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Plaintiffs in UFO case awaiting day in court

By BILLY COX
TODAY Staff Writer

Three people who have filed suit against the United States for radiation burns they claim they sustained from an unidentified flying object nearly four years ago continue to hold out hope for their day in court. But a defense attorney for the U.S. District Court in Houston says it may take years before the case actually goes to trial.

"I don't think it's going to be resolved anytime soon," said assistant U.S. attorney Frank Conforti. "The discovery process can be a very time-consuming thing. It's not unusual for discovery to go on for years."



LANDRUM

"In other words," plaintiff Vickie Landrum recently said from her home in Dayton, Tex., "they're waiting until we die."

The account of the bizarre sequence of events leading up to one of history's most unusual lawsuits — the Cash-Landrum Incident — appeared in TODAY, Dec. 4-6, 1983.

The alleged encounter occurred on the evening of Dec. 29, 1980, when Betty Cash, Vickie Landrum and her grandson Colby were driving a rural highway some 30 miles east of Houston. They say they were startled by a large, glowing, diamond-shaped object belching flames and hovering over the road. When it ascended, the trio reported seeing it being either pursued or escorted by what they later labeled as Chinook helicopters. They said they counted 23.

Cash, the driver, sustained hair loss, nausea, diarrhea, lesions and mild anorexia, and eventually was admitted into a Houston hospital. The Landrums sustained varying degrees of the same symptoms. Cash relocated to convalesce with relatives in Birmingham, Ala., in 1981, where her condition remains unchanged. In 1983, she had a mastectomy.

In January this year, Cash-Landrum attorney Peter Gersten of Tarreytown, N.Y., filed a \$20 million suit in federal district court. The motion charged that the alleged presence of helicopters — reported by several witnesses, including a Dayton police officer — pointed to federal complicity.

The government has denied any responsibilities. In an April 5 reply, the defense maintained that the plaintiffs, "by reason of their action and/or nonaction, were con-

tributorily negligent, and by reason of such contributory negligence the injuries alleged were sustained."

Gersten followed up with the first in what will likely be a lengthy series of pre-trial discovery requests. Among other things, he has asked for a list of all military helicopter pilots on duty that night or those with authorized access to fly CH-47s. His strategy includes examining their medical records to comb for patterns of radiation sickness.

To date, Conforti's liaison inside the Defense Department has yet to produce any results. "I'm a little disappointed," Conforti said. "I was hoping I'd have the information on the helicopter personnel by now. It's taking longer than I thought."

Meanwhile, Betty Cash, 55, and Vickie Landrum, 60, continue to break out in sores whenever they venture into sunlight.

The last time Cash went on a daytime excursion — to the lake with her sister and brother-in-law in July — the headaches, welts and vomiting laid her in the bed for two weeks. Said she, "I keep thinking, 'Maybe it'll leave me. Maybe I'll get over it.'"

Landrum's concerns for her 10-year-old grandson's psychic traumas remain desperate.

"My dream is carrying Colby to the best doctor I can find and giving him the best treatment he can get. But it's gotten to the point now where they owe me," she said through tears on the phone.

"They owe me."



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UFO conferees gather from Brewster to Mars

More than 1,000 people came to the Henry H. Wells Middle School in Brewster Saturday for the First Annual Conference on UFOs. Interviews revealed that they came from as far away as Venus.

OK, so that was just a joke. But one woman did claim to come from Venus. David Clark, a sandy-

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haired 13-year-old from New Fairfield, Conn., had heard her. Clark had been engaged in conversation with an old man who was carrying on about the time he saw extraterrestrials emerge from a spaceship and begin levitating a foot off the ground when the Venusian butted in.

"They could have been my relatives, since I'm from Venus," she had said. "I haven't been in touch with them for some time."

"Another guy said he knew someone who punched a Martian and it felt like marshmallows," Clark said.

"Those are just some of the loonies," said David Kilmer, 14, Clark's buddy. "The main feeling around here is that there is definitely something out there, and people want to know what it is."

Many who attended Saturday's conference are among the thousands who claim to have spotted UFOs hovering above New York City's northern suburbs during the past two years — a major reason for Saturday's conference.

Alice Lindsay Tate, 67, of

Being there

By David Bushman

Manhattan, was not among these, but she was convinced that UFOs exist and are piloted by "astronauts from outer space."

"Just because we can't make it there doesn't mean they can't make it here," said Ms. Tate, a self-described "Judaic Buddhist" whose profession alternated from musician to philosopher during the course of a 10-minute interview.

Ms. Tate said she was comforted by her knowledge that extraterrestrials exist, since those of us on earth are in the midst of a "hideous apocalypse."

"We're in trouble, my boy," she said. "We need help. I hope they do get here."

Then, she added: "Be sure and say that if we do survive our technology, we'll evolve into a beautiful, sublime civilization. Use the word 'sublime,' would you? Otherwise, I'll haunt you for the rest of your life."

In case you missed it, she said, "sublime."

Everywhere you went, people were talking about UFOs. You just couldn't get away from it. In the auditorium, scientists, police and lawyers were talking about close encounters and government cover-ups. It was all rather serious.

Lawrence Fawcett, a Coventry, Conn., police officer who has spent much time researching UFOs and has even written a book about them, insisted that the government knows of the flying objects, but won't tell the public about them.

"One can only speculate why," he said. "If the government was to be able to duplicate these (UFOs), it would create air machines that no one on this earth could touch."

"These are not ours," Fawcett said of the objects. "They are not of this earth."

Outside the school, dusk was falling, and the atmosphere was festive. People swapped UFO stories over coffee and Danish on the front lawn, children with stuffed animals darted between and around adults stationed like the impediments of an obstacle course beneath the darkening sky.

Alice Salerno of South Salem remembered the UFO she saw last July as she was leaving a Mount Kisco tennis court. Lillian Dease, 42, a Dutchess County hairdresser, recalled her sighting last June, in the parking lot of a supermarket. Both said they saw V-shaped formations of flashing lights, seemingly suspended in the night.

"You just can't talk to people on the street about it," said Ms. Dease. "They laugh at you."

Nearby, 55-year-old Mickey Resner of Peekskill had set up her yellow "Snoopy's Dog House" hot dog truck, and a steady stream of conference-goers and yellow jackets were lining up for her wares.

"Incidentally, that's a UFO hot dog you just ate," she told a customer. "It was out of this world."

"Where'd this come from?" asked one of her helpers, holding a green plastic trash bag.

"A UFO brought it," said Ms. Resner. "Didn't you see it fly by?"

Back inside, Chris Clark, another organizer of the conference, was marveling at the turnout. "Spectacular," he called it.

"Ninety-nine and nine-tenths percent of the people here are straight and narrow citizens who have seen something and want to know more about it," he said.

"I've only met one person here who was off the wall," he said. "He was really weird, though. You should have seen the look in his eyes."

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Teen Reports Seeing Flying 'Thing'

By LAURIE FEDON
Times Staff Writer

Seventeen-year-old Jim Martin never believed in UFOs — until last night.

The Bellefonte Area High School junior and his friend Brian Rocky, 16, were walking home from Burger King on McAllister Street in Bellefonte at 7:30 p.m., when they saw a "thing" in the sky.

It was oval in shape, orange-yellow in color and had red lights

across the top. It was spinning around in the distance, in the direction of Coleville, when it stood still for two minutes. Then it traveled across the sky, stood still for a few minutes, zoomed straight up into the sky and disappeared, Jim said.

Jim, who said he never saw a UFO before and never believed in them until last night, reported the sighting to Bellefonte police.

Last week, a Tyrone man reported that he saw a circular object with red lights on top flying

near Tyrone. The red lights reported in that sighting might be similar to those reported by Jim Martin, said Scott Crain Jr. of Port Matilda, investigator for the Mutual UFO Network. Mr. Crain said he knew of no other reports of UFOs last night.

The Tyrone UFO sighting was reported in Sunday's Centre Daily Times, but Jim Martin said he did not read the article until after he saw the object last night. However, he said he had heard people talking about the Tyrone UFO last week.

UNRAVELING THE UFO PHENOMENA

by Kathy Grantham

The jungle of the South Bronx holds few terrors for criminal lawyer Peter Gersten, a familiar figure at Bronx County Courthouse where he bucks a heavy tide of toughguys who break the law. He's even more familiar to top secret government agencies as the 'UFO' lawyer who represents 'Citizens Against UFO Secrecy.'

Commuting from Peekskill to the Bronx and working at his Tarrytown office, the firm of Gagliardi, Torres & Gersten, in addition to serving as legal advisor to Ground Saucer Watch, suing the C.I.A. for the release of hundreds of secret UFO documents, Peter handles the affairs of humans and E.T.'s all in a day's work.

According to Gersten, "UFOs are technically advanced vehicles possibly threatening our very existence!" Gersten developed his passion for UFOs as a boy, reading every flying saucer magazine available. Years later, as a lawyer, he subscribed to a UFO clipping service. When articles on UFO sightings from around the world poured in, he suspected his boyhood beliefs were right on target, so he wrote to nu-

merous UFO organizations volunteering his help.

Gersten learned that classified UFO documents lay in the dungeons of most spy agencies, including the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Wielding the Freedom of Information Act, he admits that "Suing the CIA in 1977 was a bold lawsuit, but it worked. And it set a precedent so that other spy agencies, once in litigation, also released 2,000 additional reports."

UFO craft have been sighted all over the world, in addition to Canada and the United States, where a large object is sighted, silently flying at rapid speeds with an ability to change altitude almost instantaneously, seeming to disappear.

Another document that Peter secured raises the question, "Does a flying doughnut about 75 feet in diameter represent present day technology?" Security Police at Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico, observed two UFOs about 25 yards in diameter, gold or silver with blue lights on top, a hole in the middle and a red light on the bottom.

He tells of a current lawsuit

in Texas, alleging that a UFO was at treetop level, with people 100-feet away. Stranger still, the craft was not characteristic of the usual UFO, being diamond-shaped and glowing. No classic UFO has flames coming from it. There people were injured; two middle-aged women and a boy of 8. They were burned, developed blisters, hair and nails fell out, nausea, headache and diarrhea were experienced and one woman underwent a mastectomy. The government has no explanation for the incident in spite of the fact that 20 helicopters were around the UFO.

Turning to a library shelf of UFO Journals, Peter selected one of the most extraordinary UFO documents that reports an incident that took place in Iran. The Defense Intelligence Agency message reveals that in the late 1970s American-made Iranian Jets encountered several UFOs that exhibited a technology beyond present-day development. One F-4 Jet upon approaching the UFO 'lost all instrumentation and communication.' On radar, the size of the object was comparable 'to that of a 707 tanker' with intensely brilliant strobe lights flashing blue, green,

red and orange in rapid sequence.

As the pursuit continued, another brightly lighted object came out of the original object and headed straight toward the F-4. The pilot attempted to fire at it, but at that instant, his weapons control panel went off and he lost all communication. The credibility of many witnesses, both airborne and from the ground was very high.

Presenting a provocative report to a distinguished assemblage of scientists at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, at the 1981 MUFON Symposium, Gersten revealed 'what the government would know about UFOs if they read their own documents!' These heretofore secret files provide overwhelming proof that UFOs do exist, that some are unconventional aerial objects, showing beyond a reasonable doubt that they perform in ways that are more advanced than our present-day technology. And yet, the government continues to deny and to misinform the public about extraterrestrials.

Recently, on a hazy morning in June, the ladies in the ad department of the York-

town Pennysaver were charmed by the man who placed an unusual ad. Prematurely gray, with a carefully trimmed beard and dark blue shades that hid his droll amusement, Peter dictated, "Report UFO sightings in Westchester or Putnam Counties Boomerang shape, among others, seen prior to Jan. 24, 1983. Call 631-1100. Watch the skies!" A deluge of more than 300 responses followed, with the last reported sighting in Westchester on July 12, and the likelihood of further UFO sightings in this area.

Anyone who grew up with the Adventures of Superman remembers the thrill of 'It's a bird, it's a man, it's SUPERMAN!' In 1984 the scary and unexplained UFOs are surfacing as the 'great mystery of the unknown.' With no advertising, no promotional fireworks and no commercials, a UFO sighting would bump any TV show for first place.

Walter H. Andrus, Jr., Director of the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (MUFON), is proud that it has become known throughout the world for unbiased scientific research and investigation, with a national UFO symposium attended by accredited scientists whose reports are published in the annual Journal. There's an endless supply of wild and weird flying saucer stories for writers who want only to 'spook' their readers. MUFON removes UFO investigation from this kind of notoriety.

The UFO Network attempts to answer four basic questions about UFOs: are they a form of spacecraft controlled by an advanced intelligence conducting a surveillance of our Earth, or do they represent a manifestation, physical or psychologic, that is not understood by present-day science?

What is their method of propulsion and means for unbelievable handling and speed?

Where do they originate? Our Earth, our solar system, in our galaxy 'the Milky Way' or in some distant galaxy in the universe?

What can we learn from their apparently advanced science through study or possibly through direct communication, assuming that the craft are piloted by beings (humanoids)?

Dr. Allen Hynek, retired Professor of Astronomy at Northwestern University, was the scientific consultant for the motion picture epic, (Close Encounters of the Third Kind) written and directed by Steven Spielberg, who created E.T., a now famous humanoid from outer space.

According to this scientist, the outstanding characteristic of the baffling UFO is that its route cannot be charted. When a 747 takes off, its entire course, from departure to landing, is a matter of constant communication between pilot and control tower. No UFO has been sighted in an orderly progression from one geographical location to another. It simply disappears, seemingly an isolated instance in space and time.

But another kind of isolation emerges with regard to witnesses who are loathe to

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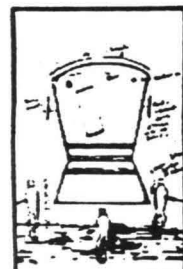
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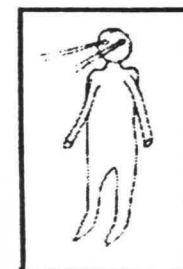
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(Left) Full range of six entities from actual CE-III cases that establish the six-category system. (Right) Peter Gersten indicates an interesting clipping displayed on his office wall.



report what they have seen because of ridicule by friends and relatives. The eyebrows go up, the wisecracks flow. "My, my....poor old Joe, he's really losing his marbles. Did you hear what he saw at 2 one morning? A strange, saucer-shaped craft with many blinking lights landed in his backyard, out of which floated some small human-looking creatures. How can we believe such a nutty story? He must be cracking up!"

Fortunately, MUFON and the Center for UFO Studies assure people that they can report in complete confidence with dignity and without ridicule.

Another contributor to the UFO Journal is Dr. Alvin H. Lawson, an English professor at California State University who teaches a class in UFO literature, the Rhetoric of the Unknown, which is an analysis of the UFO debate.

He offers descriptions of six entity types, based on 2,000 reports which have presented ufology with fascinating descriptions of supposed alien life forms. The six types are: human, humanoid (human-like), animal, robot, exotic and apparitional.

Dr. Lawson finds that most types of reported UFO entities have a variety of possible causes: witnesses have only their world to draw on for descriptions of things seen, perhaps the human brain is unable to respond to the stimuli of UFO phenomenon, or entity encounters might be hallucinatory experiences of a totally unrelated nature.

How did Steven Spielberg ever manage to make E.T. such a lovable entity? It could not have been easy, given the evidence of beings seen.

Pointing to a framed newspaper article on his office wall, Peter said, "The government has not changed its policy of secrecy with regard to UFO data, as shown by the headline of March 8, 1982 in the *Fort Lauderdale News*, 'UFO DATA KEPT SECRET BY THE COURT' and the caption, 'The Supreme Court decided to avoid a close encounter with flying saucer buffs who demanded access to 135 UFO related documents held by the supersecret National Security Agency.'"

Anyone interested in helping to resolve the UFO mystery should write for information to: Mutual UFO Network, Inc., 103 Oldtowne Road, Sequin, Texas 78155.

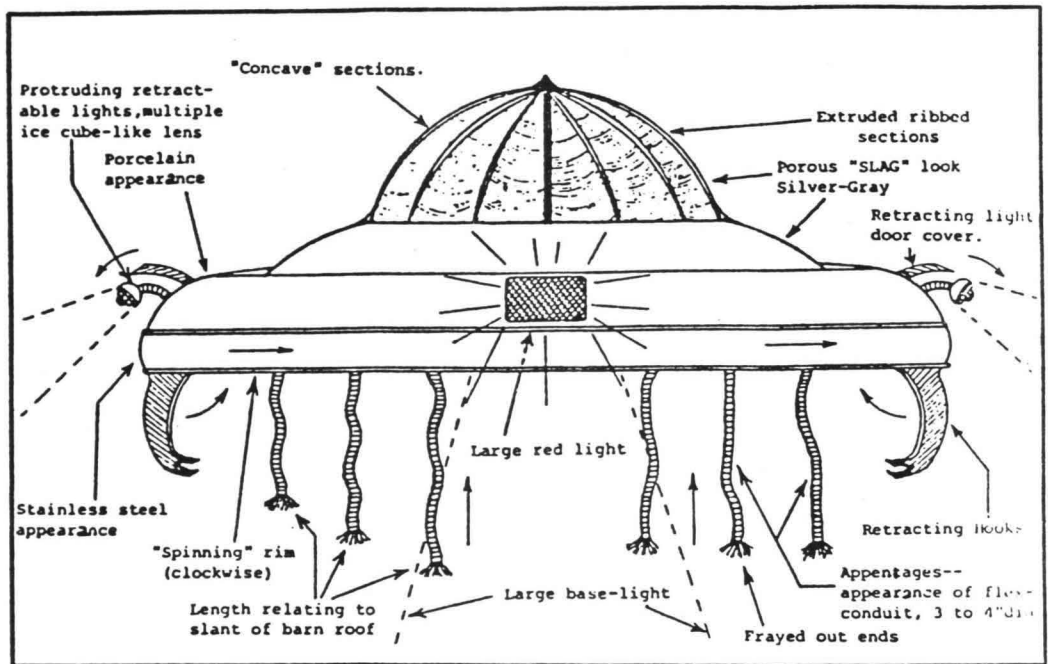
The 1984 MUFON Symposium is scheduled for Saturday, August 25 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Henry H. Wells Middle School in Brewster with a theme that's almost too close for comfort, 'UFO Sightings in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties During the Past 2 Years.' Admission is free. For further information, call the UFO Hotline at 739-6830.

Thanks to the interest, the strategy and the perseverance of Peter Gersten, UFO lawyer, you'll have an opportunity to hear scientific observations and explanations of this enigma from outer space at the 1984 UFO Symposium.



The UFO lawyer boasts snappy plates.

Revised drawing from original of a large UFO, with shape corrections by a witness.



NEWS-TIMES, Danbury, CT - Sept. 2, 1984

Man reveals local UFO hoax

By Paul Steinmetz Jr.
News-Times staff

DANBURY — About 20 years ago, an unidentified flying object was spotted at East Lake Reservoir. Several people witnessed its flashing lights skimming the water's surface.

The UFO appeared only twice, briefly, and has not been seen since.

But The News-Times has learned that the operators of the UFO, all humans, were inhabitants of Earth.

One of them, who has since become a city employee, agreed to an exclusive interview about his journey on the condition he not be identified by name.

The UFO operator, a Danbury native, was a senior at Danbury High School when he and friends perpetrated a hoax that he says attracted hundreds of people and some police to East Lake's shores one pleasant summer evening in the early 1960s.

Dozens of UFO sightings have been reported in the past year-and-a-

half around the Danbury and Brewster regions. Police and airport officials have attributed the sightings — most often of wedges of lights flying in unison — to airplanes and ultralights, the motorized sailplanes.

But UFO reports are not uncommon and have made headlines for years.

For instance, on Aug. 2, 1952, The News-Times ran three articles on UFOs on its front page. One reported that "the nerve center of the nation's air defense admits to being involved in the flying saucer situation."

A headline on an accompanying article read: "Those 'Saucers' Are Really Getting Around." The report said UFOs had been sighted in both Korea and Japan, as well as in the United States.

The third story that day was a first-person account by an Associated Press reporter who chartered a plane to search for UFOs above Washington, D.C.

"And not a thing suspicious did we

see," he wrote. "Just the sun going down, and after a while a pale half moon. Later there was a haze so that the moon looked like a saucer — but nobody was deceived."

Not everyone finds UFOs laughable.

More than 1,100 people jammed a Brewster middle school last Saturday for a convention on UFOs, and heard several eye-witness accounts.

The city employee who helped invent the East Lake UFO was 17 or 18 at the time, he says. East Lake was a hang-out for teen-agers then. Often they went up in pairs, intent on romance after an evening at the now-defunct Lark Inn on Route 37.

"The road to East Lake was quiet and peaceful," he said, sounding vaguely wistful as he remembered how "the moon would set in the lake occasionally."

The prank was conceived in the summer.

"It was pretty hot. We decided there should be some excitement as long as people were there, looking at the water."

He and a small group of friends stole a couple of the battery-operated blinking lights used on construction projects to warn of road hazards.

With a rowboat, they strung a long length of twine across the width of the lake. Then they attached the waterproof lights to a board and slipped the twine through rings in the board so it could be pulled across the water.

They waited until dark one night, turned on the lights, and pulled the

contraption from shore to shore.

The first time, the perpetrator said, the UFO appeared for just one crossing of the lake. They wrapped it in a blanket and put it in bushes by the shore for safekeeping. The twine remained just under the surface of the lake, so it was not easily noticed.

"Two nights later," he said, "we did it back and forth," doubling its time on the water. It then returned to its hiding place.

By the time they returned two nights after that, he said, reports of the UFO had "instigated a small-scale gathering. We found hundreds of people on the shore, including police."

Co-conspirators infiltrated the crowd, helping to spread rumors. But the UFO didn't reappear.

"There were enough people so we decided that it was time for the project to stop," the prankster said.

He occasionally mentions his UFO exploits to acquaintances in an off-hand way, and he has done some thinking since his teen-age years about the fun behind fooling people.

"It is man's nature to try to deceive his fellow man in large numbers in a harmless way," he theorized. "It attests to one's ability to put one over on someone else."

He added: "People's willingness to believe, their ability not to rationalize, that's kind of interesting."

On the other hand, he doesn't rule out the possibility that space ships do bring explorers from other planets.

"I've never seen one," he said. "I don't believe in God for the same reason."



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CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

We are still waiting

By Rick Murray
Staff Writer

UFOs over South Jersey?
Yes, they're out there.

But then again, it's not hard to be a UFO. To qualify, all a thing need do is appear in the sky as something other than a helicopter or an airplane. It then has to stick around long enough for some imaginative but obscure person to see it, but not long enough for an influential person to figure out what it was.

Since the first sighting of a UFO in the modern era of electronic media — the one featuring the alleged flying saucer over Mt. Rainier in June, 1947 — millions of Americans have been waiting for extra-terrestrials to finally overcome their shyness and swoop down on the White House to turn the history of mankind on its ear.

But it's been 37 years now, and not one little green man, not one crab-like creature, not one humanoid, monster, Darth Vader, E.T., or even anyone resembling Stephen Spielberg, has disembarked from a saucer in a metropolitan area, held a press conference, and owned up to its existence.

Still many of us persist in believing that, given the zillions of planets swirling through infinity, there ought to be intelligent life out there somewhere.

Studies show most of us figure them to be smart enough to travel through light years worth of space. But we also figure them dumb enough to come all the way out here to earth just to chit-chat with anonymous poor people who live in places like Bohunk, Louisiana.

But persist we do, and that's why Dr. Erick Zimmerman is conducting his UFO seminar three days at the planetarium on the Ocean County College Campus in Toms River. Next week, Tuesday through Friday star-

ting at 2 p.m., and again on Thursday and Friday nights at 8 p.m., the planetarium will present an hour-long multi-media seminar on the mystique and feasibility of UFOs as extra-terrestrial phenomena. After September 1, there will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday night shows as well as Saturday matinees. The program ends September 15.

"We try to examine the evidence in an unbiased way," says Dr. Zimmerman. "It's very important that we confront these pseudo-science areas. If we (scholars) do not speak up, people will get the idea we don't have a case."

The good doctor, in case you didn't notice, contradicted himself. He may try to assess the phenomenon in an "unbiased way" but the "case" he will actually be making will be that of a skeptic.

Dr. Zimmerman acknowledges that the source material for his UFO program script is books written by engineers renowned as debunkers of UFOlogy.

The most respected of these is Philip J. Klass, an editor of a prestigious trade publication for the aerospace industry, as well as author of "UFO's: Public Deceived" and "UFO's Explained."

Contacted by phone at his Washington office, Klass said that interest in UFOs, while still hysterically high in the nation's heartlands, is already waning among the small corps of intelligencia that once supported serious study of the phenomenon.

Klass explains that UFOlogy's most stalwart advocate has been J. Allen Hynek, author of the "UFO Experience" and

chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University.

Hynek's book endorses a scientific response to the question of visitors from outer space, a thesis based on first hand field research and not just on the often dubious accounts of witnesses.

Not only was this the most thorough and positive approach of any UFOlogist up to that time, the early 1970s, but the book had additional impact because of Hynek's former role as a consultant for the Air Force who had himself debunked some sightings as "swamp gas."

Klass said he got interested in UFOlogy as a hobby about 20 years ago but soon became so skeptical that he found himself deeply involved in a campaign to squash all the nonsensical sightings and obvious hoaxes. And the deeper he got into his detective work, the more he realized that he was playing the Sherlock Holmes to Hynek's Moriarity.

Klass credits himself with first finding the discrepancies in the stories of the two men who alleged they were taken aboard a flying saucer by crab-men while in the Bayou country of Louisiana. It turned out, says Klass, that one of the men had an employment background riddled with credibility problems; the man also gave his story to an under-qualified lie detector operator hired by a booking agent. The other man, according to Klass, claimed he couldn't take a polygraph test because he was teetering on a nervous breakdown in the wake of his close encounter. Shortly thereafter though, this second man was telling his tale on the

talk show circuit.

But Klass says what finally has curtailed serious study of the UFO phenomenon, despite Hynek's continuing efforts, has been the simple fact that people are getting tired of waiting for that one big moment when a flying saucer finally lands on the White House lawn.

"In order to keep people's interest the media has to be interested," he says. "And we haven't had a big UFO flap since the early 1970s."

That's not to say the public has lost faith in the existence of extra-terrestrials. In fact, a small but highly respected group of scientists, Cornell University's Carl Sagan among them, have given credence to the prospect by establishing an organization called Search For Extra-terrestrial Intelligence (SETI).

But unlike the small corps of scholars and amateur detectives who believe such beings would visit earth, the SETI has concluded it much more likely that our neighbors in space would prefer to communicate with us via electromagnetic signals.

SETI originally designed a device to receive such signals but backed off upon learning it would cost \$20 billion. The group, however, eventually convinced congress to allocate \$1.5 million to cover research and development costs of a less sophisticated system — one concentrating on processing signals rather than their reception. The project is being undertaken by Stanford University in conjunction with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, but other interest groups want the device used in controlling satellites and the radiosondes on weather balloons.

Meanwhile, here in South

Jersey, Astronomy Professor Hal Taylor at Stockton State College, says his staff occasionally gets a call from someone who claims to have seen a UFO but those calls are often referred to the Federal Aviation Administration Technical Center in Pomona which generally has a rational explanation.

Bob Testa, an official at the FAA center through which such calls are routed, says he hasn't heard a UFO report locally in the last three years.

But Bob Warth, a chemist for an aerospace firm, says the flame of faith still burns bright in South Jersey. Warth is president of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained an organization based in Monmouth County which boasts "thousands" of members worldwide and "hundreds" here in New Jersey.

The Society's investigators probe various para-normal events, says Warth, though they don't delve into the occult or witchcraft. "Anything that has to do with science that is simply unexplained," says Warth.

"There is an average of one report of a UFO every 15 minutes all around the world," says Warth. "For every actual sighting that is reported, there are ten to 15 that are not."

Yes, and like his membership, there are "hundreds" of UFO sightings every year in Jersey. Some have logical explanations, but many, he says, do not.

Then there are still others in which there is no doubt that something real and from another world flew, for a time, into our midst.

"Last summer there was a good sighting off Point Pleasant," says the chemist. "A very reliable observer saw a conventional aircraft and then suddenly saw a disc-like object behind it, following in the sky. When the plane went into the clouds, (continued on page 5)

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the disc veered off and disappeared. A lot of people (along the shore) see them coming in to the water or coming out of it."

Couldn't those going in be nothing more than meteorites?

"Yes," Warth acknowledges, "but what about those coming out?" Warth says the discs or saucers are often equipped with turrets, revolving lights and soundless propulsion systems. Though traveling at tremendous speeds, they can stop dead in the air and turn at hard angles.

Among the most exciting UFO incidents in New Jersey occurred back in July, 1970, says Warth.

"The craft landed in Port Monmouth, in the marsh by the main street shortly after midnight," says the chemist. "Some fishermen saw it. They proved to be credible people. There must have been a couple dozen. There were at least ten people in nearby houses. You have to remember these were fishermen, kind of clannish, and they didn't want to be subjected to ridicule, but they'd get to talking once you had their confidence.

"They said the craft had a revolving red light, a series of them actually, and was about 25 to 30 feet in diameter, translucent in color, sort of milky. It had swirled the grass around, knotting it in some places. The people in the houses saw the craft go back and forth over a drainage ditch. The next day they say they went out and saw footprints, very large, much larger than a human's, like that of an animal in shape. We talked to another who actually saw creatures trying to knock crabs or some kind of marine life on to the embankment (of the ditch), they were swatting them against the embankment. He said they were tall, maybe 8 feet, hairy all over, sort of Big Foot-type creatures.

Warth goes on: "Government people came looking for radioactivity. We found it slightly higher than usual. Another thing. This was July. In September, the grass under where the craft had been was very green and germinating...all the while the other grass was dying.

"There were a series of unusual events in one lady's home. The lights wouldn't work, she kept smelling this strange aroma that would come and go, and she kept having dreams, dreams that disturbed her although the creatures in them were not hostile or anything, just trying to contact her. They were little creatures, three to four feet tall. They had legs and arms but not normal facial features. The hairy big things, we think, might have been creatures or robots they used to collect specimens. That's in keeping with reports from other sightings - small creatures getting others to go out and collect specimens, them being big to perhaps scare off people."

Finally, says the chemist, government agents started making the rounds, warning people to hush up about the encounter as reporters swarmed into the area.

"I know this sounds far out," says Warth. "Klass says this is all an aberration of the mind, but remember that we get reports from people with outstanding character. I guess it all depends on who you want to believe."

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Area sightings spark UFO symposium

BY LINDA BRUDER

Voices echoed through the halls of Henry H. Wells School last Saturday as an orderly crowd of 1,000 filled the auditorium in Brewster, N.Y. and overflowed out onto the lawn.

Except for T-shirts proclaiming "We Are Not Alone" and a battery of television cameras accompanied by an over-abundance of journalists, the occasion might have been mistaken for a town meeting.

But the diverse group of teens, families, and silver-haired couples who attended the all-day event came from throughout the region to learn more about a subject that has captured their mutual interest...the mystery of unexplained flying objects.

The free "UFO Symposium" was scheduled by the Center for UFO Studies in response to hundreds of reports it has received during the past year and a half describing strange lights over Fairfield, Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester counties.

According to UFO investigator Philip Imbrogno, the event was organized not only to gather eye witness information but also in the hope that public interest will spark a full scale investigation of the local phenomena.

Many of those attending, like Mary Jo Trivers of Brookfield, had viewed V-shaped or circular patterns of light over their communities that mysteriously hovered, disappeared and re-appeared, often silently.

Trivers, a former nurse, past president of the Brookfield Newcomers, and a youth commissioner, admits that her first reaction after observing an unidentified flying object over Candlewood Lake was to block the ex-

perience from her mind. Instead, she decided to attend the symposium in search of an explanation.

While speakers refuted police theories suggesting formations of ultra-lights, Cessnas or blimps as the real "mystery flyers," eye witnesses shared their experiences and compared photographs of the objects they'd seen in the sky.

Larry Bischofsberger, a young man from Brewster, proudly displayed two snapshots of a silent, brightly-lit, house-shaped object he photographed over Carmel, N.Y., on July 24. He explained that in order to get the photos he pursued the object in his car for two hours and went through two rolls of film.

Monique O'driscoll, a petite blonde employed by Putnam County's mental health services department, was confronted by brilliant strobe lights in the sky as she drove home from her mother's house in Kent, N.Y., on Feb. 26, 1983.

"I can't describe the brilliance of the lights, bright blues, reds and gold," she told the crowd, noting the UFO was massive, silent, and V-shaped. As she followed the object it stopped above a house, 15 feet above the telephone line. No one responded as she blew her car horn and her CB radio was filled with static.

"I wanted it to stay," she admits, "But then it went zip and was gone."

Dennis Sant, a Brewster town clerk, watched from his hillside home as a V-shaped object hovered 40 feet above a tractor trailer truck on Route 24 and then came within 100 yards of his house.

"I didn't come forward right away," he admits, "But then I found out many had seen it. I think we should ask local and federal officials what in the world is hanging over our heads."

"If this is some kind of elaborate hoax it's fantastic in itself. You're talking multi-million dollar backing," investigator Imbrogno told those attending.

He pointed out that many of the sightings have taken place in different towns at the same time and that witnesses who have filed reports include pilots, an air traffic controller, and the chief meteorologist at Westchester County Airport.

Police, he says, play down the sightings because they fear their phone lines will be jammed and those who need assistance wouldn't be able to get through. Danbury police, he claims, have had numerous encounters with the object.

According to Lawrence Fawcett, a Coventry police lieutenant who recently co-authored a book called "Clear Intent: the government coverup of the UFO experience," the C.I.A. and the National Security Agency are withholding hundreds of UFO-related documents from the public.

"The time of the coverup is over," Fawcett told his audience. "No longer will we accept the government's explanation that UFO's are reported by nuts, kooks, fanatics and profiteers. Any new studies must be open to the public, for we have a right to know."

Mary Jo Trivers wouldn't object to further investigation of the phenomena either. For, after attending the all-day symposium she felt no closer to an explanation.

But, the experience of meeting fellow witnesses did leave its mark, for she admits, "When you realize others are seeing the same thing, it gives it more significance. I'll be less likely to dismiss it now."

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Something Foxy

UFOs by Moonlight

—by Foxy Gwynne

Banshees wail, coyotes howl, bats fly across the moon. But the latest moonlight attractions particularly in the Carmel - Brewster area, are UFO's. So much so that two weeks ago Henry D. Wells Middle School in Brewster a UFO gathering was called from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. when UFO sighters were urged to share their experiences.

I went expecting to find a handful of people telling bogus tales, even thought the meeting had been announced on the radio and in the papers. I was overwhelmed by the number of people attending who easily filled the school auditorium as well as a classroom used by the press for interviews. There were people in the hallway, and many were even standing in clusters outside the building. About 50 media representatives were present—the N.Y. Times, Daily News, TV Channels 2, 4, 5, and 7. In fact, more often than not, people were writing intently, tape recording, or honing in on serious conversations.

Peter Gersten, Director of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy and attorney for UFO plaintiffs vs. the CIA, organized the day. Dr. J. Allen Hynek, head of the UFO Studies Center, and advisor for the Close Encounters of the Third Kind film (renamed from an earlier working title of Washington Skies) spoke on the UFO Experience which has reportedly occurred over 80,000 times in 140 countries. John Fuller, author of Incident at Exeter, a UFO incident, claimed to have been a benevolent sceptic before the incident. I suppose it was just coincidental that all three men had gray hair, gray beards and eye-glasses that they were not Stepford Wives put here by an alien.

The more I heard of the encounters, the more creepy I felt. It is quite convincing to hear a speaker on stage,

but to speak at random to someone in the hall who has seen a blinking UFO, the size of a football field over his house, is quite another.

Humming

Noel Szundy of Brewster, who lives in Skywatch tower on a treeless hill, had such a UFO above her last July 12, at 10:30 p.m. on the night of the full moon, she said. "It remained almost still for 25 minutes making only a slight humming. Two extrusions came out of the silver disc like landing lights and went back in again before it headed north flashing five banks of green lights underneath which later dulled to a pale luminescence. I counted 40 white lights along the side. One thousand people called in to say they had seen it. I thought 'if the parting of the Dead Sea 1,000 years ago didn't do us in this won't hurt us.' Besides, the Old Testament was probably speaking of UFO's when it mentioned the wheel of Ezekiel in the sky."

Ms. Szundy told of two Brewster golfing ladies of her acquaintance who thought they saw a garbage pail cover on the fairway. One touched it with her club and found it squishy. Both were so startled when it took off and flew away that they were afraid to speak of it.

A Brewster mother bundled her kids into the family truck to take off after a UFO at dusk. "It was flying in a strange way and so big that a little plane beside it would have looked like a flea next to a St. Bernard."

So many sightings in the auditorium mentioned seeing a UFO on Route 84 that cops may soon ticket DWGAUFO's (driving while gazing at...) An East Fishkill man after describing the crackling sound and the rainbow of colored lights that started white and then went purple, blue, orange said it was "something I want

to see again" while another spoke of the "spiritual encounter" he felt. "I hate to talk about God, but there it was."

Animals were reported to stare at UFO's or become extremely frightened and nervous while very few people in Brewster registered fear. This seems unusual in view of a quote in Fawcett and Greenwood's Clear Intent by scientist Dr. Jacques Vallee, who has studied thousands of cases where human beings have observed unusual phenomena. "Whether the person's psychological structure is being assaulted by the unusual and shocking brutality of a murder, or the strangeness of a UFO sighting, the effect is the same."

27,000 MPH

The UFO's seem to fit into patterns. The sound often crackles like a bag zipper or makes clicking noise which might be compared to beaters of a home mixer that were not properly meshed. The speed range goes from three miles per second to 27,000 mph. The shape is often a boomerang V or less frequently a cigar shape or saucer. Red, white and green lights are most popular, or something glowing orange. Then, too, they have search lights, or appear as a string of lights. Pranksters have been caught flying small planes in formation to simulate UFO's but infrequently.

A man named Larry Warren—which I presumed to be a false name just as his name in Clear Intent, Art Wallace, is fictional, spoke to a group of us outside the school. His story of the Rendlesham Forest in England near the American Air Force Base at Bentwaters is bizarre. As a security policeman he was taken by American Officers into the woods—out of which animals were running. There in a clearing a disc hovered a foot off the ground with the appearance of an aspirin tablet except that it was 50-feet in diameter and had a bright pulsating mist inside. Over a field radio unit someone said "here it comes." A red light appeared, hovered over the tablet, and broke up into particles without exploding. Both the red light and tablet were replaced by a bright

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white domed disc. Shadows cast onto it by the air force men present bent upward at the head, and as the men walked and stopped the shadow would continue to advance one pace more. The third time they tried walking and stopping, a light came over the head of a shadow and moved from one head to another. Frightened, Larry moved back into the woods. And here is the confusion. He spoke of spacemen coming out of the craft, three feet high and dressed in silverish suits. He thought they communicated by raising their arms and throwing back their helmetless heads. When a noise like a tree falling frightened them, their eyes bulged with tension. And then he woke up in bed fully dressed in his uniform and muddy to his knees. The book which tells his tale and the aftermath of being told to forget everything by the base commander does not mention the little space people. Larry told us this happened in 1980 and after leaving the service he suffered bleeding from the back of the neck so badly it covered his pillow and he was rushed to the New Britain hospital where they told him he must have been around radiation."

Two Dingers

I heard no other talk about spacemen other than an informal chat with two men who felt I was somewhat dense not to know aliens had greyish skin, no ears, large eyes, "two dingers" for a nose and a slit mouth. One of the men told me about The Roswell Incident in 1948 when a spacecraft exploded in the Sierra Madre foothills of New Mexico and split in two. The dead spacemen within were seen by a group of archeologists just before they were told to leave the area. "Eisenhower was called out to see the bodies under the pretext of visiting his dentist."

I was beginning to wonder what to believe at this point. Were they kooks? They looked okay. Certainly the evidence from the auditorium eyewitnesses was credible—a school board member, a horse breeder, a commercial pilot, a master of philosophy and science—but they never mentioned space people.

However, the Air Force Academy Textbook had this to say: "This leaves us with the unpleasant possibility of alien visitors to our planet, or at least of alien controlled UFO's. However, the data are not well correlated, and what questionable data there are suggests the existence of at least three and maybe four different groups of aliens (possibly at different stages of development). This too is difficult to accept. It implies the existence of intelligent life on a majority of the planets in our solar system, or a surprisingly strong interest in Earth by members of other solar systems."

Peter Gersten, intent on beating the government into truth telling about UFO's is eager for eyewitnesses to send their UFO accounts to P.O. Box 1402, Evanston, Ill. 60204.

Even the late eminent Dr. Carl Jung was on the same bandwagon when he wrote to the Director of the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena: "if it is true that the AAF (American Air Force) or the government withholds telling facts, then one can only say that this is the most unpsychological and stupid policy one could invent. Nothing helps rumors and panics more than ignorance. It is self-evident that the public ought to be told the truth."

As for me, next full moon (Sept. 10) I'm heading for Brewster to find me a UFO.

as a skeptic and thought that the sightings "were sheer nonsense." But when he could not solve about 20 percent of the Air Force sightings grouped into "Project Blue Book," he came to accept the phenomena as real.

"There were too many incredible tales coming from credible people," he said.

"It's not a question of belief... there is a UFO phenomenon. There have been 80,000 reports from 140 countries. There are definite patterns that turn up in the reports," he said.

Pointing out that "what lies behind the phenomena is what the research is about," he went on to say that "the main question is not where they come from or their means of propulsion, but did the sighting happen the way the witness says it did?"

"Because of the similarities in events and circumstances we know the phenomena is not an illusion—people actually saw what they say happened."

Quoting Neils Bohr, Hynek said "Paradoxes lead to breakthroughs." Science is faced with new empirical evidence—evidence which doesn't fit the current scientific picture; it's the things that don't fit which lead to new understandings. Now we're trying to do something about it."

"The media is starting to pay serious attention to the phenomena," he said, although serious damage has been done to ufology by the "supermarket press" (the *National Enquirer* and such).

"Many people think of little green men when they hear the term 'UFO' and as a result serious scientists dismiss UFOs. 'U' still stands for 'Unidentified,'" he said. "If we knew they were flying saucers, they would be Identified Flying Objects."

Hynek developed the classification system of UFO sightings made famous in the movie *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. There are three types of close sightings: Close Encounters of the first kind (CE1), within 500 feet; CE2, where the UFO left physical evidence of some sort—impressions, radiation, or some artifact; and CE3, in which there is direct contact with beings from a UFO.

Hynek classified as nocturnal lights and CE1s the hundreds of recent sightings in Rockland, Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties in New York, and nearby areas of Connecticut, particularly Danbury.

"The local sightings are special for several reasons," he said. "Most UFOs are like the Cheshire Cat of Alice in Wonderland: When they disappear, they're gone. But in these sightings, the UFOs were tracked continuously from one area to another, just as an airplane can be tracked continuously along its route. There are far more witnesses than usual. Past sightings," he said, "took place in isolated areas and had only a few witnesses. But these are taking place in upper class urban areas—maybe they decided they were talking to the wrong people," he joked.

"The witnesses are of a higher caliber than usual," he said, and

"People piled into the streets, and stopped their cars in the middle of the street to watch the UFO."

because these sightings are adulterated by pranksters, we have to ask, 'Did the UFO do anything that planes can't do?' Planes flying in formation doesn't wash. They can't hover silently, nor move too slowly or they'll stall out. Also the sightings were made before the pranksters got involved, and the UFO was seen when the planes were elsewhere," he said.

Philip Imbrogno, who has investigated UFOs for the past 10 years noted that since 1982 the number of sightings in the area have increased, though they were not reported in the media.

On March 24, 1983, the five-

"It's not a question of belief... there IS a UFO phenomenon!"

county area was the focal point of one of the largest flaps in UFO history. "People piled into the streets, and stopped their cars in the middle of the street in order to watch the UFO," said Imbrogno, who explained that he had begun his investigation of the phenomena believing the people had seen a group of stunt pilots flying in tight formation—a hoax that had been pulled off before.

"But," he said, "the reports kept coming in, and people were seeing it hovering over reservoirs, trees and houses 200 yards away, with no sound. They also were stopping along the Taconic Parkway, watching as it flew over the roadway."

Case called a 'classic'

Calling the case a "classic" because of the number of reliable witnesses, Imbrogno said the more he investigated it, the more complex it became.

"One witness in Newtown, Conn., saw it hovering over her property and she flashed her porch lights. The object responded by flashing its multicolored lights. The witness' great dane reacted violently to the UFO and was very reluctant to go outside for several days after the sighting," Imbrogno said.

"When the stunt pilots began their hoax, the witnesses who had seen the UFO could easily tell the difference," he said. "They reported that the lights wobbled, a slight engine noise could be heard, and outlines of wing structures were visible. We have tracked down some of the planes," announced Imbrogno, to the delight of at least one angry resident who demanded to know more about the pilots and was given one of their names.

The July 12, 1984, sightings, like those 15 months earlier, pulled people out of their homes and cars. Together, the sightings generated the most reports of any such incidents recorded in UFO history. "Well over 1,000 people saw the UFO on each of the two nights," Imbrogno said.

On the two nights that people in Fairfield County, Connecticut, and Putnam, Westchester, Rockland and Dutchess counties in New York, saw the same boomerang-shaped UFO flying over their towns. While the majority of the sightings centered around Danbury, Conn. and Yorktown, N.Y., large numbers of UFOs were reported along the Taconic Parkway from Millwood to Yorktown.

Imbrogno estimated that on June 11 and July 12, 6,000 to 7,000 people may have seen UFOs in a single 1,400-square mile area.

"In the entire history of UFO sightings since 1947, I've never seen a series of sightings of this magnitude," Imbrogno said.

Fawcett, chief investigator and assistant director of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS), quoted from 4000 pages of U.S. government documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act to illustrate his charge that the government was covering up the existence of UFOs. Fawcett recounted nine experiences involving definite UFO activity, which indicated a possible threat to national security.

They ranged from the disintegration of a Cuban jet fighter by a "bright metallic sphere" in 1967, to a 1979 report from Kuwait about a UFO hovering over sophisticated oil pumping equipment doing "strange things to the automatic pumping device."

Fawcett also noted a high number of sightings over sensitive military installations in the U.S. He showed the "jury" a 21-page affidavit concerning government interest in UFOs. The entire document was censored with thick black lines drawn through each sentence on each page.

"Damn it," said Fawcett, "if there is no coverup, why all the secrecy? The time of the coverup is over," he said amid loud applause. "The UFOs are real. They display high technology and a high order of

intelligence." Fawcett then called for citizen participation in government-sponsored UFO research. "We have a right to know," he said as he stepped down.

Imbrogno returned to the podium to introduce the eyewitnesses. Although an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 people saw the UFOs, only about 600 have reported their sighting, he said. In the audience were about 75 people who had seen "something they couldn't explain" in the night sky.

Imbrogno told the *New York Tribune* that at the close of the conference, a total of 1,200 people told him they had seen something that could have been a UFO. "It's very rare that that many people come forward as the result of a meeting like this," he said.

The seven eyewitnesses who testified were from various walks of life. They described basically the same object: It was large, ranging in size from 100 feet to 200 yards; shaped like a boomerang or a V; and had several multicolored lights on it. They all saw it in the open, unobscured by clouds or trees, hovering near the ground without a sound.

Two of the eyewitnesses, Putnam County employees Dennis Sant and Monique O'Driscoll experienced the UFO responding to their thoughts. When it began to leave, they would wish it to stay longer, and it would turn around and come toward them. The speakers said they were not frightened; instead, they "felt good" in its presence and tried to follow it when it finally started to leave, much to the consternation of Monique's daughter, who earlier yelled out, "Mommy, get back in the car, they're going to take you!"

Sant's children ran into the house when they saw the UFO hovering over their backyard, though Sant and his father later watched as it approached within 100 yards after it had moved some distance away.

Sant and a neighbor, Richard Blasberg, never talked with each other about the sightings until the day of the conference. Blasberg and Sant both had "kind of a spiritual feeling about the UFO."

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Other witnesses included Michael Faye, a New Hampshire airline pilot; and Vietnam Veteran Bill Sockui, who saw his first UFO over the Gulf of Tonkin. He believes the upstate boomerang is "under intelligent control." June Pope, a nurse, said, "It's not of this earth, that's for sure."

Eugene Bower, who described himself as a "working-class stiff who don't know nothin' about nothin'," concluded his testimony by predicting the next sighting. "From what I can gather from the papers, the sightings take place between the first quarter and the full moon. The next sightings should be between Sept. 2 and 9, so get out there with your binoculars and see for yourselves," he challenged.

The final part of the conference was a question-and-answer period involving the witnesses, speakers and several other ufologists, including Pete Mazzola of the Scientific Bureau of Investigation (SBI), Dick Ruhl of the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization (APRO), and John Fuller, author of *Incident at Exeter* and *The Interrupted Journey*, the story of Betty and Barney Hill, two of the first people to testify under hypnosis that they had been "abducted" by beings from a UFO.

Dick said stunt pilots "are responsible for about 90 percent of the sightings that were reported. I've spoken with some of them. I've seen them fly and land, and I've congratulated them on their fantastic flying. I've also appealed to them to stop being children and

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Rash of UFO sightings draws crowd to upstate conference

By James H. Robinson
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BREWSTER — A massive number of reported sightings of unidentified flying objects north of New York City drew more than 1,000 people to this quiet town last Saturday.

"We have, indeed, a mystery here, and we don't know what we'll find," Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the foremost authority on the phenomena of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) told the hastily convened Public UFO Conference.

Brewster was chosen for the conference partly because earlier this summer an apparent UFO hovered over local school and a pond, according to local witnesses.

More importantly, though, Brewster lies at the hub of hundreds of recent unexplainable sightings in the skies of four New York counties and Fairfield County, Conn. The latest, verified sighting reported by more than one person was that of the evening of July 24, when a large object said to be surrounded by flashing lights hovered over Danbury, Conn., for 40 minutes.

The conference, organized by attorney Peter Gersten and astronomer Philip Imbrogno, was, in part, an attempt to prove the U.S. Government guilty of misleading the public concerning the existence of UFOs, and, "to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that strange, unusual objects do exist," as Gersten said in his opening remarks. He invited the audience to act as the jury.

The event was covered heavily by the media, fulfilling another purpose of the conference — to give actual sightings the media coverage Gersten feels they deserve.

Highlights of the conference included: numerous eyewitnesses — several of whom gave their testimonies; photos and videotapes of objects seen recently over the area; and the testimony of three expert witnesses — Hynek, Lawrence Fawcett, author of *Clear Intent* (about past government coverups of UFO reports) and

Imbrogno, chief investigator for the local chapter of the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS), based in Evanston, Ill.

Throughout the day, more than 1,000 people filtered through the packed auditorium of the Henry H. Welles Middle School in Brewster to hear testimonies that they hoped would clear up the mystery that began unfolding 2 years ago.

The UFOs were tracked continuously from one area to another, just as an airplane can be tracked continuously along its route.

The *New York Times* added to the tension and expectation by publishing an article that attributed the sightings to a hoax by five or six stunt pilots flying in tight formation in light planes at night.

"There are two approaches being used here today," Hynek explained to the audience, "one legalistic and the other scientific. Both approaches will view the same evidence, but each will treat it differently. In the first approach, you'll hear evidence and then vote on it. In the scientific approach we'll just review the facts and see what we come up with. We have, indeed, a mystery here and we don't know what we'll find," he said.

"I encourage witnesses to speak out for two reasons: to find and stop hoaxes and to fulfill the scientific responsibility concerning the investigation of UFOs. When I hear a report I knock it down if I can," he said, "because I want to eliminate hoaxes — they don't do anybody any good."

Hynek, who became involved with UFOs as a consultant for the Air Force, explained that he began

stop the flights because of the danger — God forbid they should have an accident over a populated area. They've become a public nuisance," he said.

When pressed, Ruhl revealed the name of one of the pilots, Ivan Hirsh, who is on public record at the Westchester Airport as being the owner of one of the planes.

The conference ended with Gersten asking the jury for its verdict — "Is the government guilty of a coverup concerning UFOs? You've heard the witnesses and seen the pictures and videotapes," he said. "Take several days to deliberate and then cast your vote by calling the UFO Hotline, (914)739-6830, and let us know what you think."

JACK EISEN METROSCENE

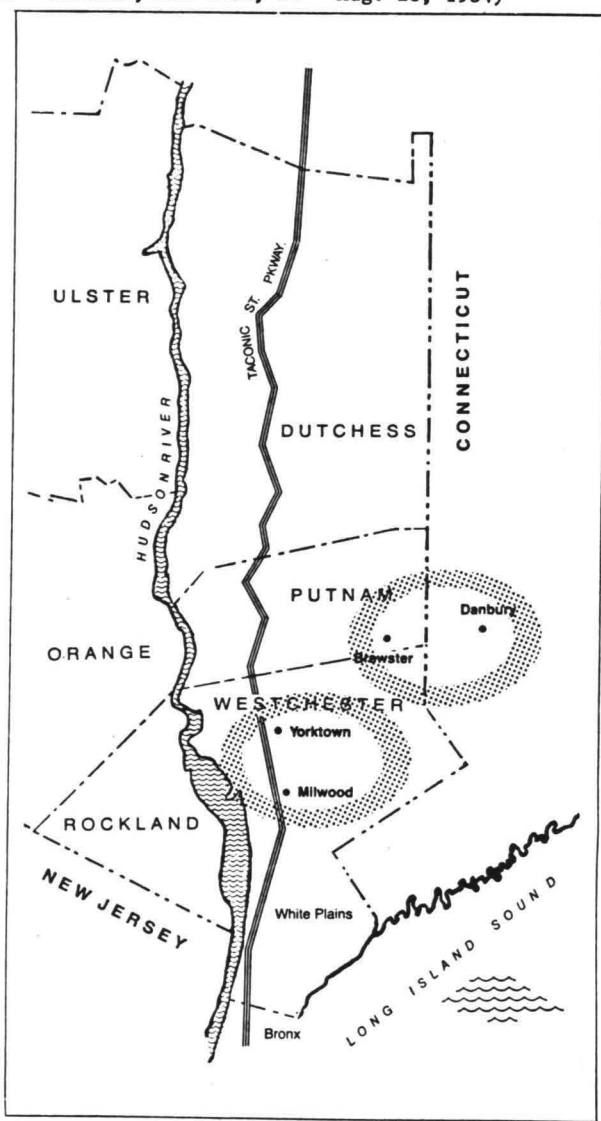
In Search of UFOs

Are you one of those who feel the government has been keeping back the real word on flying saucers and other supernatural phenomena?

If so, somebody in the Parkfairfax community of Alexandria is offering you "your final chance to put an end to the deception."

An outfit called CAUS, which didn't spell out the letters in its acronymic title, put an ad in the Pentagon newspaper, the Pentagon, offering "your final chance to help us put an end to the deception" by becoming "the cosmic Watergate Deep Throat." The scheme is for all interested in joining to file suit seeking all available government data under the Freedom of Information Act.

For those interested, the CAUS address is 3518 Martha Custis Dr., Alexandria, Va. 22302.



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NEW YORK Sydney H. Schanberg

Must We Identify U.F.O.'s?

I can't see anything wrong with believing in U.F.O.'s. After all, if it turns out they really exist, the believers are going to look very good. They might even become celebrities — after years of being treated like village idiots. That's what I'm after — the fame of being one of the first to have had faith in the possibility of unidentified flying objects.

Very recently, a number of sightings have occurred — at night — in Westchester, Dutchess, Putnam and Fairfield Counties. The state police say it's all a hoax — that the "object" is a group of five or six small planes, with flashing colored lights and their undersides painted black, that fly in tight formation low over the treetops. The police say the pilots get a big charge out of exciting people into thinking that some strange and unexplained airship is visiting this planet. No laws are being broken, they say, so they refuse to disclose the names of the pilots or the whereabouts of their planes.

Residents who have seen something in the sky — they describe it as a V-shape or a circle, about the size of a football field, noiseless and outlined in lights of white, green or red — aren't buying this explanation.

"I've seen those jerks five or six times," said William Pollard, a service station manager, of the stunting

pilots. "They were nothing like what I saw... Nothing like it at all." He said what he saw "was rigid — absolutely rigid."

Jeffrey Schmalz, the reporter who wrote the first-rate story for this newspaper about this mystery, says that in his opinion the likelihood is that what people have seen are in fact the hoaxing pilots — and then he adds quickly: "But on the other hand..."

It's the other hand I'm interested in. Maybe there's something unusual up there in the blue. What is there to lose in exploring that idea?

The Government, lacking a romantic nature, is no help at all. A Federal commission some years ago issued what it decided was the definitive report, saying that people were seeing things — that there were no visitors from outer space, no inexplicable flying machines and no unnatural phenomena. Case closed.

People want 'normal' explanations for the abnormal

The Air Force won't even investigate these sightings anymore and the F.A.A. is downright smart-alecky about it. "If the pilot's up there with a clearance and at the right altitude," said a spokesman about the latest sightings, "we don't care what planet he comes from."

Well, Irene Lunn of Mahopac cares. "That thing's not flying over the F.A.A. It's flying over my house and my treetops and I want to know for sure what it is." About the thing she saw, she said, "It wasn't an airplane,

it wasn't a helicopter, it wasn't a hang glider. There was no sound at all, you could hear the crickets."

This is far from the first time in recent years that respectable people in our geographical area have seen unexplained objects in either daylight or the night-time sky. A wave of similar reports occurred in 1976 — in the same counties where the current sightings have taken place. Among the spotters were policemen, teachers, housewives, businessmen and lawyers.

It happened again last year, roughly in the same upstate locale. Reports have also come occasionally from Staten Island.

Explanations offered by the "rational" skeptics over the years include stars, planets, ordinary aircraft, marsh gas and atmospheric quirks. These seem to put to rest some sightings — but not all.

I don't know if U.F.O.'s exist. But I don't know that they don't, either. Let's keep exploring — rather than making wisecracks or calling the witnesses kooks.

There's a part of each of us that wants "normal" explanations for the strange things we may experience; we want security, our world unrocked, our nest undisturbed. But there's another part of the psyche that wouldn't mind the existence of phenomena outside our earthly knowledge, something that would show there's more to life than our daily rounds.

I would appreciate it if those who may feel the urge to write and tell me I'm encouraging unscientific thought would stifle that urge. I would also appreciate not hearing from experts in the preternatural, such as paranormal psychologists (normal ones are troublesome enough).

All I want is to be allowed, as a recipient in our system of freedom of belief, to hold to the notion that maybe there are events or sights or objects that cannot be explained or solved through our existing knowledge.

I would like to believe in the unexplainable.

COURANT, Hartford, CT - Sept. 9, 1984 CR: G. Earley

Books & Authors

Alien Object Led Him To New Status

By GARRET CONDON
Courant Book Editor

Lawrence Fawcett's writing career was launched when he saw a flying saucer while he stood in the showroom of Manchester Oldsmobile 19 years ago.

Fawcett was a 26-year-old window washer on his way home from work when he stopped at the dealership to look at new cars. Just after 5 p.m., people outside the showroom were yelling and pointing to something in the sky. Fawcett moved to the showroom window in time to see a large, disc-like object descend to a nearby electrical substation and then quickly ascend and disappear.

"It was about the size of a 747," he recalls. "It didn't have any windows. The whole thing took maybe 30 or 35 seconds."

That was how Fawcett got his start as a writer. More precisely, that was the "close encounter" that sparked Fawcett's interest in UFOs. And after years of hearing from others about UFO sightings and of listening to government spokesmen dismiss these experiences as hoaxes or "marsh gas," Fawcett and fellow UFO researcher Barry Greenwood decided to call the government's bluff and use the Freedom of Information Act to find out whether government agencies were as uninterested in UFOs as they said they were.

From 1980 to 1983 they got more than 5,000 UFO related documents from military, law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

"I always said if they [government officials] read their own data, they'd know what UFOs were," he says.

Collecting the data and putting it in book form was a spare time writing operation. Fawcett, the father of four, is a lieutenant with the Coventry Police Department, where he has worked for 15 years. Greenwood works at the Stoneham, Mass., post office. The pair wrote and traveled the country in search of secret reports and memos on their own time. Fawcett is assistant director of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, which went to court to force the release of documents that some agencies refused to make public under the Freedom of Information Act. And when the documents and the narration were compiled and were sent to Prentice-Hall Inc. in Englewood Cliffs, N.J., the manuscript was accepted with only a few small changes.

Now "Clear Intent," (Prentice-Hall; \$17.95 hardcover; \$8.95 paper; 264 pp.), published in a 7,500-copy first printing July 30, is headed for second and third printings of 4,500 each.

Now, Fawcett is a rather high-profile author, which takes him a long way from his desk as patrol administrator at the police department.

Last month he appeared on "The Merv Griffin Show," which he says, was "kind of scary, in a sense," although Griffin eased things by suggesting that everyone in America should read "Clear Intent."

Fawcett says he has talked by phone or in the studio on about 50 radio shows, is expecting a Japanese television crew to come to Coventry to do a story on him and will be one of the guests of honor at a symposium on UFOs in Long Beach, Calif., this month. His four teenage children and his wife, Lois, have gotten a kick out of the publicity — especially his television appearances, he says.

In addition, there have been movie offers. And, like most writers who get a start and then taste success, Fawcett and Greenwood are already at work on a sequel, based on documents they couldn't accommodate in "Clear Intent." In addition, the publication of "Clear Intent" and the publicity have brought forth present and former members of the military who have UFO stories for Fawcett. Their stories may be collected in a third book.

"It's opened a new world to us," Fawcett says.



UFO sightings show increase along the Jersey Shore area

SHIP BOTTOM — A report of a unidentified flying object sighting here last week coincides with recent UFO sightings throughout the New Jersey shore area, according to Robert Warth, president of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained, in Little Silver.

"In the past week, there have been sightings over Tinton Falls, Eatontown, Seabright, Long Branch and Asbury Park," Warth, a chemist with a major aerospace company, said. "It wouldn't surprise me at all if people have seen UFOs over Long Beach Island too."

Nancy McCann and her son of King of Prussia,

vacationing on the island, were sitting on the porch of their home on Fourth Street in Ship Bottom last Monday night when they saw what appeared to be two bright white lights fly over the ocean at about 10:45 p.m.

The lights, heading south, came together and then apart very quickly and flew one on top of the other, McCann said.

"It definitely was not a plane," she said. "The lights were flying very, very fast."

According to Warth, who said he has contacts in many space companies, unconfirmed reports from Fort

Mumouth said radar screens picked up bleeps over the ocean indicating UFOs in the area.

"Seventy-five percent of UFOs are seen over water or coming out of the water," he said. "Since we're one of the few planets that are water-based, the UFOs may use the water as fuel."

Frank Montarelli, spokesman for the Naval Air Engineering Center at Lakehurst, said no planes from Lakehurst were in the Ship Bottom area Monday night.

"The only aircraft out Monday night was a helicopter heading for Lakehurst via New York from Brunswick,

Maine," he said. "However, it did not go anywhere near Ship Bottom."

According to Montarelli, the recent rash of UFO sightings occurred just after the presentation on television of the closing Olympic spectacular featuring a UFO.

"Those kinds of things tend to spur people on and excite their imaginations," he said.

Other reasons for the recent sightings include the in-

creased commercial helicopter traffic flying from and into Atlantic City, Montarelli said.

The helicopters do not require flight plans like aircraft and so are not registered with many airports, he noted.

Officials at McGuire Air Force Base in Burlington County said no aircraft were flying near Ship Bottom last Monday night.

Warth said he could

understand why people would seem to see more UFOs after the televised Olympic presentation.

"Also, the movie 'V' (about space invaders) was shown on TV lately, but that does not explain why we'll get 25 sightings in half an hour by reputable people — policemen, business people — who all claim to have seen the same thing at the same time in the same place," he said.

Warth believes the UFOs contain friendly creatures from advanced societies who may look at Earth as an experimental planet.

"The UFOs always seem to be protective, never threatening," he said. "They always seem to hover over one place as if surveying the land. Perhaps some advanced civilization planted us here a long time ago and are continually checking on our progress."

TIMES, Beach Haven, NJ Sept. 19, 1984

More UFO sightings

I read in your newspaper about the UFO sightings along the Jersey Shore.

On Sept. 3 at 8:30 p.m., I was sitting on our deck at Beach Haven Crest, looking south down the inland waterway when two lights attracted my attention.

As they got closer I called my husband then told my grandson, age 7, to look out the window, but he came out and sat on my lap. By then the objects were very close. To me they were balls of fire. I thought perhaps they were balloons for Saxton. They sort of floated with no noise and were 500 feet apart, keeping that distance in a direct line. We watched until they couldn't be seen individually, but by then appeared to become just one.

They were orange and red, as fire. My husband, who has better eyesight than I, said they pulsed and had a grid-like pattern.

Afterwards he tried to find someone on the C.B. who saw them but couldn't contact anyone who had

Three people know they saw something strange.

CHRISTINE LAFFERTY
Beach Haven Crest
and Media, Penn.



The Onlooker

By JIM HOUGH

Dave Machtel, host on WJIM-AM radio, recently had a program in which listeners called in to talk about UFOs.

Dave, not much of a believer in those things, made a flippant comment on Tuesday and challenged a UFO to stop in an pick him up.

That's when some strange things began happening. A buzzing and clicking noise began interfering with the station's NBC network pickup from the satellite. Brian Halter, WJIM program director, began making phone calls to check it out. NBC said they had no problem with the signal from their end.

"The problem has continued for several days," Halter said, "and someone came into the station the other night to report a strange sighting in the sky over this area. It's pretty darned eerie, if you ask me. Has the Onlooker had any such reports? Do you believe in UFOs?" Halter asked.

I don't know, Brian, but if I were you, I'd tell Machtel to apologize to that thing right away. Either that or have your call letters changed from WJIM to WUFO.

Come on, Dave, don't stir up that UFO junk again. It makes life miserable for every reporter in town.

If you've seen a UFO lately, call Dave, not the Onlooker. He's on the air each afternoon at 2:05 p.m.

STATE JOURNAL, Lansing, MI - Sept. 24, 1984

UFO Local woman has sighting

NEVADA APPEAL, Carson City, NV - Sept. 25, 1984

By RALPH NICHOLS
Appeal Staff Writer

Gail Edwards was not watching an episode of "V." She did not even have her TV on this morning.

But Edwards says she saw something which could have been straight out of a science fiction show — a UFO.

She was playing cards with her daughter about 3 a.m. when she says she noticed a brightly-colored object hovering high about Mexican Dam, east of Carson City.

With her daughter, Edwards says she watched the red, blue, yellow and green lights flash like the "lights on a Christmas tree" for about an hour.

"I thought it was an airplane flying over the mountain, but it did not move," Edwards said. "I

told my daughter, 'I think we have something to watch here.'"

She called the Carson City Sheriff's Department which sent two deputies to check the area. Edwards said the deputies watched the object for a while with them.

The Sheriff's Department checked with the Fallon Air Force Base and Reno Flight Service to see if any aircraft or weather balloons were in the area this morning. The Reno Flight Service reported recording an object briefly on its radar this morning.

The unidentified flying object reportedly headed toward Lake Tahoe, said a Sheriff's Department spokesman.

As for Edwards, she finished her card game and went to bed.

UFO sightings taken seriously

The Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained (PASU) is an all-volunteer, non-profit research group that takes UFO sightings seriously.

PASU is comprised of individuals with training in fields of science, engineering, medicine and technology and serves as a nationwide clearinghouse for reports of UFOs, "mystery animals" such as Bigfoot, as well as many other types of bizarre incidents.

Located at 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg, the organization maintains a UFO Sightings hotline number (412-838-7768) and attempts to send trained field investigators to the scene to obtain firsthand information and collect any possible physical residue for laboratory analysis.

The organization also maintains a major radio communications monitoring facility and many other types of special instrumentation.

PASU was founded in 1981 by Stan Gordon, an electronic technician who has specialized in radio communications. He has been researching UFOs and the unex-

plained for the past 24 years and has written numerous articles on these subjects.

"We stay away from ghosts," Director Stan Gordon explains good naturedly. "We're more interested in scientific proof. For example, we've been looking into cougar sightings up in Armstrong County and just last Saturday there was a black panther sighting around West Newton. Believe it or not, the cougar is supposed to have been extinct in Western Pennsylvania since the 1890s."

"As far as UFOs go, last year was one of our biggest years for sightings," Gordon told *The Spirit*. "Actually the sightings never stop. We get reports every month. Most of them, it's true, can be explained but some of them can not."

"During a rash of sightings last year of large, structured objects, where even 'windows' could be seen, we had a report in broad daylight from Jeannette by some real down to earth people."

"Officially, the government is not supposed to be involved, but through the Freedom of Information Act, we've found that the military and the government do take them seriously."

"In October of '83 for example, up by Altoona, a woman's car was partly lifted off the ground and a high pitched sound has left her with hearing loss and low level radiation that has caused her to lose her hair."

"We get reports from the Jeannette, Harrison City and Level Green area every year," Gordon continued. "Even though a lot of people don't want to get involved and open themselves up to possible ridicule. However, we investigate reports confidentially and it's important that people tell us what they've seen so we can correlate these sightings."

Gordon explains that The Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained is not a "UFO Club" and that all the members are specialists. His own conclusions, based on thousands of cases and interviews and investigations, are that there are probably two types of UFOs: those that are manifested physically and those that are not.

"I have to conclude that these are intelligently controlled vehicles from beyond our world," Gordon states matter-of-factly. "There have just been too many sightings and too much strong physical evidence on the ground to ignore them."

CR: S. Gordon

Joe Soucheray



Extraterrestrials shy about trying city life

It was about a week ago when people in Thief River Falls reported seeing strange lights in the sky.

Because these were mysterious flashing lights, there being no other kind normally reported in the hours after midnight, witnesses were compelled to inform the clerk in an all-night convenience store that they were not crazy. They just had to tell someone, they said.

The clerk, for her part, indicated that the people were not drunk, thus removing the obstacles of competency and sobriety, which routinely are thrown into the way of scientific merit. The only missing element was the corroboration of a sheriff, a justice of the peace or any elected official.

The latter arrived like clockwork. The same night, a Red Lake County deputy sheriff said he, too, watched the strange lights, for an hour. Witnessed by sober civilians who proclaimed their own sanity, and given the official stamp of approval by an officer of the law, the strange, flashing lights in Thief River Falls thereby entered the public record.

Well, here we go again, and I don't believe it. That is not to say I doubt the good people of Thief River Falls. They saw what they saw. What I don't believe is that yet another UFO chose a rural area to descend on. Don't these creatures from outer space ever crave a good restaurant, a shopping mall, a play or a film? Why don't they come to a city?

Just once, ships from outer space should take the precaution of landing in Manhattan or, closer to home, in the parking lot at Rosedale at 2 p.m. on a Saturday afternoon. Then we would have something to believe, we who live in cities and have formed the bias that we are entirely too neglected by extraterrestrials.

Just in the last decade, unidentified flying objects have been sighted in

the Minnesota towns of Pine City, Ghent, Scandia, Lake City, up and down the Red River Valley and, most famously, in Warren, where Marshall County deputy sheriff Val Johnson tangled with something mysterious that smashed up his car. The entanglement also left him disoriented and suffering from what doctors called "welder burns" of the eyes.

It was in late August 1979, incidentally, when Johnson, out on patrol, encountered the flying object that dove at his car, breaking all its lights and bending its two antennas.

In addition, there was a visit to Stillwater in 1982, but that one turned out to be a balloon. And, may she rest in peace, a St. Paul woman named Laverne Landis died in 1982 after spending four weeks in a car waiting for an unidentified flying object to visit her at Loon Lake in northern Minnesota. You can look it up.

Wisconsin has not been without its sightings, most notably the Pierce County triangle sightings in April 1975. Residents of Elmwood, Ellsworth and Plum City reported seeing a UFO that was variously described as looking like a giant felt tip pen, or a red, white and blue cigar. In either case it was as big as a football field.

The Pierce County visit was almost as strange as the warm fall night in 1973 when Charlie Hickson and Calvin Parker said they were visited by claw men from outer space who landed their craft near where Hickson and Parker were fishing in Pascagoula, Miss. Hickson and Parker made the cover of Rolling Stone.

But enough. There is no significance to any of the Minnesota or Wisconsin sightings except that they preceded or followed generally mild winters and that a good percentage of them occurred with Republicans in the White House.

There won't be a significant sighting until the UFOs quit their rural visitations and make a run into town, any town, so long as it's a big one.

I want a UFO to visit Los Angeles or Chicago. Miami will do, or St. Louis, Detroit, St. Paul or Boston. This is no reflection on the residents of small towns, but rather the wish that one of these ships would land where it could get a proper welcome from one of the television news teams.

After years and years of making exclusively rural visits, what do we really know about flying saucers and their occupants? Nothing. Nothing except that there isn't very intelligent life out there. These beings come down here, unfailingly end up lost out in the sticks, maybe burn up a little patch on a corn field or dent up a cop car, and then they go home.

They can't drive very well. In the case of Landis, they failed to keep an appointment. They present themselves clumsily, or did to Hickson and Parker.

Worse, they are ostentatious. An intelligent being would not drive around in a felt tip pen the size of a football field.

I don't believe it.

JOURNAL, Albuquerque, NM - Oct. 14, 1984 CR: F. Hudson

NMSU Sued Over UFO Class

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GRANTS — A Grants man has filed a federal lawsuit against Grants Branch College of New Mexico State University because college officials wouldn't let him teach a non-credit course called "Government on a Neighboring Planet."

Lynn E. Rhoderick filed the lawsuit in federal court in Albuquerque last week, seeking intervention by a federal judge in the matter.

According to the lawsuit, branch director Donnie Gonzalez denied permission to teach the course, which Rhoderick said would be based on a 2,000-page book that concerns unidentified flying objects.

"The origin of the book is controversial," Rhoderick said in an

interview. "It is mysterious. It is supernatural."

He said the book, published in 1955, "had no human author. It was transmitted through a human subject."

Rhoderick, a teacher in the Grants Municipal School District, said he had signed up about 20 people for the proposed course, which he had planned to teach last fall.

He said he wrote to Gonzalez after permission to teach the course was denied, but received no reply.

Gonzalez said he turned down the course because he believed it dealt with "religious doctrine."

He said the matter had been turned over to the university's attorneys and that any further comment would have to come from them.

STAR-TRIBUNE, Minneapolis, MN - Sept. 7, 1984

Woman reports seeing UFO in north of state

Evelyn Johnson looked out her bathroom window at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday after letting her howling dog into the house.

She was startled to see a lighted orange-white saucer-shaped object hovering in the sky to the west of her farmyard near Pitt, in northern Minnesota, she said.

Johnson, a dispatcher for the Lake of the Woods County sheriff's office in Baudette about 9 miles to the northeast, said she stared at the object for about a minute, then ran upstairs to wake her daughter.

"I was screaming so loud she thought I was crazy," she said. By the time her daughter came downstairs, the object was gone.

About 5 a.m. she called the dispatcher at the sheriff's office and told her what she had seen, she said.

Johnson said she couldn't estimate how high, how large or how far away the object was. It hovered above a large stand of trees beyond a 3- to 4-acre clearing in her farmyard and didn't move, she said.

She said she has never seen a UFO before.

Other people in the area told her Thursday that they have seen unusual objects in the sky, too, but that they were afraid people would think they were crazy if they said anything. Some members of her family are skeptical, she said.

Johnson said she had gotten up to let her dog out. The dog and some coyotes started howling, she said, and she thought the coyotes seemed to be closer to the house than usual.

Johnson, 52, has been a sheriff's dispatcher for more than five years.

CHIEFTAIN & EL DEFENSOR, Socorro, NM - Sept. 27, 1984

UFO cover-up continuous, claims 'zealot'

By GWEN ROATH

"At this point in time, neither scientists nor the general public can afford to believe UFOs are a figment of imagination," Robert Hastings, an independent UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) researcher, told an audience at Macey Center last Friday night.

Hastings, who calls himself a "zealot" on the subject, presented a 30-minute film along with an illustrated lecture on UFOs, contrasting what he said the government has told the public, with now de-classified documents about the incidents, obtained through the Freedom of Information Act.

Hastings cites a 1952 CIA document which states that the unexplainable objects are "not attributable to natural phenomena," and which placed in high priority the study of the phenomena.

One of the first observed occurrences by officials, according to Hastings, was shortly after H.G. Wells' "War of the Worlds" had frightened the nation, and

the government, afraid of a paranoid public, dismissed the UFOs as caused by weather and other natural phenomena.

That cover-up has continued until the present, Hastings says, and during the lecture he contrasted the "official version" with other documents of the incident.

Incidents he covered included the "Betty and Barney Hill" experience in 1961, in which the couple supposedly were taken into a UFO and queried. UFOs were reported in that area by an airline pilot, Hastings said. Hastings also talked about the famous "Marsh Gas" incident in the 1970s, and related the huge blackout over New York City in November, 1965 to three UFOs seen hovering over the power sources there.

"It is my opinion," Hastings said, "that the primary reason the government declines to (tell the truth to the public) is that many sightings are

related to nuclear power facilities and ICBM silos."

Hastings himself first became interested in UFOs, when in 1967 he was present at an air traffic control tower on Malmstrom Air Force Base, near Great Falls, Mont. "Five UFOs were tracked on military radar," he said, "and for half an hour they hovered over nearby ICBM silos, violating sensitive air space. Then they flew off at an estimated speed of 5000 miles per hour..."

There has been only one time, to his knowledge, he said, that the U.S. has tried to shoot at a UFO. It was in Tehran, Iran, and a F-4 was sent to investigate the flying object. The F-4 came close enough to get a radar reading, which determined the object to be the size of a 707 tanker, according to Hastings.

The object and the F-4 flew south of Tehran, Hastings said, and at one point,

the F-4 attempted to fire on the object. "But at that instant, the weapons and communication system went out." When the pilot turned around to return to base, the instruments again were working, he said.

"I believe the public has a right to be aware of" the existence of these UFOs, Hastings said, telling the audience they could "take it or leave it."

But Hastings said that the 400-plus documents obtained through lawsuits, show that there is "an abundance of hard evidence at this time of an ongoing cover-up."

For persons interested in knowing more about UFOs, Hastings recommended the book "Clear Intent" by Lawrence Faucett and Barry Greenwood. And for obtaining copies of CIA and Air Force documents, persons can write to Fund for UFO Research, P.O. Box 277, Mount Rainier, MD. 20712, he said.

UFOs a cloudy issue

Lincoln man calls probe a 'cosmic Watergate'

By Beth Burrell
Gazette Staff Reporter

LINCOLNTON — It is a cosmic battle of the skeptics and the "non-skeptics."

The non-skeptics, as George Fawcett of Lincolnton calls himself, believe fervently enough in the existence of unidentified flying objects that they investigate sightings themselves.

The skeptics believe most UFO sightings that remain on "unexplained" government lists were either fabrications or not worth further investigation.

A few statistics about the UFO enigma, supplied by Capt. Miles Wiley of the Air Force in Washington:

- From 1947 to 1969, the U.S. government investigated 12,618 reported UFO sightings worldwide.

- Of that total, 11,299 were classified as balloons, satellites, aircraft or some natural phenomenon.

- The remaining 701 are listed as unexplained. Further investigation into those 701 has been dismissed for lack of evidence.

Government investigations ended when officials decided no reported UFOs had ever indicated a threat to national security, Wiley said.

A few more statistics, supplied by the Mutual UFO Network, a citizens' group based in Seguin, Texas, and formed in 1969 to probe sightings worldwide:

- A 1966 Gallup Poll showed that less than 50 percent of the population believed UFOs existed. By 1978 more than 57 percent believed UFOs exist.

- UFOs have been sighted by 15 million people, but only 10 percent of UFOs are reported.

- There are 182 cases of people injured or killed in UFO accidents and 600 cases of people abducted by UFOs.

- Of 300 sightings probed annually by MUFON, 10 to 20 percent are unexplained.

For Fawcett, assistant state director for MUFON and a UFO investigator for 40 years, the issue is more than a matter of statistics.

He calls the government investigations incomplete, a "cosmic Watergate" to prevent revealing U.S. intelligence-gathering information.

Fawcett's research material includes 10 scrapbooks, 10,000 letters from concerned people, 500 books, 400 to 500 photographs, 600 slides and 20 filing cabinets of documents, articles and statistics.

"I was a skeptic for first five years, a non-skeptic for next five. If you're a skeptic now, you belong to a minority group in America," Fawcett said.

His appetite for UFOs was whetted when he was 15 in



Gazette photo by Robert Lahser

George Fawcett of Lincolnton kneels among collected UFO material
...display is set up in store front window on E. Main St., Lincolnton

Mount Airy. He read a newspaper clipping datelined Paris, Dec. 28, 1944, about unidentified "silver balls in the sky" believed to be secret weapons of the Axis powers. No one ever figured out what they were, he said.

He began keeping a scrapbook about UFOs.

From 1967 to 1980, he served as state director of MUFON. In 1975, he wrote a book titled *Quarter Century Studies of UFOs in Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee*.

From 1979 to 1982, Fawcett taught a course, *UFOs: A New Frontier of Science* at the Lincoln County campus of Gaston College.

He dreams of building a \$1 million museum in the shape of a flying saucer in North Carolina.

According to Fawcett's research and data, UFO "creatures" are generally highly intelligent and dressed in shiny suits. Sixty-nine percent are 3½ to 4 feet tall.

They use five types of communication: All known languages, telepathy, "no communication," markings on ground or paper, or a humming sound, Fawcett said.

Seventy-five percent of their spacecraft have tripods for landing gear, most weigh 25 to 35 tons and are 30 feet in diameter.

Fawcett's materials — books, models, photos, slides, clippings and drawings — are on display through Wednesday in two store windows on East Main Street in downtown Lincolnton.

Walter Andrus, international director of MUFON and a founding member, said it has 70 consultants, 1,000 active field investigators and 1,400 members in 73 countries worldwide.

He said the group's four stated objectives are to determine if reported UFO sightings are extraterrestrial, how the spacecrafts are powered, where they are from and what

can be learned from the intelligence of "entities" who guide the spacecraft.

Wiley of the Air Force said the government considered re-entering the cosmic battle in 1977 when President Jimmy Carter asked the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to launch investigations. But officials decided nothing would be gained from further study.

In 1983, Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, one of 12 nationwide citizens' UFO groups, brought suit against the Air Force asking that alleged bodies recovered from crashed UFOs be turned over, Wiley said.

"But the judge ruled in the Air Force's favor that there are no bodies and have never been any bodies," he said.

Fawcett and Andrus call that trial a farce, another example of government cover-up.

Wiley said it is unlikely that the government will resume investigations unless national security is threatened.

GAZETTE, Gastonia, NC

Oct. 15, 1984

CR: G. Fawcett

UFOs remain unexplained

IN THE Sunday, Oct. 7 issue of *The Gastonia Gazette* your staff reporter, Beth Burrell, did an excellent job on the complex subject, "UFOs, a cloudy issue."

There are several comments I would like to add to the interview in what I feel would be in the public interest.

Captain Miles Wiley of the U.S. Air Force in Washington, D.C., made several false statements that bear correcting. Wiley said that federal courts on lawsuits for the recovery of bodies allegedly found, there were no bodies and never had been any bodies. The facts are because the plaintiffs could not confirm there were any bodies in Washington, D.C., the suit was thrown out on the basis that such bodies were out of their jurisdiction.

Court action by the same groups against the National Security Agency through the Freedom of Information Act lawsuits for 135 specific NSA-UFO documents brought the intervention by the Supreme Court in April 1982, who upheld a lower court ruling to the effect that "UFOs were a threat to national security," so that the top secret documents did not have to be released.

Records show UFOs have continually been investigated through normal USAF routine channels and more specifically by the ADC (Air Defense Command) and the DIA (Defense Intelligence Agency). And UFOs in 1948 are still being monitored by the defense and intelligence agencies, the State Department and White House on a global basis, also unknown to the public.

During an election year, I'm sure your readers would like to know that a newly updated document entitled *The UFO Enigma* is now available free to anyone who will write to their congressman and ask for a copy. It was compiled by the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress by Marcia S. Smith and George D. Havas on June 20, 1983 and is listed as Report No. 83-205 SPR. It should be requested by title and by number. Incidentally, the unexplained 701 USAF Blue Book cases remain still unexplained in 1984, "not dismissed" for lack of evidence, as Capt. Wiley stated in the interview.

George D. Fawcett
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State Director
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Trembling truckers tell terrifying tale

By Roberta Olson and Craig Bihle

They were completely unnerved, the thin man nicknamed "Killer" and his wife, sitting in the coffee shop sipping coffee and continuously smoking cigarettes.

"I'm scared to leave," Robert (Bob) Bair said, and the look in his eyes left no doubt in your mind that he was, indeed frightened. He was not only frightened, he was terrified, continuously looking and motioning out the window.

He was terrified, his wife, Jackie, was terrified. They had been experiencing unexplainable phenomena for three days, 900 miles, across three states, and when they stopped in Sauk Centre, Minn. and begged for help hardly anyone believed them.

Bob and Jackie started out from Seattle, Wash. three days before on a routine trip hauling liquid cooking oil to Madison, Wis. in a run they make regularly, weekly.

Things went smooth. They were enjoying the trip, and the shiny three-week old paint job on their semi-trailer boosted their morale. Then they got into Montana.

A couple miles ahead they spotted lights. "We thought it was a plane," Bob said. The story of their bizarre experiences poured out of them, hands shaking as they drew sketches of the creatures, and interrupting each other to agree or expand on a point.

It was just turning daybreak when they came into Montana, they said. "It was out there with the stars. They made people think they were stars." Another man at a rest stop in Montana also saw the lights -- nine little ships and one big ship, Bob reported, moving up and down, back and forth in a lurching motion.

The Bairs continued on their trip, but the ships, or creatures followed them in their semi. The individual things were described as shaped like about eight inch people with V-shaped heads, wings on their backs. When the things got hostile with the truck and the drivers they shot fine needle-like shavings like silver metal through the glass of the windshield. "They were shaped like a pre-historic bird," he said.

"It just ruined the truck," Jackie said, pointing out paint chips and picks in the new paint job.

"Every time I touched them I got blisters on my fingers and it turned into a V." He showed one on his wrist. In the dark their fingertips glowed from the unknown substance they had touched.

"We might be dying right now!" Bob said. "We don't know what it is. We have to get to a doctor."

The creatures were hostile, and went into attack modes several times, putting up dense fogs. One time when they stopped, "it was like a backwards tornado" coming from the mouth of the leader of the ships. "It was like a ray that he was sending down with the funnel. He did it five times, then we left."

"We didn't think it would harm us any," not at that point, anyway.

They drove on for seven miles, stopping two, three, four times, getting out of the truck and holding on to the top to look at the lights in the sky.

Then they experienced "little black things, thousands of them coming out of the sky, squiggly things, all around us," Jackie described. They both experienced it.

Then, back in the truck and moving, the lights kept up with them, even at 65 or 70 miles an hour.

Then, things that looked "like vitamin E capsules" began forming on the passenger side windshield, as they moved. "They formed all around the window, the whole inside of the frame was covered with them. At first they were real little." They got bigger, there were big black ones the size of

baseballs, whatever their size or color they all had a crystal-like thing inside them.

Then there were different colored things, yellow, lavender and green. Then they got bigger in size.

"It would seem like we were hitting them, but when we hit nothing was there, like bubbles," Jackie said, having difficulty describing something that was unimaginable to her. "When they hit the ground there was a spot the same color on the ground or on the tree," she said.

"There was one about this big," Bob said, spreading his arms. He was driving about 70 miles an hour at this point, and then there was another and a third, what they termed "spaceships." The third one they hit, a cloud burst off, and something shaped like a big peanut fell along side the highway, about 15 inches thick, and hourglass shaped.

"It hit the ground and it was a dirty yellow," she added.

At one point the things shot a piece of metal "clean through the window and the sleeper and my jacket," she said, shaking her head, and looking out the window.

Jackie and Bob were trying desperately to get someone to see what they had seen. When they stopped the "birds" or spaceships stopped, flocked and waited for them to start traveling again.

"We don't know why they are following us. Maybe one of them got on the tank or in the truck somehow," they said. "Maybe they are trying to get it back."

They had called the UFO center in Seattle from Montana and had had an appointment to meet an agent in Madison, Wis. after delivery of their cargo. They were afraid to go further than Sauk Centre, because when they stopped at Getty Truck Stop to fuel up, the ships had tried another attack and had landed in the trees across the highway.

"We're not leaving town until somebody helps us," Jackie said pleadingly. "We called our boss and he said get a motel and keep the truck running."

They spent the night at the Travel Host Motel. The motel manager reported they had not seemed distraught, or reported anything unusual to him.

Jackie called this reporter at home Monday night and said unusual things were happening in the motel room, with forming of metal filings on the bedspreads, and formation of the same vitamin E like things in the shower, which would blister her leg when they dropped. Now the blisters formed not only a V, but a T, C and L, she said.

She was very frightened. "When we moved the truck over here hundreds of 'birds' followed us. We knew they would come."

Because no one else could see or reported seeing the things, she analyzed, "I am damn sure they turn invisible."

The police and Highway Patrol were in



This semi rig, driven by Bob and Jackie Bair, was parked by the Travel Host Motel Tuesday morning. The blue car was driven

by relief driver, who came to get the rig to its Wisconsin destination.



These small holes were made by the attacking forms, the Bairs said, knocking out the truck's electrical system.



This picture shows the tops of the trees the beings were said to be grouping in. From across the highway, the Bairs said they could

see the bird-like creatures gathering, waiting for them to make a move.

contact with the couple. None of the officials could see the objects Bairs claimed to be in the trees or on the lightposts waiting for them.

"They were very scared people," Police Chief Trierweiler agreed. "But I did not see what they saw."

Trierweiler said he talked to the couple's boss in Yakima, Wash. He had worked for him for 18 years, and were the best drivers he had. The truck they were driving is owned by S.D.T. Inc. at Yakima.

S.D.T. sent a relief driver to Sauk Centre to meet the Bairs Tuesday morning. They left town about 1 p.m. with Jackie driving a rental car, and Bob riding with the new driver.

One or two people believed their stories, nobody could explain them. At least one witness saw the semi and rental car leave town Tuesday, but saw nothing unusual like fogs, formations or shapes following them.

Skeptics had their own theories. Many people agreed that they believe things can happen that cannot be explained in terms that people understand. Many people believe there could be creatures, space ships and unexplained happenings as described by the Bairs.

Whatever people believe, the true story, a logical explanation, will probably never be found.

It will become another folder in the federal UFO investigation files, unsolved.



Aliens amid the Wiltshire corn?

IN THE PAST, you have published a number of reports on UFOs, and mystery Wheatfield circles (the photograph of one at the White Horse, dated August 15, being the most interesting example).

If whirlwinds really are the simple explanation, why, after centuries of grain growing, should a few Wiltshire circles attract so much attention.

I suggest that it is because these symmetrical circles appear to have been formed with a near-mechanical precision, whereby the three-foot-high grain stalks are not "lifted 100ft into the air," but are being pressed down flat, usually in a clockwise direction, with a "clean" division around the perimeter between stalks standing erect and those laid flat.

It might be interesting to ascertain if, like Whirlpools, hot (or cold) Whirlwinds rotate in one direction (for our hemisphere), and if any farmer has ever reported being uplifted (or laid out flat), while tilling his fields? One is reluctant to offer

explanation, but there does appear to be a tenuous link with reports of "pulsating orange nocturnal lights" and "nebulous spinning discoid objects" seen by so many people, and recorded on radar and newsreel film, in the air and on terra firma.

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KEVIN CHASES UFO — BY CAR

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Sept. 24, 1984 CR: T. Good

A UFO has been reported flying over the Kent countryside.

The mystery object, described as a square of white light with two lines of white light running across the middle, was seen near the Shell Research Centre, Sittingbourne, in the early hours of Sunday morning.

It was spotted by Kevin Pook, 19, of

Staplehurst Road, Sittingbourne, shortly after 2am.

Kevin told police he saw the UFO twice, once around 2.05am and then about half an hour later.

SIGHTINGS

The object made no noise and shortly after Kevin saw it for the second time, it headed off over the fields towards London.

He tried to follow the object in his car. The second time he noticed it, the UFO was hovering in the sky in the distance.

Police telephoned RAF Manston. A police spokesman said it was a "matter of procedure" to report all UFO sightings to the RAF.

Co. Louth farmer spies UFO

P. CAULFIELD — M.28 31/8

A vanishing UFO has baffled gardai in Dundalk. Farmer Damien Duffy, of Stephenstown, Knockbridge, Co. Louth, telephoned them at 2 a.m. today to report a "large round object with flashing yellow lights" hovering over his house.

But when a patrol car was rushed to his farm from Dundalk the flying saucer had disappeared.

Mr. Duffy claimed the UFO hovered over his home before heading towards an old castle and some woods nearby. He said he had been woken by the sound of his dogs barking, but when he dashed inside for a torch, the "saucer" had disappeared.

A Garda spokesman in Dundalk said it was the first time they had received a report of a UFO sighting. Asked if they were treating it seriously, he said: "Well, the man is adamant that it happened."

EVERING PRESS, Dublin, Ireland - Aug. 31, 1984 CR: T. Good

Greens Beach UFO mystifies experts

EXAMINER, Launceston, Tasmania - Sept. 18, 1984 CR: P. Norman

A cigar-shaped object sighted flying near Greens Beach in Northern Tasmania two months ago has puzzled members of the Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre.

An investigator for the centre, Mr. Keith Roberts, said yesterday the incident was far more of a mystery than the bright light seen crossing the sky in Southern Tasmania on Saturday night.

Mr. Roberts said the light seen at 9.30 pm on Saturday was probably a meteorite or a piece of "space junk" burning up in the atmosphere.

"It was a lot easier to explain than the Greens Beach daytime incident for which we are still seeking further witnesses," Mr. Roberts said.

The Greens Beach UFO was sighted at 11.45 am on Sunday, July 15, and was reported to the centre by three witnesses.

They said the cigar-shaped object flew very low about 5km from

Greens Beach and was in view for about 10 minutes.

The unusual aspect of the sighting, according to the witnesses, was that the object appeared to create its own smoke or cloud which kept enveloping it as it moved.

It was seen to do a series of back and forth manoeuvres before eventually disappearing from sight behind hills towards George Town.

The Department of Civil Aviation confirmed no aircraft were flying in the area at the time and the Army, which has a training camp near George Town, had not been involved in any exercises at the time.

Mr. Roberts said another unusual aspect of the incident was that the object was flying against the wind.

Mr. Roberts said UFO sightings had been very scarce in recent years, but local incidents such as the one at Greens Beach were more difficult to explain than Saturday night's mass sighting.

UFO sightings disturb Pilbara

INDEPENDENT, Perth, W.A., Australia - Sept. 2, 1984 CR: P. Norman

A SHOCKED tourist has reported sighting a UFO with flashing red, green and blue lights near Tom Price.

It is the latest in a spate of sightings in the north of the State and RAAF headquarters in Canberra has asked for reports on the sightings.

Tom Price policeman Constable Tim Norrish said the incident happened at the Rio Tinto Gorge on the Nanutarra to Wittenoom road two weeks ago.

"A tourist staying at the local caravan park came in on the morning of the 15th and said he had seen a UFO the night before while travelling on the road," Constable Norrish said.

"He said he saw a large object with several blue, green and red lights appear to land on a hilltop."

"He got out of his car and went to investigate, but when he got near the top of the hill there were two lights hovering there."

"As he went back to his car one of the lights followed him before disappearing."

"He drove back to the caravan park and stayed in his van until the daylight when he reported the incident. He looked pretty shaken up."

"We drove out to investigate, but we couldn't find anything."

By HAMISH
THOMSON

Earlier this year, Senior Constable Jim Ferguson, of Nullagine, 300 kilometres north-east of Wittenoom, was followed for about an hour by a flying object while returning from Jigalong Aboriginal community.

Object

About an hour earlier a glowing, quick-moving object, similar to the one seen by Senior Constable Ferguson, was observed by police in Wittenoom.

Another sighting of the same object was reported in the mining town of Newman.

"When I first saw the object it was very low on the horizon. I thought it

must have been a station light or a vehicle, but I know the area and there are no roads or stations there, which puzzled me," Constable Ferguson.

"It was following me along on the right side of the car about half a kilometre to a kilometre away. It was eerie. It was like a very bright ball of light and was darting all over the place, it seemed too fast for an aircraft."

"I waited about 20 minutes before radioing in to find out if there was any air traffic in the area and was told there wasn't."

"Suddenly the object shot up into the sky and shone these two landing lights on me."

"The landing lights stayed on for a while then they went off. When they went off the object went misty like a cloud. Then they came back on again."

"The object followed me till I was near Nullagine."

"When I got back to town I didn't make a big fuss about it. You don't in my job."

Sighting

"About a week later I got a call from a bloke at Newman who had heard about the sighting and said he'd seen a similar object the same night."

"The policeman at Wittenoom, Senior Constable Phillip Ramsay, said he'd seen something similar about an hour earlier as well."

Karratha regional officer Superintendent Ray McGrath said he had received reports about the sightings from the officers and had notified the RAAF.

The RAAF's West Australian UFO expert, Flight Lieutenant Keith Morgan, said the sightings had been recorded and information on them had been requested by air force headquarters in Canberra.

Now a UFO follows the flying knitting!

EPSON & EWELL ADVERTISER, Surrey, England
Sept. 13, 1984 CR: T. Good

THE silly season, it seems, will never cease in Epsom and Ewell.

Hard on the heels of the knitting-snatching tornado comes the sighting of a UFO hovering near Kingston Road in Ewell.

The British UFO Research Association have received a report from a man and his eight year old son who claim to have seen the UFO at about 8.45 pm

on August 22.

They were sitting in their car in one of the roads off Kingston Road when they saw a series of lights approaching from the south-west.

Lights

The man thought the lights looked strange so he got out of his car and saw what he described as a classic flying saucer approaching.

He told BUFORA that he

thought the saucer was about 100 feet up and was about the size of a house.

It made no noise that he could hear and was elliptical with a dome on top and a convex underside.

It looked as though it was made of shiny, metallic material and had three main lights with several more round the outside.

The saucer was in view for about a minute and moved

away over the rooftops to the north-west.

Regional Investigations Co-ordinator for BUFORA Steve Chetwynd would like to hear from anyone else who saw the UFO.

He said it was seen in a densely populated area quite early in the evening so the chances of other sightings are strong. Mr Chetwynd's telephone number is Windsor 69041.

Pals see UFO 'like a car in the sky'

Report by ANDY GIBBS

LIKE a car riding through the sky, it cruised slowly above Woburn Sands.

The five teenagers stopped and looked skyward, eyes agog, mouths agape in wonder at its collection of white, green and red lights.

The UFO, which appeared to be circular in shape, moved with a distant roar over the woods for a minute before vanishing below the treeline.

The sighting, at 9.30 pm the Sunday before last, left 18-year-old Dominic Wolfenden shaken and mystified. He and four pals were on their way to the Royal Oak in Aspley Heath and had taken a short cut through the woods from Aspley Guise.

"We were walking through the woods and all of a sudden we noticed it, like a car coming through the sky about 300 feet in the air," said Dominic, of Theydon Avenue, Woburn Sands.

"It was like a whole array of lights over our heads. We stood next to each other looking straight up with mouths open—we had not got a clue what it was."

The mystery dome-shaped craft had two white lights like car headlights on the front and one at the rear. Its underside glittered with red and green lights, added Dominic.

"I'm not sure how big it was, but it flew over for not more than a minute. It's hard to explain what it sounded like, not a mechanical noise and not a humming—it was like a very distant plane very high up, but not so roaring."

Dominic contacted the British UFO Research Association, who put him in touch with Milton Keynes officer Ken Phillips.

Ken has confirmed that the RAF, Luton Airport, the hot-air balloon base at Old Warden and airship headquarters at Cardington know nothing about what the teenagers saw.

Now he is appealing for other eye-witnesses to come forward.

"There have been better sightings, but I can't fix this one to anything," Ken told the Gazette. "It was a straightforward observation, but I have not found an explanation for it." Witnesses can contact Ken on MK 678870.

WILMSLOW EXPRESS ADVERTISER, Cheshire, England - Oct. 4, 1984 CR: T. Good

UFOs not ours say MIA and BAe

SITINGS of aircraft over Nether Alderley recently have brought 'not guilty' responses from both Manchester International Airport and British Aerospace, Woodford.

The Unidentified Flying Objects have been a regular feature of life in Nether Alderley over the past two weeks according to a local resident, but both International Airport and British Aerospace have denied responsibility for them.

The resident claimed that the air-

craft had been passing over Nether Alderley "every day, all day, for about a fortnight" — and even as she spoke yet another one buzzed over her home!

Telephone calls to both parties failed to shed light on the matter, and so, baffled, she turned to the Express Advertiser for help.

Similar telephone calls from the Express Advertiser office have met with a similar 'not us' response and the aircraft remain unidentified. Perhaps we should contact Jodrell Bank!

STAR, Oxford, England - Sept. 7, 1984 CR: T. Good

UFO boom in skies over Oxon

Wheatley sighting the first of many

FLYING saucer experts are reporting an incredible series of sightings in the skies over Oxfordshire.

They say the mysterious UFOs, which built up their activities through August, could be heading for a new peak next month.

The sightings range from as far apart as Wheatley, Oxford, Faringdon, Wantage, Finstock and Chipping Norton.

Others have been seen further afield, and amazed witnesses have included couples, managers and a fireman.

"It has been quite a build up," said Derek Mansell of the UFO Data Research Centre in Wheatley — who himself saw a strange object in the sky at the end of July.

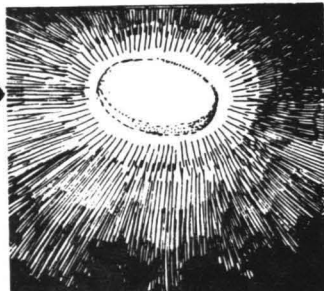
Since then members of the public have reported 14 other sightings in the Oxfordshire area.

Many of them were referred to the centre when they reported strange lights in the sky to the police. Mr Mansell is compiling a catalogue of sightings, and detailed ones will be investigated.

He used binoculars to watch a silver metallic disc flying east from Wheatley.

"After a while it tilted on its side, but carried on in the same direction and at the same speed, which was about the speed of an airliner," he said.

But that was just the beginning. Nearly two weeks later, in the early



★ An artist's impression of the Wheatley sighting.

EXCLUSIVE
By DAVID BOYLE

minutes of July 26, there were more than eight separate reports of coloured lights in the sky, some from as far as Swindon, Reading and Worcester.

Reports varied from red and blue, to red and green or green and blue, but all agreed the lights were stationary except for a wobble, before moving slowly off to the South.

Later sightings include:
● A spherical object over Wheatley one morning;
● A large red light, like a small full moon, over Oxford, moving slowly to the north-east;
● Flashes in the sky over Headington, reported by a very frightened woman;
● Exploding searchlights in the sky over Wantage;
● A round object with revolving sides moving over Finstock.

The strangest sighting came at the end of last month, when an elongated shape was seen over Chipping Norton, with a yellow light at either end and a long red light in the middle.

It disappeared, then was suddenly there again in the same place a few minutes later, Mr Mansell said.

The Unidentified Flying Saucer Data Research Centre can be contacted on Wheatley 2071.

Close encounter for Charlie

CHARLES Coleman had a close encounter when he saw what he believes was an unidentified flying object hovering over Old Sarum early on Saturday morning.

He spotted the "bright ball of light" as he opened a window at his bungalow home in Bingham Road, Bishopdown, to let in his cats—and they saw it too.

The UFO was over Old Sarum then suddenly shot off towards Laverstock at great speed climbing steadily before it disappeared, said Mr Coleman.

"It lasted a minute and moved much too fast for a plane or helicopter," he added. "And it was silent. There was no noise at all."

Mr Coleman noted the time at 6.35 am, and although it was still dark and the sky patchy the object stood out against a clear part of the sky.

Police at Salisbury had no reports from anyone seeing the light and spokesmen from Edgely Aircraft of Old Sarum and Pains-Wessex pyrotechnics factory at High Posts said they were not responsible.

Air traffic control at Boscombe Down and the Army Air Corps Centre at Middle Wallop also confirmed they had no aircraft up at that time.

EVENING TELEGRAPH, Derby, England Oct. 22, 1984 CR: T. Good

'Pink disc' puzzles UFO group

IF you saw anything unusual in the sky over Derby during the weekend of October 6 and 7, a group of UFO hunters would like to hear from you.

The Nottingham UFO Investigation Society has already received reports of a low-flying pink disc from about ten witnesses in Spondon, Alvaston, Borrowash and Allestree.

They said the object came from the south/south-east and moved towards the Ashbourne area.

Anyone who thinks they may have seen something can contact the society's group leader Mr Peter Ann on Derby 559293.

SALISBURY JOURNAL, Wiltshire, England - Oct. 25, 1984 CR: T. Good

UFO SECRETS UNFOLD!

The visitors from 37 light years off

INTERSTELLAR UFOs are propelled by a pulsating magnetic field, claims an expatriate Polish university lecturer in Invercargill who says spacecraft are no longer a mystery.

Dr Jan Pajak puts forward his theories on spacecraft and their incredible propulsion secrets in a booklet for sale at \$15.

He designates his prototype spacecraft a magnocraft which, he claims, has a number of unique attributes.

"It will reach a speed of 70,000 km/h in the atmosphere, and close to the speed of light in free flight," says Dr Pajak, formerly of Wroclaw University, who now lectures on propulsion theory at Southland Community College after settling in New Zealand about a year ago.

He purposefully avoids direct reference to alien craft from outer space, or unidentified flying objects, because of the sensationalism inherent in a phenom-

By ROBERT JONES

na which has gripped the imagination for generations.

Dr Pajak, after years of researching a subject which continues to baffle layman, says there is simply no mystery in what propels spacecraft.

He believes the interstellar visitors come from 37 light years away, from a distant star system — and that magnetic propulsion shoots them through space at an incredible speed.

His treatise on what makes his magnocraft tick provides it with all the attributes of a spacecraft.

"It will fly in any environment: air, water, free space, and also through solid matter-rocks, build-

ings, bunkers and molten media

"It will withstand any high pressure or temperature, is noiseless in flight and can become invisible to radar observation or the naked eye.

"In some conditions of flight, this craft will induce an incandescent glow in surrounding matter," writes Dr Pajak, who draws the magnocraft in the shape of inverted saucer.

In addition, he believes, such a craft could be arranged into flying complexes containing more than one craft.

His main contacts up to this point of his research are in West Germany, Japan and the United States, though he also keeps in touch with others in Australia, Britain, Canada and back home in Poland.

On the other hand, Dr Pajak says its design and principles of propulsion are based on the current level of our knowledge and can be checked.

It also does not require the discovery of any as yet unknown laws of nature, and could be completed with the next decade, he claims.

(Free leaflets describing the Magnocraft obtainable on request from: Dr. J. Pajak, P.O. Box 1705, Invercargill, New Zealand)

PIX-PEOPLE, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia - Oct. 1, 1984 CR: M. Heelas

UFOs
GHOSTS, DREAMS
PSYCHIC PHENOMENA

INVESTIGATING THE INCREDIBLE
BY JOHN PINKNEY



IN MARCH, 1950, the US Air Force recovered alien bodies and wreckage from three saucer-shaped craft which crashed in New Mexico.

This startling revelation is contained in an official memo released under the American Freedom of Information Act.

The document was made public after a successful Supreme Court case by the lobby group CAUSE (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy). And, it immediately created a raging controversy in Washington.

The US Air Force announced that the memo was faked.

But CAUSE president Larry Fawcett countered: "They know it's genuine and that it was released to us by mistake along with a stack of about 300 other approved documents."

The memorandum is addressed to the Director of the FBI. It reads: "The following information was furnished to SAC (Strategic Air Command).

"An investigator for the Air Force stated that three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico.

"They were described as being circular in shape with raised centres, approximately 50 feet in diameter. Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of a very fine texture.

"Each body was banded in a manner similar to the blackout

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suits used by speed flyers and test pilots.

"According to Mr (name deleted) informant, the saucers were found in New Mexico due to the fact that the Government has a very high-powered radar set-up in that area and it is believed the radar interferes with the controlling mechanism of the saucers.

"No further evaluation was attempted by SAC concerning the above."

There was nothing unique about the American UFO incidents. My files contain dozens of reports (all officially denied, of course) about crashed alien craft.

● In 1952, Norwegian newspapers reported that a flying saucer had come down on the island of Spitzbergen. Public interest ran so high that the Army instituted a general staff inquiry.

The chairman, Colonel Gerrod Darnby, said the craft was definitely not of earthly origin.

He promised that the Army would publish a full report after

some "sensational facts" had been discussed with US and British experts.

Then — in line with a pattern that would become commonplace — nothing more was heard of the alleged saucer.

● In May, 1955, syndicated newspaper columnist Dorothy Kilgallen announced that "a mysterious flying ship" had crashed somewhere in Britain. The bodies of its metre-high alien crew had been removed.

Kilgallen said her source, "a British official of Cabinet rank," had told her the wreckage was being kept under wraps, to prevent public panic.

● In November 1975, one of my foreign contacts told me a saucer-shaped craft had exploded over Nauta, Peru.

The saucer was about 4.5m in diameter with a metallic coating.

● In May 1978, the Buenos Aires Herald said a

long, cylindrical object had fallen into dense jungle on the Argentine-Bolivian border.

The paper said the Bolivian Government had declared the area a "military emergency zone" — and that NASA experts had arrived to investigate.

One of my contacts living in Sydney later told me he had friends in the area. They had watched through binoculars as "American soldiers" "carried out pieces".

● Other reports of UFO crashes have come from China, Russia and South America. Says author and investigator Leonard Stringfield: "There is no doubt that there have been numerous crashes around the globe — all meticulously covered up."

"The people flying these craft have technology far ahead of our own. But like us, apparently, they can err — and crash to meet their doom."

THETFORD & WATTON TIMES, Norwich,
England - Oct. 12, 1984 CR: T. Good



Peter Edmunds, who has formed the East of England UFO Society — prepared for the unexpected at his home at Mundford.

UFO club ready for take-off

THE East of England UFO Society has come back down to earth in Swaffham Road, Mundford, after a period of hibernation.

Mr. Peter Edmunds, 21, has restarted the three-year-old club since moving to Swaffham Road, and it has embarked on a project about Stonehenge.

He thinks the ancient site

was used as a building base for UFOs after aliens had telepathically communicated with primitive man.

His interest in extraterrestrials has grown since childhood, and he claims to have photographed a UFO outside his bedroom window about a year ago. The object in the sky was level with the house and then moved above it, he said.

The society carries out research about UFOs. The seven members' investigations are collected by Mr. Edmunds, who hopes to put the information on a computer.

Mr. Edmunds, who works for the Forestry Commission at Lynford Cross, does not mind if people think he is a crank. "It is something I have to do. People laugh at you, but I could not care less," he said.

EAST KENT GAZETTE, Sittingbourne,
England - Oct. 25, 1984

Expert tackles the great UFO mystery

AN INDEPENDENT investigator has become involved over the claimed double-sighting of an unidentified flying object over Sittingbourne by two teenagers.

Kevin Pook (19), of Staplehurst Road, and Linda Stump (19), of Park Drive, say they saw a rectangle of bright lights dissected by two parallel lines of lights in the sky over Shell Research, Woodstock, five weeks ago.

Mr. Timothy Good, aged 42, who has been researching U.F.O.s since 1955, told the Gazette he found the case "intriguing".

Mr. Good later spoke to Kevin about the sighting and said afterwards: "I was very impressed with him. He seemed completely sincere."

"It is typical of a lot of U.F.O. sightings in several respects. People aren't normally familiar with this type of shape — the rectangle of light. But it is something which crops up quite frequently."

He is appealing for any other witnesses to contact him. Kevin received a telephone call shortly after news about the sighting was published in this newspaper from a man who also claims to have seen the lights while walking his dog during the afternoon.

He did not give his name or any information enabling anyone to contact him and Mr. Good wants him to contact him.

Mr. Good, who is based in Beckenham, has travelled worldwide interviewing key witnesses and discussing sightings with pilots, astronauts, scientists and politicians.

He can be contacted on 0306 880669.

CR: T. Good

UFO TAPE 'IS NOT A HOAX'

A **DRAMATIC** tape recording, allegedly made by panic-stricken American servicemen during a close encounter with an alien space craft in a Suffolk forest, is authentic, their former base commander has exclusively told the Evening Star.

The chilling 20-minute recording, a major new part of the evidence gathered by UFO investigators probing a claimed double landing in Rendlesham Forest, near Woodbridge Airbase, was given to the researchers by former base commander Col. Sam Morgan.

The Star has traced Col. Morgan to the space command headquarters linked to the Peterson Airbase, Colorado, and in a frank transatlantic telephone conversation he said, "I do not think it is a hoax."

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The tape recording is due to be played at a London Press conference today to launch "Sky Crash - A Cosmic Conspiracy," a book on the alleged incidents which took place on the nights of December 27 and 29/30, 1980.

The incidents were first reported in the Star and the book's authors, Dot Street, of Blackberry Way, Oulton Broad; Brenda Butler, of Mafeking Place, Leiston, and national UFO investiga-

tor Jenny Rendles, claim there has been a conspiracy to cover up the truth about what happened.

Col. Morgan told the Star, "I think the men really were out there that night and they saw something which frightened them."

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"You can hear their excited conversations and references to frightening strange lights. The only opinion I have is

**Reports by
JOHN GRANT**

that, based on the evidence available, those guys definitely saw something which cannot be explained.

"As for them fabricating it all and putting on an act, I do not think they could have pulled it off."

He gave the tape, part of which had since been inadvertently erased, to researchers because "there was no reason not to," added Col. Morgan.

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The recording was made during the second alleged close encounter by the then deputy base commander Lt. Col. Charles Halt. His report to the Ministry of Defence on both incidents gave the book's authors a major breakthrough when it was leaked.

As previously reported by the Star, it was the first time there had been official confirmation that unusual lights and objects had been seen, and traces of radiation had been found in imprints on the ground and on a tree at the site.

In subsequent evidence given to the investigators, witnesses claimed that in the first encounter three silver-suited "entities" were seen repairing their stricken space craft and some witnesses claimed that contact was established with them.

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When his base in Oklahoma was contacted by the Star, Col. Halt was said to be on duty at a "classified location" and was unavailable for comment.

The book was written before the investigators heard the Halt tape but they had heard from witnesses about passages in it. They claim it tells of a "red, sun-like light" which flies through the forest and silently explodes into multiple coloured lights.

A small craft, similar to the one in the first alleged encounter, was seen on or close to the ground.

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Col. Halt and a small number of men with him



Two of the authors, Brenda Butler, left, and Dot Street, on the site of the alleged landing of the spaceship in Rendlesham Forest.

quickly retreated amid panic and shouting.

The book concludes that incidents undoubtedly did take place and puts forward several possible explanations if the UFO landing claims are untrue.

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Included among the authors' suggestions is the alleged possibility that the UFO story might be a blind to cover-up tests on weaponry which went wrong.

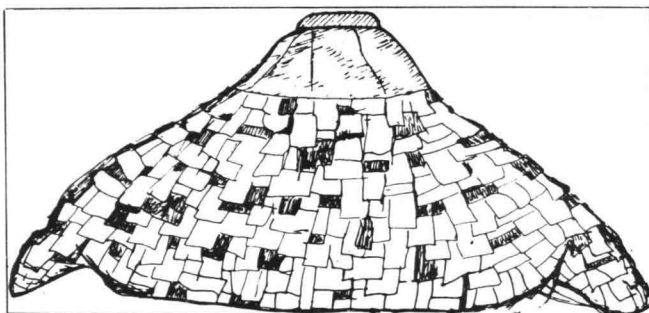
Or, they say, the Americans might even have recovered by helicopter part of the Russian satellite Cos-

mos 749 under cover of darkness when it was accidentally dropped into the forest.

In any event, they are call-

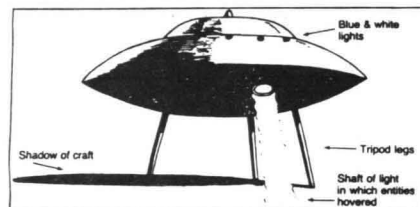
ing for a full public inquiry and say they are fully prepared to make all their evidence available to one.

The book is published by Neville Spearman Ltd, of Friars Street, Sudbury, and costs £7.50.

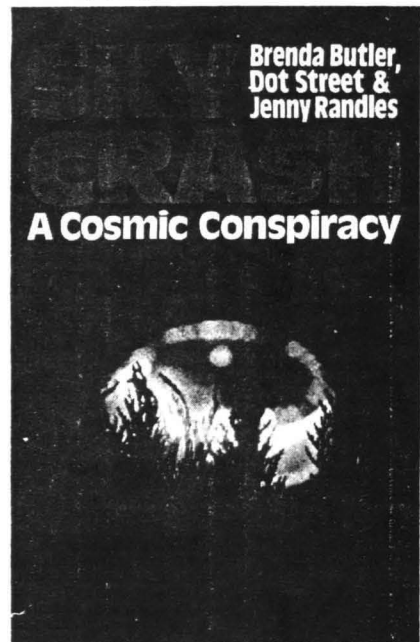


The craft which appeared after the alleged light explosion on December 30, 1980, as described by an American airman.

Officially unexplained



The December 27, 1980, UFO on the ground based on a sketch by an American serviceman.



The cover of the new book which claims UFOs landed in Suffolk.

THE Rendlesham Forest "Sky Crash" incident has been entered in the files of officialdom as "unexplained."

USAF and Ministry of Defence officials accept that something took place... but both say they have no interest in the matter.

The "Sky Crash" story is like the fisherman's tale of the one that got away... it gets bigger each time it is told.

That is the view of Capt. Victor Warzinski, in command of the USAF public affairs department on the Bentwaters/Woodbridge twin airbase.

'CANNOT EXPLAIN'

He told the Star, "I do not think there was ever any doubt that something happened which we cannot explain."

But, he said, there was "not the slightest shred of documentation" beyond the report by Col. Halt which is headed "unexplained lights."

Any incident which took place off-base did not come under the jurisdiction of the USAF. The Halt report was therefore sent to the Ministry of Defence and the matter was left to them to handle "as they felt most appropriate."

The USAF had no other course of action open to it beyond making the report available "as a matter of courtesy." Any other action would have been "like sending out our cops to enforce British law," he said.

BACKGROUND COUNTS

Asked specifically about the traces of radiation allegedly found at the site, he said that these were "only normal background counts — the sort you or I would get if we went out anywhere and took readings."

The readings were not officially taken. They were obtained by off-duty personnel. Asked why they went to the site unofficially and at night he said, "Your guess is as good as mine."

NO COVER-UP

The USAF would not comment on any of the speculation in the "Sky Crash" book. But of the incidents in general, he said, "I do not get the feeling that there has been any cover-up in any sense of the words."

He added, "It is like the old fisherman's tale of the one that got away... it gets bigger each time it is told. The fish in reality does not get any bigger but the story sure as hell does."

CASE REMEMBERED

The case was instantly remembered by both Ministry of Defence officials contacted by the Star yesterday.

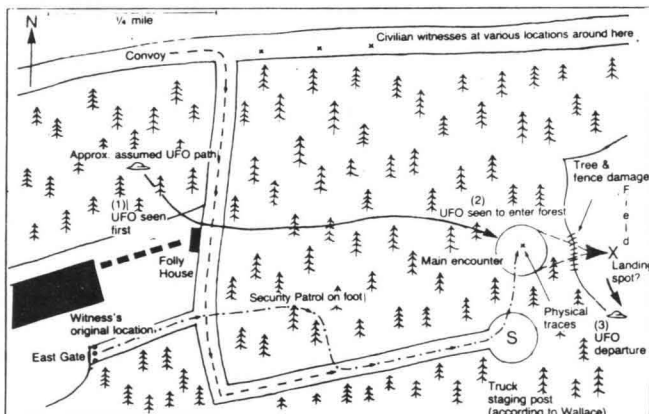
Spokesman Mr. Dermot Hill said the Ministry's DS8 department had investigated the incidents and had found no defence or military significance or implication and had therefore taken no further action.

"It was looked into and there being no military explanation we lost interest in it."

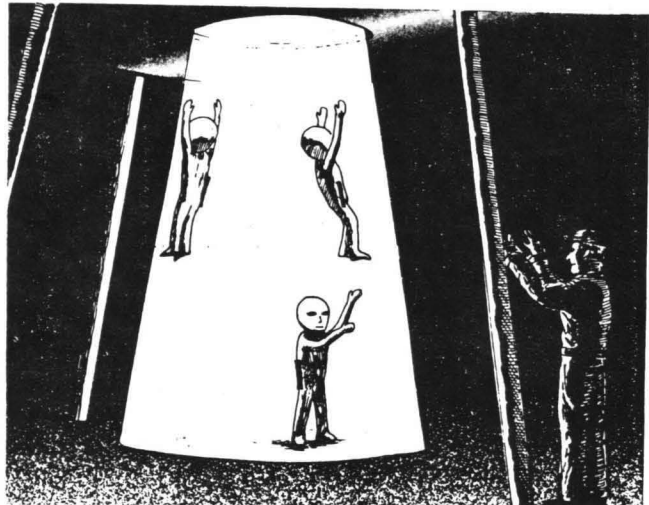
MoD SATISFIED

"I can see perfectly well that reasonable people who are interested in such things would find it very interesting. I am not in any way saying that these people must be crankish or anything of that sort... I am simply saying that the MoD was satisfied there was no military significance."

Col. Halt's report was "thorough" and it was "basically all we have on our files about it."



Map of the path taken from RAF Woodbridge to the site of the alleged encounter with the space craft.



The American serviceman's view of the alien contact with the base commander.

'Silver suit entities hung in light beam'

Tape backs book on UFO incident

SPELLBOUND American servicemen watched a spectacular display by an alleged alien space craft and an amazing array of accompanying lights in the night sky... according to their taped commentary during Suffolk's "Sky Crash" incident near Woodbridge airbase.

As they stood in bewilderment between 200 and 300 yards from what is alleged to be a space craft on its second visit to Rendlesham Forest in three days at the end of December, 1980, commentator Lt. Col. Charles Halt gasps, "It is like an eye winking at you."

The men watch the object with night-sight devices called starscopes and one says, "As you look at it through the starscope it appears to have a dark centre to it."

They refer to several lights in the sky and are heard to remark "There is no doubt about it, this is weird," and "This is unreal."

The object was hovering about four feet off the ground and the drama intensifies as, with a faltering voice, Halt says, "It is coming towards us... there appears to be a beam of light coming down to the ground."

Halt and his men decide to return to the airbase and the tape ends.

New evidence

The recording has emerged as a new and important part of the evidence in the investigations into the alleged double sighting which forms the basis of the book "Sky Crash" - A Cosmic Conspiracy - which was published yesterday.

The tape has been said to be authentic by former Woodbridge airbase commander Col. Sam Morgan, who released it to UFO investigators

Dot Street, Brenda Butler and Jenny Randles.

It was played at a London Press conference yesterday, when a strong demand for a full public inquiry into the incidents was made by the book's authors.

The men in the forest at the time of the alleged second sighting had been taking radiation readings and measurements in the wake of the first claimed sighting... when contact was allegedly

that following the receipt of the report from the acting U.S. commander, endorsed by the British base commander, involving all these trained witnesses and the alleged interception into British airspace of a craft, leaving damage and radiation right outside two NATO bases - they do absolutely nothing about it.

"There is sufficient evidence to give the lie to this," she claimed.

make a strong case that an incident happened, the events have been withheld and that the public has a right to know.

"Either the authorities should say they know what happened and they have it under control or they should say they do not know and let it all be openly investigated," she said.

"We cannot keep being fobbed off, the truth will come out because we know we are right," Jenny added.

John Grant

made with three silver-suited "entities" who hovered in a beam of light from their stricken craft as they repaired it.

The tape records the men's discovery of damage to trees and imprints on the ground where the craft is alleged to have landed.

Halt, who was acting base commander at the time and has since become a colonel and returned to America where he is said to be at a classified location and unavailable for comment, later made a report on both alleged sightings which was sent to the Ministry of Defence.

Major boost

When it was later leaked it gave the investigation a major boost.

Jenny Randles told the Press conference, "The MoD seriously ask us to believe

"Twelve days before the Halt report the only thing the MoD admit to having was even written, two officials interviewed civilians around the forest."

"Plaster casts were seen to be taken of the traces by Col. Halt on base, although he was not approached by the British people who took them, and radar tapes were taken from RAF Watton, Norfolk, by USAF intelligence officers which could only have happened, as the MoD admit, with MoD permission."

Strong case

The investigators had no vested interest in proving that an alien space craft was involved, but, Jenny said, they were concerned that authorities had lied, and deceived the British public.

"We are positive we have sufficient evidence here to

PAPERBACKS

By JOHN BENNETT

UFOs ... they're not all just old hat!

THE trouble with flying saucers is that when they are photographed they look like nothing at all. Not photogenic.

Usually, they look like a scratch on the negative, a seagull in a power dive or, more often, a mark that could be your granny's old hat at 2000 yards.

Indeed, one enterprising gentleman in Ohio took a number of Polaroid pictures of an unidentified flying object over his house in 1966.

Investigation showed that the story he told did not quite tie up with the proof he had in the pictures. And his flying saucer certainly looks like an old hat. But why was it flying over his house?

Pictures apart, the story of UFOs is an intriguing one. There is a mystery. The phenomenon cannot be passed off as the work of a few cranks.

Jung saw them as a result of the "collective unconscious" that we all carry about with us. The power we have to see visions. He even wrote a book about it

— "Flying Saucers: a modern myth of things in the sky."

Well, he has his view. There are others, including those of people who claim that the United States Government has aliens in custody from a crashed UFO and that they have the remains of the flying saucer. And there is compelling evidence to support this claim.

Are governments hiding something?

In June 1953 Norwegian aircraft spotted wreckage near Spitzbergen.

In 1955 Colonel Ger-nod Darnby said: "The crashing of the Spitz-bergen disc was highly important... we wish to state categorically that it was not built by any country on earth."

Since then, nothing has been said.

In "The Age of the UFO," edited by Peter Brookesmith (Orbis, £6.99), the whole problem is examined and brought up to date. It is a superb book which asks more questions than it answers. The problem is:

EVENING NEWS, Edinburgh, Scotland - Oct. 6, 1984 CR: T. Good

Sometimes the reports are by cranks

There probably is some kind of cover-up of certain sightings...

And there are probably logical answers to a great many sightings.

But there are still many reports for which there is no explanation. You will be engrossed.

TRANSLATIONS

CREDIT: Richard Heiden

City and country of incident: Villa Mercedes, province of Mendoza, Argentina
Date of incident: May 19, 1981
Name and issue of magazine: CUARTA DIMENSION no. 97, n.d. (printed July 1982), pp. 14-19
City and country of magazine: Buenos Aires, Argentina

HUMANOID OR EXTRATERRESTRIAL ROBOT?

[This article, by Freddy Reine Zambrano, is about the sighting that was published in UPONS #151 (Feb. 1982), p. 13, there with the site of Eugenio Bustos, in the department of San Carlos, and the date of mid-July 1981. I can't find Villa Mercedes on my maps; it could be a suburb of Eugenio Bustos. CUARTA DIMENSION adds the time, 7:30 p.m., and includes a drawing. It isn't clear who drew it, though the handwritten labels look like an adult's. Other than the date and site, CUARTA DIMENSION basically agrees with the RADIOLANDIA 2000 article, including the age of witness Daniel Francisco N  ez, 9 years. However, on another page it gives his birthday as March 19, 1971, or 10 years and two months before the sighting.--R.H.]

CREDIT: Irene Granchi

City and country of incident: Jaburu, Ceara, Brazil
Date of incident: October 23, 1984
Name of paper and date of clip: O DIA, October 26, 1984
City and country of newspaper: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

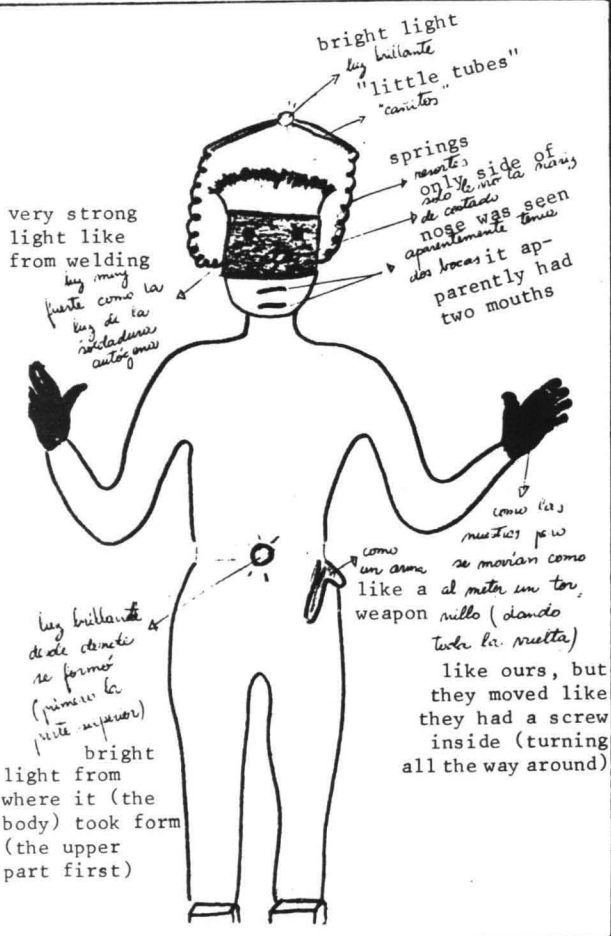
CITY UP IN ARMS AGAINST FLYING SAUCER INVASION

Fortaleza (AGS). - A UFO that appeared in Jabur  , 35 kilometers away from Quixad  , which in turn is 605 kilometers from Fortaleza, is causing panic among the local citizens, who are preparing themselves in arms, to face the "men from another planet."

All this started last Tuesday when a luminous object emitting incandescent rays and flying from one side to the other very swiftly, flew over the town at a low altitude. Jabur   citizens are panic-stricken, according to a telephone report by journalist Jonas Souza, a correspondent for DIARIO DO NORDESTE, who contacted us yesterday.

According to the journalist, the population of Jabur  , which is small, has even had to change its habits following the appearance of the "Beast from the Sky," and everybody goes home after 6:00 p.m., closing their doors and not going out again under any circumstances. However, the bravest among the men stay outside, well-armed with guns and carry clubs, in expectation of an invasion. Again, according to Souza, in Quixad   they say that this is not the first time UFOs have appeared. The municipality is considered the center for CE IIIs, in the opinion of the ufologists and researchers who have visited the town. Because of this, the Mayor Assiz Baquit of Quixad  , has planned to visit the district of Jabur   today so as to quieten the population.

CUARTA DIMENSION, Buenos Aires, Argentina - July 1982 (see translation)





Eerie thump in the wilds

It has many names on many continents, but 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 to search for the legendary creature. In his eight-part series, "In Pursuit of Bigfoot," Stienstra tries to separate fact from fiction that surrounds the lore of Bigfoot.

By Tom Stienstra
Examiner outdoor writer
Fourth in an eight-part series

HAWK CREEK — From Canyon Peak lookout, you can see more than 100 square miles of Oregon wildlands, all so quiet that even a soft voice seems an intrusion. Nobody is here, and hasn't been for a long, long time.

Somewhere in the basin below, where giant cedars are like studs among a lush undergrowth, some men say a Bigfoot walks. Maybe two, maybe many.

We'll settle for one. After a day of grunting our way into the interior, we were setting up camp when a bizarre sound blew a big hole in the silence. It was as if somebody was thumping a hollow log with a drumstick: "Thump, thump, thump, thump, thump." Five times.

The next evening, just as I was stoking the campfire, it came again. "Thump, thump, thump, thump, thump." Again, five times.

"What's that?" asked Jeff Patty, a fellow otherwise accustomed to the sounds of the wild.

I shook my head. I had never heard it before. But we both knew it was far from the cackling shriek reputed to be the cry of Bigfoot.

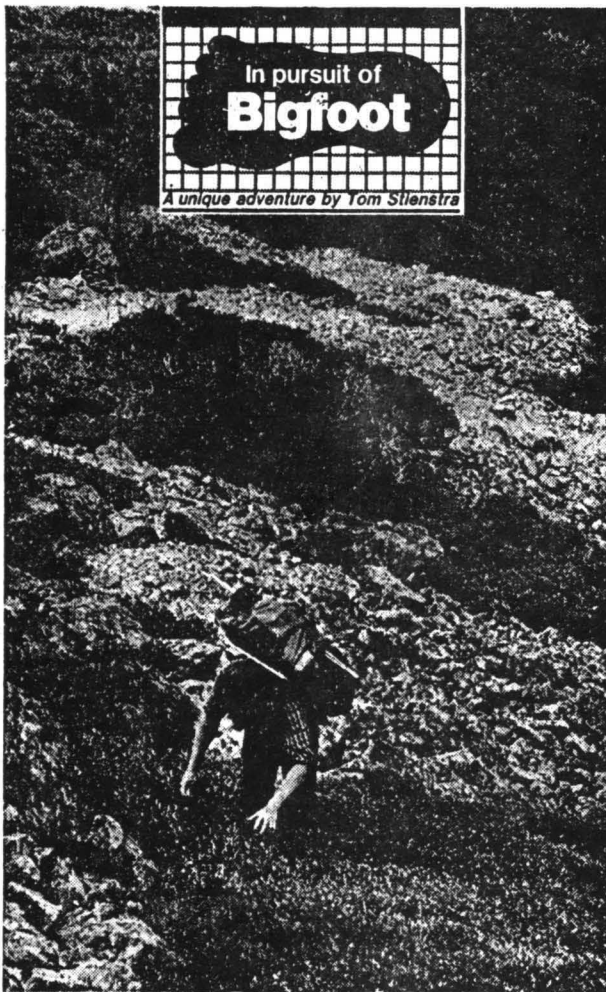
Those who claim to have heard the wild cry of Bigfoot have the look of wonderment in their eyes when they talk of it. Like the scream itself, such a look cannot be imitated. Joe Eudemiller, a respected gent who owns a fine restaurant in the town of Gasquet, has the look.

"We (he and his wife) were driving across Alaska and one night we were in the trailer and heard this terrible scream, this incredibly frightful scream like nothing we had ever heard in the world," said Eudemiller, his eyebrows raising. "Whatever it was, it came up to my trailer and shook it, violently. We were afraid for our lives."

"Then we heard it again, many times through the night. It was a piercing cry."

"After daylight, I went outside and found these huge crimps in the top of the trailer — thick steel — where the thing had gripped it when it shook us."

The reports of maniacal screams and strange noises in the Oregon wildlands southwest of Grants Pass is one reason why author Gerald Dipego chose this area as the setting for the



Tom Stienstra is a rare visitor to Oregon's Kalmiopsis wilderness

Jeff Patty

novel "Shadow of the Beast," a fictional search for Bigfoot. By the book's end, a lone female anthropologist has discovered Bigfoots all over the place, while the other members of the expedition have all managed to be killed in a variety of ways.

Well, that makes us even. We haven't seen any Bigfoot, but at least we're still breathing.

From a sharp rock outcropping, Patty scanned the miles below with his binoculars, searching for any movement. "It's so still out there that if a limb moves 10 miles away I'll spot it," he said.

Some believe that uninhabited wilderness no longer exists in the Pacific Northwest — certainly of this incredible size — but they haven't been out here, and never will. Too tough. Like a moat circling a castle, the awesome Kalmiopsis interior is surrounded by a 20-mile desolation of hot, craggy country where if the scorpions or rattlers don't get you, the lack of water and vertical trails will.

Don't bring your horse; too steep. Don't bring your dog; too little water. Tough to get in, tough to get out. You go it alone, so you can rely on yourself.

Unlike the high Sierra Nevada, where steep trails have switchbacks, the Kalmiopsis Wildlands practically run straight up and straight down, elevation climbs of 1,500 feet in 40 minutes, followed by descents of 1,000 feet in a half hour. You never put it in neutral.

Until you reach the interior, there is little water as well. One quart per 10

miles will have to do.

I was climbing up a rocky grade, puffing like a steam engine, when I flashed back to the training for this trip. Six months of aerobics, weight lifting, sprints and hiking Montara Mountain had dropped my heart rate from 81 to 59 beats per minute. When I reached the top of Grunt Ridge, my heart beat was at 160 and thumping like a pile-driver.

After a two-minute break, my body had reconciled with mind; time to head on. This is the payback: reaching the interior in one day instead of two.

Man is a stranger in these woods and the animals and birds are mystified by us. Even the chipmunks keep their distance, watching, trying to figure us.

I was sitting on a log, chewing on a piece of jerky, when a hummingbird dive-bombed. For the single flash of an instant, he held his position just a few inches from my left ear, his wings buzzing.

"Duck," shouted my buddy, Jeff, and a split-second after I did so, that bird shot right through the air space my head had just vacated.

"Hey man, that bird was likely to suck the juice right out of your head," Jeff said. "It didn't know what to make of you."

We're in deep, where humans rarely visit.

This area is relative to the size of the San Francisco Bay Area, yet instead of 3.5 million people, there are only two of us. Jeff and myself. That's it.

I leaned back against a big cedar, chewing the last of the jerky, and that peculiar sound came again from the woods.

"Thump, thump, thump, thump, thump." Five times. Like a drumstick hitting a hollow log.

"What the hell is that?" asked Patty. There was no answer.

In the next few days, we would try to find out — and see if Mr. Bigfoot has anything to do with it.

Farm puzzle of paralysed sheep flock

FARMER Colin Haines awoke one morning, looked out of his bedroom window on to a nearby meadow, and saw his flock of 150 ewes. Half the sheep were walking about and nibbling at the grass as usual, but there was something very strange about the others.

They were all standing rock-still, like statues, their heads down.

"Look at this," he called to his wife, Gwen. Mrs. Haines got up from bed and stood open-mouthed as she saw the ewes completely motionless. Nothing like it had ever happened before.

Quickly the couple dressed and went out into the field. As they ran into the flock, the normal sheep stopped their nibbling and padded out of the way, but the motionless sheep stood still without moving a muscle.

One by one, Mr. and Mrs. Haines went up to the motionless sheep and pushed them over. And one by one, the sheep fell limply to the ground, their legs rigid. After a few minutes some of the ewes started kicking and got back to their feet.

Others also started kicking, but were unable to get up. But most just stayed on the ground, their eyes open

by ALFRED LEE

wide. Over the next few days, 44 ewes died.

But this is not the only strange incident that has happened at Bullmoor Farm, in Caerlon, South Wales. The as yet unexplained livestock deaths began more than 18 months ago.

Fifteen pigs developed skin like that of a crocodile and died; a few weeks later a prize hog suddenly went wild and had to be shot; not one of more than 20 sows could produce; dozens of Hereford calves developed sores and watery eyes, before they died; scores of lambs refused to eat, and starved to death.

Then Mr. Haines brought in six Charolais cows, hoping they would be all right. But even they became ill and died. In all about 120 animals have died—70 of them this year.

Mr. Haines, 56, said: "It is all a complete mystery. I have had different experts on to the farm — but none of them has been able to come up with the answer."

Prizes

"The puzzling thing is that things have been going wrong only recently. My grandfather bought the farm in 1814, he worked it, so did my father and when I followed him, everything was okay for many, many years."

"In fact we had a reputation of being one of the most successful farms in the region and we won many prizes. But now, Bullmoor Farm is a place where animals simply don't grow. I have sent out organs of animals which have died to different laboratories, but no solution can be found."

A Ministry of Agriculture spokesman said: "We have carried out investigations and we can find no major disease conditions on the farm. Animals do die from time to time on farms and often it is terribly difficult to be precise what caused death."

This week, in a new attempt to solve the mystery, Mr. Haines will send two sick calves to Bristol University for examination.

Big Bird A Tall Tale

Editor,

I found this article in a magazine titled "Fate." I sure would like to see the picture reprinted: is it possible?

Richard Maziarz
Madison, Indiana

The article Mr. Maziarz enclosed reported that, in 1900, two prospectors shot a large bird which, when nailed against The Epitaph office, had a wingspread of 36 feet—and the story added "a widely published photograph showed six men standing under the bird with their outstretched hands touching." This story keeps resurfacing, but it seems to be another of the many, many myths and legends about Tombstone. Epitaph contributor Ben T. Traywick spent a great amount of time in libraries in Arizona and the major Western history research institutions in California, and never has found the photograph nor any mention of the big bird in the newspapers of the time —Editor.

Beluaaquatica champlainiensis**American lake may harbor monster**

By Tom Tiede

PORT HENRY, N.Y. (NEA) — Three hundred and seventy-five years ago, when French explorer Samuel de Champlain came upon the lake that was to become his namesake, he wrote in his journal of sighting therein "a serpent-like creature about 20 feet long... as thick as a barrel and with a head like a horse."

Well, the notation might have been the consequence of having wandered in the wilderness too long. Except that others were making similar observations. The Iroquois Indians, for example, were so certain there was something in the water that they made offerings to it of foodstuffs and tobacco.

And so a legend was born that will not die.

There is a "monster" in Lake Champlain.

Sound familiar? It should. People have spotted serpent-like creatures in thousands of lakes all over the world. The most famous has been at Loch Ness, in northern Scotland, where there have been stories of a giant slug or something of the sort since the start of the Julian calendar.

But the Lake Champlain monster may have one distinction. It seems to be more sociable than the others. Officially, it has been sighted almost 200 times in the last four centuries; more than 100 people have seen the monster in the last decade alone, and about 50 have seen it since 1980.

At least they say they've seen it. Some people claim they've watched a big snake push through roiling waters. Others insist the thing is more like a blob with an elongated neck. A few observers think the creature has the proportions of a whale that has wandered inland through an underground seaway.

Whatever the description, the phenomenon has become an attraction. And it's become a controversy as well. Critics say the sightings have been illusions, and the monster is a figment of copycat imagination; they point out that no real evidence of a creature has been found now in almost 400 years.

Still, the true believers are legion. And they include a good many upstanding citizens in the Champlain Valley. Bob Brown, for one, is the mayor of Port Henry, and he says that the monster has been seen by too many people to be fictitious: "I mean, think about it. Two hundred witnesses can't be wrong."

The mayor keeps a reference list of



the people who say they have seen the creature. He files it in a box with other monster memorabilia. "Look here," he says, "the proof. We had a state trooper see it once. And a man with his mother. Now, I ask you, who would doubt a man with his mother?"

The mayor admits that many of the observations have been made by weekend visitors. But others have been registered by people he knows. He says one local carpenter was so impressed with a sighting that he hired a helicopter to conduct a search, and another native who saw it took a series of photographs.

"Then there is Regina Williams," the mayor continues. "She is a woman who lives on the water here, and she's the only person who has seen the creature twice. She doesn't think she saw the same one twice, however. She thinks there is more than one monster, and she saw two members of a family."

That would at least be scientifically correct. There would have to be a school of creatures to survive the centuries. One researcher, Joe Zarzynski, says there are probably a dozen to two dozen monsters in the lake; that is roughly the number it would take to perpetuate the species.

Zarzynski is an area high-school teacher, and the foremost authority on the monster. He is likewise a true believer. He publishes a monthly report on the whole matter, and he's even given the beast a name. He calls it "beluaaquatica champlainiensis," which means the huge creature of Lake Champlain.

Zarzynski says the monster could be a surviving remnant of prehistoric times. He says that two possibilities

have been suggested: One is that the creature is a plesiosaurus, a thing with a bloated body; the other is that it's a zeuglodon, a snake with a rippled back. Both animals are thought to have been extinct for millions of years.

Or it may be something less exotic. Bob Brown says it may merely be a big eel. The mayor says eels used to be so plentiful in the lake that they were fished commercially, and they are still common to the waters. "I've seen them up to 6 feet long," he adds. "Maybe there are some real granddaddies."

Maybe. In any case Port Henry is taking advantage of the possibility. Because it is good for village business. The Chamber of Commerce has proclaimed that Port Henry is "the home" of the monster, and it has erected a sign listing 110 people here who have spotted the elusive creature.

The village has also put its muscle where the tourist money is. It's moved to protect its property. Mayor Brown says that, on occasion, some people have bragged about shooting at strange things in the lake, and so, a few years ago, Port Henry passed a law against killing whatever in the world is out there.

(NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)



Tom Tiede

Maybe 'Nessie' will go for bait

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) — The annual monster-hunting season is in full swing at Loch Ness, and a fiberglass tube baited with live fish is the latest trap being laid for "Nessie."

"I am convinced there is something down there, but the only way to prove it to the world is to catch it," said Stephen Whittle, a 25-year-old civil service clerk who is spending his summer holiday monster-hunting.

Undaunted by mounting skepticism that Nessie exists, Whittle starts his quest in two weeks, his \$25,000 expedition funded by a vodka distiller.

Records dating from the sixth century report hundreds of sightings of large, strange creatures in the 24-mile-long, 754-foot-deep loch between Inverness and Fort William. However, scientific investigation has brought no decisive results.

Theories have ranged from otters, giant eels or birds taking flight to tricks of light on the dark lake waters or masses of decomposing vegetation blown to the surface by gas. If a monster exists, scientists have speculated, it could be descended from a dinosaur trapped in the loch since the Ice Age.

Pranksters have used rubber models, photographed at night to resemble a huge beast plodding along the shore.

Fifty years ago a London newspaper published what it called "conclusive evidence" — a photo of two large footprints by the loch. They turned out to have been formed with an umbrella stand fashioned from a hippo's foot.

However, many people who live near the loch profess to be firm believers in Nessie's existence. While they are the butt of many a joke, they're not complaining. The monster myth brings 100,000 tourists a year to the remote lake.

Whittle and a band of about 30 helpers are building their 60-foot-long, 20-foot-wide trap at the lakeside. A helicopter will lower it into the water Aug. 28 and suspend it 30 feet below a floating platform.

Live fish will be put inside the tube in hopes of tempting Nessie, and a four-man crew on the platform will monitor the tube through cameras and electronic sensors.

If anything large and mysterious takes the bait, a trap door will seal the tube.

Nessie will then be winched to the surface, filmed, examined and put back into the water. "We don't want to harm it in any way," Whittle said in a telephone interview Tuesday from the site.

Something with big feet startles fishermenBy JOHN W. MOODY
Register Staff Writer

The burning question around 801 Star these days is:

"Who took giant steps to interrupt the fishing trip of Kenneth Williams and his nephew, Lynn Wages?"

Today, the two have a memory, and a plaster cast of something which has six toes, no claws and a long stride.

The memory is as vivid as the plaster cast.

Two days ago, the two were fishing between I-35 and the old toll bridge.

Suddenly, Lynn said, "Look at that!" Kenneth looked.

"We saw something move. It was big, hairy, either black or dark brown. About the same time these horses started raising cane," Williams said.

"We waited a few minutes and decided it was time to move out."

That would have probably been the end of the story, had anyone believed the two fishermen. But when they repeated what they saw, some doubt was cast on the whole tale.

"So we went back with some plaster and took casts of footprints," Williams said.

"We found several prints, but only one was really good."

What came out was that something quite heavy had been in the neighborhood. The cast showed the creature had six toes, no claws.

No one as yet is really certain what kind of hairy creature is moving about.

But if you go fishing in the area, watch your step — and his.

Sasquatch seen?**Staff Reporter**

Legend has it that Bigfoot comes down from the mountains this time of year for a convention with his mates at Harrison Lake.

So maybe the sasquatch two men believe they saw at the Agassiz garbage dump on the weekend was on his way there.

In any case, the creature shot off before they could get a good look - or a clear picture.

William Bedry, 58, of Burnaby, and Gord Flanders, 30, of Agassiz, saw what looked like a sasquatch scurrying up a gravel hill at the dump Saturday night. Bedry managed to grab a few distant Polaroid shots of what might be a sasquatch, but the pictures showed only a dark, blurred form.

"It had big claws and large teeth. It must have been at least six feet tall and more than 200 pounds."

The two men agreed what they saw certainly wasn't a bear because it ran on hind legs.

But could it have been a prankster?

Flanders figured it was too dangerous for anyone to dress up like a Sasquatch because he might get shot by a hunter.

Meanwhile, sasquatch expert Rene Dahinden said the sighting added "another piece to the mystery."

He said if such a creature could ever be caught, the implications "would be mind-boggling — there's too many reliable witnesses to say the whole thing is a hoax."



Staff photo by Rick Loughran

William Bedry's Polaroid shots of 'sasquatch' were not clear.

DAILY REGISTER, Gainesville, TX - Aug. 4, 1984 CR: P. Howard via R. Schaffner

An outdoors writer for the San Francisco Examiner, one Tom Stienstra, has written an eight-part series for his paper detailing a three-week search through the mountains of northern California and southern Oregon for Bigfoot, the half-man half-beast that lives in the legends of all the continents.

Through the centuries, tales have persisted that in the mountain fastness a giant creature resembling man exists, leaving his footprints here and there as he wanders through the rocks and the snows, eating, we presume, nuts, berries and small animals and birds, and going home at night to a fireless cave and a warm wife.

The scientific name for such a creature or sub-human is Gigantopithecus, a giant man, or in the Northwest Sasquatch — the Bigfoot. Around the world these fellows have been called the Abominable Snowman, Yeti, Mono Grande, Ohmahah and Aggchishi.

I have been pondering the Bigfoot question for many years, and, as I will reveal in a

moment, actually seen some. But first we are forced to throw cold water on most Bigfoot research projects, such as the one writer Stienstra undertook. He and members of his expedition fruitlessly struggled through the mountains, looking for Bigfoot with their binoculars, but sighting Smoky the Bear. They are assuming that all Bigfeet live in isolated life in the mountains, keeping to themselves and ignoring the civilization that is creeping closer and closer.

I submit that Bigfeet are already among us, participating in the mainstream of life as we are living it.

I further submit my evidence, an incident which occurred in Kiwanis Park a few weeks back when, during a stroll, I stumbled upon what appeared to be a truck driver's picnic. It was a happy throng, a gathering of men and women in blue jeans and T-shirts, grimy children beating each other up and a heap of sixpacks. I thought nothing of it until I noticed a couple

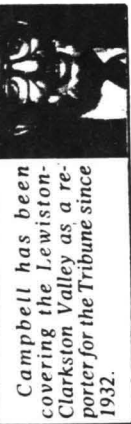
on the fringe who didn't seem part of the crowd. They were intently studying the truck drivers, mocking their laughter and imitating their body language. Moving into a position behind a tree, I saw that they were wearing jeans and T-shirts and creased boots. His shirt said "Atlas Ballbearings," hers, "Bowling Is Fun."

A line of fuzzy hair protruded from the gap between the top of their pants and the bottom of their shirts.

I became convinced that it was a Bigfoot couple when they ate the can after drinking their beer. This unusual behavior indicated to me that these particular Bigfeet had not quite crossed over but were well on their way.

I thought I saw the hint of a smile on their thick lips when they rode away on their Harley Davidson.

This column is heading out on vacation for the next month and will return Sept. 9. With the exception of one week of solitary contemplation of the Pacific Ocean, I am following the



Thomas W. Campbell

Campbell has been covering the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley as a reporter for the Tribune since 1932.

Grandfather Trail that will carry me to Seattle, Wenatchee and Walla Walla.

But because of my Bigfoot Research Project, for which a federal grant is pending, I feel that I can convert my presence among the grandchildren from a routine of feeding them small change to keep them quiet, to a rich intellectual experience. We can hunt Bigfeet together, gathering statistical information, observing their habits, perhaps attempting to strike up a friendship.

I have not got the slightest doubt they are out there, down from the mountains, staking their claim to the good life.

TRIBUNE, Lewiston, ID - Aug. 5, 1984

By Lew Scarr
Staff Writer

Those fish? The ones that fell from the sky in Bonita last week?

Thread fin shad. Or, if you are into families, the species *petemense* from the genus *dorosoma*.

You will remember that last week as A.D. Ellmers and his wife, Neva, and a neighbor, Walter Davies, were whiling away an early evening in the driveway of the Ellmers' Bonita home, these little fish began falling around them from a cloudless sky.

The fish pelted the asphalt and they

pelted the hard, bare ground with harsh, wet splats, and they fell softly onto the lawn and the gardens in the quiet suburban neighborhood.

Concerned that no one would believe this wondrous thing that was happening, Ellmers scooped up some of the fish for proof and put them in his freezer.

After the event was reported here and then around the nation, Ellmers heard from various people who thought that, well, he was not quite right — that fish, creatures of the waters, do not fall from skies, particularly dry, cloudless skies.

Some callers insisted that what hap-

pened that night at the home of A.D. and Neva Ellmers was some kind of a sign.

But Ellmers also heard from a practical, scientific source, Richard Rosenblatt, a marine biologist at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, who wanted very much to identify the fish.

"It is very, very unusual," Rosenblatt said of the falling fish, "but not unprecedented. Personally, I have never been involved in a rain of fish and I wanted to find out what they were."

He wanted to examine the fish to determine their kind and thereby suggest where they came from.

However, through no fault of Ellmers, the samples that he had so carefully preserved had been thrown out like so much old fish. And color newspaper photographs of the fish were not helpful, either.

But Ellmers, a retired and ever-resourceful financial planner, was not to be deterred. Two days after the rain of fish he was able to scout along the protected borders of his driveway and in his lawn and find carcasses — fast-fading carcasses, to be sure — of the little fish from above.

These he whisked off to Scripps Institution — and, sure enough, Rosenblatt was able to make an ID.

"I thought from the first that they were some kind of herring," Rosenblatt said. "I began counting parts."

That, apparently, is the way experts identify fish when they have only the bones and a little bit more. Particularly, Rosenblatt counted the scutes on the belly.

That is right, scutes, pronounced *skewts* as in *skewer*. It has something to do with the thick scales that still managed to hang around on this particular species of shad, the thread fin shad, so-called because it has an elongated dorsal fin. Rosenblatt said it is a freshwater fish, a kind of herring, commonly planted in lakes for bass food.

And while Sweetwater Reservoir has not been open for fishing for 40 years, Dan Floyd, water treatment operator there, said the lake, about 2 miles from the Ellmers' home, has a natural population of shad.

Floyd does not remember any funnel cloud over the lake, one explanation for the phenomenon. He rather thinks the sky transfer of fish, if it were done from Sweetwater, was the work of four pelicans often seen in the area.

"They may have scooped up some of the fish and then got in some kind of scuffle over where the Ellmers live and dropped them," Floyd said.

Ellmers rather likes that explanation. "So many people thought I was some kind of nut," he said. "Some even wanted me to say I thought it was a divine sign."

"I don't see it as anything like that. It was just a bunch of fish falling out of the sky."

And pelicans brought them and pelicans dropped them. That is so much more down-to-earth.

MERCURY, Leicester, England

Oct. 2, 1984 CR: T. Good

Team look at ancient mystery site

A Leicester scientist is researching one of the most mysterious ancient sites in the world — the huge network of lines scratched into a barren Peruvian desert.

Dr. Clive Ruggles, of Leicester University joined an American team this summer, mapping out the lines which cover an area ten miles long and five miles wide. Computers at Leicester University will be used to process the mass of data collected.

"It's a weird feeling because you are dealing with people who did this 1,500 years ago and you have got no connection with them or what motivated them," he said.

This was the first time a team of scientists had taken a serious look at the lines.

Some individuals had observed the site and all sorts of theories existed about the strange figures

ranging from ancient rites to UFO launch pads.

"It was amazing just going to a place so different, and a place which I had heard so much about," he said.

Dr. Ruggles lectures in computing studies, but has spent several years studying astronomical practice in ancient Britain and other countries.

Four years

"The visiting team agreed that some of the lines were astronomically aligned," he said. "But they dispute that the alignments were exact or that their purpose, in our terms, was sophisticated."

The team from Colgate University in New York has been working on the site for the last four summers.

Dr. Ruggles now faces the prospect of programming all the information into computers, with the hope of casting some genuine new lights on the ancient lines.

JOURNAL, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada - Sept. 1, 1984

Creature is Loch Ness-type, hair or fur on body, man says

Stories By
CHRIS VAN KRIEKEN
Journal Staff Writer

A man documenting repeated appearances of a creature in a remote northern Alberta lake says residents and visitors are seeing a Loch Ness-type monster.

The creature on Christina Lake, 145 km south of Fort McMurray, is at least five metres long — if not longer — and appears to have either hair or fur on its body, said Randy Sampietro, whose father has operated a fishing lodge on the lake for 12 years.

"I think it's a Loch Ness monster," said Sampietro, an oil patch driller from Lac La Biche. "If it's a fish, it's got to be an awfully big fish. (And) a fish wouldn't break the surface and put its head above the water. They do not dive and leave air bubbles and two-foot waves."

Sampietro has spent a year collecting the names of 16 people who have seen the creature in the last five years.

In July, he turned the names over to the Provincial Fish and Wildlife Department, which wants to give the list to Jim Butler, a University of Alberta wildland recreation professor, when he returns to work next week.

Butler and two colleagues recently travelled to Saddle Lake, 175 km northeast of Edmonton, to examine repeated reports of another lake creature.

Sampietro has heard of sightings dating back to the days when only natives wandered through the area, but his father, Ron, has heard reports only in the last 13 years.

Ron also believes he may have been the last person to have sighted the creature, when it surfaced 23 metres from his boat on July 3.

"It was a hell of a sighting," said Ron. "It was a spooky thing. It just gave a person the shivers."

He believes he may have seen only the creature's back because there was no visible head. The

part that surfaced appeared to be covered in hair and was about one metre long and not quite a metre high.

His son estimated the creature was at least five metres long — if not longer — from the glimpses he and other people have had of it.

The Fish and Wildlife Department had hoped to examine the lake later this month while doing an inventory on fish habitat, but the project may be delayed until the spring because of other priorities, said Ray Makowski, director for northern Alberta.

Makowski still planned to turn Sampietro's list over to Butler, who appeared interested in the Christina Lake sightings when told of them while examining the reports in Saddle Lake. Butler could not be reached for comment.

But Makowski added, "we can't explain that there would be something unusual or unexplainable now in those lakes. We (the department) are not convinced there is something."

CR: T. Tokaryk via L. Whitehurst

Did Bill Bedry photograph a sasquatch?

By CHRIS ROSE

Bill Bedry said Monday he saw a sasquatch near Agassiz on the weekend.

Bedry, a Burnaby resident, said he knows some people don't believe in them. But that's okay. He didn't use to believe in the legendary ape-like creatures either.

He's changed his mind, he says, since seeing one in a gravel pit.

And he says he's got photographs to prove it.

As a matter of fact, Bedry wants to sell the photographs. He told The Sun his story for free, but wants \$50 for prints of the photographs.

(Sun photographer Steve Bosch saw Bedry's photographs and said the shots are of an indistinct, dark object against a dark background. He said they would not reproduce well on newsprint.)

A sasquatch expert who viewed the pictures said they are not conclusive.

Bedry said the sighting occurred near Agassiz about 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

He and his buddy, Gordon Fland-

Expert deems photos inconclusive

ers, were beside a gravel pit, he said, when he saw the creature about 35 to 45 metres away.

Flanders was driving, he said, and he was in the passenger seat.

Bedry, 58, a retired apartment manager with a bad heart, said he watched the creature trying to climb out of the gravel pit into the woods.

"At first it looked like a bear, but when we got right up to it I knew it wasn't a bear because I've killed a couple in my time," Bedry said he and Flanders got to within about 30 metres of the creature.

"It looked hairy and everything else and made one hell of a racket."

He described the sound as "a big howling scream, I guess you'd call it. It scared the hell out of us."

Bedry said he took three photos of the creature, which had given up trying to climb out of the pit after

continuing to slip downward on loose rocks, before it disappeared from view.

One photograph, he said, shows the creature's face. The other two are profiles.

Bedry described the creature as well over 183 centimetres (six feet) tall, weighing between 135 and 180 kilograms (300 to 400 pounds), hairy and running on its hind legs.

It was, he insisted, definitely a sasquatch, and he doesn't care if people don't believe him.

"I know bears and I know cougars and I know every other damned animal. I'm a hunter. What else would it be unless some circus was around and an ape got loose? What else is it? It's got to be... this thing just walked like a human being."

Bedry said he and Flanders then got back into the van and returned to

Flanders's house their wives were playing cards.

"We had a couple of beers really fast to settle down because we were shaking like hell."

Flanders, 30, an Agassiz resident, said he was showing Bedry around the area, about five kilometres north-west of the upper Fraser Valley town, when they saw the creature.

An unemployed cab driver, Flanders said it was either a sasquatch or some other animal than a bear. "It moved very quickly."

"It's some type of creature, and it more than likely is a sasquatch. I can't say for sure it was a sasquatch, but it definitely was not a bear because a bear can not run on its hind legs."

"I kind of believe in sasquatches now because what I saw is some kind of creature. Like I say, it wasn't any

bear, and I've never seen anything like that before."

Flanders said two men and several dogs returned to the site Sunday and found a footprint and a broken branch nearby. The men couldn't find any other imprints because of the loose rock and they did not locate the creature, he added.

Rene Dahinden, 54, a Richmond resident who reclaims lead shot at the Vancouver Gun Club, says he's been studying sasquatches since 1966.

Asked whether he believes they exist, Dahinden said: "Well, taking everything into consideration, I'm leaning in the direction, in all possibility, that there are sasquatches."

Dahinden, 54, said he considers there is "overwhelming evidence or indications" that the creature, also known as Bigfoot, does exist.

"But then taking into consideration the scientific implications of the existence of the sasquatch — it's mind boggling, you know, to say the least. The scientists tell me it would be an incredible upheaval, I guess, in

Cow killed by mutilators on farm in Enumclaw area

by Dave Birkland
Times staff reporter

Karen Phillips says she and her daughters are frightened and their children aren't being allowed outside to play after a cow was mutilated and killed on the family farm near Enumclaw.

"We don't feel safe at night. We're not sleeping well," Phillips said yesterday, two days after one of her cows was found mutilated in a grove of trees in a pasture near her home. The animal's genitals had been removed and it had been cut about the abdomen.

Although it was the only animal mutilation reported recently in King County, Phillips said the incident has put her neighbors and the community on edge. The area is a stronghold of cattle and dairy farms and horse ranches.

Phillips isn't sure why the animal was killed, but she has her suspicions.

"I would have to say it was probably done for some sort of ritual," she said, explaining that the cuts on the animal were very precise, obviously done by someone "who knew what they were doing."

Phillips said she and her neighbors are concerned that people responsible for a string of horse mutilations in Pierce County in the past 10 years may be moving into King County.

The Pierce County sheriff's

office lists 28 cases of animal mutilation in the past several years in that county.

King County police have contacted Pierce County detectives regarding the cow mutilation, but so far there is no evidence to link the cases in the two counties, said King County police Sgt. John Jackson, supervisor of detectives at the Southeast Precinct.

Jackson said police have no idea who is responsible or why the animal was killed.

The mutilations in Pierce County are equally mysterious. No one has been arrested there.

Phillips said she found the animal early Wednesday afternoon and the veterinarian who examined the heifer estimated that it had been killed overnight or during the early-morning hours of the same day. It was found lying alongside a calf it had just given birth to, Phillips said.

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CR: L. Williford

POST, Washington, DC - Oct. 2, 1984 CR: B. Pittman

Meteor Theory Melted

Ice Chunk Came From Leaky Plane Plumbing

By Ruth Marcus
Washington Post Staff Writer

Scientific tests have solved the mystery of the basketball-size chunk of green ice that fell Chicken Little-style onto an Eastern Shore trailer park last month.

The heated debate over the frozen green blob from the blue had focused on whether the chunk was an ice meteor or merely frozen refuse from an airplane's leaky lavatory.

Chemical analyses conducted at the University of Maryland and the University of Pennsylvania have yielded identical results supporting the more mundane explanation. The melted remains of the ice, according to John Lutz, an amateur investigator of bizarre phenomena who commissioned the tests, were definitely of earthly origin—a sanitizing agent combined with urine.

"It looks like it was from a passing plane after all," said Lutz, who had backed the ice meteor theory.

Lutz said he had informed the Maryland police trooper, who responded to the call about the ice chunk and was saving part of the sample in a mayonnaise jar.

Fred Farrar of the Federal Aviation Administration, which had been investigating the incident, said the agency had had no luck uncovering the leaking culprit. He said the ice chunks form when there is an outside leak in the holding tank used to store refuse from airplane toilets. The leaked liquid freezes at high altitudes and is shaken off by the plane's vibrations. It falls of its own weight, or comes unglued at lower altitudes.

Meanwhile, Lutz is looking into another ice chunk, two feet across, that fell Sept. 23 in Perryman, Md.

Whether from ice meteors or airplanes, Lutz said, "these things are dropping out of the sky like hotcakes."

POST-STANDARD, Syracuse, NY - Aug. 29, 1984

Tesla's Rehabilitation

Who invented the first radio? Guglielmo Marconi, right? Wrong.

Who thought up the system for distributing electric power that is now used throughout the world? Thomas Edison, right? Wrong.

Whether or not the popular board game "Trivial Pursuit" acknowledges it, the fact is that Nikola Tesla, not Marconi or Edison, is the father of the radio and electric power transmission.

In fact, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Marconi's patent for radio transmission in 1943 because they determined Tesla's achievements had preceded Marconi's.

The Croatian immigrant who died 41 years ago is also credited with developing the bladeless steam turbine and the radio-guided torpedo. But his fame has been obscured, partly due to the mythologizing of his rival inventors, partly due to the bizarre twists of his own personality. This year, the centennial of his arrival in America, is likely to mark the overdue rehabilitation of his reputation.

The lifelong bachelor conducted his experiments in laboratories in Manhattan, and later in Colorado, where a symposium was recently held in his honor. At his hillside laboratory in Colorado Springs, Tesla built an 80-foot tower, a 122-foot mast, and huge coils to explore the nature of electricity. His contraptions generated millions of volts and sent arcs of artificial

lightning 135 feet in the air — a feat that has never been replicated.

Over the years, Tesla has been lionized by small bands of loyalists — among them serious scientists impressed by his ideas, and cultists who claimed he landed on a space ship from Venus. In his later years, the lonely inventor's principal source of companionship was pigeons.

Many of Tesla's ideas were so far ahead of their time that they were laughed at in more conventional circles. Decades before the concepts of space communication and satellite transmission became reality, Tesla theorized that messages could be sent any distance without wires. As early as 1900, he proposed that what we now know as radar could help locate ships at sea. Some scientists today claim that Tesla's hypothetical designs today could be used to erect a defense shield along the lines of the controversial "Star Wars" space weapons system proposed by President Reagan.

Tesla claimed he received messages from distant planets, and developed a morbid fear of germs, as well as a fascination with numbers divisible by three. Yet eccentricity is no bar to genius — indeed, it is usually a prerequisite. It's about time Nikola Tesla joined the pantheon of germinal thinkers revered for their remarkable achievements.

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TIMES HERALD, Dallas, TX - Sept. 28, 1984 CR: T. Adams

Rancher insists no human walked with the dinosaurs

United Press International

GLEN ROSE — A rancher who worked for biblical researchers seeking to debunk the theory of evolution now insists that, contrary to their claims, no ancient human footprints were found alongside dinosaur tracks in a Texas riverbed.

The footprints long have been used by literal believers of the Bible as evidence that humans coexisted with the dinosaurs whose prints litter the Paluxy River bottom south of Fort Worth.

Dinosaurs, most scientists believe, lived millions of years before humans appeared on Earth.

"I can safely say I have seen no science in their (creationist research) activities," rancher Alfred West said. "The facts have flat been dismissed."

Creationist Carl Baugh has repeatedly claimed "man tracks"

were found along the riverbank. West not only helped with the excavation, but sold Baugh and his associates the site, where they built their Creation Evidences Museum.

"I worked for two years under the assumption that we would be looking for scientific evidence and then if we did not find it, we would announce it to the public," West said.

"In the face of all this evidence, he (Baugh) has continued on telling the public he has man tracks when they're not."

Baugh's prints were "totally contrived from his imagination," West claimed.

Scientists have long disputed Baugh's findings.

"When wetted, they (Baugh's 'man tracks') show they are much larger prints (than those of humans) and have the familiar three toes of a dinosaur," said Kyle Da-

vies, who studied the region and holds a master's degree in paleontology.

Baugh, who holds atheology degree, claimed to have found 47 human tracks, many of which were eroded. He also claimed to have discovered paths of human prints showing left and right patterns.

Baugh's findings were included in a movie called "Footprints in Stone" and a book by creationist John Morris.

But, West insisted, "I've never seen a path, and I've been right there."

Baugh, who was unavailable for comment Thursday, reported the human tracks ranged from 16 to 25 inches. He said that probably meant giants and normal-sized people coexisted 4,800 years ago, roughly the time at which he placed the great flood described in Genesis.