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Brother and sister Jessica and Shawn White, listen as their friend Debbie Crumrine describes a flying "ball of fire" that circled the White's yard at about 1 a.m. Tuesday night in Redwood Valley. The three kids were camping out with sleeping bags and lawn chairs when a "woosh" and a bright light woke them up.

## UFO startles camping kids

By MISSY CHESSHER  
Journal staff writer

When three youngsters camping in their Redwood Valley backyard Tuesday night heard a "whoosh" and saw a bright light, they at first thought it was a jet and then a fireball. Now, they don't know what it was.

"So when do jets grow larger and larger?" asked 11-year-old Debbie Crumrine to her camping companion, 8-year-old Jessica White, who suggested the noise and light about 1 a.m. could be a jet.

Shawn White, Jessica's 11-year-old brother, thought the noise was traffic until the bright light made him curious. "I thought they were shining the flashlight in my face," Shawn said.

"It just appeared from thin air," Debbie said. She said the flying object came from the south and was traveling north. The object then paused below the treetops in their neighbor's yard "just like it had a mind of its own," she said.

Debbie said the object was bigger than a beach ball. She said the object was red on the outside and blueish-green on the inside - "Like the color of fire."

When the object paused, she said the middle stopped while the outside continued turning.

"The thing that scared me the most was when it paused," Debbie said. "She was crying, and I thought I was going to faint," Jessica said.

After the object paused, Debbie said it continued traveling on its path and then returned and made three circles above their yard.

The girls had seen enough. They covered their heads with their sleeping bags, but Shawn continued to watch.

Shawn said after the object had circled their yard, it began to get smaller and increase its speed until it disappeared in the southwest. "It went from a big rock, to a softball, to a star far away," he said.

He said the object had a muffled sound like a jet and a streak of fire behind it. "It was so big; it was so bright," Shawn said. "I thought I was going to get burned up."

Debbie said it was a cool night but the air seemed warmer while the object circled in the sky. She said the incident lasted about two or three minutes.

After the object disappeared, all three children spent the rest of the night on

the floor in the house. Debbie said she never wanted to spend the night outside again. But Jessica and Shawn both said they would like to see the object again.

"I wished they had beamed me up," Shawn said.

Debbie was anxious to see their story in the paper because she assumed other people would report the incident too. "I know you don't believe me," Debbie told her mother, "But just wait till you see the paper tomorrow."

Spokespersons at the Ukiah Airport, Federal Aviation Administration, and Mendocino County Sheriff Department each said nothing similar to the incident had been reported to their agencies.

Robert Gribble, a staff member of the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, said the center had not received any reports from the Redwood Valley area. "It's not a real common thing, but we have gotten reports similar to this in the past," he said.

Debbie and Shawn attend Redwood Valley School, and Jessica will attend the school this fall.

Virginia Crumrine, Debbie's mother, said, "My daughter's not prone to makin' things up."

TIMES, Norwood, MN - June 20, 1985

## Women seek explanation for mysterious lights

Two local women are trying to find out what it was they spotted in the sky several weeks ago. A series of red, blue, green, and orange blinking lights were spotted Thursday night, April 25 and again Saturday night, April 27 at different locations over Young America by Susan Lehrke, her mother Ruth Lehrke and several of their friends.

Susan Lehrke said she first spotted the lights about 8:30 Thursday night. After watching them for awhile, she called her mother who also spotted them. Susan described the lights as red and blue blinking lights that seemed to form a circle. The lights seemed to hover in one spot, then moved west of town. She said when an airplane approached, the lights disappeared for a time then reappeared. Ruth also spotted these lights and another set which appeared to be orange and green. Later Ruth saw more lights from her home that seemed to be more east of town. She said there appeared to be a brighter light on top, with the colored lights in a circle underneath. The women watched the lights until about 11:00 p.m.

Both women watched the sky again Friday night, but a heavy cloud cover prevented them from seeing anything.

Susan and Ruth spotted the same lights again Saturday night, in about

the same location, and called several friends who also spotted them. "They appeared closer the first night. Anyone looking up at the sky Thursday should have been able to see them," Susan added.

There has been no official explanation for the mysterious lights. Chief Deputy Duane Bickett of the Carver County Sheriff's Department said nothing unusual was reported to the sheriff's office the two nights. He said if something unusual had been spotted on radar the office would have been informed. Radar at Flying Cloud Airport had no report of anything unusual in the sky those nights.

Several people have told Susan and Ruth they think the lights were sunspots, or reflections from the Northern Lights, but neither of them is satisfied with those explanations. They both feel the lights they spotted had too distinctive of a pattern, and moved around too much to be explained that easily.

Susan said she has been watching the sky almost every night, but hasn't seen the lights again. She wonders how many other people may have seen them and either said nothing or decided to ignore them. Meanwhile she and her mother would still like to have some explanation about what they saw in the sky those nights.

NEWS-CHIEF, Winter Haven, FL - June 25, 1985

## UFOs seen by local residents part of laser show

By VICKY BOYD  
News Chief Staff

Winter Haven residents who claimed they saw an unidentified flying object Monday night weren't "just seeing things."

But what they reported as bright white lights were actually part of a laser show being put on in Harbor Island off Tampa.

Both the Polk County Sheriff's Department and the Winter Haven Police Department reported receiving numerous calls between 10 and 10:30 p.m. from people who said they saw white streaks of light or cigar-shaped crafts.

By calling the Federal Aviation Administration and other governmental agencies, the Sheriff's Department was able to track it down to the Tampa-area laser show.

"This thing was huge," Tom Adams said. "First I thought it was a hot-air balloon."

He said he and his wife were on their patio east of Lake Elbert at about 10:10 p.m. when they first saw the object. It came out of the southwest and moved in a northeasterly direction, Adams said.

But Adams said he discounted the balloon theory since the wind usually doesn't blow from the southwest.

"The thing is weird — it's like a cigar-shaped thing," Then Adams thought it might have been drug runners who drop in low with their aircraft and land without any lights. But he also discounted that idea since the thing made no noise.

Adams compared it to the craft in the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," which, coincidentally, had aired on some ABC-TV stations the previous night.

"That's what it reminded me of," he said.

Verna Feeman also reported seeing a similar object. She described it, as being a long white streak with a lot of light. "It was different. When I said a lot of light, it was a lot of light," Feeman said.

She and her husband were sitting outside their house near Avenue A and Fourth Street, N.E., when they first saw the light moving toward Lake Alfred at about 10 p.m.

"It looked like a capsule in front," Feeman said, adding that it didn't make any sound.



# UFOs

Local network organization  
logs extraterrestrial sightings

By Wendy McMullen

**T**hey most frequently appear at night: saucer or cigar shaped objects, translucent and often suffused with colored light as they sweep across or swoop down the starlit skies without a sound.

The description, of course, is of unidentified flying objects, UFOs, that mysterious aerial phenomenon whose nature is not immediately understood but which is the fascinating subject of much fiction and film.

"Once you've seen them you will never doubt them," says Shirley Fox, area director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), a non-profit organization dedicated to collecting information about these mysterious objects which appear to come from out of this world.

Fox has seen two UFOs, two brilliant orange saucer-shaped objects which she was unable to identify and that has been enough to convince her that the phenomenon is real indeed.

And she has no shortage of people to back her up — some of them from Sanibel and Captiva.

Most people who have seen UFOs are not too keen to be identified and MUFON promises not to reveal their names. People like the Sanibel businessman, who reported in very precise detail seeing seven elliptical disks moving 10,000 feet above him while sailing in the Florida Keys, knows how easy it is for people seeing UFOs to be labeled crazy.

"I didn't tell anyone for several years. I've seen too many people tabbed with being off their rocker," he commented. "And even now, I haven't told friends."

He added that he was apprehensive because he was aware of the poor back-up the Air Force had given to pilots who had seen flying objects they could not identify.

With his engineering background, the businessman was able to provide very accurate descriptions of the mysterious objects.

"There was no halo, no peripheral lights, no projects, no streamers, no sparks and no noise. All seven were of the same size and elliptical in shape with a constant low-level glow of yellow-orange color on each," he reported to MUFON. He estimated that the UFOs were about 100

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feet in diameter and traveling at 1,000 miles per hour.

And where did these unknown objects come from? This Sanibel observer was hesitant to say unreservedly that they came from other worlds but commented that if they were of this earth, they were not something the general public had been told, or had any inkling of.

"The trajectory was flat too. I think I would have some sort of arcal flight pattern if it were circling the earth. These seemed to come straight from space and out into it again," he commented.

Fox has equally precise reports from other spotters of UFOs. A Lehigh Acres student of astronomy reported in great detail to MUFON two sightings: one four years ago, which a friend alerted him to, of a red exhaust trail angled almost straight up; then a later one on Christmas day in 1983 when he saw through his high-powered telescope an orange object bouncing in the distant heavens. In the center of the orange object was a yellow light pulsating like a strobe light.

Nevertheless, when Fox receives a UFO report, she goes out of her way to find a known cause.

"Most of the sightings we get turn out to be either the Coast Guard or planes," she commented.

Despite investigations by the Air Force and FBI, no explanation was provided for this area's strangest case which happened 20 years ago when a cattle rancher from Felda was hunting in the Everglades. He saw a huge cone shaped UFO from which beamed a brilliant yellow light. The yellow light struck the rancher between the eyes with a force which sent him reeling to the ground.

When he woke next day the object was gone but nearby trees and ground around were scorched. The rancher checked into Lee Memorial Hospital with a severe bruise on his forehead and nearly blinded by the light. Lasting results of the encounter are partial blindness in one eye and a deep reluctance to talk about the encounter.

Not all UFO observers are hesitant to talk. Sanibel resident South Seas Plantation realtor Charlene Black, a MUFON member, is convinced enough of the reality of the UFOs she has seen to talk without embarrassment of her experiences.

Black has seen three. The first one was an orange cylindrically shaped object which hovered over the trees in the area near the old airport in Fort Myers. Then in the late seventies around Central and Catherine Streets in Fort Myers she was with a friend stargazing when they both saw what appeared to be a smaller star come out from behind a larger one.

The "star" then descended low enough for them to see what appeared to be some sort of flying saucer. Her description is similar to many UFOs reported — translucent or almost transparent, surrounded by lights, no sound.

"I got really scared. Although I wanted them to close down at the same time, I was frightened," Black said explaining that she feels anything inside would be a more highly evolved being, basically friendly and interested in humanity.

The second time Black saw what she thought might be a UFO was right here on the beach on Sanibel by the deeded beach access near Rabbit Road about five years ago. Again stargazing, she saw a disc like shape take off.

Why does Black think she has had repeated sightings while others have had none?

"It might be that they are not physical, made of metal, there might be a mental ability to accept it, it could have something to do with the same reason why someone is clairvoyant," she said.

"Or it could be that some people are more highly evolved than others," she said explaining that she believes in a system of reincarnation in which people evolve coming back each time as a wiser and better person.

"I don't feel that special but I'm perhaps more open to it because of my interest in metaphysics and things like that," she said.

Fox, too, thinks there is some sort of psychic connection between the observers of UFOs and the sighting of ships.

"I hate using the word psychic because it turns a lot of people off," she commented. "But why do some people always seem to be the one at the spot at the right time? It does seem there might be some sort of mind-to-mind connection." □



Left, Charlene Black, a MUFON member, has reported three UFO sightings. Above, Shirley Fox, area director of MUFON, a non-profit organization which collects information on extraterrestrial happenings.



# Mystery light seen by others

By MISSY CHESSHER  
Journal staff writer

Ukiah Police received two phone calls and the Ukiah Daily Journal received seven reports verifying what three youths in Redwood Valley saw early Wednesday morning while camping in a backyard.

Brother and sister Shawn and Jessica White were camping with friend Debbie Crumrine at about 1 a.m. when they saw what appeared to be a "ball of fire."

The youngsters said the object was traveling from north to south. They said it paused, circled around their yard and decreased in size as it disappeared in the southwest. Jessica is eight years old, and Shawn and Debbie are 11.

Police officers received two calls — one on the night of the reported incident and one a day later. "One person called the day after (Thursday) because she had seen the article and wanted to verify the youngsters' story," Officer Ron Gowan said.

He said another person had called, but the person who could verify the call was not available for comment. Gowan said if reports are not related to police matters or can not be followed

up, they are not documented.

Charles Williams, a resident of Ukiah, said he saw the object at about midnight Tuesday and called the police to report it. "I was in my backyard checking my chickens, and that is when I saw it," Williams said. "I thought someone was coming from behind me with a flashlight."

"It was very large, very bright and very green," Williams said. "It was as if a plane was on fire."

Williams said the object differed from a meteor because "a meteor goes in a straight line, and it was falling at a curve with an angle of about 30 degrees."

"I would tend to think on the order of some space junk falling or possibly an aborted missile," Williams said. He said his only motivation in calling the Journal was "to verify to their parents that the kids weren't totally making it up."

Barbara Waugh saw the object at about 11:45 p.m. when she and a friend were leaving her business office on South Orchard after doing some late-night editing on a film. "It was like a meteor, but it was larger and the trail was wider," Waugh said. "I remember being scared and wondering if it was coming

our way," she said. "I was cringing, waiting for a loud noise."

Waugh said the object appeared suddenly and low on the horizon, continued for a few seconds, stopped and traveled out of her vision range. She said the object was traveling north to south, and had very distinct colors of red, green and blue in its tail.

Two persons from Redwood Valley called the Journal to let the youngsters know they were not alone.

"I called because people might think the children were making it up," Lynn Haggitt of Redwood Valley said. Haggitt was watching television between 11:30 p.m. and 1 a.m. when a bright light got her attention. She said her house has several large plate-glass windows which were open with the drapery to cool her house.

"I have nothing obstructing my view," she said.

Haggitt said the object was about the size of a soccer ball. She said she saw it for about 30 seconds.

"It was very bright. It's hard to describe the brightness of it," she said. "It was like a 5,000 watt bulb."

Elvira Busher of Redwood Valley said she saw the object

out of her bedroom window at 1 a.m. when she got up out of boredom because she could not sleep.

Busher said the object was "pure white, brilliant white." "I have seen a comet, but I've never seen one so bright," she said.

"It's an easy thing to dispute a child," Busher said. "I called to show that the children weren't fantasizing."

Tom Hine of Ukiah saw the object at about midnight in Sonoma County. He said he was enroute to a friend's house but stopped to reorganize because he was unfamiliar with the area.

He said the object was green and white with a "halo-like" ring around it and that it left a wide white, vapor-like trail.

Hine described it as "some sort of meteorite apparition, some sort of celestial unknown." He said the object was the size of a basketball at a distance of about 100 or 200 feet. He said he saw it for about five seconds before it disappeared behind a hill.

Each person that reported the incident wanted the youth in Redwood Valley to know they were not the only persons who had seen the flying object.

PIERCE CO. HERALD, Puyallup, WA - June 25, 1985

## Aho: skeptics are still skeptical

by Marjorie Rommel

It's a tough, skeptical world for the likes of Wayne Aho.

Despite what you might have thought, the onset of the computer age hasn't made things any easier on folks like Aho, who believe they've encountered life forms from "out there."

Born on a homestead in Woodland, Aho went on to become a major with the U.S. Army Combat Intelligence group in World War II.

He has, to his credit, five battle stars, a purple heart, a bronze star, and a bronze arrowhead for his landing at Omaha Beach.

He was among the liberators at Buchenwald.

For the last 20 years or more, Aho has largely been considered a kook because he speaks willingly — and volubly — about experiences he and others have had not on the battle ground, but with "messengers" from the vast universe beyond our skies.

No matter how you slice it, NASA space programs, robotics and artificial intelligence just don't butter the muffins like the excitement and mystery of an encounter with space beings, Aho indicated.

And while intense public interest in sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects waxes and wanes faster — and far less predictably — than the phases of the moon, a dedicated hard core of believers remains active even now, 38 years after the original sighting of flying saucers near Mount Rainier.

More than 15,000 UFOs have been reported seen in the United States since an Idaho brush pilot described nine saucer-like discs flipping and flashing near the summit of Mount Rainier one sunny

day in 1947.

A number of Pierce County residents claim they have seen flying triangles, cigars, footballs, saucers and potlids since — and though they've not been reported through regular channels, several sightings have taken place in the last year, Aho said.

As recently as June 1, a Puyallup resident who prefers to remain unnamed, told Aho he sighted a huge, triangle-shaped ship and two luminous, smaller ones, circling over Commencement Bay.

June 18, Hal Waller, a Tacoma resident, said he saw a UFO hovering over the intersection at 64th and South Yakima.

And a year ago last March, an entire family claims to have witnessed an other-world aerial display over its Brown's Point home.

Bob Gribble, who finances and runs his own Phenomena Research organization tracking down UFO reports in the Northwest 25 years or more, said his Seattle-based 12-man volunteer agency has heard nothing of these sightings, though he did say a saucer was seen going down in the water off Lummi Island south of Bellingham last summer.

It's been pretty quiet in Washington — all over, actually — since then, he said.

If you see a little green man poking around in your strawberry patch — or even if you see only the funny-shaped car he gets around in, who do you tell?

Not the Air Force, Aho said. All they'll do is refer you to a National Archives number, long distance. You have to pay for the call yourself.

"Who's going to do that?" he demanded.

And, knowing the recep-

tion such stories get, who's likely to 'fess up to having seen such things?

The ridicule that often accompanies such reports is not a new problem, Aho said.

"Look what they said about Moses," he commented.

Strange lights and peculiar craft have been reported flitting in and out of earth's atmosphere since ancient times.

The Greek gods, some say, might have been superior beings from another world. And Ezekial's spectacular wheel of fire may have been a visitation from God, all right, but in the person of beings from outer (or inner) space, Aho said.

World War II pilots and seamen complained of lights they called "foo fighters" buzzing their vessels.

And in our own time, some have claimed saucer rides, bizarre medical inspections and sexual intercourse with aliens.

Such heads of state as Winston Churchill, president Harry Truman and Queen Marie of Rumania were supposed to have been in contact with men from other worlds.

A wave of sightings in the last two decades led to organization of UFO interest groups world-wide, with some pretty bizarre results.

A couple calling themselves "he" and "she" turned up in various places, including Waldport, Ore. The pair convinced gullible residents to give away their homes, their children and their money and ride off into the desert.

There, they were promised, a huge saucer would come and take them up to a better world where no one lies, steals, cheats on their spouses or sets off atomic bombs.

Aho says he had such an encounter lasting all night in the Mojave Desert in 1956.

The encounter changed his life, the retired military officer says, over and over, as often as he gets a chance.

To hear him tell it, it must have been wonderful.

But he's still here — at least, mostly — on planet Earth.

OBSERVER, Fayetteville, NC - July 4, 1985

Q. Several years ago when we lived in Kentucky I had an experience with an unidentified flying object but I can't remember anything for a half hour afterwards. I would like to know if there is someone I can contact locally to get hypnotized to try to remember what happened? — O.P.

A. Live Wire doesn't know anyone you can contact in the Fayetteville area but there is someone in Gaston County who might be able to help you. You can write to George Fawcett, a field investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, a non-profit, non-governmental organization that seeks to get more information on UFO sightings around the world.

Fawcett has taught a college-credit course on "Ufology," the study of UFOs, at the Lincolnton campus of Gaston College for four years. He and his wife own a restaurant in Lincolnton, and he was the subject of a feature article in The Sunday Fayetteville Observer-Times in February.

Anyone who would like to report a sighting or to request more information can contact Fawcett at 602 Battleground Road, Lincolnton, N.C. 28092.

# Solutions sought for UFO mysteries

By SCOTT SIMONS  
Herald & Review Staff Writer

An unidentified flying object had landed at an English Air Force base, the news commentator said, and inside were seven dead, people-like bodies. Only 4½ feet tall, they had black hair and Latin-type features.

It was in June 1955 when Leonard Sturm heard a report on the radio that picqued his interest and led to



Leonard Sturm

serious involvement in trying to unravel the UFO mystery.

Intrigued by the news, Sturm, of 1835 S. Fairview Ave., went looking for the story the next day in Chicago and St. Louis newspapers. No luck. He later learned the story was censored by the English government, although one New York City paper had it in one edition before the story was killed.

Now the Illinois director for the Mutual UFO Network, a national non-profit organization dedicated to research and investigation of UFOs, Sturm says that case was one of the first actions taken by a government to keep UFOs and their inhabitants a secret.

This weekend, Sturm is attending a symposium in St. Louis with the theme, "UFOs: The Burden of Proof." He says it is up to civilians — while their government counterparts aggressively and secretly pursue it as well — to unlock the mysteries of visitors from outer space.

An interview with the 60-year-old Sturm, an electrical engineer for Illinois Power Co., quickly dispels any

notions the guy's a kook.

In a paced, even voice, Sturm notes that the secrecy, or cover-up, if you will, is due to the recognition by governments in the U.S. and Soviet Union that whoever first befriends alien visitors could be provided with an abundance of information that could solve problems here on Earth.

"But that's not the primary reason for secrecy," Sturm said. "Their craft are powered by a physical means we don't know anything about."

Sturm has had three sightings of his own between 1959 and 1974, the second of which prompted him to found the Decatur UFO Research Committee in 1967. The small study group meets the last Tuesday of each month at the Decatur Public Library.

And though the local group is comprised of more common people, the national UFO organization is strictly professional.

"The members are scientists and engineers who recognize the UFO phenomenon is very real and can't be explained in scientific terms," Sturm says.

The group is trying to solve the puzzle, involving three very important questions:

- "Who are they?"
- "What do they intend to do to us?"
- "Where are they from?"

"That's the most intriguing question because people see them leave, from apparently one time-space frame into another we know nothing about," Sturm says. "They vanish before their eyes. There are a lot fewer reports the other way around."

In the Decatur area, the last reported sighting was more than three years ago.

"Few people watch the sky," Sturm laments. "Decatur people don't seem to be interested. They've found my talks interesting, but not enough to join."

Nationally, though, the scientific community is employing more sophisticated equipment to analyze data and evidence. People have reported 130 different shapes of vehicles over the years, meaning that aliens could be coming from many places.

Sturm is optimistic the mystery can be solved.

## Sightings 'better than average'

When Leonard Sturm talks about his own UFO sightings, he notes there have been more than 2,500 reported cases where craft have landed or almost landed.

Of those cases, more than 300 resulted in the UFOs' occupants abducting those who watched. Some earthlings were returned, Sturm says; others were not. In that light, he says his sightings were not awe-inspiring.

Still, the Illinois director of the national Mutual UFO Network says his three sightings were "better than average," all occurring during the day with witnesses present.

Many people think about flying saucers appearing at night, but Sturm says UFO night sightings are "quite insignificant."

Following are descriptions of his not-so-close encounters:

• 1959 — Sturm and his family were traveling north on Illinois 47, just south of Morris. He was in the back seat while his wife was driving.

The craft, slightly elliptical in shape and bright, was about the size of a DC-3 twin-engine airplane, Sturm said. It appeared suddenly, off to the northeast of the car.

He rolled down his window and stuck his head out. He could only see the bottom of the craft, which was about a mile away from the car. After a minute, the craft was directly east of the car, and, using trigonometry, Sturm figured it was traveling about 4,000 mph. His son and wife also saw it.

• Labor Day weekend 1967 — Sturm was off the shore of Lake Decatur across from Nelson Park about

3:30 p.m.

U.S. Air Force jets were leaving long vapor trails in the sky, but Sturm said a "self-luminating, round, globular object" flew considerably high overhead. "We simply watched it fly by," he added.

• 1974 — Sturm and an Illinois Power Co. engineering clerk were returning from a business trip in Mount Vernon, traveling north on U.S. 51. About a mile south of Macon, Sturm looked up ("I watch for them all the time") and it was directly above the car.

The silver, aluminum-colored craft looked like a "big airplane," but it had no engines, tail, wings and did not make any noise. About 2,000 feet up, it traveled north and Sturm's colleague also saw it. Viewing time was about 1 to 1½ minutes, until they lost sight of it over the tree line while negotiating the S-turn at Macon.

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# Seeing is not necessarily believing

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Decatur, IL - June 29, 1985)

**"I believe it's possible, but I'm still not convinced I saw one. I'd like it explained to me."**

.. Terry Camfield

feet away, but at an altitude of 1,000 to 2,000 feet. It emitted no noise.

Despite his observations, Camfield, unlike his wife, said he doesn't watch the sky any more than usual. He, like Sturm, doesn't know of any other people who saw it.

"I wanted a witness," Camfield said in an interview, "and I just want to know what it was. It didn't move unless I moved."

The only thing that casts doubt on the sitting is that only the Camfields saw it, Sturm said. But he acknowledged that people in the Decatur area do not watch the sky and take a casual, if any, approach to UFOs.

Shelly Camfield, though, after her "strange" encounter, now watches the sky more than she did before the incident.

but in his excitement forgot to rewind the film. As a result, 17 of his shots were fogged, leaving only the first, long-range shots.

The photographs were tested to ensure the small white line was not a reflection or any other kind of aberration.

Returning to the location, the Camfields watched the object again from 4:45 to 5 p.m., still in its circular flight path. The couple lost site of the object while driving home.

Camfield told Sturm that he had the feeling the object was relatively small — six to eight feet long and only one to two inches in diameter, but slightly thicker in the middle. It traveled at variable speeds, sometimes quite fast and at others almost stopping or hovering.

He estimated the object was 200 to 400

According to the report filed with the organization, Camfield said he saw a horizontal bar of light in the sky coming toward him. The object circled in the sky, always west of Camfield, but flew in a vertical position when it was in the east and west directions of its circular path.

"The object did not look like anything except a fluorescent light tube flying in the sky," Camfield told Sturm.

Camfield stopped to watch the object from 3:30 to 3:40 p.m., then headed home to pick up his camera. He drove back to the spot in his car and snapped 24 color shots of the object with a 50-millimeter lens. At 4:10 p.m., Camfield returned to his home, where his wife, Shelly, had since arrived.

Before returning to the location with his wife, he took the film out of the camera,

Terry Camfield of Argenta takes an agnostic approach to UFOs.

"I believe it's possible, but I'm still not convinced I saw one. I'd like it explained to me."

But Camfield, a 33-year-old general foreman for Baldwin & Associates at the Clinton nuclear power station, acknowledges he did see something April 14, 1982, the last reported sighting of a UFO in the Decatur area.

He was riding his motorcycle three miles west of Maroa on a county road when a "white-looking light" caught his eye.

Leonard Sturm, a state director for the National Mutual UFO Network, investigated the sighting after Camfield was told by a friend of the Decatur man's involvement in UFOs.

SHEAF, Warren, MN - July 3, 1985

## Borg Family Watches 2 UFOs For 1½ Hours

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Borg and two children of rural Newfolden still don't know what it was, but according to Mrs. Borg, it was something like they had never seen before.

The Borgs were arriving home at their farm 2 miles west and 1½ miles north of Newfolden about 11 p.m. Monday night when something flew right over their heads and over the house. Cindy Borg stated that it was brightly lit and was making a rather soothing sort of humming sound.

The family followed the object behind their home and then returned to their car to follow it and try to identify what it was. Mrs. Borg said the object was lit with a flashing red light in the center and blue, green and clear lights on the back. She also said the sound appeared to come from the back end of the object.

With the Borgs in pursuit, the object flew northwest of Newfolden then turned and seemed to hover in small circles. Then, "as if it had seen our lights, it turned around," said Mrs. Borg. She said the family sat in their car with the lights and engine turned off and the object flew directly at them and right over the roof of their car. At that point, they turned to follow it and discovered another object of the same description in the sky behind them.

"It was very strange," said Mrs. Borg, who said neither she nor her husband could make out the shape of the object. "It was so dark and everything, and even though it came right over us, we

couldn't make out its shape."

She said the objects flew around in the sky in the area until almost 12:30 p.m. before disappearing.

Upon calling the Minnesota State Highway Patrol to report her sighting, Mrs. Borg was informed that a similar sighting had been made in the area on Sunday night and that the Highway Patrol had received a call on it.

"I told them to believe me that I wasn't crazy or anything and that I really did see something. I don't know if they did or not," said Mrs. Borg.

The State Highway Patrol District Office in Thief River Falls confirmed receiving a call from Mrs. Borg and said that no other calls had been received. An official from the office said that a cruiser was sent to the area and that nothing was spotted and that their offices do not investigate these matters much farther unless several calls of sightings are received. He said the information on Sunday's sighting was not available.

## Letter To The Editor:

To the Gazette:

The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, Inc. (APRO) is investigating a possible UFO incident near Winter during the summer of 1978. APRO is a non-profit scientific organization now based in Tucson, Arizona. It was founded in Sturgeon Bay (Wis.) in 1952.

Our investigation so far indicates that a family driving near Winter was enveloped by a bright light and experienced a period of "missing time." There is second-hand information that somebody else had seen a UFO in the sky at about the same time. Any 1978 witnesses to a UFO—either in the air or on the ground—are urged to contact me at the address below. Regardless of how "ordinary" your own sighting might seem, it could be very important in helping to corroborate the "missing time" case.

Though this letter is prompted by the above incident, APRO is also interested in hearing of any other UFOs.

Names will be kept confidential if desired.

Very truly yours,  
/s/ Richard W. Heiden  
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SAWYER CO. GAZETTE, Winter, WI - July 25, 1985 CR: R. Heiden

## A close encounter with space cadets at Wyatt's Cafeteria

**H**alfway through our lovely meal at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Clyde rests his utensils and calmly announces, "I am not going in there." Then, with an air of and-that-settles-it, he shoves his smashed potatoes across the table, attacks a small slab of chocolate pecan pie, and implies with this action that he also doesn't intend to even hang around on so much as the periphery of "in there" very long. In fact, we are more than a little bit certain that, were it not for that chocolate pecan pie, he'd be out of here already.

"Oh come on, Clyde! This is going to be fun!" we say. In two bites, he's obliterated about half of his pie.

"Nope. Not going," he says.

"Why not?"

"Just because." Another bite. We'd better think of something pretty good pretty fast.

"Clyde, for a grown man, you really are being very childish," we say. "Why do you not want to go in there?"

"For one thing, we're not invited. For another thing, it's just weird. Besides, you heard what that cashier said when you paid for the food. She said there's a bunch of weirdos in that room! So I'm not going in there and that's that."

In there, by the way, was a MUFON meeting, which seems to be starting in the private party room just about now. MUFON means Mutual UFO Network, and we've been watching people with *Enquirer*-ing minds file in for the meeting. Age range seems to be early 30s to mid-50s.

Many of the women have on semi-sexy outfits; one middle-aged woman has on a dress cut so low that we can easily see the big X of her cross-your-heart bra. One of the younger women, a shapely, tanned girl, wears purple harem pants and an embroidered halter with ties that end in daisies. A white-haired man wearing cowboy boots and very blue jeans has on a long-

sleeved green sports shirt with a collar but no opening or even buttons, kind of like Ralph Lauren's fashions for *Star Trek* or something. And how we finally convince Clyde to go "in there" we still can't tell you, but it has less to do with logic than with the girl in the purple pants.

Clyde's balking has made us just a tad tardy, and we miss the introduction of the speaker, Bud something-or-other. He's from New York, we hear, and we're slightly disappointed. We paid six dollars to get in and he's a mere earthling. He looks pretty distinguished, though, like he could start a career making E.F. Hutton commercials if he ever gets famous. He's wearing cream-colored slacks, an olive grey sports jacket, and a shirt that's a rather shocking shade of fuchsia. We remind ourselves that many men suffer from color-blindness, and that's where women come in handy.

Bud begins by asking a rather disturbing question. There have been thousands of UFO incidents, he says (the ones he describes all sound like short-term abductions). "What do they need all these people for?" he asks. Then he says "they" seem to use their abductees for three basic things. He doesn't enumerate those three things now, but we plan to stay tuned.

Bud plays a tape of this woman named Carey, who can talk about her several abductions only under hypnosis. Consequently, this tape has many long stretches of silence while she paused for a message from her abductors. Carey had fallen asleep in her 9-year-old son's bed because her son had fallen asleep on Carey's bed. This seems to indicate that the aliens really came for her son, who had been abducted at some earlier date. But Carey, too, had already experienced at least one space odyssey, so it seems that these incidents just kind of run in her family.

"I just see the green smoke [pause], but I

really feel afraid of it [pause]. It's getting closer to the bed [pause]. John's Christmas toys are all over the floor [pause]. Now [pause] I can't move. I should have left the room sooner. I don't want to go with them. I don't want them to come here anymore! [pause] There's people in the room and I don't want them to touch me!"

Just now, the back door of the party room bursts open, and everybody jumps and looks expectantly toward the door. Alas, it's just another tardy earthling whose presence is not preceded by any green smoke.

"I'm going to leave the house and I don't want to do it," Carey is saying. "I've done it before and I don't want to do it again." Bud fast forwards the tape, and now Carey's on the spaceship. Her captors, dressed in burlap, have "fake plastic hands," which they use to implant a glowing bee-bee-like object into her ear. "Now they wanna see if I can walk [pause]. They're so stupid." And that's Carey's story in a nutshell (no pun intended), although it takes a lot longer to hear it on tape.

A youngster sitting across from us in the back of the room looks like he'd rather be playing video games. Obviously, he came here under duress with his mother, and now he's so bored he's eating pink packages of Sweet 'N' Low.

Bud shows some slides of drawings people made representing the funny little space cadets who have visited them. All these drawings look alike, which Bud finds significant. We think they all look like a combination of E.T. and those adorable aliens from *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. Bud categorizes the two types of aliens in these drawings by whether or not they have the "long-robe quality."

These aliens, Bud says, seem to be doing several things. One is the bee-bee implant, like Carey described. Bud talks about numerous similar incidents, in which the abductee had a bee-bee inserted through the ear, the eye socket, or a nostril. Yuck. Pretty gross. But Bud says the aliens normally return several months later to retrieve the implant. We suppose that explains why he has no samples here to hold up and say, "This is an implant we found in her ear."

Another thing "they" are doing, Bud tells us, is taking cell samples from earthlings, possibly for cloning. He shows more slides, this time women's shins with little "scoop marks" where "they" took some cells, Bud says. Some of these women have disgusting flaky white shins, and those "scoop marks" look remarkably like little razor nicks. Perhaps if these women would just start using Nair, the aliens would leave them completely alone. But some of the slides show "scoop marks" on people's backs. That's when we take special notice of a woman sitting near us. Her frosted hair has been sprayed into a neat helmet, and she's wearing a turquoise sundress that reveals, among other things, about 94 tiny "scoop marks" between her shoulder blades. Doo-doo-doo-doo, doo-doo-doo-doo...

"Now we move to the third point, and this is pretty disturbing," Bud says. And he tells about the other-than-cell samples the aliens seem to want. "They" seem to have some interest in producing hybrids, if you know what we mean. "There seems to be definite evidence that some kind of interbreeding is going on," Bud says. "Of course, I'm speculating left and right here." Without going into any gory details, we'll just say Bud reports that several male "abductees" have been forced to do things that don't leave little "scoop marks." And several female "abductees" may have been "scooped" in more ways than one.

"Have any of these women carried a hybrid to full-term?" a MUFON member asks. Let's face it; this is a question that's on everyone's mind.

"Yes," Bud says.

"Can you tell us about it?" the MUFON man asks.

Bud flatly refuses. Perhaps a hybrid has grown up and is now in high office. We contemplate the possibilities of having a hybrid in the White House.

We're now into the question-and-answer segment of the meeting, but we About Towners are sort of aliens here, so we hesitate to ask any questions. Some of the people who do precede their questions with comments on articles they've read in *The Flying Saucer Review*. Seems we were wrong about this being an *Enquirer* crowd.

We're the first ones to leave the meeting, and driving home, we scan the sky for signs of green mist or space ships. It's a good thing we don't see anything but a few airplanes, because, although About Towners will go anywhere for a good story, the Richardson Wyatt's is already stretching our limit. We have this firm policy against going to Mars. ■

## MUFON incensed

*Editor's note: It is our usual policy to apply generally accepted editing principles to letters from readers in the interest of making the letters as readable and to the point as possible. At the request of the writer of the following letter, we have left all errors intact. The letter is in reference to Dusty Rhodes' biweekly first-person column ("About Town"), in which Dusty relates her personal experiences in and around Dallas. The column ran July 11, 1985.*

To the editor,

Recently I was sent an *Observer* article by a writer—I assume a woman—named Dusty Rhodes. Her quaint pen name was a tipoff for the humorous piece which followed, an account of her experience at the June 27 meeting of a Dallas UFO study group. Dusty wields a subtle and witty pen. Her article is full of hilarious references to skin problems, brassieres, hair dye and "disgusting"—her word—women's legs. She also has many sidesplitting lines about the bad taste in clothing she notices in the audience. She describes the bare back of a woman near her, giving us an approximate count of the number of pock marks and other skin blemishes she can see there, and then goes on to ridicule the woman's taste in clothing and hairdo. You have to hand it to Dusty, she has an instinctive nose for bad taste.

Then she finally makes an effort to settle down and listen to the speaker at this gathering. I was the speaker, and Dusty admitted—quite honestly, I thought—that she arrived too late to hear the introduction and obviously declined to ask anyone later on who I was and what I did in the world. Like the careful reporter she is she also declined to ask any questions during the question period. All her clever, deflating questions had to be saved for her column where they would be in no danger of receiving accurate, deflating answers.

Alas, poor Dusty was so busy looking at hair styles and halters that she got her facts wrong when she finally got around to the content of my talk. I played a tape recording of parts of an hypnotic session I conducted with a woman who was recounting, very emotionally, a UFO experience. Hypnosis, as the American Medical Association report

on the subject states, helps elicit more details of an experience, and thus aids conscious recollection. The woman in question had, I pointed out, recalled her entire experience *consciously*, before hypnosis was ever used. Dusty, probably busy counting pock marks and hardly listening, wrote that the woman only remembered her experience *while under hypnosis*, thereby denigrating its validity.

I showed slides of drawings various witnesses had made of UFO occupants in a number of cases I had researched. Dusty, predictably, wrote humorously about images in the films *E.T.* and *Close Encounters*. This rapier thrust might have been in trouble had she raised a question about the matter. Most of the drawings *preceded* the films, and, as she should have known, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the Air Force's chief consultant on UFOs, was the technical consultant for Steven Spielberg and gave him some of these drawings so that he could base the "alien's" image in *Close Encounters* on actual case material. Thus the resemblance. (*E.T.* has nothing really to do with this, since that cuddly rascal is based on a turtle, sans shell). Dusty proudly wrote in her piece that she hesitated to ask any question (on any subject, of anyone present) since she felt out of place. (What do they teach in journalism school nowadays?)

I have no desire to try to straighten out her other errors and misunderstandings, an Augean task at best. Dusty has made her point. The woman whose unmistakably suffering voice was heard on the tape reliving her frightening UFO experience is recounting a traumatic event that can be told, in Dusty's clever phrase "in a nutshell." (She coyly adds, "No pun intended.") Dusty asks nothing, raises no issues. A group of people gathered for a purpose that—to them, at least—is important and serious, can be ridiculed for having a pock mark here, an unstylish garment there. I'd like to read the hilarious job she could do on a group of black civil rights activists or a meeting of American Legion vets. Humor, alas, is in short supply, but so, it seems, is intellectual curiosity, tolerance of one's fellow human beings, and simple journalistic accuracy.

—Sincerely,  
Budd Hopkins  
Wellfleet, Mass.

## Cop turns in badge for UFOs

By RICHARD WEIZEL  
Telegram staff writer

FAIRFIELD — After 29 years as a member of the Fairfield Police Department, Lt. George Lesnick — a self-proclaimed "UFO-buster" — went out with a bang.

In his last official assignment Wednesday, Lesnick helped out on the traffic detail at the annual fireworks display at Jennings Beach.

"I'm glad I can help out to clear the roads after the fireworks display is over," said Lesnick, who has been a lieutenant in the Traffic Division for the past three years. "I have spent more than half my life in a police uniform and it's a funny feeling knowing that it is coming to an end."

"I am leaving reluctantly, definitely with mixed feelings. I have really loved working with the guys here, and I'm going to miss that, but I've had a wonderful career and it's time to devote more time to other things."

The 57-year-old Lesnick now plans to police the heavens. The lifelong Fairfield resident said he wants to concentrate on his 32-year-old hobby of researching reports of UFOs.

As a field investigator for the International Center for UFO Studies (based in Evanston, Ill.), Lesnick interviewed thousands of people last year in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties in New York and others here in Fairfield County. Those interviewed claimed they saw flying, boomerang-shaped objects and huge V-shaped ships. The case became the most reported multiple UFO sighting ever.

When interviewed on a New York television show last year, Lesnick called himself and his partner, a 33-year-old science teacher from Greenwich, "UFO-busters."

"I love the adventure and excitement of it," he said. "Now I'll have the time to do it on a more full-time basis and to accept some of the (two dozen) offers I've had to give lectures on the subject."

Lesnick also received a lot of attention as a police officer. He earned six commendations during his career. Two of those were for saving people's lives: he revived a baby who had fallen and hit his head, and he saved a family of four from drowning during a severe storm. He also helped solve a kidnapping case resulting in the rescue of a 15-month-old boy.

"Those were my most satisfying moments," Lesnick said. "It was a great feeling knowing that I was able to help people. That's the part of the job that I enjoyed the most."

Police Chief William Mockalis called Lesnick "a dedicated and excellent police officer who will be hard to replace."

In addition to his interest in UFOs, Lesnick said he is welcoming a chance to spend more time with his wife, Mary, and his sons, George Jr., 26, and David, 23.

But that doesn't mean he's getting the rocking chair ready.

"I'm going to apply for the part-time job of air marshal, a new program that's being set up by the government to combat terrorism on airplanes," Lesnick said. "As I said before, I love adventure and excitement, and this job should provide that."



# UFO Contactees Share Experiences

by Robert Roten  
Boomerang Staff Writer

The Sixth Rocky Mountain Conference on UFO Investigation's first public session got off to an interesting start Friday evening with a presentation by an investigator from Australia and a Colorado woman who said she had been abducted, examined and programed by alien creatures.

Joyce Updike, Ovid, Colorado, said a UFO landed in her farmyard in 1967, but she was unable to remember the incident until being hypnotized by R. Leo Sprinkle of the Institute for UFO Contactee Studies in Laramie.

Updike said once she underwent time regression hypnosis she realized that she has been abducted by beings in a UFO and that a similar incident happened to her in 1959.

Updike described the beings as humanoid with what appeared to be winged helmets with noseplates like ancient Greek or Roman helmets. She said the "space brothers" seem to be programming her, causing her to intensely study various subjects. She said, "I don't know how I will use some of these things."

Apparently her children were also affected, since Updike said one of her daughters once told her that she didn't have to study because she could "pull the grades out of her teacher's head."

Updike said, "I don't trust time anymore ... I don't even trust the clock because I don't know how long it has said that."

Nevertheless, she said she likes the space brothers and said they are benevolent, peaceful and non-violent. She said, "I don't know why they bother with us."

She said, as have other contactees, that an "Earth change" is coming at some unspecified future time. Some

of the changes mentioned include volcanic eruptions and earthquakes, as well as a switching of the Earth's magnetic poles.

Updike said the space brothers will rescue those with the proper mental vibrations, a sort of interplanetary air rescue of massive proportions.

Bobbie Frediani, Boulder, who has recently started a Transformational Healing Institute, said that after seeing Leo Sprinkle on the television presentation "Strange Harvest," she had herself hypnotized and discovered that she could contact platinum-gold colored beings existing on a plane of light. She later developed the ability to place her mind in a similar plane of existence and call upon the aid of these beings to help other people.

Frediani also talked of the Earth Change. She was asked by a member of the audience if her spiritual beings had told her of the fate of the earth, if the Earth will be okay. Frediani said, "They said it's going to work out all right — but that doesn't mean we'll survive." That brought laughter from the audience, so she explained that to the higher beings, the fate of people is less important than that of the earth as a whole.

Frediani also said that efforts to prove the existence of UFO's are not important. She said, "We can't have too much expectation of the mainstream. The mainstream has very limited spiritual resources ... We can save our money. We can relax and we can carry on our work."

Other speakers included Jerry Clark and Ann Eller. Clark is editor of International UFO Reporter and a writer for Fate Magazine. Eller is a secretary for J. Allen Hynek, director of the Center for UFO Studies in Glenwood Ill. and the International Center for UFO Research in Arizona.

Clark rebuffed some statements by members of the audience that people who go public with their UFO experiences are harassed by the government. Clark said "there is no evidence" that official government agencies are harassing UFO contactees, unless they happen to see things near military bases, or unless they violate laws regarding national security. He said what may be happening is harassment of contactees by neighbors, possibly for religious or other reasons.

Eller said the Center for UFO studies is launching a new effort to raise some \$2 million per year for legitimate scientific research into UFO's. She said Hynek wants mobile laboratories, housed in vans that can be at UFO landing sites in a matter of hours to conduct scientific studies.

Clark affirmed that, "The chronic problem with UFO research is lack of funding." He said the only two official sources of well-funded research into UFO phenomena are in France and in the Soviet Union.

Paul Norman, of Australia spoke to the audience about recent UFO sightings and evidence in that country. He played a tape recording of military personnel in Australia who found evidence of residual heat and radiation at a suspected UFO landing sight and a visual sighting of a strange reddish-yellow flickering light.

The Rocky Mountain Conference on UFO Investigation continues today with public sessions slated for 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Among those expected to participate today are Akiko Arakawa, of Japan, Alan Grise of West Allis, Wis. and others.

## Group probes UFO sightings

HERALD-STANDARD, Uniontown, PA - Aug. 5, 1985 CR: B. Finney

LONDON, Ohio (AP) — Some people might find it appropriate that a man named Clark Kent believes in unidentified flying objects from other planets. But Kent is no Superman, just a researcher who conducts experiments on UFO technology from a small, high-voltage electronics laboratory in Xenia.

"If we don't do it, the Russians or someone else will," he said.

Kent is one of 15 members of the Phenomena Research Organization, which has looked into claims of orange balls of light in the sky, Bigfoot sightings, UFO landings and anything else which the general public would consider strange.

There were 12,618 UFO sightings reported to the U.S. Air Force between 1948 and 1969,

when the Air Force officially closed its books on them, deciding they were not extraterrestrial or a security threat.

But 710 of the sightings remain unexplained.

Larry Tillman, former disaster services coordinator for Madison County and now an employee of the Ohio Department of Transportation, is one of PRO's executive coordinators. He has a microscope through which people can see what he says are Bigfoot hair and skin samples.

Tillman also has an odd-shaped figure he calls a devil but looks like a mass-produced, novelty shop figurine. It is wrapped in cloth and packed carefully in a suitcase. He says that although he does not know what it is, he's certain it's dehydrated and made of skin and

bone.

"My grandfather got it at a garage sale," he said.

Lining walls of a mobile home where the group met last week are tapes of claimed UFO sightings, a computer on which the sightings are listed, an oscilloscope and videotape equipment. A 45-minute tape produced by Tillman includes man's first moon landing, a segment of a 1980 television show on Madison County's "UFO Highway," and oddly shaped lights which Tillman says are UFOs captured by time-exposure photography.

UFO Highway is Ohio 665, which heads east from London and where sightings of orange balls of light have been claimed. Some people say the lights hover over the London Correctional Institution. However, the prison's superintendent, Arnold Jago, says he has seen no such phenomena.

"I have been here five years," he said. "I do not live very far from the institution. I sit in my yard a lot. I see a helicopter once in a while, but I've never had a UFO report, and I've never seen one."



NEWS, Adelaide, S.A., Australia  
May 29, 1985 CR: J. Magee

## Saucer 'was off with a flash'

SYDNEY: A security guard claims he frightened off a flying saucer with his flashlight while checking on a suburban premises.

Mr Robert Dix, 38, of Campbelltown, said he was securing the Chullora depot of a transport company at 5 am on Sunday when he saw "the bizarre phenomenon."

"It was huge and very bright," he said. "It was shaped like a saucer and was just sitting in the sky. It was a clear morning and the object stood out like a beacon."

Mr Dix said he stood in amazement at the sight, but did not know what to do.

"I flashed my torch at it and it started to zigzag about," he said.

He then went away to secure a storeroom and when he came out, the UFO was still hovering above.

"I was gone for about 15 minutes and when I came

back it was still there. I flashed the torch at it again and this time it stopped zigzagging and shot into space at an incredible speed," he said.

He stood for a while to try to take in what he had seen.

He then rang Mascot airport and checked to see if any strange object had shown up on radar.

"They said nothing unusual had appeared, so I rang Richmond Air Base. I didn't believe in flying saucers, but now I am convinced they are about," he said.

The aviation department said it no longer investigated UFO sightings unless they posed a threat to national security.

SUN, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia - June 19, 1985 CR: J. Magee

# UFO HAS LINES RUNNING HOT!

## BUT IT WAS PROBABLY A SPACE-ROCK 'SHOWER'

By PETER HOLDER

**HUNDREDS of people reported sightings of a mysterious bright light hovering in the skies of Sydney early this morning.**

The light appeared about 4.15am and stayed in the sky for about 15 seconds before slowly disappearing.

Reported sightings came from most parts of Sydney after the light appeared on the western skyline.

The Bureau of Meteorology said it had received many calls from people who had sighted the light but could offer no explanation.

Grant Goldman, the morning announcer on 2 Day FM, said he saw the mysterious light while getting ready for work.

"It was a very large and bright round object and it appeared to have steam coming off it," he said.

Ernest Lopez, a cleaner at the Crows Nest studios, said the light was very big with a yellow-green tinge which became thinner and disappeared.

Meteorologist Mike Bailey said the "UFO" seemed to be a meteorological shower, containing rock floating through space reflecting light.

"June 20 is charted as being the time a shower is expected," he said.

"The only other explanation is that it could have been a piece of space junk reflecting light."

The Department of Aviation had received reports of lights off Sydney but had no explanation.



● Goldman

● Lopez

DERWENT VALLEY GAZETTE, New Norfolk, Tasmania - May 29, 1985

## UFO's active — busy year ahead

**TWO good cases of UFO sightings in the last few weeks have investigators wondering whether the State might be in for a busy winter of UFO activity.**

The latest sighting was in the Fingal area on Friday. It followed a frightening experience for a Brighton woman who says she watched what appeared to be UFO activity for about 3 hours.

Both incidents are still being investigated, a spokesman for Tasmanian Unidentified Flying Objects Centre (TUFOIC), Mr Keith Roberts said yesterday.

The Fingal Valley sighting was made by Mr Don Ives, a former bank manager who said he saw a UFO the size of a small plane as it appeared to be landing in a gully. He said the UFO had what appeared to be port holes around it, and lights of all colours.

He said it was raining, and he stopped his car to make sure he was not simply seeing reflections from his car lights.

He watched the UFO disappear behind a hill but could still see the illumination from its lights.

So far is known there were no planes in the area at the time.

The other report being investigated by TUFOIC came from a Brighton woman who saw three lights which were moving about in the night sky about 12.30 am.

The woman, who was in her bedroom, said one of the lights came closer to her house, changed from white to red colour and then moved out of her range of vision. However, the bedroom was illuminated with an orange glow.

The woman said she then noticed that she could see the red coloured light as it was reflected in her bedroom mirror.

She told investigators she was "quite frightened."

The strange light stayed in the area until about 3.30 am, leaving only once and that was when the woman said she saw a plane in the night sky.

Inquiries showed the plane was a freightplane. After the plane had gone the light returned.

There were few UFO sightings in 1984, the main two being at Greens Beach in the north of the State, and at Turners Beach. The Greens Beach sighting was made in daylight, while the other was at 1.45 am.

There were no natural explanations for either of the sightings.

The sightings are given coverage in the annual report of TUFOIC. Mr Roberts said due to

high costs of printing the annual report was no longer offered for sale at Newsagents.

However, copies were supplied to members by TUFOIC. Membership of TUFOIC costs \$4 a year; members are kept up to date with Australian and international UFO sightings, and low-cost publications are available.

CR: J. Magee

NEWS, Perth, W.A., Australia - June 13, 1985

## Driver's close encounter

A Mandurah man says he was followed by an unidentified flying object early today.

Mr John Barber told Bunbury police that an "orange glow" tailed him for about 300 metres.

When he stopped, the UFO stopped. And it caused him and his car to heat up when it came close, Mr Barber told police.

The incident happened between Binningup and Lake Clifton as he headed south about 5.30am.

Police have reported it to the RAAF but are keen to interview Mr Barber again.

CR: J. Magee

## Has ET landed?

ARE ALIENS roaming the countryside around Worthing?

Police started receiving reports of UFO markings near the tiny village of Clapham on Friday night and set off to investigate.

They scoured the area and finally, in a field at Tollmere Farm, Long Furlong they came upon the strange sight.

Imprinted in the growing crops were five huge circles — one 25ft in diameter, surrounded by four smaller circles, each 5ft in diameter.

Baffled but convinced of a logical explanation, the police then came across some students from Worthing College of Design who were on a treasure hunt.

The answer, of course, was that the bizarre markings made up one of the clues in the treasure hunt...or did they?

Lecturer Mike Skinner, who organised the treasure hunt, denies absolutely that the markings were part of their clues.

"One of our clues happened to be in the vicinity of those markings but it was simply a sign outside the farm."

GUARDIAN, Worthing, England - July 4, 1985 CR: T. Good

HASTINGS EVENING ARGUS, Sussex, England - July 6, 1985 CR: T. Good

## Field ring: 'don't rule out UFO'

A UFO expert claims mystery rings that appeared in a Worthing field could have been made by a visitor from space.

Mr Charles Walker, the former chairman of the Southern Area Paranormal Investigation Group, says people have been too quick to dismiss the marks as a hoax.

The rings of flattened wheat appeared in a field at Tollmere Farm on the A280 at Long Furlong.

He says five people reported strange lights in the area only a few days before the marks appeared.

"It is not the first time that strange marks have been found in that general area. In April, 1975, following the sighting of a V-formation of lights one evening and a disc-shaped object which appeared to land near the wood the following evening, a large depression was found at what was thought to be the landing site."

"Also at this time a number of dogs went missing in the area."

"The last batch of UFO

sightings and people reporting strange feelings in the area was a couple of years ago, until the sighting a few days before the marks appeared."

Farm manager Mr Anthony Wicks has said the rings were caused by hoaxes.

But Mr Walker, of Christchurch Road, said: "I am not saying we are being invaded by aliens from other planets, but I would not dismiss them."

"The farmer says there are tracks leading from them, but they could have been made by people who spotted the marks and went to have a look before he got there."

Mr Walker, who works part-time for Worthing Borough Council, has co-written a book, called The Occult Connection in the Rape of Bramber, with Toyne Newton, of Eirne Road, Worthing, about the strange happenings in the Clapham, Patching and Cissbury areas.

"I am still collecting information about happenings in that area and would like to hear from anyone who has made any other sightings," he said.

NEWS & RECORD, Greensboro, NC - Aug. 3, 1985 CR: R. Hair

## UFO spotted in Zimbabwe

HARARE, Zimbabwe — An unidentified object flying near the South African border and heading toward Bulawayo has baffled Zimbabwe's airforce chiefs, The Herald newspaper reported Friday.

Observers at Bualwayo Airport control tower said the UFO was orange, rounded, with a short cone above it and had wings.

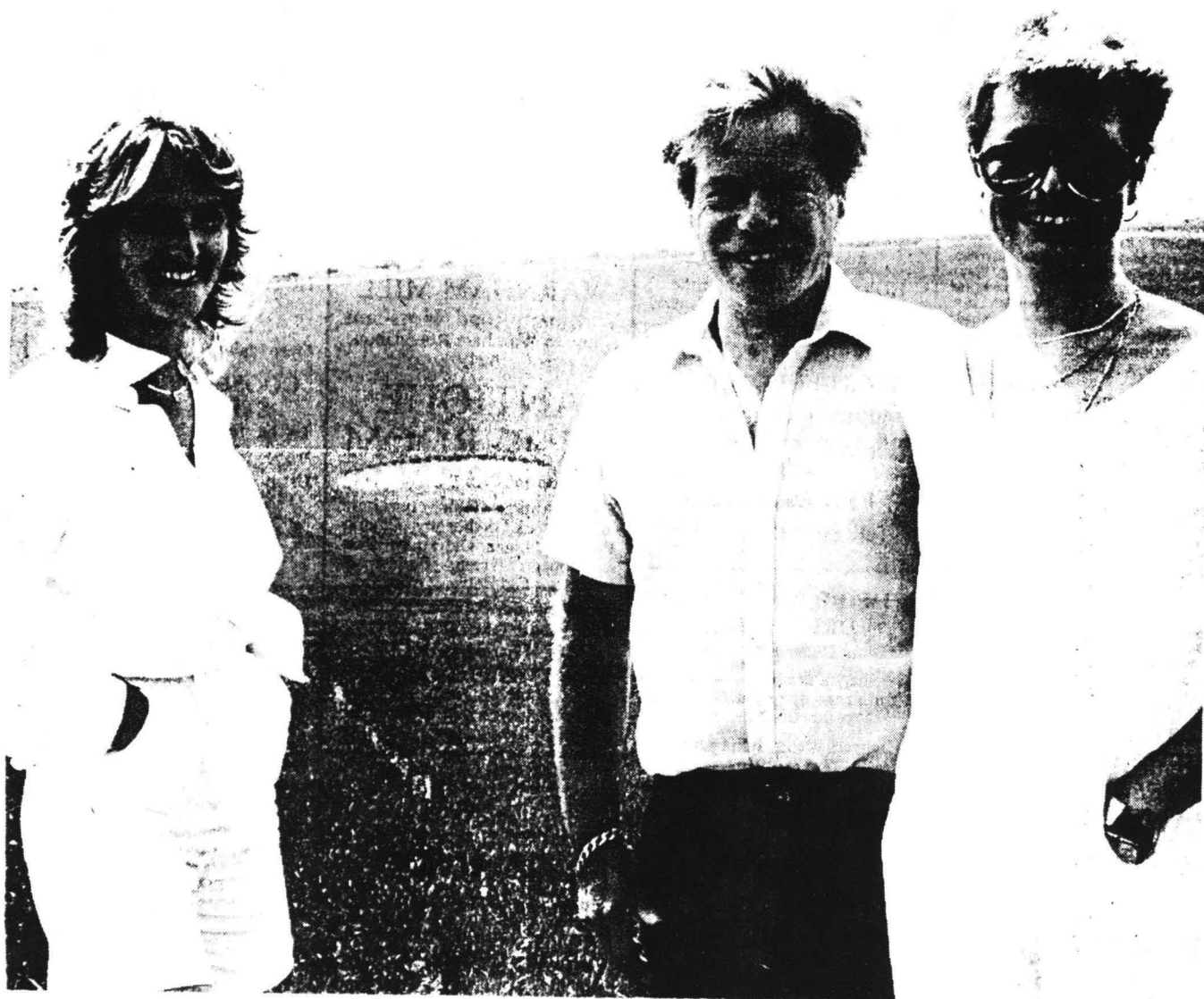
Two air force jet fighters sent to chase it last week were outlimbed by the object, the paper reported. The planes were flying at approximately the same altitude as the UFO, about 7,000 feet, when it suddenly accelerated and climbed at a "tremendous speed," outstripping the jets, the paper said.

Air Marshal Azim Daudpota told Deutsche Presse-Agentur that the pilots had not been able to get a clear enough view to identify the UFO. "But it was there, it was no illusion, no deception," he said.

The Herald quoted Air Commodore David Thorne, director-general of operations, as ruling out swarms of bees, birds or a meteorological balloon, objects commonly mistaken for aircraft.

— From Wire Reports





# UFO theory on mystery circles

A MYSTERY fit for the files of scientist and visionary Arthur C. Clarke was being speculated upon by villagers this week.

On Monday, while driving to his boutique in Rustington, Jeremy Fisher of Grove Lane, West Chiltington, spotted some strange markings in a cornfield on the side of the Long Furlong, a twisting country road between Findon and Clapham.

And, after studying them, he is now convinced the impressions were made by alien visitors.

"I was so intrigued by them that I nearly drove into a lorry," Jeremy explained afterwards.

With him was his wife Carol and 26-year-old Lisa Wigg, who lives in Storrington. "I thought it was very unusual," said Carol. "The marks had either been left by a UFO or it was a hoax."

What the three had spotted in the corn were five perfectly

formed circles. The one in the middle measured 18 yards across and the smaller ones five yards. The smaller circles appeared to be spaced at an equal distance from the centre.

"When I got to the shop I phoned Worthing police," said Jeremy. "They were very sceptical. One of their theories was that the wind had done it."

But he is still convinced the circles were left by visiting aliens.

"Twenty years ago I saw a flying saucer on the brow of the hill when I was driving home along the same road," he said. "It was a huge disc. It was winter time and I could see it clearly outlined against the sky."

Also at the scene on Monday afternoon was Jean Monger from Clapham. She claims to have seen a UFO over the area eight years ago. "It floated across the forest. It was cigar-shaped and had green and red lights."

A man who identified himself as a "UFO watcher" made a brief appearance at the scene. He said that the marks had been

reported to him and he had come to inspect them.

"I saw two of these sets of markings next to each other in a field in Hampshire. They were exactly the same shape. It was in 1983 at exactly this time of the year," he claimed.

Tony Wicks, manager for Findon Farms which owns the land, was more sceptical.

"I noticed the marks on Saturday at about 7.30 a.m. I thought somebody had been having a game. I don't believe it's anything to do with outer space. I don't know what it is but I think it's been done by human beings with a piece of string. I heard of something similar appearing at Winchester."

He said there were no footprints near the circles but there was a trail where the corn had been trampled.

The Fishers remain unswayed. Carol took a few ears of corn away with her from the large circle. She claims to have psychic abilities and intends to analyse the samples to shed some light on the mystery.

## UFOs Seen Over Taiwan

TAIPEI (AFP-Jiji) — Several residents in Nantou, central Taiwan, have sighted unidentified flying objects, local newspapers reported Monday.

Three newspapers, including the mass-circulated United Daily News and China Times, said that the shining objects were sighted by residents in the small town of Nantou early Sunday.

The papers said one man, a teacher, identified as Mr. Chang, was awakened around 5.30 a.m. by a friend, who saw 11 shining flying objects in the northern sky.

Chang told the papers that he and his children immediately went to the top of their apartment building but only saw six of them.

Chang said that four of the objects were either moving very slowly or staying still while the other two were moving west towards them.

The shining objects soon disappeared as the sky was gradually lit up by the early morning sun.

MAINICHI DAILY NEWS, Tokyo, Japan - July 23, 1985 CR: Y. Matsumura

LISA WIGG and Jeremy and Carol Fisher beside the field where they are convinced an unidentified flying object has left the mysterious circles visible in the picture. Photograph by Stephen Cobb.



Teckning av en anonym kvinna i Örsundsbro. Så här såg det föremål ut som hon såg en sen junikväll, knappt en månad tillbaka. Det lyste så starkt ur "fönstren" att hon inte kunde urskilja konturerna riktigt. Föremålet bara hängde, helt stilla, över den här skogsdungen vid Söva. Hon ritade ner vad hon sett direkt när hon kom hem.

BANNER, Werribee, Victoria, Australia  
May 29, 1985 CR: J. Magee

## RAAF pooh-poohs UFO sightings

A HOPPERS Crossing woman claimed she reported a UFO sighting to the RAAF base at Laverton several years ago.

This was in contrast to a spokesman from the base who was quoted in The Banner last week.

The spokesman said: "We've had no UFO sightings reported here before but it does happen occasionally at other bases."

The woman, who requested her name not be published, said she reported seeing the object which remained stationary in the sky for about half an hour.

She was home putting something in her garbage bin when she thought she sensed a star "do something".

The woman looked up and the object changed shape several times and at one stage resembled a cigar shape.

When she reported the sighting to the RAAF base she was told: "You think you're seeing this."

She was also told that the object was "being studied now".

The representative she spoke to told her: "You realise that if it is what you think it is we'll be saying nothing."

## UFO riddle over city

SCORES of Tynesiders claimed they saw a UFO over Newcastle last night.

Telephone lines to Metro Radio's late-night show were jammed by callers saying they saw the object after two Denton Burn listeners telephoned to say their car had been "buzzed" by a strange low-flying craft.

Mr. William Strain, forecaster at the Newcastle weather centre, said there was always an explanation for this sort of thing.

"I don't subscribe to the idea of visitors from space," he said.

But the UFO remained a mystery today.

"We had nothing out of the ordinary going on in that area last night," said an air traffic controller at Newcastle airport.

### Sparks

"We know nothing about this," said a spokesman at RAF Boulmer. "But to our knowledge, none of our planes were in that area."

Inspector Stephen Ransom, of Northumberland Police, said he had no reports of UFOs being spotted last night.

Mr. Strain said: "Often when people think they have seen a UFO it is sparks from the Metro reflected on low clouds. But the Metro was not running last night."

Mr. Brian Nelson, resident observer at the weather centre, said he had watched the sky from 8 p.m. until 7 a.m. and had seen nothing.

"I was observing for at least 50 per cent. of the time, over the whole of the horizon," he said.

BATH & WILTS CHRONICLE, England - June 20, 1985 CR: T. Good

## New riddle of field circles

MORE MYSTERIOUS circles have appeared in a cornfield in Wiltshire, reviving speculation on the UFO, whirlwind or helicopter theories.

The latest rings — one large one with four equi-distant smaller ones — are in a field of cereals on the slopes of Westbury White Horse hills at Bratton.

One of the first to spot the latest crop of five rings of flattened crops was Mr Maurice Easton, from Coulston, former cement works manager.

He said, "It really is a mystery. There is no sign of anyone having walked to the

circles in the middle of the field. I first noticed them a few days ago and just could not begin to guess what caused them. The corn is still growing."

Local meteorologist Dr Terence Meaden, however, is convinced that whirlwinds are the answer. Helicopters do not appear to be responsible, although the police have been using the craft in the area since the hippie invasion of the hills.



# UFO seen over Werribee South

A WERRIBEE man was left white and trembling after a close encounter of the first kind with a UFO.

Peter Jackson spotted the enormous cigar shaped object over Werribee South last Tuesday at 6.20 am.

Despite the mockery and disbelief of his friends and workmates, he said he would report the sighting to the RAAF base at Laverton.

"I was getting the car out to take my wife to work when I saw it," he told The Banner.

"It was about two miles away, south of my house and I guess about 1000 feet (about 300 m) up."

"It must have been a couple of hundred feet long (about 60 m) and was like the things you see on tele-

vision but a brighter yellow," he said.

He guessed no-one would believe the sighting so rushed inside to grab a camera and tell his wife.

As he returned to the backyard the UFO sped off over Werribee South and out over the bay.

"My wife said, 'don't tell anyone or they'll think you're off your rocker,'" he said.

"I don't care what anyone else says, I saw something most people will never see."

Mr Jackson said it was not a plane — he had seen them in the dark before, and he had also seen shooting stars (meteors) and the planets.

"This was something quite different."

"I believed there was something else out there, but I've never seen a UFO before," he said.

"And I hadn't been drinking, I was quite sober."

A spokesman at the Laverton RAAF base said he had not yet received the report but would treat it on its merits.

"We've had no UFO sightings reported here before but it does happen occasionally at other bases," he said.

If the officer involved considered the report a genuine one the details would be forwarded to Canberra where files on sightings were kept.

## 'UFO' caused Peking duck

PEKING (UPI) — A Chinese jumbo jet captain claims a UFO shadowed his plane briefly on a recent flight from Peking, a Chinese newspaper reported.

He was starting to make an emergency landing when the object disappeared, *People's Daily* said Friday.

The paper quoted Captain Wang Shuting as saying, "The crew first spotted the walnut-sized yellow light, brighter than any star we had ever seen, as we were flying at a height of 32,800 feet above Inner Mongolia on the night of June 11."

None of the plane's flight or navigation instruments were affected by the object, which kept pace with the plane for two minutes.

Wang said he reported the object to flight controllers and was just starting to make an emergency landing at a nearby airport when the light began to fade.

CR: G. Duplantier

## Zimbabwe Jet Planes Fail To Catch UFO

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe (AFP-Jiji) — A speedy unidentified flying object (UFO) easily out-climbed Zimbabwean jet fighters over this Matabeleland Region city last week, Air Force Chief Azim Daudpota said Friday.

Air Marshal Daudpota, who commands the Zimbabwe Air Force on contract from the Pakistan Air Force, added, "This was no ordinary UFO. Scores of people saw it. Even the two pilots of the fighter aircraft had visual contact with it over Bulawayo."

He said two Hawk jets were scrambled from the Thornhill Air Base about 200 kilometers (125 miles) northeast of here to investigate the UFO a week ago last Monday after it had been picked up on radar screens at Bulawayo Airport.

People who saw it visually from the airport said the object appeared reddish and rounded with a short cone on top. Its diameter was estimated at "less than the wingspan of a Boeing 707 jet."

As the fighters made visual contact the UFO, which had been hovering over Bulawayo at about 7,000 feet (2,000 meters), suddenly climbed vertically at high speed, said Air Commodore Dave Thorne.

The fighters levelled off at 31,000 feet and the UFO appeared to stop at about twice that altitude, Air Commodore Thorne said. It then followed the fighters back to Thornhill, where it hovered over the base for several minutes and then flew east.

MAINICHI DAILY NEWS, Tokyo, Japan - Aug. 4, 1985 CR: Y. Matsumura

## China Air Crew Sees Huge UFO

BEIJING (AP) — A Chinese Boeing 747 jetliner encountered a large, bright unidentified flying object last month over western China's Gansu province, the overseas edition of the Communist Party newspaper *People's Daily* (Renmin Ribao) reported Sunday.

It said Beijing-Paris flight CA933 of China's Civil Aviation Administration, the state-run airline, was over the Gansu capital of Lanzhou June 11 at 10:40 p.m. when the crew reported a UFO at 10,000 meters.

"Its brilliance extended from 40 to 50 km, and it was about 10 km wide," the account said. "An extremely bright spot radiated from the center."

It said, "The object traveled extremely fast, pacing the aircraft in a southerly direction for about two minutes."

There was no explanation for the delay in reporting the incident, and the account did not say whether passengers also saw the object.

UFOs have occasionally been reported in China, which has a UFO society and a magazine devoted to outer space mysteries.

JAPAN TIMES, Tokyo, Japan - July 30, 1985 CR: Y. Matsumura

## UFO fired on, Iranian report says

Antiaircraft batteries opened fire on an unidentified flying object that shone over northeastern Tehran but apparently missed it, Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency said in a report monitored in Beirut Tuesday.

IRNA quoted a source at the Joint Staff Command as saying the shining object that flew from west to east over northeastern Tehran at 8:15 p.m. Monday had not been identified, but some reports said it might be a satellite.

The source said Tehran's antiaircraft unit believed the object was an Iraqi warplane and opened fire on it. There was no immediate comment from Iraq and no reports the flying object had been hit or downed. (UPI)

## Good place for UFOs

AFTER 15 years as a naval nurse, Cheshire-born Eric Morris has come home to Winsford — the only place in which he has ever sighted a UFO, an experience he has never forgotten and which he hopes will be repeated.

If it is, he won't allow his widowed mother, Nellie, to dissuade him from reporting it as she did 20 years ago when, at the age of 11, he glanced up one night to see this cigar-shaped object with a circular light at each end hovering over the house in Alamein Road.

"A few days later it was sighted in Stoke-on-Trent,"

says Mr Morris, who was so impressed by the visitation that he devoted much of his off-duty life in the Royal Navy to forming and helping to run a society dedicated to investigating and researching sightings in Cornwall, Devon and Somerset.

Now back in civvy street and looking for a nursing job in a hospital, he's hoping to form a new group in Cheshire. He reckons the North West's a good place for sightings.

"UFOs are mainly sighted in thinly populated places like the Pennines," he says.

CR: T. Good

# Watching the sky for UFOs

SIGHTINGS of unidentified flying objects in the county skies are to be charted by a group in Market Rasen.

The UFO spotters will be going out looking for space ships and the like with the intention of compiling a file of cases across the county.

Their project follows the sighting of a UFO in Market Rasen by two schoolboys back in March, 1979.

They claim they saw "an incredible yellow light shine down from the UFO, covering a large area."

The society is hoping to find a common factor linking

all the sightings over the county.

They want to hear from anyone with information about a UFO. Contact the Secretary, Ashgrove, Wickenby Road, Lissington, Lincolnshire, LN3 5AE.

They also want to hear from anyone interested in ghosts, poltergeists or the "I know this place" feeling when visiting somewhere new.

CR: T. Good

# Flying saucer a reality

Southlanders — not little green men — might pop out of a flying saucer one day.

It's all possible, says Polish-born Invercargill scientist doctor Jan Pajak, who claims he has pioneered a revolutionary flying saucer power source.

Thirty-nine-year-old Doc Pajak — a lecturer to Southland community college — says his breakthrough involves the principles of magnetic field production.

He says it is another step in the race to design and build a "functional flying saucer" — which, he says, could be a reality within 12 years.

Doc Pajak's research was first revealed in 1983.

In November, 1983, he told Truth of his investigations into the design of a magnocraft — a flying saucer propelled by a magnetic field which would be capable, he said, of speeds

up to 70,000 kilometres an hour.

Magnocraft, according to Doc Pajak, would be able to move silently through air, water and rock.

Now — in an exclusive interview with Truth — Doc Pajak has detailed his latest developments.

Much of his research is complicated and not easy to follow.

In the most simple terms, he says he has developed a new principle relating to magnetic fields as a power source.

The principle involves the circulation inside a special chamber of electric sparks.

In principle, the resulting magnetic field should propel a flying saucer beyond the existing limitations.

[Free information on the Magnocraft and Oscillatory Chamber is available from: Dr. Jan Pajak - P.O. Box 1705 - Invercargill, New Zealand.]



MODEL OF A FLYING SAUCER ... functional model could be a reality within 12 years

tions of earth's magnetic field.

Doc Pajak describes the special chamber as "behaving like a permanent magnet."

He says the energy created in the chamber "will remain for millions of years."

"It will always be there to be used," Doc Pajak told Truth.

He also claims the

energy created in these chambers could be used to move buildings from one site to another and meet normal electricity demands.

With a dream of one day building a magnocraft, Doc Pajak welcomes discussion with anyone interested in his theories and says that considerable interest has already been shown by scientists in New Zealand and overseas.

## FIVE CLAIM UFO SIGHTING

SECRETARY Cheryl Kilcoyne looked up from her magazine and spotted a silver sphere in the evening sky above Heaton Norris.

She rushed to an upstairs window with husband John and three friends and studied the 'space invader' for six minutes as it moved across the sky, swooping occasionally and then climbing again.

"It was level with a plane on the flight path to Manchester Airport, but moving a lot slower and glinting as it caught the sun," explained Cheryl.

The sighting, at 6.50 p.m. on Sunday, took place at her mother-in-law's home in Bower Avenue, Heaton Norris.

Cheryl, 21, of Cambridge Road, Heaton Chapel, said: "It must have been a genuine UFO, I don't see what else it could have been. The amazing thing was that over dinner I had been describing a UFO I sighted nine years ago in Macclesfield, it looked exactly the same."

Wendy Ostic, 18, of Broadstone Road, Heaton Chapel, watched its

movement with Cheryl. "I know people who have seen them but this was my first sighting and am not convinced they do exist."

However, a spokesman for the British UFO Research Association in Warrington poured cold water on the report: "From what you have described it sounds as if it could have been a silver balloon or a weather balloon, possibly caught in the aircraft's slipstream. Ninety per cent of sightings, particularly at this time of the year, can be explained."

# TRANSLATIONS

City and country of incident: Estado do Rio, Brazil  
Date of incident: March 20, 1985  
Name of paper and date of clip: TRIBUNA DE PETROPOLIS, March 26, 1985  
City and country of newspaper: Estado do Rio, Brazil  
[CREDIT: Cynthia Luce]

## IT WASN'T A BALLOON, DECLARES CARETAKER -- UFO EMITS INTENSE GREEN AND RED LIGHTS

The caretaker, Joao Soares da Silva, passed through moments of intense emotion last week. A non-drinker, a coordinator of Alcoholics Anonymous, Joao is a Catholic man and only thinks of work and the maintenance of his family. His whole life changed radically last Wednesday when, returning to his home at night, he saw a shining object which floated around 100 meters above his house in the Rua Barao do Rio Branco #165.

Joao himself contacted the reporters of the TRIBUNA DO PETROPOLIS to relate his experience. He said that at 11:10 PM on the 20th, he was returning by foot to his home when his attention was drawn to a huge green luminous light by the side of his house. Joao said the light was so beautiful he stopped to look at it better.

"A little after that," says Joao, "the green light transformed into a blood-red one and I became afraid. I hid beneath a tree despite the fact that my house was only 10 meters away. Never had such a fright in my life and I believe it was a flying saucer."

Joao added that it all didn't take more than 5 minutes. "It could be that they saw me and the change in color was caused by the firing of the motors of the spaceship. The object was round and went off in the direction of Cascatinha. Only after some time did I have the courage to run to my house. Now I'm keeping watch, but I don't believe they will return, but my son, Cleber, has seen the object."

Coincidence or not, the appearance of this UFO happened with the passage of the last degree of Pisces through the degree of Aries, which is considered, in astrology, as a peculiar time and worthy of study. It is the vernal equinox, where there is a vacuum, a zodiacal "absence," which occurs between midnight on the 19th and midnight of the 20th. The phenomenon is practically imperceptible, but profound. It is the ideal time for the coming out of witches in all species of forms.

City and country of incident: Piancavallo, Italy  
Date of incident: April 14, 1985  
Name of paper and date of clip: STAMPA SERA, May 7, 1985  
City and country of newspaper: Martedi, Italy  
[CREDIT: Walter Langbein]

### [SYNOPSIS]

A close encounter, although very quick and without any exchange of communication with the "extraterrestrials," seems to have occurred at about 2 kilometers from Piancavallo near Pordenone at 10:20 PM on Sunday, April 14, 1985. The protagonists of the adventure were two young people, a university student, Roberto C., and a girl who was in the car with him, Manuela D., a secretary. Both of them are 23 years old. They were going back from an excursion and they met the "ETs" in Castaldia. Roberto was driving fast. Manuela was looking through the window, on the right side of the car. The boy kept an eye on the left. He said that suddenly he saw two creatures who were wearing silver-grey overalls and were about 1.70 meters tall and 1.40 meters "large." They seemed to have no arms, at least apparently. Roberto said that he illuminated them completely with the driving beams, so he was able to see them well. He did not tell Manuela, who was still looking on the other side of the car.

After seeing them, he continued to drive, but his car stopped after 300 meters. What happened then? The car was wrapped by a strange fog, by a curious cloud, which looked like a "sandwich." A yellow-green fog. Roberto did his best in order to start the engine and he succeeded in driving the car out of the fog. After 300 meters, he opened the window and a terrible cold got into the car. That was rather odd because there had been muggy weather in that area. Then the engine started again, then it stopped again, but by that time they were downhill, and the car was able to move by itself. It stopped again, three times in all, until it had to be hauled. The fog disappeared, and then reappeared.

City and country of incident: Porcia di Pordenone, Italy  
Date of incident: May 17, 1985  
Name of publication and date of clip: LA STAMPA, May 21, 1985  
City and country of newspaper: Martedi, Italy  
[CREDIT: Walter Langbein]

## A UFO SIGHTED IN PORDENONE AND IN MAGENTA

Pordenone - An unidentified flying object, which was oval-shaped and light green, was sighted in Porcia di Pordenone by a 15-year-old boy, Franco Santin, and his mother.

The sighting, which was reported to Prof. Antonio Chiumento, the vice-president of the National UFO Centre, occurred at a quarter to ten PM last Friday, but it was made known only yesterday. The same object, which was flying east to west with sudden acceleration and deceleration, was seen in Magenta, near Milan, after three quarters of an hour by a 40-year-old man, Mr. Alfredo Rossi, and his 38-year-old wife, Mrs. Maria Rossi. The description of the object given by Mr. and Mrs. Rossi coincides perfectly with the one given by Franco Santini and his mother in Porcia.

A strange 2-meters-long object, which was surrounded by a bright halo and surmounted by a sort of dark dome which moved circularly, was observed in Pertegada last night by Mr. Roberto De Marchi, who is 37 years old, by his wife Angela, who is 31 years old, and by their children.

City and country of incident: Uppland Region, Uppsala-Orsundsbro, Sweden  
Date of incident: June ?, 1985  
Name of paper and date of clip: ENKOPINGS POSTEN, July 12, 1985  
City and country of paper: Encoping, Sweden  
[CREDIT: Erik Fredriksson]

### [INTERPRETATIVE SUMMARY]

A woman driver who prefers to remain anonymous was driving home to Orsundsbro from Uppsala on route 55. After one mile, she saw two policecars blinking bluish lights, or so she thought. The lights were some hundred meters away on the road. She thought they were searching for something. Later, near Sava, she saw a bright light in the air. At first, she thought it was a police helicopter helping the policecars in their search. She felt very uncomfortable in the situation, but continued to observe and drive her original course. Soon she found the object in the air appeared larger than an ordinary helicopter. It had three lighted windows and a blindingly strong white light. She stopped the car on a viaduct and got out to have a better look at the mysterious object. The light was now weaker and the object appeared white and cigar-shaped. It had been seven to eight minutes since she first saw the object. She had never had any knowledge of UFOs and has no explanation for what the object may have been. The whole affair made her very frightened. At home, she drew a sketch of the UFO. The object was grey on the underside and was not any kind of ordinary aircraft.

City and country of incident: Pordenone - Bergamo, Italy  
Date of incident: June 15-16, 1985  
Name of paper and date of clip: LA STAMPE, June 18, 1985  
City and country of newspaper: Martedi, Italy  
[CREDIT: Walter Langbein]

## "A UFO PURSUED US ON THE MOTORWAY FOR THREE HOURS"

PORDENONE - A married couple of Pordenone (who wanted to preserve their anonymity) declared that, while they were driving on the Milan-Mestre motorway, they were pursued by a gigantic cone-shaped UFO, with a base about 15 meters in diameter. The incredible adventure, also confirmed by other people, occurred during the night between Saturday and Sunday.

The two people (the husband is a 32-year-old worker in Zanussi and the wife is a 25-year-old housewife) began their travel with their little son late at night. At half past one a.m., when they had already passed the Mestre motorway casello in their Simca, they noticed a strange shining object in the sky which looked like a very big star at that moment. The more they went on, the nearer the object got, losing height and moving from left to right and vice-versa, as if it was swinging. Near Padua, the worker stopped by a petrol pump. The object was still in the sky, at not more than 800 meters in height, and also the petrol pump keeper was able to see it with great astonishment. When the married couple left, the UFO followed them again until about 250 meters in height.

The pursuit lasted until half past four in the morning, when they arrived near Bergamo where they were going to see one of their relatives. In fact, the UFO rose suddenly upright and in a few seconds, it disappeared from their sight. The vice-president of the national UFO center, Prof. Antonio Chiumento, of Pordenone, who received their testimony, had also the evidence of the object's presence from the report of Mr. Luigi Botton, 30 years old, from Mira, and of Mr. Lorenzo Canderan, a 29-year-old accountant from Dolo, who told that, while they were driving on the motorway from Milan to Venice, they noticed a shining object in the sky between a quarter past one and half past one in the morning; it was red-orange and pear-shaped.

During the last eight years, Prof. Chiumento has carried out research into 750 reports which allowed him to establish that it was a matter of inexplicable phenomena in at least 20% of the cases. He declared that this sighting has been the most interesting one that has ever occurred in our country until now because of its duration.

City and country of incident: Sandsjo-Strangnas, Sweden  
Date of incident: July 2, 1985  
Name of paper and date of clip: ESKILSTUNA KORIREN, Eskilstuna, Sweden, July 4, 1985  
City and country of newspaper: Eskilstuna, Sweden  
[CREDIT: Erik Fredriksson]

### [INTERPRETATIVE SUMMARY]

Just before midnight, 23:30 Swedish time, Mr. Nils Lord and his wife observed a curious light outside their house in the village of Sandsjo near Strangnas, located near the long lake Malaren, west of Stockholm. They were watching TV and outside the window, they saw a bright white object over the treeline. Nils said they first thought it was an airplane on a regular flight to Arlanda, north of Stockholm. They always see plenty of them on the regular route. But this one had a much slower speed. They went outside on the veranda for a better look. There he has his telescope mounted. The object seemed very curious. There was a bright corona around it and it had a very low speed and was quite silent. The course was from south to west. In the telescope, he saw the object was one big ball. It looked like the moon, but without the craters and such. It was also smaller than the moon, as he knew very well. It was not a planet, as it was moving faster than the planets, as he knew from observing them. He had no explanation for what it could be. He phoned the Uppsala Observatory, but they had no astronomical explanation. No planes were known to be over the area at the time. It seems to be a UFO at last.

NOTE: The translation from O GLOBO, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 17, 1985 [UFONS #192, page 13] should have been credited to Irene Granchi. Our apologies for the oversight.





## Snake's alive! It's Ogopogo!



Province photo by Wafil Bierowsky

What's that thing in Lake Okanagan? "It might have been the Ogopogo," said Wafil Bierowsky after taking this photograph from his hotel window.

By DON HAUKA  
Staff Reporter

Omigod! Was it Ogopogo?  
Wafil Bierowsky thinks it could have been the legendary serpent of Lake Okanagan — just in time for the start of the tourist season.

Bierowsky was taking a stretch at the window of his sixth-floor Penticton hotel room Friday at 6 a.m. when he saw something massive moving in Lake Okanagan below.

"It was a snake-like thing, 30-feet long with humps," said the Toronto carpenter.

"It had humps, sometimes two, sometimes six."

Bierowsky shot off a roll of film while the green-and-yellow-striped creature courteously circled in the shallow waters near the shore.

"It was going up and down, up and down, inside the swimming area," he said. "Sometimes it would stop."

Then the creature sank out of sight.

What had he seen? Was it a civil serpent?

"I don't know for sure," said Bierowsky. "It might have been the Ogopogo."

Rick Bain thinks so too.

Bain, who'll head a 40-person expedition in August to find the creature of legend, says the photos would be "hard to fake".

"They look pretty good to me," said Bain, whose Voyageur Expeditions will take a team of 40 divers, zoologists, oceanographers and experts to the lake in search of the elusive Ogopogo.

They'll sweep Lake Okanagan with seven sonar units, an unmanned submarine and a team of divers in a bid to net and film North America's Nessie.

"The 'net' will be sonar waves," said Bain. "We don't intend to catch the animal."

Perhaps they will also check the shallows of the swimming area near the hotel. Indians have named the creature Naha-ha-itkh, holy serpent of the waters.

But local expert Arlene Gaal says Ogopogo is no spirit — it's a group of freshwater dinosaurs called plesiosaurs.

"There's been three sightings already this year," said the Kelowna resident, who has written a book on the subject and will be a consultant on the expedition.

PRESS-REPUBLICAN, Plattsburgh, NY - July 10, 1985 CR: J. Zarzynski via W. Thompson

## Will Champ race this year?

PLATTSBURGH —As long as there have been boats, the Lake Champlain Monster has been teasing mariners with brief appearances all over the lake. He appears to be quite a spectator and what better place for spectators than the 8th annual Mayor's Cup Race?

Champ has never been known to show his head or humps there before, but there have been more than 240 sightings of Champ since he was first spotted by the French explorer Samuel de Champlain in 1609. A large portion of these sightings have been in the relatively shallow water between Valcour Island and New York state, well within eyeshot of the race.

Champlain described Champ as "a serpentine like creature about 20 feet long that was as thick through as a barrel and with a head shaped like a horse."

The Indians called him Chaousaron and the boat with the same name won the Mayor's Cup Race a few years back. Is it possible that the serpentine creature pushed the boat from below in order to get a little press for its ancient name?

That would be a pretty tough speculation to prove, but Champ did become slightly more public last July when perhaps in a more playful mood, Champ was said to have swum along side the excursion boat the Spirit of Ethan Allen giving about 70 people a memorable afternoon cruise.

This was the largest crowd ever to catch a glimpse of the monster, but according to Joe Zarzynski, who has been doing research on Champ for



Champ, the Lake Champlain Monster

years and wrote a book on the phenomenon, not a single photograph was generated. It will take a lot of photographs and probably some type of specimen before scientists will believe that there is a monster in the lake.

"I would think a person in a sailboat would have a good opportunity to see him, because certain noise vibrations that would be caused by the motor of a power boat might scare Champ away," said Zarzynski.

In August of 1982, three people reported seeing "a big black animal like a huge snake with three humps" swim along the shoreline and ram into a moored sailboat on its way out of Kings Bay near Rouses Point.

But not to fear, Champ has never been known to harm anyone and may have only been a little clumsy that day.

Zarzynski said he thinks one of the problems we are dealing with here is the term monster. What is a monster? When people think of a monster they think of a single

threatening creature that has survived millions of years.

Champ is far from threatening and Zarzynski believes that there may be a colony or small community of about 10 to 15 Champs living in the lake. Several sightings in 1983 of two or more Champs swimming together back up Zarzynski's claim.

Since the Mayor's Cup Race has become such a family event, maybe the Champ family will be in attendance this year. It may even be possible for the Champs to take part in the landlubber events.

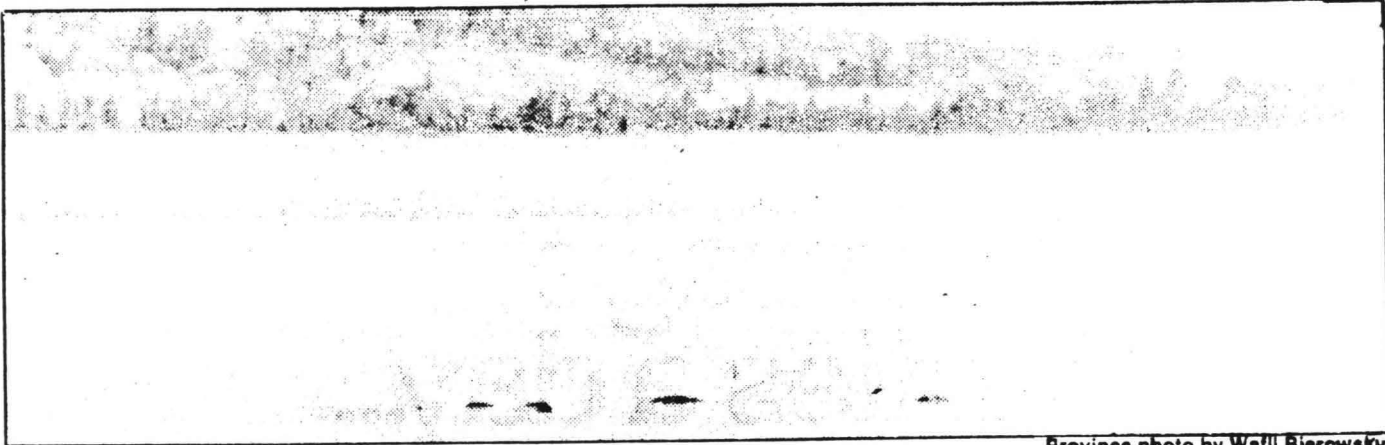
One Champ observer reported in the 1890s seeing a Champlike creature literally on the shore of Cumberland Head.

If Champ does decide to take part in this year's race, there is one technicality that the Mayor's Cup Committee has not been able to work out. If a boat is sailing on a starboard tack and Champ swims along side with the wind blowing across the right side of his humps, who has the right of way? Believe it or not, Zarzynski said this question has been raised by sailors before.

Something that would have to be considered in a protest hearing for this situation would be several resolutions passed by the New York Legislature, the Vermont Legislature and the village of Port Henry protecting Champ from "any willful act resulting in death, injury or harassment."

The resolutions acknowledge the existence of Champ-like creatures in the lake and encourage scientific study of the animals.

Even with the resolutions, there are a lot of nonbelievers. Some say it's a big hoax and even Zarzynski admitted "I've seen some great floating logs ... sometimes people look out over the lake and are quick to say it's Champ if they can't make out what it is that they see."



Ogopogo isn't exactly a photogenic model, says marine scientist.

Province photo by Wafil Bierowsky

# 'It's the best picture yet'

By MARC EDGE  
Staff Reporter

They're not exactly flattering snapshots.

But then, Ogopogo isn't exactly a photogenic model.

Snapshots taken by Toronto tourist Wafil Bierowsky are some of the best ever of the elusive lake monster Ogopogo, says Paul Leblond, a UBC marine scientist who has been tailing Ogopogo for years.

Examining an enlargement of Bierowsky's photo that appeared in The Sunday Province, Leblond said: "It's not very good, but it's one of the best I've seen."

But the snapshots still aren't hard evidence. That's what Leblond and a team of scientists hope to find with a submarine expedition to the lake next month.

"To be conclusive, you'd have to have one in your hand," he explained.

Bierowsky took 20 shots of the decades-old tourist attraction while vacationing last week at a Penticton



PAUL LEBLOND  
searched for years

hotel on the south end of Okanagan Lake.

"It looks like this thing is moving," said Leblond, a cryptozoologist — one who studies hidden animals. "It doesn't look like a bunch of waves to me."

TIMES, Seattle, WA - July 10, 1985

## Sheriff doubts that couple met talking bear

by Tomas Guillen  
Times staff reporter

The case of the talking, rock-throwing Greenwater bear is closed, says Pierce County Sheriff's Office Deputy Bob Hoffman.

"If we have any more sightings of talking bears or bears that throw rocks, I'm not sure I'm going to let anyone know," says Hoffman. "I'm tired of getting media calls from all over, anywhere from Boston to Hawaii."

The case began Saturday morning when an Enumclaw couple told deputies an 8-foot, hairy, ugly and smelly bear had kicked them off their campsite near Greenwater, five miles off Highway 410.

The couple said a bear had attacked their tent and told them to get off the property. As the couple was fleeing, the bear chased them and threw rocks, they said.

Hoffman said yesterday he has closed the case because he thinks the couple's report was a result of "overactive imaginations."

"On Friday night there were some people of the Greenwater community who told the couple their campsite was on private property and the fire danger was high. The wording the community people used is almost identical to the wording the couple says the bear used," Hoffman said.

"It could be that they did see a bear sometime that night, but there are no bear tracks. The bears that are up there are not 7 to 8 feet tall. And the bears that I've seen have never spoken to me and have never thrown rocks at me.

"My conclusion is that the report is unfounded. It's probably the result of an overactive imagination coupled with the request that they leave the area. The couple was on private property, and they did have a fire."

Hoffman, who has been assigned to the Greenwater area for a couple of years, says the couple's talking-bear story is the best yarn he's heard so far.

"There's nothing that comes close..."

USA TODAY, Arlington, VA - Aug. 8, 1985

## Calif. hum sounds fishy

By Robert Buderl  
Special for USA TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO — The aquatic equivalent of the wolf whistle may be causing a maddening hum in a bay at Sausalito.

The hum sounds like the mating call of the male singing toadfish, Marin County noise adviser Tim Underwood said Wednesday. Several toadfish were scooped from the bay bottom, near where houseboaters have been complaining for 10 years about the incessant hum.

A similar hum has been

heard in two other bays near San Francisco and in a bay near Seattle.

The hum often is loud enough to awaken people. "It sounds kind of like an electric razor, but sometimes it sounds more like a jet engine," said Linda Aguilar of Waldo Point harbor master's office.

Ten fish have been captured, including several of mating size.

Finding the source isn't the cure, Underwood said: "You're not going to be able to get rid of the fish because this is one of their breeding grounds."



## RUINED CITY FOUND IN JUNGLE IN PERU

Explorer Says Site Covers 120  
Square Miles and Contains  
Thousands of Buildings

LIMA, Peru, July 6 (AP) — An American explorer says he has found an ancient pre-Columbian metropolis covering 120 square miles in the jungle-cloaked mountains of northeastern Peru.

The explorer, Gene Savoy, has searched for lost cities in Peru's jungles since 1957 and has published several books on his finds. He described the site, the ruined city of Gran Vilaya, as the most extensive of any ancient civilization found so far in the Americas. He said the ruins consisted of "over 80 interconnected city-type layouts composed of some 23,950 structures."

Mr. Savoy said the city, inhabited today only by roving bands of monkeys, was the bastion of defense for the Chachapoyas Indians, whose empire, dating to A.D. 800, was conquered by the Incas in A.D. 1480.

Mr. Savoy said Gran Vilaya, a citadel about 400 miles northeast of Lima, was built on a mountain ridge 9,000 feet above sea level in what is now the state of Amazonas. It looks down on the Marañon River gorge 6,000 feet below, the 57-year-old explorer said.

Photographs he provided showed members of the 25-member expedition clearing the site and standing at the foot of circular stone buildings 30 feet high. He returned from the site this week after spending about 60 days there.

Mr. Savoy said the expedition was sponsored by the Andean Explorers Club of Reno, Nev., where he lives, and received support from Peru's Civil Guard, the National Institute of Amazon Culture and Enturperu, the state tourism agency.

Mr. Savoy said he would submit a report to the journal of the New York Explorers Club, of which he is a member.

He said the city's buildings ran along the ridge for at least 25 miles. He said the expedition calculated there were 10,350 stone structures in the defensive network along the ridge and 13,600 other stone buildings in three major city layouts.

The stone structures, some measuring 140 feet in length, were built atop terraces that go up the mountain slopes like stairs, he said. He described them as "complex units of circular buildings with doorways, windows and niched walls." The walls, he said, "soar up as high as a 15-story building."

He said the Incas conquered the Chachapoyas from the south to avoid crossing the Marañon River beneath the citadel and added that the Incas



Associated Press

The wall of an ancient well found in a 120-square mile "lost city," Gran Vilaya, in the jungle-covered mountains of Peru.

later told Spanish conquerors that the Chachapoyas were a tall, fair-skinned people who were fierce warriors.

Mr. Savoy said the expedition found no stone sculptures like ones at the Gran Pajaten ruins he discovered 80 miles to the south in the early 1960's.

Mr. Savoy said he believed the Chachapoyas penetrated the Amazon region as far as the mouth of the Amazon River and went to Africa by sea-going craft. He is preparing to make such a trip next year on a wooden boat.

### Find Discribed as Major Site

Special to The New York Times

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 6 — Federico Kauffmann Doig, former Director of Peru's National Museum of Anthropology and Archeology, said he had no doubt that Mr. Savoy had discovered a major new pre-Hispanic site. "Whether it is a city as such or a defense line will have to be established by further study," he said in a telephone interview.

Dr. Kauffmann Doig, who now heads the Amazonic Archeology Institute in

Lima, recalled that he visited the periphery of the site in the 1970's and could confirm the existence of ruins. "Savoy is right in saying this is something new," he added.

Victor Pimentel, a former director of the National Museum, said in a telephone interview that numerous important sites had already been found in the general area of the new discovery. Mr. Pimentel added that more would have to be known about the site before its true archeological importance could be determined.

Mr. Savoy is planning a new trip to the region in September and has invited several local and foreign archeologists to join him.

### Ruins Not Listed in Peru

LIMA, Peru (REUTERS) July 6 — The director of the Peruvian Government's archeological division, Carlos Guzmán Ladrón, said the ruins were not listed by the Government. He said, however, that he previously heard reports that such ruins existed.

SUN, Vancouver, B.C., Canada - May 27, 1985 CR: G. Conway

## ODD SPOT

Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR — A 10-year-old schoolboy who baffled doctors by pulling out multicolored threads from his eye has been discharged

from hospital after the threads stopped emerging.

Doctors have no medical explanation for the more than 24 red, green, yellow and white cotton threads collected from the boy's right eye.

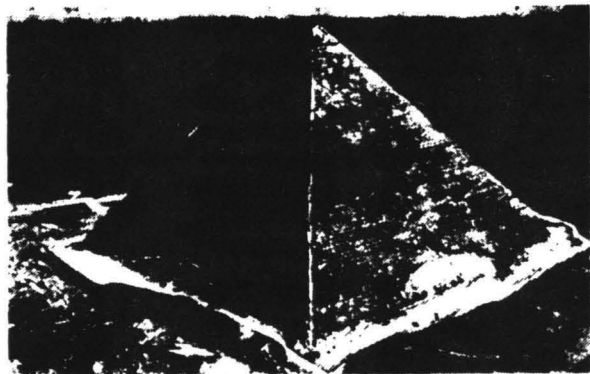
USA TODAY, Arlington, VA - July 25, 1985

## VERMONT

BURLINGTON — School Department will pay \$2,000 fine for not notifying parents, teachers that asbestos was being used to insulate school steam pipes, boilers. Department said no danger existed. ... FERRISBURG — Dennis Hall, 28, says he has 20-second videotape of "Champ," legendary Lake Champlain monster.

FROM THE REALM OF HYPOTHESES

# 'I KNOW WHERE CHEOPS LIES!'



The great pyramids of Egypt have been intriguing mankind for 5,000 years now. What are they? Supergrand tombstones or stone "books" of eternal mathematical and philosophical truths? Monuments to the knowledge of the highly developed civilization which has disappeared?

The pyramid of Khufu (Cheops) contains quite a few enigmas. Here are some of them. How did the builders hoist slabs of stone weighing several dozens, and sometimes hundreds of tons to a great height? How is the discrepancy between the external shape of the pyramid and the system of its inner cavities to be explained? And granted all that, how are we to explain its unbelievable durability?

If it is a tombstone, then where was the pharaoh's mummy (which was never found), and the treasures buried with it placed?

Anatoly Vasilyev, a Moscow researcher, is convinced that he has managed to unravel the secret of how the pyramids were built. Moreover, he declares that the burial vaults were not plundered by robbers in times immemorial. The treasures and the pharaohs' mummies, protected against all external encroachments by the architect's plan of genius, are still in their places to this day.

## HEMIUN VERSUS AL-MA'MUN

Al-Ma'mun, the first known burglar of the Cheops Pyramid, didn't find the pharaoh's treasures. But, apparently, the fabulously rich caliph of Baghdad wasn't out for them. He was urged by the legends on the unusual things which were hidden within the pyramid - the wonderful glass which could be bent without cracking, miracle-working potions and iron that didn't rust. And most of all he was drawn by the hope to decode the flint "wisdom boards", which carried the inscription of the innermost knowledge of the Old Kingdom. Or, maybe, obsessed with pride he wished to outwit the prejudice - "death will take the one who violates the pharaoh's peace"?

The medieval Arab chronicle called Al-Ma'mun's men the "ants". They had many times walked around the biggest pyramid, hoping in vain to find the entrance. However, the slabs of limestone were so closely stuck together that it was impossible to stick the slim blade of a sword between them. Then the "ants" started to break into the mountain of stone with the aid of fire and cold vinegar. Months went by. It was an uphill job. Ten, twenty, thirty paces were passed. How much more excavating had to be done. Suddenly there was emptiness. The passage went down. But it was a blind alley - the shaft proved to be a well. They climbed up but came up against a shutter. They managed to make their way through a wall and found themselves in a spacious gallery leading both upwards and down-

wards. The well-polished floor gave them hope. Suddenly the light of their torches was reflected in the polished walls of a spacious hall. They saw a stone sarcophagus. There was no mummy or any treasures. Did someone forestall them? But how did they get in? Al-Ma'mun's men walked all over the chamber of Cheops again and again and became convinced that they were the first perpetrators of the place.

The ruler decided that the "ants" deserved some reward as he had promised them. Tradition has it that in the stillness of midnight the caliph himself deposited gold items from his fabulous riches inside the pyramid and in the morning the stone-cutters' camp was raving from the long-awaited news that the treasures had been found! Only the caliph himself was pensive amidst the general merriment. He realized what was the main thing - the ways he had discovered led away from the pharaoh rather than towards him.

Al-Ma'mun lost out to the builder of the pyramid, Hemiun, by acting according to the scenario planned by the architect.

And all the other seekers and explorers used the same false inroads later on.

## NEITHER ENTRANCE NOR EXIT

"My hypothesis boils down to that," says Anatoly Vasilyev, "each of the big pyramids has a core of natural rock inside it. These rocks are remnants of a mountain range, the four cliffs of which became the foundation for the pyramids of Cheops, Khefren, Mycerinus and Queen Kentkaus. The Sphinx was hewn out of the fifth cliff.

The rocks acted as the factor determining the plans for the construction work, the methods and the engineering approach to it. Transport ways were hewn on their surface under the angle of  $26^{\circ}34'$ . The many-ton limestone slabs were hauled over these smooth roads. Both the chambers and the trenches were hewn in the rocks at the preparatory work stage. When construction work was completed they became shafts. My declaration that the heavy slabs were hauled over them can be checked when studying them - the lower surface of the shafts must be smoother than the other three surfaces. And if the working slabs of stones are stripped off the lower surface of the shaft, then the rock-bed foundation must be exposed below them. The chambers and trenches were used for many purposes - as transport ways, for water drainage and ventilation shafts. After having fulfilled their 'engineering' functions they became the system of the false inroads used by Al-Ma'mun's men and by the latter generations of explorers. The first corridor found by the 'ants' was neither an entrance nor an exit, but led to an open working area which was immured afterwards. This corridor, the same as all the other

cavities found in the pyramid, led away from the goal. When all the work was completed the pyramid became a structure without a visible entrance or exit.

"Of course, the wise Hemiun thought about all that already when he designed the pyramid. Some explorers considered the pyramids to be tombs, others - cenotaphs, i.e., false internments. But in real life they are both. For example, the comparatively spacious hall with the sarcophagus, called the King's Chamber, functioned as the working premises for a team of builders. From here the stone slabs were directed upwards because the pyramid was laid from inside towards outside and from the floor upwards, but its casing was done from the outside, from top to bottom. Later on the chamber was turned into a false target. The King's Chamber was camouflaged so 'craftily' that a loophole was formed which Al-Ma'mun couldn't possibly miss."

**Q.: But why do you maintain that the angle of the shafts is precisely  $26^{\circ}34'$  and how could the builders be so accurate having no measuring instruments?**

**A.:** In general, the pyramid explorers do speak of the  $26^{\circ}$  angle and it is really the best suited for hauling cargo over an inclined plane. Besides that, the measurements made by Charles Piazzi Smith, a mathematician, showed that the downgoing, at precisely such an angle, shaft could serve the ancient astronomers as a means of observing the transit of the Pole Star when the Pleiades constellation was at its zenith.

But I'm convinced everything was much simpler. I asked myself the question: how could the ancient Egyptians obtain the known elevation angle of  $26^{\circ}$  for the working shafts? Any staff could serve as a measuring instrument. By placing it twice into the base of a right-angled triangle and once into its height they got  $26^{\circ}31'$ .

And according to the recently made new measurements in the pyramid, the downgoing gallery has an angle of  $26^{\circ}31'$ . As you can see this part of my hypothesis has been confirmed with adequate precision.

**Q.: If the pyramid is a rock covered by rock slabs, then the figure of 2.5 million many-ton slabs from which it is built, known to us from the times of Herodotus, is overestimated to a great extent?**

**A.:** By hundreds of times. By the way, according to my calculations, big pyramids can exist only if they are built around a rock core. Without such a "load-carrying structure" the pyramid would simply collapse.

**Q.: It is an impressive structure but according to common sense if you want to hide something reliably, you try to find a well-hidden, unnoticeable place, don't you?**

**A.:** It depends on how you look at it.

## 'A STAIRWAY OF 15 STEPS LEADS TO THE PHARAOH'

A pharaoh's body had to be kept intact so that his life could go on after death. Cheops' will was also the same. The Egyptian priests knew the art of embalming. But how was the king's mummy to be protected against the living?

Hemiun, brother of Cheops, sought the solution to the problem for a long time. It enthralled him, for the pharaoh's immortality would perpetuate the fame of the builder of the structure. The design offered for endorsement boggled the imagination with the depth of its idea. If you wish to hide a needle you don't put it into a small crack but into a big haystack. So the idea was to build a stone city for its single resident. And let the invaders crowd its mazes, without being able to bother the host.

Anatoly Vasilyev believes that after his death the body of Pharaoh Cheops, the treasures and all the necessary paraphernalia were transferred from the ship to the funeral hall near the pyramid's eastern slope. After that nobody saw the mummy ever again. And the archaeologists found the ship recently at a depth of 27 metres in a well by the pyramid foundation.

**Q.: Then, the funeral hall is the point of departure in the search for the king's tomb, is that so?**

**A.:** It is one of three. Another possibility is to open up the dead end of the downgoing shaft, or by lifting the stone stop in the well which is erroneously regarded as its bottom. The well was used for drainage. It must be linked up to the pool for ablutions next to the tomb deep underground.

**Q.: Then, the famous chambers for the king and the queen are false and the mummies didn't lay there, is that so?**

**A.:** Why "lay"? They are lying there! And even though I've never been to Egypt, my many-years-long calculations enable me to point out the slab which covers the true entrance to the pyramid. Under it a 15-step stairway starts going down at a  $45^{\circ}$  angle.

Nikolai BONDROVSKY,  
Savely KASHNITSKY



# Studies contradict creationist claim of Glen Rose mantracks

By Gayle Golden  
Science Writer of The News

The spotlight has again hit fossilized footprints at Glen Rose this month, with the release of several studies attacking the creationist claim that 8-foot-tall humans once walked with dinosaurs on the central Texas flood plain.

In a special issue of *Creation/Evolution*, a journal that investigates creationist claims, four scientists present paleontological data that, they say, disproves the creationist belief that human tracks lie next to dinosaur tracks in 90-million-year-old limestone along the Paluxy River southwest of Dallas.

"We take this specific creationist claim, fully analyze it and totally demolish it," said Fred Edwards, editor of the journal, which last week published a special issue called "The Paluxy River Footprint Mystery — Solved."

Among the reported new findings are measurements of stride lengths, toe marks and other features that show that the elongated indentations along the

Paluxy — dubbed "giant mantracks" — were made by dinosaurs, not humans.

Meanwhile, creationists are holding fast to their belief that mantracks prove the earth was formed all at once roughly 10,000 years ago.

"We have verified dinosaurs did live contemporaneously with man," said Rev. Carl Baugh, the latest to search for human footprints in the area near Glen Rose. "Any pioneering effort has various detractors."

Three- and four-toed dinosaurs left their footprints in the central region of Texas when the area was a tidal basin covered with mud. Once imprinted, some of those tracks were quickly covered by a gentle flood of clay sediment; millions of years later, when the limey mud hardened the stone, the clay eroded to reveal the footprints.

Creationists have argued that elongated prints, found in the same rock as dinosaur tracks, were actually made by humans. If so, they said, the "mantracks" would confound geological dating and re-

fute the theory of evolution. One of their most celebrated claims was documented in a 1971 videotape called *Footprints in Stone*, which focused partly on a series of elongated prints known as the Taylor track.

The newly published evidence shows the Taylor track was "definitely made by a dinosaur," said Ronnie Hastings, chairman of the science department at Waxahachie High School, who has spent three years investigating mantracks claims along the Paluxy.

Last summer, Hastings was able to make detailed measurements of the Taylor track when the river was low. He found the track's stride lengths and step angles were "exactly what anyone would expect from a dinosaur," he said.

Hastings and another amateur paleontologist, Glen Kuban of Brunswick, Ohio, also identified discolorations in the shape of three dinosaur toes extending from the human-appearing Taylor tracks. Those discolorations — normally obscured by

the river and never mentioned by creationists — will be detailed by Kuban in a monograph later this summer.

The journal also reports that none of the other claimed mantracks in the area display known characteristics of human footprints, including 50 Baugh says he has recently unearthed, according to Laurie Godfrey, a paleontologist at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and Steve Schaeferman, a Houston geologist.

"I think this is going to quiet down the Paluxy claims for a while at least," said anthropologist John Cole, special editor of this issue.

But Baugh, speaking by telephone from his Creation Evidence Museum in Glen Rose, downplayed the seriousness of the studies, which he called a humanist ploy against serious creationist research.

"We cannot be sidetracked when we realize we have substantial evidence that certainly should be inserted into academic discourse."

He said he plans to dig for more mantracks in late July.

HERALD, Everett, WA - July 6, 1985 CR: L. Williford

## Seems like yesterday By LIS MASI

50 YEARS AGO (1935)

The British Columbia waterfront at Prince Rupert was agog with another report of a "sea serpent," which was yet to be verified. The marine monster reportedly had been caught in a gillnet, was some 30 to 40 feet long, had a head like a horse, with two big fins on its sides and one under the body.

## Sausalito's Weird Hum Is Back

By Kevin Leary

The mysterious underwater hum that has annoyed Sausalito's houseboat community for the past 11 summers is back, and investigators still do not know the cause.

"It's a loud and audible mechanical raspy hum," said Waldo Point Harbormaster Ted Rose, who said the vexing noise sounds like an electric razor.

"It sounds like this, mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm," Rose said. "Sometimes it gets so loud you have to talk above it. It can drown out conversations and wake people from a dead sleep."

For reasons no one understands, the noise can be heard only from about 8 p.m. until sunrise, and it goes silent from late September until mid-April, when it begins humming again through the summer.

Acoustical engineers from Frank Hubach Associates, a Berkeley-based acoustics and vibration consulting firm, have been studying the hum since last year and are still stumped.

"I've spent some hours out there padding around listening," said engineer Stephen Neal, "and the source is still undetected."

"It's a vibration in the water that excites the hulls and interior walls of the houseboats and radiates as noise," said Neal. "It sounds like a mechanical spectrum."

He said Hubach engineers have located "hot spots" of noise in Richardson Bay, just south of Strawberry Point and west of the Clipper Yacht Harbor, "but we still do not know the specific source. It's really a mystery."

One suspected source was the sunken wreckage of an old turntable from a railroad trestle that connected Sausalito to Strawberry Point until it collapsed in 1885.

"The wreckage is still there," said Neal, "but there doesn't seem to be a correlation."

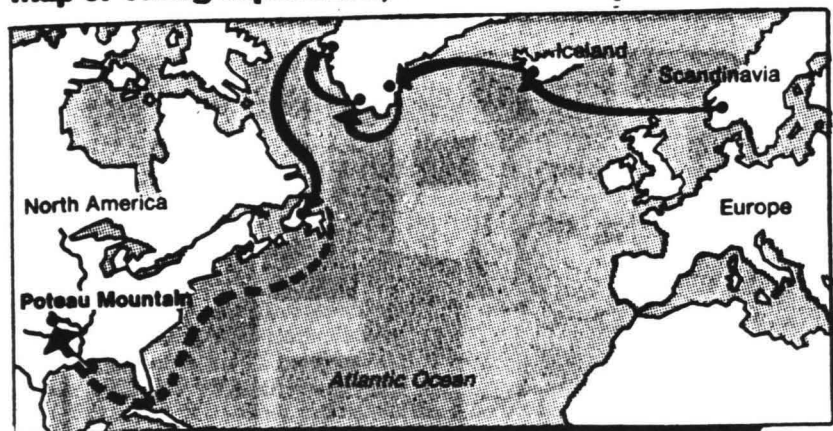
Because the irritating hum is loud enough to disturb the sleep of the 1500 houseboat residents in the area, the Marin County Department of Environmental Health is also involved.

"We're still investigating," said Jim Underwood, a specialist in noise pollution. "We've been investigating since last summer and we still don't know what it is. It's a loud hum or a buzz, but we don't know the cause."

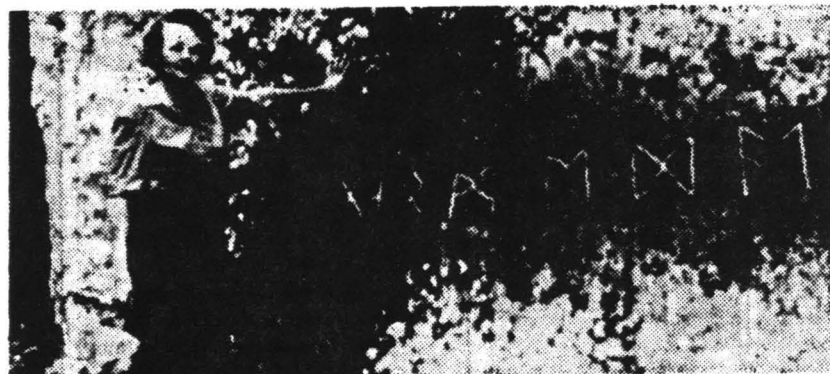
Underwood said environmental health officials are seeking sensitive listening equipment from the Navy and the Scripps Institute of Oceanography to track down the source.

CHRONICLE, San Francisco, CA - July 29, 1985 CR: D. Vance

## Map of Viking exploration, known and suspected



Dallas Times Herald



GLORIA FARLEY stands next to one of the inscriptions in a photo taken in 1952.

# Viking legend remains puzzle in Oklahoma

By PETER LARSON

Staff Writer

HEAVENER, Okla. — Viking explorers who sailed to Oklahoma 1,000 years ago did not want to be forgotten, said Gloria Farley.

"They left their mark — just like a billboard," she said, gazing out at the green hills of eastern Oklahoma.

The legend of Vikings in Oklahoma is taken seriously in Heavener, where Farley discovered a strange inscription 34 years ago on Poteau Mountain overlooking the town.

The inscription contained eight symbols or "runes" from the ancient Norse alphabet, carved on a 12-foot slab of Savannah sandstone. Early settlers called the stone "Indian Rock." It had been forgotten for decades until Farley found it again in 1951, hidden in a jagged ravine.

"I knew it was a puzzle I had to solve," said Farley, 68, who battled snakes, chiggers and ticks to locate the missing stone.

Scholars have squabbled over the Heavener Runestone ever since, some calling it a hoax. They claim it was carved by teenagers or European pioneers.

"There are professional archaeologists who think it's a big joke," said Don Wyckoff, director of the Oklahoma Geological Survey. "They think we're a bunch of rural, easily impressed hicks."

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Indeed, there is cause for skepticism. Although Vikings landed in North America around 1000 A.D. and settled in Newfoundland, there is no convincing evidence that they voyaged through several rivers to Oklahoma. No Viking artifacts have turned up at any of the 175 Indian sites excavated around Heavener, said Wyckoff.

"There's just no sign of Viking implements. If the Vikings were living in Oklahoma, they certainly had no impact on the Indians who were living there."

The inscription might have been carved in the 1800s, perhaps by Europeans who were visiting the U.S. Army post at Fort Smith, Ark.

"There were lots of Northern European people within 30 miles of the runestone," said Wyckoff. "I don't think we have to look for Vikings 1,000 years ago."

## The Ice That Fell To Earth

By The Tribune-Review  
It's a perfect summer day. The temperature is in the 70s. A group of cemetery workers are sitting around on their lunch break and suddenly a big chunk of ice comes hurtling out of the sky, hitting the ground with a thud about 20 yards away.

Strange, but true, according to Scott Valerio.

The 19-year-old Hempfield Township youth who was cutting grass at Westmoreland County Memorial Park near Greensburg was one of several workers who heard the thudding noise, then noticed an ice mass the size of a bushel basket nearby.

Valerio said the ice broke into pieces the size of bread loaves upon impact and left a large depression in the ground.

He said he has stowed some of the fragments in a freezer.

A meteorologist for the National Weather Service said the ice could only have come from an airplane. There is no scientific explanation, he said.

"Somebody must've cleaned out an ice chest," he quipped.

But the legend lives on, and the Heavener Runestone is enshrined at a 60-acre state park. It was viewed by 60,000 visitors last year.

"Obviously, the runestone is very tied into the economy of Heavener," said Wyckoff. "The chamber of commerce is very glad to have them there."

At night, the runestone is illuminated by floodlights; a thick sheet of plexiglass protects it from vandals.

"We get Norwegians, Swedes, people from all over the world," said park Supt. Lester Rowland. "Everyone sort of draws their own conclusions."

Strangers who inquire about the runestone get a straight answer from Eva Billings, a waitress at the Rock Diner in downtown Heavener.

"I think the Vikings wrote it," said Billings. "It makes me wonder if they're still up there, living in caves."

Two smaller runestones were discovered near Heavener in the 1960s, but Wyckoff regards them as fakes. They are displayed at the Kerr Museum in Poteau, 10 miles from Heavener. "They look like they've been carved with nail punchers or something like that," he said. "I don't give any credence to them."

Farley has spent 36 years studying the runestone. At times, her quest has bordered on obsession. She has trekked thousands of miles, from Arkansas to Colorado, in search of clues.

"I just knew I had to pursue it," said Farley. "I couldn't let it go. I still can't."

Her living room is cluttered with maps, manuscripts and Norse sagas. In Heavener, she has earned a reputation as an eccentric.

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"I've only seen one person who thought he knew more than Mrs. Farley, and she outtalked him," said Francis Odom, a curator at the Kerr Museum in Poteau.

Yet the riddle of the runestone remains unsolved, and attempts to translate the stone have resulted mainly in confusion. One Norse scholar interpreted the runes to spell "GNOMEDAL," and suggested it might be a modern name, G. Nomedal.

An army cryptographer who studied the inscription for 10 years believed it was an elaborate code, with a date concealed among the symbols: Nov. 11, 1012.

In 1923, a telegraph operator in Heavener sent copies of the inscription to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. An expert wrote back, saying the runes probably were copied from a Scandinavian grammar book.

Farley got the same reply when she wrote to the Smithsonian in 1951, but the explanation didn't seem plausible.

"This was Indian territory in the 1800s," said Farley. "They hardly had English grammar books here, much less Scandinavian grammar books."

In 1971, an Oklahoma City man said the runestone was a fake, claiming it had been carved by a troop of Boy Scouts. Farley spent years checking the story and finally found one of the people involved.

"I found one of the Boy Scouts living in Alaska," she said. "He said they didn't carve it, that they only rubbed the moss out of the lettering."

Dozens of runestones in Oklahoma have been destroyed, said Far-

ley, who estimates that 70 such stones once existed near Heavener. "Most of them were dynamited by treasure hunters," she said. "I just want to cry when I hear about it."

Vikings easily could have sailed to Oklahoma, said Farley. The 5,000-mile journey would have carried taken them around the Gulf of Mexico, up the Mississippi and Arkansas rivers, to a landing point near Poteau Mountain.

"We know the Vikings sailed up the Volga River and as far as Greece. Why not to Oklahoma? It might have been pure old curiosity that brought them here."

Scholars who attack the runestone risk a swift counterattack from Farley. She blames archaeologists for not excavating the site of the Heavener runestone before it was turned into a state park in

1970.

"If critics say that no artifacts were found, well hell, they didn't dig," she said. "They had there chance to go in there and they wouldn't."

Through the years, Farley has opposed attempts to exploit the stone. She can't stand the thought of Viking T-shirts and ashtrays cluttering the town.

"I don't think an important historical site should be commercialized."

Stricken by poor health, Farley no longer climbs the steep trail that leads to the runestone on Poteau Mountain. Her quest is nearly finished, she said.

"I'm afraid my exploring days are over. I think I've established that Vikings were here before Columbus."

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## Paper says 'wild man' to be exhibited

A Hunan "wild man" — called China's "Big Foot" by some but a short-tailed monkey by scientists — will go on display this week in the south China city of Guangzhou, the *Guangzhou Evening Newspaper* said Sunday.

The "wild man" will form part of a special exhibition organized by the Chinese "Wild Man Research Association" at the Guangzhou Cultural Park, which opens Saturday, the newspaper said.

The exhibition will include more than 200 photographs illustrating the ecological environment of the "wild man" as well as accounts of sightings, the paper said.

The centerpiece will be a Hunan "wild man," captured last year in the mountains of central Hunan province, the paper said. (UPI)

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Loren Coleman

## Fortean create network

By RON INGRAM

Herald & Review Farm/Business Writer

Skeptics may scoff, but Loren Coleman and his Fortean friends are uniting worldwide via computer to keep track of unusual or mysterious phenomena.

A Decatur native, Coleman is director of the Institute of Fortean Studies in the United States. He de-

scribes the Portland, Me.-based institute as an umbrella organization created for the computer network.

"Fortean" is a term deriving from Charles Fort, who devoted his life to studying unexplained phenomena around the turn of the century.

Coleman, 38, left Decatur in the early 1970s to pursue a dual career — a social worker by day and an explorer of, and writer about, the mysterious during his leisure time.

He says he earns his income as a director of child welfare projects at the University of Southern Maine.

His fourth book on the unexplained, "Curious Encounters," will be published in September by the Boston firm of Faber and Faber. Its subtitle gives an even better idea what awaits the reader: "Phantom Trains, Spooky Spots and Other Mysterious Wonders."

Coleman's avocation has led him into the world of personal computers in an effort to better catalog and track information on unexplained phenomena worldwide.

An Apple Macintosh computer sits in his Portland home and already is linked via an electronic bulletin board with about 25 other computer users throughout the United States who are interested in the off-beat and bizarre.

Assisting Coleman in setting up the computer network is Bob Richard of London, England, who is working on the Fortean's data base known as TOAD, Treasury Of All Data.

The data base is necessary to standardize categories, Coleman

says. For example, a fall of ice from the sky might be catalogued under the headings "ice," "fall" or "sky."

Coleman says the network will allow people with whom he regularly corresponds to more easily track research and findings.

He has 200 to 300 people interested in unexplained phenomena who have written him from such diverse places as New Zealand, Japan, France and Russia.

Computer bulletin boards will be set up in both Portland and London. Coleman says the network should be completely in operation by spring.

He describes his latest book on the unexplained is a continuation of the investigations begun for his 1983 work, "Mysterious America."

"In my third book, I looked at patterns and places, but in this book I look at timing," Coleman says.

Approaching strange events with a degree of skepticism, he submits reported occurrences to several analyses — a scientific approach to subjects frequently beyond the realm of what science accepts.

What he has discovered is patterns in the timing of sightings. For example, April is a peak month for unusual phenomena occurrences, while very little happens during May. He is uncertain why these patterns appear.

Among chapters in his new book are those dealing with strange stone forts in Southern Illinois, California and Georgia, and thunderbirds — large birds of unknown species — sighted in Illinois from the 17th Century to 1979.

# Okanagan's Ogopogo eludes proof

By IAN MULGREW  
Globe and Mail Reporter

VANCOUVER — Start with an old seadog — his hands ragged and scarred, his face marked by a sabre — telling a tale of monsters and doubloons. Maybe then you'd believe the story of the lake beast Ogopogo.

Who could swallow the story of a five- to 15-metre-long monster lurking in the depths of a picturesque lake — accessible by every means known to man — in the interior of British Columbia?

Who is gullible enough to give credence to reports of a serpent — described as a cross between an apparition thrown up at becalmed seamen in the Horse Latitudes and a refugee from Alberta's Dinosaur Park — that rises from 250-metre depths to menace sun-kissed Peachland?

The mind reels.

For surely the waters of Lake Okanagan have not accidentally bred a monster that so closely mirrors the Canadian psyche — a friendly enough sort ('Ogie,' to some) but a bit on the dull side.

Yet if Ogopogo, which times its surfacings to coincide with the tourist season, is just another small-town, chamber of commerce boondoggle, Arlene Gaal takes it rather seriously.

The keeper of the monster's archives sits beneath a framed portrait of Winston Churchill and explains that she has spent 12 years studying and researching Ogopogo. She rests her arms on some of the results: three photo albums full of data.

Here are the grainy, eight-by-ten stills of an 8-millimetre movie shot by a tourist. There. There in the centre, that dark shadow right there. See how it moves from frame to frame. That's him. Or her.

"If someone wants to come up with \$1,000 an hour we could have it computer enhanced like they do to

those pictures from Mars," Mrs. Gaal says.

Then, she says, you'd be able to see, clear as day probably, the head and neck of a beast said to live at the bottom of a lake surrounded by some of the nicest real estate in Canada.

So nice, in fact, that people flock to the Okanagan valley to retire, grow vineyards, plant orchards and enjoy some of the finest sunshine north of California. Still, here in paradise, for more than 100 years, they've been seeing a serpent.

They've never caught it, mind you. Never even got a clear picture of it. But they still believe the world's most-seen lake beast exists, living in an underwater cave at Squally Point, about a third of the way up a lake that from the air looks suspiciously like some depictions of the monster.

## Monster a cross between serpent and dinosaur

The Indians claimed Ogopogo first. But they were about as successful at holding onto their legend of N'ha-a-itk as they were at holding onto their land. There's even a little government plaque near the beast's supposed lair commemorating their loss.

"Before the unimaginative white man came, the fearsome lake monster, N'ha-a-itk, was well known to the primitive, superstitious Indians . . . and small animals were carried in their canoes to appease the serpent. Ogopogo still is seen each year — but now only by white men!"

Ever since Mrs. John Allison saw something during a storm in 1872, up and down the 128 kilometres of the narrow, serpentine lake they've

been spotting Canada's answer to Scotland's Loch Ness monster.

There were expeditions from universities to find it in the 1920s; there were hunting parties organized by newspapers; and there were moves by governments to protect it.

There was a busload driven by Gordon Radcliffe who witnessed the antics 28 years ago. Thirty churchgoers were enthralled at their annual picnic in 1962. Ten years ago, two families saw two beasts cavorting.

Jack Fuhr says he once found huge footprints in the sand and is sure that Ogopogo can walk. So is Albert Moore, who says he has seen it three times and that it has short legs.

More recently there was Pieter Oegema, a water engineer from Summerland, who saw it last year and says: "I had left church and was walking alone along the Summerland shoreline watching the waves . . . I counted eight waves some 20 feet long. Then suddenly it became calm again. I was really scared."

Yet, in spite of the dozens of sightings every year, some for as long as an hour, there isn't one decent photograph of the creature, not a bone, nothing that would physically prove it existed.

Just stories from witnesses, each of whom claims to be sober and reputable.

There was an attempt to find it in 1977 when 60 volunteer divers searched in vain. Arthur C. Clarke, the science fiction writer, has come and produced a suitably serious documentary about Ogopogo. And next month a team of scientists and divers led by a psychic will hunt for the beast.

But the best picture of Ogopogo is on a 1968 film shot by Art Folden, of Chase, B.C. He didn't, however, reveal the film until 1970 for fear of ridicule.

Even Lloyd's, the London insurance cartel, is betting \$1-million against anyone catching Ogopogo. But the backers have hedged their bet by ensuring you can collect the money only if you catch him on a rod and line, cage him and have him authenticated by a Vancouver-based zoologist.

"How long," Mrs. Gaal chuckles, "are you going to keep a creature that size penned up and how long is he going to let you keep him penned up? If you are going to take it seriously, why not offer \$5,000 for the best photograph instead of this speculative tourist idea?"

But that's just the problem. No one takes seriously the monster that grins from bank windows, whose image is ubiquitous in the Okanagan Valley.

Assuming her most professional,

## One man found huge footprints, says beast walks

academic tone, Mrs. Gaal pulls another account out of a file folder and says that maybe Ogopogo is a survivor from the age of dinosaurs. Maybe it's a huge sturgeon.

"As I say, I don't know what it is," the author of a two books on the beast says, closing her albums, putting the video cassette of the Folden film away with her Zapruder tapes. "Until he comes out and shouts to me, I will just say 'whatever' is in the lake."

Why not believe in Ogopogo? He's caused at least a couple of people to fall off their water skis.

And you can get him on video too. Play it over and over. See it. Right there. That shadow. There, that's it.

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Associated Press

SAUSALITO — A strange underwater hum is driving a houseboat marina crazy, and a similar noise is evident in a Washington state bay adjacent to a U.S. Navy submarine torpedo range, officials and the Navy reported yesterday.

"Some people are actually considering selling their houseboats," said Waldo Point Harbormaster Ted Rose, who manages a private, 350-houseboat marina on the north end of this community across the Golden Gate from San Francisco.

"It's like an electric razor noise, only 10 or 15 times louder," Rose said. "The noise is coming through the water and people are picking it up in the concrete houseboat hulls."

Rose said the mysterious noise starts at 9 p.m. or 9:15 p.m., goes silent at 6 a.m., and keeps a lot of people awake as the hum vibrates into their homes.

"We got a call from the Navy last week from Puget Sound and they have exactly the same hertz (frequency) level as we — 58," he said. And like the local problem, the noise started in summer or a little earlier "and comes only at night."

The Sausalito hum, louder this summer than before, has been heard for at least a decade, and disappears sometime in September, Rose said.

Rose said the Navy was contacted after Sausalito investigators learned of a mystery noise up north, and information is being exchanged with the Navy.

At the Navy's Trident submarine base at Bangor, public affairs Cmdr. Jim Mitchell said a "tone" had been detected under Quilcene Bay, about 10 miles west of the base and just north of Dabob Bay, a Navy submarine operations area.

Mitchell said the noise was not loud, but was traced to Quilcene Bay

where, he said, the noise was loudest. He emphasized that naval operations were not affected by the noise.

Rose said the Sausalito noise must be of interest to the Navy because the service had asked for all information on the local phenomenon.

Stephen Neal, an acoustical engineer with Frank Hubach Associates of Berkeley, has volunteered to try for a year to discover the source of the hum. He also mentioned the Navy's interest.

Neal said the frequency ranges from 50 to 65 hertz up to 130 hertz.

"We've even considered living organisms down there" somehow amplifying their sounds, Neal said.

The acoustical firm reported the louder emanations of the hum appeared to be coming from an area north of Sausalito, around Strawberry Point, which used to be a railroad junction point when Sausalito was a logging terminal, Rose said.

# Underwater hum is an enigma