nearby and they closed the beach down," she said. "I mean you have to wonder when the military is involved and they close off beaches."

She also mentions reports made between 1966 and 1969 that UFOs or strange lights followed cars and trucks along Route 98 near Erie. "I had some friends going to Gannon at the time. They were terrified of going back late at night because of the lights that would follow the cars."

Along with UFOs, the group gets quite a few reported sightings of Bigfoot-type creatures. "Western Pennsylvania and two counties in central Pennsylvania are very, very big areas for creature reports," she said.

UFO sightings fell off in recent years, but Enion said they are again getting more frequent. "This year has been pretty good for us, better than the last three or four years."

She believes more people seem to be willing to accept the possibility of UFOs. "There are more and more people who are stopping to think and saying 'Maybe, just maybe.'"

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## There's that noise again

YES, there is an answer to that unexplained noise in the night (July 27). I first heard it in June last year, and then again on the night of August 11, when I not only heard it but saw the object that created it: which is just outside my window. The noise has now stopped but I am glad others have heard the noise as well. If they are interested, I am prepared to meet them and discuss the matter. — Alfred J. Burdoo, 49 Pegasus Avenue, North Town, Aldershot.

ON Sunday night, July 15, I heard a very strange noise, like that described in your article. It began at about 2 a.m. and continued for about 20 minutes.

It stopped very abruptly and I have heard nothing since. I am writing because your readers so far seem to have heard it only in Aldershot, whereas I was in Farnborough. — Baffled, Farnborough (name and address withheld).

MAY I thank the people who took the trouble to telephone me with their reassurance as to the noises in the night, and, indeed, thank the "News" for your support in treating the matter seriously (July 27).

It would appear that many people have heard these strange sounds (more than appeared in your article) and I have now heard it a fourth time. On Sunday, at 10.45 p.m., it seemed to come from the Hog's Back direction.

Surely somebody must know its source — that is, of course, if it is man-made! — T. J. Chuter, Lower Farnham Road, Aldershot.

WITH regard to the correspondence in the "News" concerning the strange hum — occasionally in the afternoon I would hear it.

At first I thought I was "hearing things," and then I wondered if some form of electrical testing was being picked up by the television aerial